Dear Colleagues:
Thank you for your past membership in ACP. We are sending this update to you with a brief list of alerts, resources and upcoming events. Please consider re-joining ACP and supporting the advocacy work of MN-ACP.

Novel Coronavirus Updates from Minnesota and ACP

- ACP members and non-members are invited to access COVID-19 information. This information is updated daily. CME/MOC credit is available.
- MN Department of Human Services has received a federal waiver effective April 1, 2020 to cover telemedicine services. See the update to the MN Medicaid/MHCP Provider Manual with information and billing details. Thank you to ACP member and MN DHS Medical Director, Dr. Nathan Chomilo for providing information.
- MN Department of Health COVID 19 data is updated daily.
- April 8th Governor Walz Executive Order 20- 32, “Ensuring that Healthcare Providers Can Respond Quickly and Safely During the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency” includes details of variances that apply to health.
- ACP Practice Management Resources
- ACP Telehealth Coding and Billing Resources
- ACP Payer Policies resources
- ACP Practice Financial & Management Issues
- ACP COVID-19 Related Advocacy
- ACP Clinical Information for Internists
- Three border states (ND, SD, IA) do not have a stay at home order while WI does have a stay home order. COVID data from border states is also available daily: Wisconsin North Dakota South Dakota

Telemedicine Webinars/Resources

- Primary Care and Mental Health hosts weekly Telehealth Office Hour sessions telehealth services sponsored by the Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center (gpTRAC) Telehealth Office Hours - Primary Care - Tuesdays @ Noon (CT); Telehealth Office Hours - Mental Health - Thursdays @ Noon (CT)

Photos/Images of Internists during COVID
We are looking for images of internists in a variety of settings, doing a variety of things – caring for COVID patients, doing drive up testing or other types of testing, working in hospitals, working in offices, practices and other settings, interacting with various other members of health care teams, doing telemedicine and telehealth (video and phone) visits – really, anything that captures your daily life during this public health crisis. The images will be used as part of a video montage that showcases and acknowledges the internal medicine community during the pandemic, which will be shared on the website and social media platforms. Send images to Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com through April 30th and use the subject line “COVID image”.
Health Policy Updates

- The **recently passed MN COVID legislation** had been negotiated by legislative leaders prior to the start of the sessions, and it passed both bodies by near-unanimous margins. The appropriation totaled $320 million and provided funding and relief to many economic sectors, including transportation, small business, child care, and veterans affairs. The Legislature had previously passed $200 million in support for health care clinics, hospitals, and long-term care facilities.

- **Emergency Insulin** - The negotiated Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act — named for Alec Smith, a 26-year-old Minnesotan who died in 2017 after being unable to afford his insulin — would allow Minnesotans with diabetes to access an emergency 30-day supply of insulin for a $35 copay. It also establishes a long-term insulin affordability plan for diabetics who are uninsured or underinsured, on Medicare or have high copays. This bill was signed into law this week and is effective 7-1-20.

- Applications are now open for **$150 million of Minnesota grants for Clinics and Health Systems.**  

Metro Area Rising Star Internists

Even during times of heightened stress and crisis, or perhaps especially during such times, it is good to highlight the work of terrific friends and colleagues in Minnesota. This month, in the April issue of Mpls-St Paul magazine, some 45 internists were named as "Rising Stars" in the Top Doctors program. Of these, more than half, 25 of them, are Minnesota ACP chapter members. Please join us in celebrating these exemplary Minnesota colleagues and congratulations to these Minnesota friends!

Dr. Jill Bowman Peterson, Minneapolis VA  
Dr. Nicholas Briese, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Nathan Chomilo, Park Nicollet  
Dr. Briar Duffy, U of M/ M Physicians  
Dr. Heidi Erickson, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Suzanne Espenson, Abbott Northwestern  
Dr. Mary Fredrickson, Regions Hospital  
Dr. Elizabeth Goelz, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Brian Grahan, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Brian Hansen, M Health Fairview  
Dr. Rachel Harter, Ridgeview  
Dr. William Huepfel, Park Nicollet  
Dr. Ann Isaksen, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Ange Krause, Park Nicollet  
Dr. Hannah Lichtsinn, Health Partners  
Dr. Mary Logeais, U of M/ M Physicians  
Dr. Stephen Murphy, Park Nicollet  
Dr. Steven Richmond, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Aaron Rutzick, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Rachel Silva, Hennepin Healthcare  
Dr. Ben Trappey, U of M/ M Physicians
Dr. Lara Wandling, Health Partners
Dr. Molly Wyman, U of M/ M Physicians
Dr. Brian Yablon, Hennepin Healthcare
Dr. Mathew Young, Hennepin Healthcare

Upcoming events:

- **April 21st at 7pm** “Facing Ethical Dilemmas and High Stress due to COVID-19”- Join Physicians Serving Physicians for a free, physicians-only discussion. [Description and details](#)
- **April 2020** Homemade mask donations using [MDH/CDC](#) approved patterns are accepted for distribution to homeless centers in Minnesota
- **Sept. 6, 2020** Brave Like Gabe volunteers - [Info](#)
- **Oct. 5, 2020** MN-ACP abstract submission deadline [Information](#) [Abstract submission](#)
- **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

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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