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Dear Colleague,

As spring blossoms yield to the warmth of early summer, the spirit of renewal extends not just to the natural world but also to the North Carolina Chapter-ACP. There are many new opportunities for ACP members to re-energize themselves through involvement in our NC-ACP programs and activities.

Internal Medicine White Coat Day at the Legislature, June 19

Joining the choir of ACP members in advocating for patient care is an exciting and rewarding experience. That's why I will again participate this year in the upcoming Internal Medicine White Coat Day at the Legislature, jointly presented by our NC-ACP and the NC Medical Society. On the morning of Tuesday, June 19, North Carolina internists will meet in Raleigh to learn about the health policy discussions taking place at the state level, and to meet with state legislators. Key topics this year will include health insurance access, Medicaid transformation, behavioral health integration, Controlled Substances Reporting System and opioids, and potentially others. The day kicks off at 7:30 am with a legislative briefing followed by scheduled meetings with legislators, and concludes with a debriefing lunch. This is a free event. Practicing physicians, retired physicians, residents and medical students are invited. [Click for additional White Coat Day details and online registration.](#)

For the latest developments on legislation of interest to internal medicine physicians in North Carolina, download the attached Legislative Update.

BOG Resolutions Wrap Up

Earlier this year, we asked you to participate in a survey regarding 23 proposed resolutions for consideration at the Spring 2018 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. Your input on these topics was insightful and provided me with helpful guidance when I was called to vote on these important matters at the Spring BOG meeting. *Thank*

you! Fifteen (15) BOG Resolutions advanced to the April 2018 meeting of the ACP Board of Regents (BOR), the policymaking body of the College, where they were discussed and voted on. A summary of the BOR's actions and final resolved clauses is attached for your review. BOG Resolutions to be considered at the Fall 2018 BOG meeting will be announced soon. Again, thank you for your participation and support in this process.

ACP Leadership Day Wrap Up

I have just returned from another empowering and impactful ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC, where I was joined by our Chapter Governor-Elect Dr. Richard Wardrop, eight (8) of our NC-ACP colleagues and more than 350 ACP members from 48 states, DC and Canada. We were delighted to have a strong delegation of practicing physicians as well as residents and medical students participating in the annual advocacy event. We learned about the latest issues and legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress, and met with our U.S. Representatives and Senators to voice the concerns of internal medicine physicians and to promote policies that will improve the health of our patients. The key issues addressed at this year's event included:

- expanding coverage and stabilizing the insurance market,
- reducing unnecessary administrative tasks on physicians and patients,
- reducing prescription drug costs,
- funding for workforce, medical and health services research, and public health initiatives,
- promoting continued action to address the opioid epidemic,
- reducing firearms-related injury and death, and
- making Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding more effective.

I encourage every member of the ACP to [review the Issue Briefs and other resources on the ACP Services website](#) and to reach out to your representatives in Congress to convey your thoughts on these important issues.

Helping Patients with Weight Loss

Researchers with Duke University, the University of Colorado and Michigan State University are seeking to document what primary care practices are doing to help patients with weight loss so that policy changes can be

developed to support primary care in this area. Whether your practice offers obesity treatment or not, your participation will be helpful. Each participant will each receive a \$50 gift card for completing a short (10-15 minutes) paper or online (you choose which version) survey and participating in a 30-minute phone interview. Please contact Professional Research Assistant, Lauri Connelly at 303-724-9529 or at lauri.connelly@ucdenver.edu with your questions or to sign up. You may also complete the survey online at bit.ly/2CSN2fx and then Lauri will follow-up with you later for the brief interview. This study is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The NC-ACP is not involved in the study, but your participation is encouraged.

2019 NC-ACP Annual Scientific Session, Feb. 22-23

It's not too early to be thinking about the 2019 NC-ACP Annual Scientific Session! The 2019 state meeting will be held Feb. 22-23 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. This meeting offers something for everyone! The meeting will feature plenary and breakout sessions, special interest lunches, Chief Resident presentations, resident posters, presentation of Chapter Awards, and much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the NC-ACP leadership, **thank you for your participation and support.** We're immeasurably grateful for the opportunity to share this information with you and we hope that it's helpful to you.

Sincerely,
Peter R. Lichstein, MD, FACP
ACP Governor, North Carolina Chapter
Wake Forest School of Medicine

Attachments:

NOTE: The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

[BOR Action on Spring 2018 BOG Resolutions](#)

[Legislative Update NCACP June 7 2018](#)

[2018 Ldrshp Day - Group Photo](#)