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

**Minnesota Legislative Session begins this week-Advocacy Action you can take now**

- All MN-ACP members are encouraged to take this [3-minute survey](#) to give guidance to our Health Policy Committee on issues important to you during the MN legislative session. Please help by providing your input by [Feb. 19th](#)! We are especially interested in your comments on recreational cannabis legislation being considered in MN.
- 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 events with the Minnesota Medical Association. Information on the Feb. 13th session on the Public Health Insurance Option proposals from other states and impact on physicians and patients will be discussed at the Feb. 20th Health Policy meeting. [Info](#)
- Promote and Celebrate Immunizations rally will be from 11-11:30am on [February 18th](#) in the rotunda of the Mn Capitol. [Information](#)
- The annual ProtectMN Broken Hearts Day at the MN Capitol is [Feb. 27, 2020](#) with a rally in the rotunda at 3:30pm. [Information](#)
- The annual Day at the Minnesota Capitol co-sponsored by MN-ACP 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](#)

**Novel Coronavirus: A Physician’s Guide from ACP**

ACP has developed the following educational content that is freely available to the healthcare community as a public service of ACP in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. For these coronavirus education activities, ACP members may report their learning time for CME credit without charge. Please feel free to share these resources with others in the health care community. For additional information, contact [Laura Baldwin](#)
**Novel Coronavirus: A Physician’s Guide** This online learning activity can be easily accessed on handheld devices and provides a clinical overview of infection control and patient care guidance.

**Coronavirus: What the Clinician Needs to Know** This podcast was produced by Core IM in collaboration with ACP, and includes an interview with Dr. Christina Fiske, infectious diseases subspecialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

**ACP Leadership Day in Washington-two travel scholarships from MN-ACP to attend**
The 28th annual Leadership Day on Capitol Hill will be held on **May 12-13, 2020** at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, DC.

MN-ACP offers two travel scholarships for members who live in Minnesota. Preference is given to medical students, resident/fellows and members residing in U.S. Congressional Districts 6, 7, or 8. Applications for the travel scholarship are due **Feb. 28, 2020**. If interested, complete the **short online application** You will be asked the following in the online application:

- If you are part of the ACP’s Advocates for Internal Medicine Network. If unsure, [sign up for free](#)
- In 250 words or less, please describe your interests in healthcare policy advocacy, as well as any previous involvement in ACP’s advocacy efforts and/or chapter activities.
- Your U.S. Congressional district of current residence and if you having family residing in another MN Congressional district

Registration is now open for ACP Leadership Day 2020. [Register Online Now](#). A $25 registration fee will be charged to attendees at the time of registration, with the exception of medical student and resident/fellows in-training members, who are exempt. The deadline to register is **April 19, 2020**.

**Member Profile- Tseganesh Selameab, MD, FACP**
Where are you from? **I was born in Ethiopia and came to the MN when I was 12 years old- been here ever since!**
Where did you go college, medical school, and residency? **I did undergraduate at the University of MN- Twin Cities and stayed here for medical school. I knew I wanted to practice in the cities so I left for**
residency and went to Boston Medical Center in Boston. What are a couple of things you enjoy doing in your off work time? I am married and have 3 girls so I love going on adventures with them. I love dancing, writing, cooking and occasional binge-watching reality shows.

What do you enjoy most about being an internist? As primary care doctor I enjoy empowering patients to take care of their health and bodies in whatever social structure they find themselves in. It is also a gift to be able to walk alongside them when ailment and other challenges happen. I especially enjoy being a doctor in my neighborhood because it feels like I am serving my community. Internal medicine has allowed me so many varied career options from teaching medical students and residents, to practicing inpatient medicine as well as working in corrections and homeless shelters. I feel like I will continue to be challenged and to grow as a physician. For example, my current practice is focused on immigrant and refugee health which has opened-up even more experience and learning opportunities that I hadn’t anticipated.

Do you have a concern (or a few) about our profession? I worry that the practice of primary care, in its current state, is not sustainable. Providers are being asked to see more patients, we are overwhelmed with documentation and in basket work, and we are being tasked with being financial guardians for entire medical systems. Many of us do not have full time practices, for these reasons, which taxes health systems more. I feel there needs to be a shift in our compensation models that will allow primary care doctors to work in well supported practices and minimize the administrative tasks that strip away time with patients and joy in our practice.

Upcoming events:
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
May 12-13, 2020 - ACP Leadership Day in Washington DC. Information
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”
Nov. 5-6, 2020 - Minnesota Internal Medicine:2020 Scientific Session at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Info

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
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