Dear Colleagues,

It was great to see many of you at our recent chapter meeting in Traverse City. This was again an excellent meeting with an attendance of over 500. I must express my appreciation to the Program Co-Chairs, Sarah Hartley, Leonard Johnson, and Stephanie Czarnik for all the hard work in organizing and overseeing such an outstanding medical program. I would also like to thank Lynda Misra for leading the Medical Student Program and Thea Lockard along with her excellent staff for making everything run so smoothly.

The meeting as always had many outstanding speakers. We were pleased to have had Dr. Mark Schlissel, the 14th president of the University of Michigan, give the Boy Frame lecture on translational biology. Dr. Michael Tan, the Governor of the ACP Ohio Chapter, gave the Park Willis lecture on Antimicrobial Stewardship. There were 30 oral abstract presentations, 200 poster presentations by residents and 30 medical student presentations at the meeting. Again there were a large number of abstracts submitted making this a very competitive meeting.

We were pleased that the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine joined our Chapter in supporting this meeting. Dr Peter Watson, President of the Michigan SHM and Dr Scott Kaatz were both instrumental in planning and supporting this meeting helping to make it a huge success.

At the Fall Board of Governors meeting in Austin Texas, there was discussion on issues relevant to the practicing internist. The Board supported modifying HCAHPS questions and eliminating associated financial incentives to improve safety of opioid prescribing. We recognized this important issue that the practicing internist is confronted with and we felt that financial Incentives should not be associated with pain management and thus encouraging the use of opioids. We also continue to advocate for formal Infrastructure to support the expansion and sustainability of wellness Initiatives for physicians to address the overwhelming problem of physician burnout related to the increasing numbers of stressors that exist in our profession.
There is ongoing discussion with the ABIM about the need for elimination of the secure examination. This is the highest priority with the ACP and we are focusing on making sure that we can develop a more practical and valuable test to assess ongoing professional competence. We anticipate hearing back from the ABIM by the end of this year. The ACP was able to bring together a group of organizations representing internists that included 14 subspecialty societies, the Academic Alliance for Internal Medicine, the Society of Hospital Medicine along with the ACP to express a uniform disapproval of the existing secure examination. We have made great progress by elimination of over 600 questions from the examination question bank and that has resulted in an improvement in physician performance. This occurred due to the fact that we have added practicing internists to review the questions that are included in certification and recertification. One final issue is that the ACP has provided a number of tools to assist the practicing physician with MACRA and these are available on the ACP website. I would encourage you to review these resources to see how these can be incorporated into your practice.

It has been a very busy fall for the Michigan Chapter. I will be restructuring many of our Committees and identifying new members who will be given an opportunity to serve on committees and provide input to our Chapter. I would like to thank the past members of the Awards Committee, the Early Career Physician Committee and the Medical Student Committee for their hard work and dedicated service.

Please remember our Residents Day meeting on May 5, 2017, as we will be calling on many of you to serve as reviewers of abstracts and judges. We will also have our 2rd Annual Medical Student Day on the same day due to its great success this past spring. We have identified the date for our fall meeting which will again be at the Grand Traverse resort on October 19, 2017. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming ACP meetings and appreciate your ongoing support for our Chapter.

**Louis Saravolatz**
Louis D. Saravolatz, M.D., MACP
Governor
Michigan Chapter
American College of Physicians
UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017

MARCH 28 – 29  ACP BOARD OF GOVERNOR’S MEETING – SAN DIEGO, CA

MARCH 30 – APRIL 1  INTERNAL MEDICINE 2017 – SAN DIEGO, CA

MAY 5  RESIDENTS DAY / MEDICAL STUDENT DAY 2017
RADISSON STERLING INN, WARREN, MI

MAY 23 – 24  LEADERSHIP DAY, WASHINGTON D.C.

OCTOBER 5 – 7  ACP FALL BOARD OF GOVERNOR’S MEETING,
MONTREAL, QC, CANADA

OCTOBER 19 - 22  MICHIGAN CHAPTER ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT
OUR NEW GOVERNOR – ELECT DESIGNEE

Dr. Martha Gray

From Dr. Saravolatz –

The election process has been completed for my successor and I am pleased to share with you that Dr. Martha Gray has been elected as Governor Elect Designee. She will succeed me in at the conclusion of the Spring IM 2018. We were fortunate to have two outstanding candidates to run in our election this year. I would like to thank Dr. Michael Zaroukian for his participation in the election as well as all the support he provides for our Chapter through serving as our valued Treasurer and Council member.

I look forward to continuing to work for you as your Governor through spring 2018 and assisting in the transition process for Dr. Gray's term.

A little about our new incoming Governor in 2018:

**Education**: MD 1980 University of Michigan

**Post Doctoral Training**: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital 1983

**Certification**: Internal Medicine 1983 Geriatrics 1990

**Present Position**: Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Partners in Internal Medicine

**ACP Chapter Activities/Leadership Activities**: Program Committee, Advocacy Committee and Governor’s Council member

**ACP National Activities**: FACP 1989

**Other Appointments/Activities**: Accountable Healthcare Alliance Physician Organization medical advisory comm. 2015-current, University of MI Outpatient Educator for Medical Residency Program 2000-current, Washtenaw County Medical Society Treasurer 2010-current, MI State Medical Society Delegate 2005-current

**Areas of Professional Interest/Expertise**: Diabetes office education and Office Flow Efficiencies with Nursing Triage, Oversight of Billing and Contracting for Partners in Internal Medicine, French fluency

**Dr. Gray's Statement**

Stay Clinical! My internist father counselled me; 'the only thing that matters is you and the patient'. I have 'stayed clinical' since 1983 working full time in internal medicine and geriatrics. Along the way I added other skills; running a group practice, tracking politics of medicine, and teaching disease management to medical residents. I love my career but from many colleagues I hear anger and
worry about the future of internal medicine. The esteem and clinical dominance of internal medicine seems to be fading. Why then lead the Michigan ACP Chapter as your Governor? Maybe I can share some of my energy, ideas, and operational successes from my practice? As a woman physician I know something about balance and focus and time management and how to get heard and share one's voice and passion. I hope to 'stay clinical' while enhancing the ACP voice for patients and fellow internists.

