

To: Chapter Members
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Subj: ACP Our Chapter's Newest Master and Laureate

Today, I was informed by the College of some incredibly good news. I was sincerely humbled to inform our colleague earlier today and now the rest of you of this news.

The American College of Physicians has bestowed its highest honor on one of our members. Captain Jeff Cole has been selected for Mastership in the College. Out of the ACP's 131,000 members, less than 50 are selected as Masters each year.

The first Mastership in the College was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served the College as President for two terms. He was recognized for his extraordinary service to the College and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his day.

ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of "personal character, positions of honor, contributions towards furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine." Masters must be highly accomplished individuals. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors such as research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.

The Chapter has selected CAPT Cole to receive our highest honor the 2013 Navy Chapter Laureate Award. In addition to serving the College as the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and the Navy Chapter as Governor, he is a past recipient of the chapter's Sparks and Master Teacher awards. He has received numerous teaching awards at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth including Internal Medicine department Teacher of the Year award the his very first year at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth with six subsequent awards in nine years, "Teacher of the Year" awards from the NMCP intern and transitional intern classes, and Uniformed Services University 3rd year internal medicine clerkship preceptor of the year.

His achievements are in keeping with the legacy of Dr. Anders clearly demonstrating CAPT Cole to be one of the most outstanding internists, medical teachers, and giants of Internal Medicine today.