

December 20, 2019

NC-ACP Governor's Newsletter

Registration is now open for the [NC-ACP Annual Scientific Session, Feb. 28-29, 2020 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro!](#)

Dear Colleague,

Happy holidays from your ACP Governor! I just recently gave a Grand Rounds presentation at my local hospital titled "Working for you and with you: Improving the lives of Internists and their Patients." This was the first of many; during my term as Governor, I plan to travel across the state, to meet you where you are, and let you know what the ACP is doing to support you in your professional life, provide educational resources, lead transformation in our health care system, reduce administrative burden, address political, economic, and scientific issues of importance to Internists, and engage with policymakers and payers to implement changes for the better. Please contact me through the NC-ACP office at 919-833-3836 or ncacp@ncmedsoc.org to arrange a time for me to come to your institution to meet with you.

I also want you to know who helps create and implement policy within our chapter. We have a Governor's Advisory Council made up of private practice and academic physicians, hospitalists and generalists and subspecialists, from across the state. They are:

Lacy Hobgood MD, FACP, FAAP. Division Head, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Practice both outpatient and inpatient General Internal Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine.

Michael R. Towarnicky, MD, FACP, ASNC, ICAEL. Director, CarolinaEast Physicians, Jacksonville, NC. Director, Adult Clinic, Craven County Health Department. Director, Nuclear Medicine, CarolinaEast Health Systems.

Noel Ivey, MD, FACP. Hospital Medicine, Duke University Hospital. Associate Medical Director, Project COMET: Caring for patients with Opioid Misuse through Evidence-based Treatment. I practice inpatient medicine at Duke University Hospital.

Jenny Hinson, MD, FACP practices inpatient hospitalist medicine at Atrium-Stanly.

Donna M. Williams, MD, FACP. Associate Professor, Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, and Co-Director of the Clinical Skills Course, Wake Forest School of Medicine. Practice both

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| outpatient and inpatient General Internal Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. |
| Vynedra Smith, MD. |
| Duncan Vincent, MD, FACP. Clinician educator who practices both inpatient and outpatient medicine at the Cone Health Internal Medicine Residency Program. |
| Marion Mull McCrary, MD, FACP. Well-Being Champion for NC Chapter of ACP. Outpatient General Internal Medicine at Novant Health Durham Internal Medicine Associates. |
| Nancy Finnigan, DO, FACP is the Internal Medicine Residency Program Director at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Director of Medical Education at Harnett Health. She is also a Regional Assistant Dean at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine. She practices outpatient internal medicine and inpatient and outpatient nephrology. |
| Laila A. Awny, MD, FACP. |
| Scott L. Furney, MD, FACP. Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, Carolinas Medical Center, Atrium Health. |
| David L. Tolentino, DO, FACOI, FACP. Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine and core faculty for the Internal Medicine residency at Harnett Health, supervising the residents in their outpatient resident clinic. |
| Paul R. Chelminski, MD, MPH, FACP. Division Director and Clinical Professor of Medicine, UNC School of Medicine. |
| Mary Catherine Turner, MD, FACP, FAAP. Residency Program Director, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Practice both outpatient and inpatient General Internal Medicine at the Brody School of Medicine |
| Lynn A. Bowlby, MD, FACP. Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine. |
| Kirsten B. Feiereisel, MD, FACP. Associate Professor, General Internal Medicine, Wake Forest School of Medicine. |
| Brooks Keene, MD, MS. Brooks Keene is a 2nd year internal medicine resident at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. |
| Nicole Chang (UNC). Medical student, UNC School of Medicine. |

I am also very excited about our upcoming scientific meeting. The **2020 NC-ACP Annual Scientific Session** will be held Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC. There will be traditional activities such as inpatient and

outpatient track faculty lectures, clinical workshops, competitions including medical student and resident physician Doctor's Dilemma, poster competitions for medical students, resident physicians, and early career physicians. **The full meeting program and online registration are now available on our meeting micro-site:** <http://www.cvent.com/d/phq472>.

A more recent addition to the program is the "Story Slam," which I personally have found rewarding and a great way to help me remember why I do the work that I do. One at a time, physicians stand up and talk about a particularly moving patient care experience – like hearing a live "On Being a Doctor" column from the Annals. The parameters as a story teller are simple. Speakers have 5 minutes (6 max) to tell their story about ANYTHING related to their professional life/identity or how their professional life has shaped their personal life, etc. No slides or other tech visuals are allowed, although props or costumes are permitted. A strict 6 minute cutoff is just about the only rule. **If you are interested in participating, please send your story idea to Dr. Richard Vestal (rvestal@wakehealth.edu).** Past story slam stories which have been published as peer-reviewed media can be accessed [on the Annals of Internal Medicine website](#).

Additionally, each year at the state meeting, our Chapter recognizes an ACP member for significant volunteer service in their community. Do you know a North Carolina ACP member deserving of recognition for his/her track record of service? The Chapter is now accepting nominations for the Dr. Gary Greenberg Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service. Nominees must be Masters, Fellows, Members, or Resident/Fellow members of the ACP and must have provided volunteer service. Self-nominations are not permitted; the services must have been performed on a voluntary basis and not required for the completion of teaching, training, or position requirements; and volunteer work must have been done as a physician and be medically related. Please [complete the nomination form](#) and submit it by email to gstephenson@ncmedsoc.org by January 6 for consideration.

The Board of Regents had their fall meeting, and took the following actions on the most recent round of resolutions:

Resolutions adopted and referred for implementation (creation of new policy):

- 12-F18. Developing Policy to Improve the Safety of Electronic Prescribing
- 17-S19. Opposing Non-Competency Based Fast Track Medical Education
- 1-F19. Creating a Toolkit to Optimize Physician-Led Care Teams with Advanced Practice Providers
- 2-F19. Establishing a Work Group to Improve Care Coordination between Hospital and Ambulatory Care
- 6-F19. Recognizing Obesity as a Chronic Disease and Advocating for Insurance Coverage of Evidence-based Treatments
- 7-F19. Engaging Stakeholders to Reduce Violence and Teach Conflict Resolution
- 8-F19. Developing Policy on Excessive Heat Protection
- 11-F19. Studying the Frequency and Impact of Drug Recalls and Shortages
- 13-F19. Advocating for CMS to Ease the Burdens of Risk Adjusted Factor Scoring on

Physicians

14-F19. Reviewing Literature on the Impact of Informal Caregiving on Healthcare Outcomes

15-F19. Updating Ethical Guidance on Medical Professional Online Endorsements as Social Media Influencers

16-F19. Opposing the Misuse of Conscience Clauses

They also adopted as reaffirmation of current ACP policy:

5-F19. Researching and Recognizing Gender Expectations for Female Physicians

You have already received an email from the national ACP office asking you to update your member profile. I also mentioned this in my first Governor's newsletter. If you have not already done so, please look at the new member engagement webpage to see ways you can get involved either at the Chapter level in NC or at the national level:

<https://getinvolved.acponline.org/home>

I look forward to seeing you at the annual state meeting in Greensboro 2/28 – 2/29/20!

Sincerely,

Lacy Hobgood MD, FACP, FAAP

ACP Governor, NC Chapter of the American College of Physicians