February Chapter News

The “Better is Possible: ACP’s Vision for the US Health Care System” Campaign was launched by the National ACP on January 20th. This is an absolutely monumental undertaking by members and leaders of the College. Chapter members are invited to be a part of this exchange of ideas, through all types of avenues, i.e. webinars and online chats/discussion groups. It is an exciting time to be a part of the ACP, and members are encouraged to educate themselves about the campaign and, most importantly, join in the discussion as the publishing of the papers is not at all intended to close the conversation. To read the Call to Action, the Policy Papers and learn more about the online resources available visit the ACP website at acponline.org and look under the Advocacy tab.

The committees responsible for authorship of the papers are the Medical Practice and Quality Committee chaired by Regent Ryan Mire, who will be speaking at our Chapter Meeting in Birmingham in June, and the Health and Public Policy Committee chaired by Board of Regents Chair-Elect Designee Tom Cooney, who spoke at our meeting in 2019 in Jackson. Our governor, Calvin Thigpen (sthigpen@umc.edu), is happy to take any concerns or comments to the Board of Governors’ meeting or directly to the College leadership prior to the meeting. Alternatively, you can contact the staff liaison for each of the committees; their email addresses are on the ACP website where the committees are listed at https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/who-we-are/leadership/boards-committees-councils. The College is stronger and more likely to reflect its members’ opinions in advocacy if everyone is contributing a perspective!

Closer to home, the Mississippi Chapter has had another month of great member activity. On January 7th for UMMC Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, ACP Fellows Amanda Clark, Calvin Thigpen and Dick Wardrop joined forces to present “Practice Hacks for the Academic Clinician”. The topics included a TOP 5 of evidence-based practice “Hacks” for ambulatory practice in addition to “Hacks” for inpatient care. The presentation drew from multiple sources including the ACP Workflow and Practice Innovations Exhibit which debuted at the IM 2019 meeting in Philadelphia and is curated on the ACP Professional Wellbeing Site (https://www.acponline.org/practice-resources/physician-well-being-and-professional-fulfillment/workflow-innovations-to-enhance-well-being). If members or groups of members such as Hospitalist Groups or Practice Groups are interested in this type of presentation, please contact Chapter Staff. These faculty would be delighted to share similar resources and the presentation can be re-created in person.

The January 16th UMMC Noon Conference for the Medicine Residents marked the start of an exciting program called “Residents as Teachers” presented by Dick Wardrop. This inaugural lecture kicked-off a residency-wide professional development program in order to better prepare residents for their roles as medical educators. The program will feature multiple
medical education experts throughout the rest of the academic year and into the future. Also, ACP Fellow Rahat Noor and Member David Gilliam participated in a the Department of Medicine Faculty Development Community Conversations at UMMC on January 23rd during which they discussed Mentoring in Health Systems Science and Quality Improvement Projects. This “work-shop like” experience highlighted best practices in and the role of mentoring in Quality Improvement for Faculty interested in expanding their experiences in this area. Finally, on January 28th ACP Fellow and Department of Medicine Chair Javed Butler shared his world-renowned expertise in heart failure during UMMC Grand Rounds in his talk entitled “Precision Medicine for Heart Failure”.

Every Wednesday at 11 am, Chapter Member Jimmy Stewart hosts “Southern Remedy”, a call in show on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) Think Radio. Listeners call in ask a variety of medical questions each week. MPB Think Radio is broadcast all over the state both on the radio and live stream online (mpbonline.org). IM 2020 is taking place April 23-25, 2020, in Los Angeles, CA. Though early bird specials have expired, there is still time to register! All registration materials, links to book hotels and airfare can be found on the ACP website, acponline.org. All members are cordially invited to attend the Chapter Reception on Friday, April 24th, at 5:30pm. The Chapter will co-host the reception along with the Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas Chapters. Members from the MS chapter who are participating in the meeting as faculty include Richard M. Wardrop, who will be speaking as a guest of the ACP National Council of Student Members during a session entitled “I Failed. It's Okay: Challenges During Medical School and How to Overcome Them;” Lillian Lien, who will be a panelist in the pre-course “Diabetes for the Internist;” and Calvin Thigpen, who will be moderating a session entitled “Ethical Case Challenges: Precision Medicine and Genetics in Primary Care.” Numerous resident and fellows from UMMC will be presenting their work on the national stage as well during the IM 2020 Resident and Student Poster Sessions, including the Abstract Day Winners: Bijalben Patel, Amor Royer, Peyton Treutel and Elliot Varney. If you are participating in or presenting at the IM 2020 meeting, please email the Chapter so your good news can be shared with our members. We look forward to seeing you at IM 2020 in Los Angeles.

The Alabama/Mississippi Chapters Scientific and Educational Meeting will be held at The Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa in Birmingham June 5-7. 2020. Use this link to Reserve your room today! and take advantage of the special meeting room rate. The meeting Brochure is also available through this link to review the course offerings. Lastly, use this link to Register for the meeting. All of these links can also be found on the Chapter website, mscchapter.acponline.org. Please share these links with friends and colleagues who may be interested in attending the June Meeting!

Be sure to follow the Chapter on social media to see what the Chapter members are doing and for important dates, messages and reminders. The Chapter is on Facebook (@msacp), Twitter (@ms_acp) and Instagram (@acp_ms). Please email any news you would like to share with the Chapter and/or the membership to Mississippi.acp@gmail.com.