I hope that this newsletter finds you well. I am pleased to provide you with our most current Oklahoma Chapter ACP newsletter. I believe you will find reading this informative and enjoyable. Since we last wrote, your chapter leaders have been busy working both locally and nationally on your behalf and on behalf of our future internists.

I am pleased to report that the overall finances of the Chapter are in good shape. Michael Weisz, MD, MACP will provide a financial overview of the Chapter at our Fall Scientific Meeting. Dr. Rhett Jackson is this year’s program chair for our annual state meeting, which will take place in Oklahoma City on October 20th through 21st. This year's meeting promises to be educationally sound, and I hope you will join your colleagues and attend. Furthermore, Dr. Jack Ende, President-Elect of the ACP, will be one of our featured speakers.

I am pleased to inform you that our membership numbers continue to grow. We have grown this year due to both resident membership and full members as well. Our committees remain active.

Nationally, the ACP continues to generate and publish a number of important public policy papers including ones on prescription drug pricing, GME payment reform, gun violence, and physician assisted suicide. We have been kept up to date and informed about the activity of the national office on issues about MOC and recertification. Darilyn Moyer became new EVP/CEO in September 2016. Darilyn is an outstanding internist, and, in her short tenure as EVP/CEO, she has represented the College and its members very effectively as evidenced by the progress the College has made with MOC.

If you have not applied for fellowship in the ACP and meet the criteria, please let us know. We will work with you to help you achieve this level of professional recognition. If you are interested in joining one of our
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committees, please let either Kathy Musson or myself know. If you have become delinquent on your membership dues, I hope that you will take a few minutes and continue to be part of the ACP. The ACP is the heart and soul of internal medicine and I hope that you value the work that is done on behalf of our patients and colleagues.

Lastly, I hope that you will be able to attend our annual Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Meeting on October 20th through 21st. Our meeting will take place in Oklahoma City at the Samis Education Center on the Health Sciences Center. I believe we will have an outstanding meeting with excellent talks and time for networking and renewing old friendships. Dr. Jack Ende, President of ACP, will deliver his lecture, “Back to the Bedside,” as well as provide an ACP national update. Leadership from all state university medical campuses will be present and update you on activities at their medical schools. We will also hear a report from our Nominating Committee.

I hope that you have an excellent Fall. Best wishes.

Chapter Service

Speak, call, or write to myself or one of your Oklahoma Chapter council members if you have interest in serving. We are always looking for membership willing to take up the banner in advocacy, membership, communication, and other areas of service. Do you have a new idea or a resolution to take to ACP nationally? We need to hear from you, our membership.

Chapter Excellence Award

The chapter excellence award recognizes individual chapter’s accomplishments and successes. The national ACP Chapter subcommittee requests that chapters submit an annual report regarding finance, membership growth, diversity growth (age, gender, ethnic, MD/DO, research/academic/patient care, general IM/subspecialty, US trained/IMG, hospitalist/outpatient care), awards/nominations, chapter meeting program, communications, credentialing, health and public policy (advocacy), volunteerism, and women in medicine. Chapters are then measured on set criteria to determine eligibility for this award.

Our Oklahoma Governor’s Council expects this award. Although we should never grow complacent, I agree that the bar is set to expect excellence.

Your Oklahoma Chapter is proud to win this award again, and it will be presented to our Oklahoma Chapter at our Fall 2017 Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Session in OKC.
Chapter Scientific Meeting 2017

Registration is open for the 2017 Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Meeting! The meeting will be held October 20th through October 21st at the University of Oklahoma Samis Education Center in Oklahoma City, OK.

The meeting is a great way for you to recharge, rewind, and reflect with your peers, chapter leaders, and great speakers. In addition to the networking and collegiality offered by our meeting, it is also a valuable learning opportunity. For the chapter meeting, the American College of Physicians designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.

All registration must be received by October 7, 2017, or a late registration fee of $15 will be added. This includes on-site registration. Save money by registering now! You can view the full meeting brochure or register online. Additional information is available on the Chapter website.

Our theme for the meeting is obesity. Meeting highlights include updates on the office evaluation and management of obesity, discussion of the psychological origins and effects of obesity, and updates on the management of common obesity comorbidities. Of course, we will have our annual Doctor’s Dilemma Competition and Resident/Fellow Presentations.

