Dear Colleagues:

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

**Save the Date: Nov. 8-9, 2018 at Minneapolis Convention Center**
Join over 350 internists, residents and medical students at the Minneapolis Convention Center for clinical education and networking. Topics include the following.

- Nov. 8, 2018 morning: In-patient and out-patient IM SEP Modules and MOC Update
- Nov. 8, 2018 afternoon: Medicine in the Margins, internationally known speakers on health equity topics, MN and Midwest resources for your patients and clinics
- Nov. 9, 2018: Two tracks for Hospital Medicine and General Internal Medicine. A session on Hypertension and Hgb A1c, Sepsis, Care of post-bariatric surgery patients, perioperative pain management, heart failure management, Reducing gun violence, Diabetes, diagnostic errors, non-invasive cardiac testing and the Future of Medicine:2025. Registration materials will be mailed in June

**MN-ACP awarded Evergreen award**
Congratulations to the MN-ACP Early Career Physicians and to their fearless leader Dr. Amy Holbrook. I.M. on Tap was recognized at the national ACP meeting for one of 8 international Evergreen awards for member engagement, mentoring and member recruitment. Great job!

**MN Health Policy Update**
The 2018 session of the Minnesota Legislature is less than one week from adjournment. Health care has not been the principal focus of this session. The MN House and the Senate are about to have a conference committee on a giant, single supplemental budget bill with lots of policy proposals stuck in. One of the few areas everyone seems to agree on is doctors prescribe too many opioids, so we’re likely to get a requirement to have some of our CME on opioids and may face prescribing limits. What will come out of conference and what the Governor will sign is still anyone’s guess.

All statewide offices in Minnesota are up for election this year, which hasn’t happened in 40 years. Our eight seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the 134 seats in the Minnesota House of Representatives are up for election as usual. There will be a new Governor, at least two (and possibly up to four) new members of Congress, and perhaps a different majority party in the Minnesota House next year.

**Help the next generation of internists**
MN-ACP is building a database of doctors who are open to having first and second year medical students shadow them in clinic. We are hoping to connect interested students with faculty who can show them the breadth of Internal Medicine, from primary care clinic, to interventional services, and hospital medicine. Specifically, we want to increase the interest of underrepresented minorities in IM and ACP.
interested in this opportunity, please complete the following one-minute survey. When we have a student who is interested in working with you we will contact you directly to set up the experience. We anticipate this will be a sporadic request that should not interfere greatly with your clinical practice. We will not be distributing your information to the students or the membership at large. Thank you for your interest and support of the ACP and medical students.

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Chapter Social Media

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Resources

- ACP published a paper on April 17, 2018 in Annals of Internal Medicine that examines ways to achieve gender equity in the medical profession. Achieving Gender Equity in Physician Compensation and Career Advancement provides a set of recommendations aimed at addressing the challenges women in medicine face, including equity in physician compensation, career advancement, and bias.

- ACP Calls for a “Time Out” to Assess and Revise Approach to Performance Measurement- In a paper published in the New England Journal of Medicine, ACP reports that the majority of quality measures for ambulatory internal medicine in Medicare’s Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program are not valid based on criteria developed by ACP. The College performed this analysis in response to physician concerns that the current measures are not meaningful in improving patient outcomes. This arena is one of many in the ongoing Patients Before Paperwork initiative to reduce administrative burden on clinicians.

- ACP is an affiliate member organization of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA). As such, all ACP members can join AMWA as an affiliate member for free. We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable ACP member benefit. Join here

Upcoming events:

May 19, 2018--from 3-5pm MN Doctors for Health Equity “Advocating Event: Communicating with the Public” with Jessica Nordell and Glen Howatt at O’Gara’s Bar and Grill Registration or questions

May 22-23, 2018--ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC. Registration online

May 26, 2018- Mayo IMIG and friends annual crawfish boil Information

Sept. 12, 2018—I. M. on Tap in Duluth at 6:00pm contact/register

Oct. 17, 2018--I.M. on Tap meeting at 6:00pm at Kieran’s Irish Pub in downtown Minneapolis.

Nov. 8-9, 2018 - Minnesota Internal Medicine:2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2019- Minnesota Internal Medicine:2019 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