

Dear Colleagues: The legislative session is in full gear this month for what will be a quick session. 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](http://www.kierans.com) in the Poet's Corner is the location for this quarterly informal gathering of residents and early career physicians. **Jared Shenk, MPH** from the Minnesota Department of Health is speaking on: "***The Sex Police: What happens when someone gets Syphilis.***" Join us on **April 4th 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](mailto:Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com)

### **Important Information on Zika Virus Testing from the Minnesota Department of Health**

During this spring break travel season, be aware that CDC has confirmed over 270 cases of travel-acquired Zika virus. The Minnesota Department of Health has important health advisory information at [MDH Zika](#) and a recent Health Advisory on testing at [MDH Zika testing](#) CDC resources available at <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

### **Minnesota legislative highlights**

An unusually short legislative session began in St. Paul March 8. While health care is far from the major focus of legislators this year, there will be another push to reform the prior authorization process for prescriptions and may be some legislation trying to put in statute recommendations from the January report of the Health Care Financing Task Force, including cancelling the repeal of the provider tax. Even less is expected from Congress on health care this spring.

### **MN-ACP Health Information Technology Committee highlights**

ACP published a position paper on documentation guidelines for clinicians available at [Feb.2016 Annals](#)

An ACP initiative was launched this year, "*Bringing Back the Patient's Story: Improving Notes in the EHR Era*" to promote a national discussion of the importance of the patient's story and how to assure it is not lost in the EHR era. Drs. Pandita and Butler of our HIT Committee contributed resources for the presentation which is available by contacting [Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com](mailto:Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com)

### **Calling All Students and Residents! MNACP Abstract Competition**

It's never too early to start thinking about the 2016 MN-ACP abstract competition... If you have worked on a research project or have an interesting clinical case, consider drafting a 400 word abstract for a chance to present it at the Minnesota ACP Poster Session at the Chapter's Annual Scientific Meeting. Separate poster competitions for residents and medical students are held for entries in the following categories: · Research · Clinical Vignette · Patient Safety/Quality Improvement. If your abstract is chosen, you will be invited to present your poster at the Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2016 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Winning abstracts receive a travel scholarship to attend IM2017 in San Diego, CA!

- **ACP Resources**

*Ethics Case Studies* Free CME credit is available where indicated for completion of online educational activities featuring case studies developed by the College's Ethics, Professionalism

and Human Rights Committee and Ethics and Professionalism staff and published on Medscape (login required) [More information](#)

- *High Value Care module on managing Conflicts of Interest* The latest ACP High Value Care module, part of ACP's High Value Care curriculum, offers three 10-minute lectures covering basic topics and three "unfolding cases" for in-depth learning about direct-to-consumer drug advertising, industry sponsorship of clinical trials, and the art of communicating with patients about sample medication. All content is accessible via desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device. Free online CME credits and MOC points are available for both the lectures and cases. Access the High Value Care module on [Managing Conflicts](#)
- *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](#)
- *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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/il/mksap.pdf)

### **Other Resources and Information**

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](mailto: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:**

**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](http://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

**October 27-28, 2016** MN-ACP Annual Scientific Session at the Minneapolis Convention Center

**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](mailto:bundrick.john@mayo.edu)