DOCTORS DILEMMA™
WINNER GOING TO IM 2017 IN SAN DIEGO!

Sinai Grace – DMC

CONGRATULATIONS!
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
FOR MI ACP RESIDENTS DAY &
MEDICAL STUDENT DAY WILL OPEN
JANUARY 5TH, 2017!

2016 FALL MEETING ABSTRACT WINNERS
ORAL WINNERS

1ST PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Emily Schuiteman
Constriction-Created Catastrophe
Beaumont Hospital – Royal Oak

2ND PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Kartik Kumar
Iatrogenic Hemoptysis
Wayne State University – DMC - Detroit

3RD PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Matthew Wilkins
Cannabinoids: A Rare Cause of Uvulitis and Epiglottitis
St. John Hospital and Medical Center - Grosse Pointe

1st PLACE RESEARCH
Scott Keeney
Improved Short-Term Outcomes in Malignancy-Associated PE with Anticoagulation after IVC Filter Placement: A Retrospective Cohort
Beaumont Hospital – Royal Oak

2nd PLACE RESEARCH
Phoebe Cheng
Comorbid Conditions in Patients with Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (CRPC) Receiving Abiraterone
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

3rd PLACE RESEARCH
Daniel Sheldon
Evaluating a Pharmacist Managed Diabetes Clinic Model in Improving Glycemic Control of High Risk Patients
OVERALL WINNER – CQI/EBM Poster or Oral
Andrew Aneese
The Assessment of the Evidence Based Medicine Curriculum
Beaumont Hospital – Royal Oak

POSTER WINNERS

1ST PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Rose Natheer
Recurrent empyema Secondary to Actinomyces israelii: A Diagnostic Challenge
St. John Hospital and Medical Center – Grosse Pointe

2ND PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Kathleen Jarrett
Can a Kissing Disease Really Kill Me?
Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners-MSU – Grand Rapids

3RD PLACE CLINICAL VIGNETTE
Hassan Alsabbak
Porta Hepatitis TB Presenting with Obstructive Jaundice Without Active Pulmonary Involvement: A Rare Case Report
Beaumont Hospital - Dearborn

1ST PLACE WINNER RESEARCH
Inas Hagroo
Neurosarcoidosis – A Diagnostic Challenge
Beaumont Hospital - Dearborn

2nd PLACE WINNER RESEARCH
Chaun Gandolfo
PPI Use and COPD Severity
Henry Ford Health System - Dearborn

3rd PLACE WINNER RESEARCH
Zhyldyz Kabaeva
Improving Hyperglycemia in Noncritically Ill Patients: Looking for a Solution
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital – Ann Arbor

MEDICAL STUDENT WINNER

1st PLACE WINNER
Melissa Woo
Alcohol Withdrawal or Stimulant Overdose: CIWA to the Rescue
Ross University School of Medicine
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ANNUAL CHAPTER FALL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE
REGISTRATION TO OPEN AT THE END OF JULY

GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT
FROM OUR MICHIGAN CHAPTER, SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE PARTNERS:

Upcoming Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) Michigan Chapter Meeting Open to ACP Michigan Family!

Every few months, the Michigan Chapter of SHM hosts meetings to promote comradery in the internal medicine community among physicians, NP/PAs, residents, and medical students, while educating internists on topics of interest. SHM Chapter meetings are free events which typically begin with a casual networking hour from 6pm-7pm, a dinner and educational topic from 7pm-8pm, followed by an open business meeting from 8pm-9pm. Each meeting is held in a local Detroit location with web conferencing to one or two other locations in Michigan. The SHM Michigan Chapter is eager to extend an invitation to our upcoming meeting date to all colleagues from Michigan ACP:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH 2017, 6PM-9PM:

Hot off the Press: Upcoming Developments in MACRA and Payment Reform for 2017 and Beyond
Josh Boswell, JD Director of Government Relations for the Society of Hospital Medicine

Maggiano's Little Italy
2089 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48084

Bistro Bella Vita
44 Grandville Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI

The SHM Michigan Chapter is eager to see our ACP partners at the upcoming meetings. Please RSVP by emailing shmmichigan@gmail.com with:

- Your name
- Hospital/Practice Name
- Email contact
- Which meeting and location you are attending

Thank you for your interest. We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings.

Peter Watson, MD, FACP, SFHM
President, SHM Michigan Chapter
PICTURES FROM OUR FALL MEETING!

ACP National President, Dr. Nitin Damle, U of M President, Dr. Mark Schlissel, Governor, Michigan Chapter, Dr. Lou Saravolatz

Dr. Carl Lauter, Immediate Past Governor, Dr. Lou Saravolatz, Governor, Dr. Michael Tan, Governor, Ohio Chapter
Dr. Mark Loehrke and Residents

Dr. Ben Diaczok and his Residents
Poster Judges Getting Instructions

THANK YOU TO EVERY PERSON WHO MADE THIS FALL CHAPTER MEETING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

PLAN TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR
OCTOBER 19 – 22, 2017
GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT!