

Dear Colleagues: With the start of a New Year, I want to wish you good health in 2016 and thank you for your membership in ACP. Here is a brief list of resources and upcoming events.

I.M. on Tap for Residents and Early Career Physicians

Kieran's Irish Pub www.kierans.com in the Poet's Corner is the location for this quarterly informal gathering of 3rd year residents and early career physicians. Dr. Peter Melchert, a med-peds hospitalist from Abbott Northwestern will be talking about "**Global Health-International Medicine**". Join us on **January 26th at 6:00pm** for free appetizers. Early career physicians are defined by ACP as members within 16 years of graduating from medical school. RSVP to Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com

ACP Resources

· *New ACP Physician and Practice Text Alerts* ACP has a new texting tool to help practices' stay up-to-date on important regulatory requirements and opportunities. Physicians and practice managers can subscribe to time-sensitive updates via your text messaging-enabled cell phone and receive brief reminders about important deadlines and details related to a variety of regulatory, payment, and delivery system changes and requirements. Text alerts may also contain links to both ACP-created and trusted external information and resources that will help you to stay prepared. Here is [more information](#)

· *Free CME from Annals of Internal Medicine- The Consult Guys!* A unique and entertaining way to earn FREE CME from Annals of Internal Medicine! Hosted by Geno Merli & Howard Weitz, two, seasoned clinicians, educators, and comedians who answer questions from preoperative evaluations to clinical puzzlers. Each episode reviews topics essential for anyone practicing internal medicine or its subspecialties. [Read more](#)

· *MKSAP Online Study Hall-* Every Tuesday evening for an hour, starting at 8 PM, two internists from the Chicago area (often with a subspecialist guest) host an interactive, web-based discussion of questions from MKSAP 17. Over two years, they will have covered the entirety of MKSAP 17 in this fun and collegial setting. The **new cycle began on November 10th and is still accepting new registrations.** Enrollment is **free to ACP Members**, and the only requirement is that you own a copy of MKSAP 17 digital (and login at least once per quarter to maintain your access). More information/registration at www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/il/mksap.pdf

Other Resources and Information

· Mental health crisis phone number in MN for Adults <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/mental-health/resources/crisis-contacts.jsp> Minnesotans who text "Life" to 61222 receive crisis counseling and connections to local resources 24 hours a day, seven days a week from trained counselors at non-profit Canvas Health, which operates TXT4Life. More information is in a [news release about TXT4Life](#).

· Help fix Minnesota's Prior Authorization system for prescription medications- Share your story about a recent problem you or your patients have had with prescription medicine prior authorization by sending

a brief email to dhauser@mnmed.org More information on this statewide advocacy initiative is at <http://www.fixpanow.com> *Information provided by the Minnesota Medical Association*

Upcoming events:

- **January 10, 2016** Deadline for travel scholarship to ACP Leadership Day. Online application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNACPLeadership2016>
- **January 14, 2016** If you are planning to attend Leadership Day, please let us know at Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com by January 14th as we need to forward our chapter delegation list to National ACP.
- **January 26, 2016** -I.M. on Tap for Residents and Early Career Physicians, 6pm at Kieran's Irish Pub, "Global Health-International Medicine" with Dr. Peter Melchert
- **April 4, 2016** -I.M. on Tap for Residents and Early Career Physicians, 6pm at Kieran's Irish Pub, topic to be determined
- **May 3-4, 2016** ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC www.acpservices.org/leadership-day/what-leadership-day.
- **May 5 –May 7, 2016** ACP National Meeting ("IM2016") in Washington, DC. Information at <http://im2016.acponline.org/>
- **May 6, 2016**- MN-ACP, ND-ACP and Mayo Alumni reception at the Marriott in Washington DC, 6:00-7:30pm

How can we better serve you? Please contact me with questions or thoughts on how the MN ACP can serve you. John B. Bundrick, MD, FACP Governor, MN ACP at bundrick.john@mayo.edu