Dear Colleagues:
Thank you for your membership in ACP. Here is a brief list of alerts, resources and upcoming events.

**Minnesota Legislative Session begins in February-Advocacy Action you can take now**

- If you are interested in receiving monthly updates on these MN-ACP advocacy activities, please sign up for the ACP Advocates for Internal Medicine Network [here](#).
- MN-ACP is a co-sponsor of two upcoming events with the Minnesota Medical Association to build your advocacy knowledge and skills for the 2020 MN legislative session. Consider [signing up](#) to attend a breakfast information session on **Feb. 13th from 7-9am** at a south metro hotel on various state-level public option proposals and other health care financing models. The second event is the annual Day at the Capitol. The day will begin at **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4** in the L’Etoile du Nord Vault Room (B15) in the tunnel level of the Capitol. Following legislator meetings, the day will conclude with a reception at the Commodore Bar & Restaurant (79 Western Ave N.) in St. Paul. [Information/registration](#).
- If you are interested in working on **gun violence reduction** activities with a group of interested medical students please contact Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com

There are several events occurring in January and February for health care professionals that you may be interested in.

**I Raise the Rates**
MN-ACP is partnering with national ACP on a program “**I Raise the Rates: Immunizations to Promote Healthy Aging**” in partnership with American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and The Gerontological Society of America (GSA). This program targets the raising of immunization rates in five recommended vaccines for older adults. Six in ten Americans are living with at least one chronic disease, which places them at increased risk of contracting vaccine preventable diseases such as influenza and pneumococcal disease. The skills gained through participation in this project can be applied to a number of other clinical conditions and quality challenges. The program offers specialized training in: Understanding barriers to immunizing adults; Getting patients immunized while realizing opportunities for increased revenue, and improved performance data reporting, including for Medicare; and Integrating use of ACP’s patient engagement tools in practice and treatment workflow. If you are interested in more information about this project, please email Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com by Jan. 24, 2020.

**Nominees for MN-ACP Council sought**
We have openings for two Council positions in 2020. If you are interested in
serving on the MN-ACP Council, please submit your CV to the Nominations Committee at Minnestoa.ACP@gmail.com along with the completed short biographical form and statement by Jan. 30, 2020. The Nominations Committee will review submissions and will announce the slate of candidates by March 1, 2020. The short biographical form and statement of the candidates will be posted online for members’ review. The election results will be announced by May 1, 2020.

**CMS Announces Improved Payments for E/M Codes, Reduced Documentation Burdens**
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced improved payment for evaluation and management (E/M) codes and reducing documentation burdens in the final rule for the 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. ACP was a leader in pushing for changes that will strengthen primary and cognitive care. [Read more here.](#)

**I.M. Proud Frames for Social Media**
ACP has an on-going I.M. Proud campaign and if interested, you can update your personal Facebook and/or Twitter profile picture with ACP's I.M. Proud frame. Below are instructions for Facebook and Twitter.

For Facebook: 1. Make sure you are logged in to your account. 2. On Facebook, click update on your profile picture, choose add frame, and search for IMProud 3. You can now position and resize the frame. 4. Scroll down to select how long you want the frame to be active on your profile picture. 5. Click the Use as Profile Picture button.

For Twitter: Help support IMProud, add a #Twibbon now!

**Member Profile- Amy K. Holbrook, MD, FACP**

**Where are you from?** Brainerd, MN
**Where did you go college, medical school, and residency?** University of St. Thomas, University of MN Medical School, Abbott Northwestern Residency

**What are a couple of things you enjoy doing in your off-work time?**
Spending time with my 3 year-old and 6 month-old boys, paddle boarding and spending time at my family's cabin up north, and trying new beers and local breweries.

**What do you enjoy most about being an internist?** I love the variety and flexibility of internal medicine. I get the privilege of teaching residents and students, and working both in the inpatient and outpatient setting. I also love the collegiality and teamwork involved in a career in internal medicine.

**Do you have a concern (or a few) about our profession?** As our medical technology continues to expand, I hope that the importance of relationships and human connections remains at the forefront of a career as an internist.

Thank you for your year-end contributions to MN-ACP!
Thank you to the members who contributed $500 to support additional educational opportunities and travel scholarships for medical students and internal medicine residents. Your contributions were matched by another member in 2019 so that we have an additional $1000 for trainee education and travel scholarships in 2020.

Upcoming events:
Jan. 14, 2020- I.M. on Tap at Kieran’s Irish Pub with Dr. Sam Ives from HCMC on "500 EKGs of Bartholomew Cubbins: Near peer teaching, ABCs of understanding, and the tyranny of knowledge" register/info
February 13, 2020- 7-9am Presentation on state public option proposals, co-sponsored by MN-ACP with MMA register/info
March 3, 2020- I.M. on Tap in Rochester at Forager Brewing in "The Pantry" with Dr. Tom Jaeger from Mayo on "Lessons learned from difficult patients" register/info
March 4, 2020- 1-4pm Day at the Capitol, co-sponsored by MN-ACP with MMA, register/info
April 24, 2020- 6:00pm MN-ND-SD chapters of ACP and Mayo Alumni reception, at LA Live in Los Angeles, CA
October 14, 2020- I.M. on Tap at Kieran’s with Jacob Meyer, PhD from Iowa State on "Endocannabinoids, exercise and depression: Using the runners high to treat depression"

How can we better serve you? Please contact me with questions or thoughts on how the MN-ACP can serve you. David Hilden, MD, MPH, FACP Governor, MN ACP

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Attachments:
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