

Ohio ACP E-Pulse

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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!

2017 Annual Chapter Meeting

October 19-20, 2017

Greater Columbus Convention Center

The 2017 ACP Ohio/Air Force Chapter Annual Meeting is fast approaching. If you haven't already registered, please do so. You can register online at ohchapter.acponline.org or by calling Customer Service at [1-800-523-1546, ext. 2600](tel:1-800-523-1546). *Online registration closes on Friday, October 13th. You may register in person on both Thursday and Friday, October 19th and 20th.*

We have a robust meeting planned and will once again be holding Professional Development Seminars on Thursday and SEP Modules on both days. Our collaboration with the Air Force Chapter continues, and they will be helping provide us with high quality speakers. In addition, we will have two ACP Regents in attendance, not only to provide a panel discussion focusing on physician wellness, but also to be available to discuss College issues with attendees.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Healthier Patients Through Disease Prevention."

If you can help out by serving as a judge for resident posters, please email Jan Wrassman at jwrassman.acpohio@gmail.com. Please be sure to mention which institution/program you are affiliated with so we know how to assign you.

Join us for our Awards Reception to recognize and network with your colleagues.

This year's Awardees include the following:

The 2017 James S. Tan, MD, MACP Laureate Award: Keith B. Armitage, MD, FACP and Craig D. Nielsen, MD, FACP

The 2017 Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP Master Teacher Award: J. Harry Isaacson, MD, FACP, Caroline Mueller, MD, FACP, David A. Norton, MD, FACP and Clifford D. Packer, MD, FACP

The 2017 Volunteerism and Community Award: Uche Gordon Itheme, MD, FACP

The 2017 Internist of the Year Award: Max C. Reif, MD, FACP

Please be sure to join your colleagues for the 2nd Annual Physician's Wellness 5k Run, Thursday, October 19th at 6:00 a.m. Meet in the lobby of the Hilton Downtown Columbus.

Governor Election

It is hard to imagine but the time has come to select the next Governor for the Ohio Chapter. You should have received an email as well as U.S. postal mail containing your ballot. We have two extremely deserving candidates this year and voting begins now. Please read their bios below and vote. The winner of the election will serve as the Governor-Elect through IM2019 when he will assume the Governor office.

Craig D. Nielsen, MD, FACP

Post Doctoral Training: Cleveland Clinic

Certification: ABIM - Internal Medicine

Present Position: Vice Chairman of Internal Medicine, Main Campus, Cleveland Clinic

ACP Chapter Involvement and Leadership Activities: Governor's Advisor Council since 2006; Scientific Meeting Planning Committee since 2008; Advisor Associate Council 2010-2015; Director, Doctor's Dilemma 2011-2014; Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP Master Teacher Award 2014; LEAD Professional Development Seminar: Innovations in Resident Education, Annual Meeting 2013; Medical Student Committee 2004-2012

ACP National Activities: Fellowship 2002; Speaker, Internal Medicine 2011 Highlights, Closing Session of the Annual ACP Meeting 2011; Speaker, Internal Medicine 2012: Highlights, Closing Session of the Annual ACP Meeting 2012; ACP Representative, ASTRO Practice Guideline Committee, Radiation Therapy in Endometrial Cancer 2013; Doctor's Dilemma Judge, Internal Medicine 2014

Other Appointments/Activities: Associate Professor of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine (CCLCM) of Case Western Reserve School of Medicine; Associate Director of Clinical Education, CCLCM since 2014; Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine

(AAIM) Advocacy Committee 2011-2015; Section Head, Internal Medicine, Stephanie Tubbs Jones Family Health Center since 2014; Medical Director, H18 Main Campus Employee Walk-in Clinic since 2014; Deputy Editor, Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine since 2016

Areas of Professional Interest and Expertise: Preventive Medicine; Chronic Disease Management; Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education

Candidate Statement:

It is an honor to be considered an ACP Governor Candidate. I believe my 20 years' experience in ambulatory and hospital medicine (outpatient practice at main campus, Cleveland Clinic and in an underserved community of East Cleveland along with quarterly hospital service) provides me with a strong practical foundation from which to understand some of the challenges that today's internist/hospitalist face. I have always regarded the ACP as my 'Home Organization' and I have tried to stay active with my local Chapter. As Governor, I would hope to continue the strong work the chapter does in regards to its Annual Meeting, its Membership and FACP outreach, its sound financial stewardship and advocacy work. As Governor, I would work to expand our local state level advocacy work, enhance outreach to our medical students/residents, increase focus on work stressors we face in practice and expand our social media presence.

Daniel M. Sullivan, MD, FACP

Education: Williams College BA

Post Doctoral Training: New York Medical College MD

Certification: Internal Medicine

Present Position: Medical Director, Cleveland Clinic Solon Family Health Center

ACP Chapter Involvement and Leadership Activities: Health and Public Policy Chair; Governor's Advisory Council

ACP National Activities: Fellowship 2005; ACP Services Political Action Committee Board

Other Appointments/Activities: Chair, Cleveland Clinic Clinical Practice Committee; Vice Chair, Cleveland Clinic Professional Conduct Committee; Co-Chair, Cleveland Clinic Critical Response and Resuscitation Committee; Co-Chair, Cleveland Clinic Community Health Information Committee; Medworks volunteer health care for the uninsured

Areas of Professional Interest and Expertise: Promoting Primary Care as a career; Advocacy on the State and National level to advance care for our patients; Leadership Skills for Physicians

Candidate Statement:

Since I was a young resident in internal medicine, the ACP has inspired me to promote

excellence in patient care and professionalism. Throughout my career, I have looked to the ACP and its esteemed membership as a stalwart for these essential attributes. I am proud to be part of the Ohio ACP, whose diverse, talented and engaged members, medical schools and training programs make us an indispensable chapter and a model for all others. New and seasoned physicians alike need strong, compassionate and driven leadership to represent their interests and champion internal medicine. My expertise in and commitment to state and national advocacy position me to work effectively with our elected officials to advance programs that promote the best outcomes for our patients. I ask for your vote to the Board of Governors so we can continue to encourage and support our profession as I have been inspired throughout my career.

Strengthen Our Chapter: Participate in ACP's Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter Rewards Program!

The American College of Physicians and the *Ohio* Chapter encourages all members to help strengthen our chapter by recommending ACP membership to colleagues. By joining the College, your colleagues will enrich their clinical knowledge and skills and have access to all of the ACP member benefits that you enjoy.

To thank you for your dedication to our organization, ACP offers incentives to members **and** their chapters that recruit new members through the Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter (RACC) Rewards Program.

As with the national Recruit-a-Colleague Program, the RACC Program rewards successful individual recruiters with dues credits for each new full Member or Physician Affiliate member recruited and a chance to win a trip to the annual Internal Medicine meeting. In addition, the RACC Program also provides rewards to the recruiters' chapters, including funding for chapter activities and complimentary registrations to the annual Internal Medicine meeting.

The 2017-18 Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter Rewards Program runs until March 1, 2018.

To participate, simply forward to your colleagues a membership application found at www.acponline.org/racc. To qualify for the program, your name must be listed on the recruiter line of the application, and the form must include the code RACC.

Thank you for your help in strengthening our chapter!

Internal Medicine 2018

Please plan to meet us in New Orleans from Thursday, April 19th through Saturday, April 21st for IM2018.

The New Orleans Marriott is the host hotel this year but there are plenty of hotels in and around New Orleans with availability. Please visit www.acponline.org for a complete list and rates.

I hope you will join us for the combined Ohio and Military Chapter Reception on Friday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. We are excited to be partnering with our military chapters once again. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our member accomplishments during the past year.

