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Welcome to another edition of our Ohio ACP E-Newsletter. As your Governor, I will continue to reach out to you with timely updates regarding information that is important to you. If you have an interest in participating in a bigger capacity with our Chapter, please contact me at tanM@summahealth.org or our Executive Director, Jan Wrassman at jwrassman.acpohio@gmail.com. As always, thank you for being a member of ACP!

2018 Ohio/Air Force Chapter Scientific Meeting

The 2018 OH/AF Annual Scientific Meeting will be held October 4th and 5th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The theme for this year's meeting is "Making Sense of it All: Current Innovations and Controversies in Medicine." Please be sure to mark your calendars. We are also planning for additional physician wellness activities including our third annual Governor's 5k and a yoga session. Watch your email for registration information.

Important Information Regarding ABIM SEP Modules at the 2018 ACP Ohio/Air Force Chapter Meeting

On Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th, 2018 the Ohio/Air Force Chapter Meeting will be holding SEP Module Updates in the following categories: Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, and Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine.

This will be the last time these modules will be offered to anyone. ABIM is changing the availability of all SEP modules, and these modules will NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 30, 2018.

If you are planning to attend these modules and claim MOC points you must follow the conditions below:

1. You must order the module(s) from the Physician Portal by **June 30th, 2018**. We are not able to extend the deadline. This means you must commit well before the meeting dates.
2. The deadline for submitting the completed module(s) has been extended to November 15th to

allow ample time for submission following your October 4-5 learning session.

3. You will be able to earn 10 MOC points for each module.

Please be sure to observe the above deadlines. **No exceptions will be able to be made.**

ABIM is allowing registrants who order these modules through June 30 to complete the module and claim MOC after our Chapter Meeting. SEP participants who do not order the module by June 30th will NOT be able to claim MOC credit.

Meeting registration is scheduled to open on June 1, 2018 but you may order the modules anytime between today and June 30th. While we realize these are unusual circumstances we are happy to be able to offer these updates for 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jan Wrassman, Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter](#)

2018 CALL for AWARDS Nominations

The Call for Awards Nominations is now open. We are accepting nominations for the following awards: The James S. Tan, MD, MACP Laureate Award, The Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP Master Teacher Award, the Volunteerism and Community Service Award and Internist of the Year Award.

Please view the awards nomination, instructions and the full list of previous winners [here](#)

2018 Doctors Dilemma Competition

The Call for Teams for the 2018 Drs. Dilemma competition will begin in July. Please watch your email and check the Ohio Chapter website for registration and rules.

News from the Ohio Department of Health

Have you heard about the outbreak of multidrug-resistant *Campylobacter* linked to pet store puppies?

Campylobacter is the most common bacterial cause of gastroenteritis in the United States. Patients with campylobacteriosis usually have diarrhea (often bloody), fever, and abdominal cramps. Severe infections or complications, such as reactive arthritis or Guillain-Barré syndrome, can occur, especially in patients with compromised immunity. Although most *Campylobacter* infections are foodborne, zoonotic transmission from dogs, especially puppies, is an important source of human *Campylobacter* infections. Puppies can transmit *Campylobacter* even when they don't have diarrhea.

In August 2017, CDC and several state health departments identified a multistate outbreak of *Campylobacter* linked to pet store puppies. By January 2018, the Ohio Department of Health identified 32 patients in Ohio with campylobacteriosis linked to the outbreak. Illness onset occurred from June 2016 through October 2017. Six patients (19%) were hospitalized. Among 31 patients with exposure information, 10 were pet store employees, 20 had contact with a pet store puppy, and one was a secondary case.

One of the key findings of the investigation was that *Campylobacter* bacteria isolated from clinical

samples from people sickened in this outbreak were resistant to commonly prescribed oral antibiotic options. This includes azithromycin, ciprofloxacin, clindamycin, erythromycin, nalidixic acid, telithromycin, and tetracycline. Traceback revealed a complex network of puppy breeders, distributors, and transporters, but no single source of multidrug-resistant *Campylobacter* in puppies was identified. Although the investigation ended in January, cases continue to be reported in Ohio.

What to do if I diagnose a patient with multidrug-resistant *Campylobacter*?

Most patients recover without antibiotics; however, consider multidrug resistance in patients with *Campylobacter* who recently purchased a puppy. When antibiotics are necessary, ordering culture and sensitivities can be helpful in antibiotic selection. *Campylobacter* infection is a [reportable Class B disease in Ohio](#), so make sure to contact your [local health department](#) and also let them know if you suspect a case of multidrug-resistant *Campylobacter*. *Campylobacter* isolates can be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health and help us to understand the outbreak better.

All patients with dogs at home should be reminded to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after touching the dog. Dogs should not be allowed to lick around the mouth or face or open wounds. Refer to the [CDC outbreak web posting](#) for additional information and recommendations.

For further questions, please contact Ellen Salehi, Amber Singh, or Martha Montgomery with the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Infectious Diseases at [\(614\) 995-5599](tel:614-995-5599).

Free AMWA membership for ACP members

ACP is an affiliate member organization of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA). As such, all ACP members can join AMWA as an affiliate member for free. We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable ACP member benefit. Join [here](#).

CME/MOC Opportunity

The Ohio Chapter is happy to be sponsoring a one-day CME/MOC meeting being held by the University of Cincinnati at the Manor House in Mason, Ohio on Saturday, September 8th, 2018. If you are interested in attending, please see the attached brochure for registration and meeting agenda.

Attachments:

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

[MOC Brochure 2018 \(1\)](#)