MOC Update

In case you missed it, the following letter was mailed to membership on September 8, 2017. The landscape of MOC is continually changing, and ACP is working with ABIM and ACP membership to make it more relevant and less onerous.

Dear ACP Members,

I am writing to update you on recent developments related to the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program, our progress toward creating a new ACP society pathway that would be an alternative to what ABIM offers, and our continuing efforts to advocate on your behalf to improve the MOC process.

ACP, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) have each signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ABIM to guide the creation of new collaborative maintenance pathways, which would be alternatives to what ABIM currently offers to earn points for maintenance of certification. ACP's pathway will be based on our Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program (MKSAP), anchored in the principles of continuous learning, and will be free to ACP members who have already purchased MKSAP. The collaborative maintenance pathways would be offered in addition and as alternatives to pathways offered by ABIM, such as the 10-year secure exam or the two-year approach. Once ACP's pathway is developed, ABIM would continue to be the certifier, but ACP would attest to ABIM that a member has successfully completed the MKSAP-based pathway. The collective goal of ACP, ACC, and ASCO is for the new collaborative maintenance pathways to lead to more subspecialty societies offering additional pathways.

ACP continues to advocate for other meaningful changes to MOC. Our discussions with national and state medical societies have focused on the usefulness of a high-stakes exam, costs of the MOC process, state legislative activities that threaten professional self-regulation, and working with certifying boards to ensure physician self-regulation. We will be meeting with national and state medical societies in the coming months to work toward a joint statement of purpose enabling collaboration between medical specialty societies and certifying boards and addressing state legislative action that undermines professional self-regulation. We will also be meeting with leaders from major medical specialty societies and several certifying boards to initiate a planned, year-long process of collaboration to develop a shared vision for the next generation of continuing certification to better meet physician needs.

I will continue to provide updates on our progress toward developing ACP's MKSAP-based alternate pathway for demonstration of continuous professional development that meets criteria for maintenance of certification, and on our collaborative efforts with our professional society colleagues to address broader issues related to this process. Thank you for your commitment to internal medicine and for being a member of ACP

Darilyn V. Moyer, MD, FACP
Executive Vice President and CEO
American College of Physicians

Legislative Update

We are seeing ads in the media daily on the Drug Pricing issue., otherwise known as State Issue 2. Our colleagues at OSMA have reviewed it in depth:

Effective treatment plans that might include affordable prescription medications is a goal of every physician in our state who cares for patients. This ballot initiative, however, despite the claims of its supporters, does not come close to achieving this goal and in fact could have a detrimental impact on Ohioans in the near future."

"While the goal is noble, this particular initiative is just bad policy. This proposal has been studied and reviewed independently by reputable healthcare policy experts who have all concluded that this plan would not reduce healthcare cost and would actually create new barriers for the most vulnerable among us - including the mentally ill, sick, poor and disabled."

"Ohio's physicians wish to work toward a solution to the burgeoning costs of prescription drugs, but the answer must be viable, attainable, and without the potential to do more harm than good for Ohio patients."

This fall the focus is on MOC. House Bill 273 looks to prevent MOC being used as a criteria for hospital privileges and insurance payment. Hearings will take place in October on HB 273 that was introduced this summer. The bill was drafted without input from organized medicine. Based on initial analysis by the OSMA legislative committee and many national and state specialty societies it contains a number of issues that will require redrafting. We hope we can get to a bill similar to what has passed in other states recently like Texas. The OSMA was informed by legal counsel in the price transparency lawsuit that Judge Stelzer has postponed hearings (scheduled for 9/26 and 9/27) so that he can consider a motion for partial summary judgment filed by the plaintiffs (OSMA and others) that may decide whether the law is constitutional without the need for a hearing. There is no further information yet about the next hearing date. In the meantime, the price transparency law will not take effect. The restraining order is still in place and will continue to be in place until such time as a hearing occurs (or the Judge rules on constitutionality without holding a hearing). The effort to comply with price transparency is a challenge for all us to implement with accuracy.