While visiting, come check out the new M. Dewayne Andrews OU College of Medicine Academic Office Tower. I look forward to seeing you in OKC!
Schedule at a Glance:

**Obesity: Addressing the Disease and Its Comorbidities**

**Friday, October 20, 2017**

12:45 p.m.  
Registration

1:00  
Welcome  
Michael S. Bronze, MD, MACP  
ACP Oklahoma Chapter Governor

1:15  
Keynote Address  
Jack Ende, MD, MACP

2:00  
**Obesity: Office Evaluation and Management**  
Andria Parker Medina, MD, PhD

2:45  
Break

3:05  
**Nutritional Aspects of Obesity Management**  
Christy Olson, MS, RD, LD, CDE

3:50  
**Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease**  
Mazen S. Abu-Fadel, MD

4:35  
Reception

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

7:30 a.m.  
Continental breakfast

8:15  
NAFLD: Evaluation and Management  
Rhett L. Jackson, MD, FACP

9:00  
**Origins and Sequelae: The Psychology of Obesity**  
Martina J. Jelley, MD, MSPH, FACP  
Kim Coon, EdD, LPC

9:45  
Break/Visit Exhibit Booths

10:15  
**Obesity and Diabetes**  
Mary Zoe Baker, MD

11:00  
**Bariatric Surgery**  
Laura Fischer, MD

11:45  
Lunch/Visit Exhibit Booths  
Noon  
**Town Hall Meeting**  
Medical Student Meeting

1:00 p.m.  
**Resident Oral Presentations**

2:00  
**Resident Poster Presentations**

3:00  
**Doctor’s Dilemma®**  
C. Erick Kaufman, MD

4:00  
Awards Presentation  
Michael S. Bronze, MD, MACP

4:30  
Adjourn

How to Register:

You can easily register [online](#), by phone, or by completing the registration page in the meeting brochure (included below). Please contact Kathy Musson at 405-850-8334 or kmussonokc@gmail.com with any questions.
Chapter Scientific Meeting 2017

Program Committee:
Rhett L. Jackson, MD, FACP, Chair
Martina J. Jelley, MD, FACP
Bernadette M. Miller, MD, FACP
Michael A. Weisz, MD, MACP

Resident/Fellow Members and Medical Students:
Clinical vignettes, posters, and research papers prepared by Resident/Fellow Members and Medical Students will be presented at the meeting. Winners will receive cash awards and recognition. One winner from each campus will receive up to $1,000 toward expenses for the Internal Medicine Meeting 2018 in New Orleans. Contact Rhett Jackson, MD, at rhett-jackson@ouhsc.edu for more information. Submissions deadline is October 1st.

Special Rate Hotel Accommodations:
We have a special hotel accommodation rate of $149 per night (single or double) for you at the Embassy Suites in Downtown Oklahoma City / Medical Center. When making your reservation, be sure to ask for the “OU Medical” rate.

Embassy Suites OKC Downtown / Medical Center
741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 239 - 3900
Chapter Scientific Meeting 2017

Oklahoma Chapter Registration Form

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☐ Check here if you are disabled and require assistance.

Please notify the Oklahoma Chapter in writing before your course. We’ll be glad to help.

Registration Fees

Check one category that best applies. Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch on Saturday, all scientific sessions and materials, and CME documentation.

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*Nonmember Residents and Medical Students cannot register online and must register by contacting Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, in order to get the correct registration rate.

**Nonmember Students: This meeting registration is free for ACP Medical Student Members. Join Now!

Please indicate your attendance at the following:

☐ REC1—Reception—Friday, 4:35 p.m.

☐ BR1—Breakfast—Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

☐ LO1—Lunch—Saturday, 11:45 a.m.

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The Oklahoma Chapter is well-known for planning fun and unique chapter receptions during the annual Internal Medicine Meeting. In 2013, we cruised along the San Francisco Bay. In 2015, we set sail through Boston Harbor. In 2016, we had a perfect spot overlooking the National Mall and U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

During the 2017 Internal Medicine Meeting in San Diego, our chapter set sail on a dinner and dance yacht cruise on the San Diego Bay aboard the Hornblower Inspiration! The reception included a 3-hour cruise with a 3-course seated dinner, champagne, and all the dancing our chapter members could handle. We had an amazing time with record attendance of over 30 chapter members.

You can view and download all of the pictures at the ACP Oklahoma Chapter Facebook Page.

Be on the lookout for the details of our next chapter reception in New Orleans during IM 2018!
Oklahoma Chapter Reception Cruises the San Diego Bay
Internal Medicine residents across Oklahoma competed in oral and poster presentations during our 2016 Fall Scientific Session. The winners of the competition competed nationally in San Diego at IM 2017. They all represented the chapter well! The state-level competition will be held during the 2017 Fall Scientific Session this October in OKC.

**Navin Ramlal MD**, of OU-Tulsa presented his quality improvement project, “Optimizing Guidelines for Cholesterol Treatment Among Patients with Diabetes.”

**Zain Asad MD**, of OU-OKC presented, “Peripartum Cardiomyopathy Outcomes: A Systematic Review of Literature.”


**Adanna Anji MD**, of OU-OKC presented, “A Systematic Review of Extra-Nodal Marginal Zone B-Cell Lymphoma in the Central Nervous System (CNS EMZBL).”

**Thao Tran DO**, of OU-Tulsa presented, “Malignant Hypertension: A Surrogate for Tumor Recurrence.”

**Divya Byragani Pious MD**, of OU-Tulsa presented, “Autoimmune Catastrophe after Stevens Johnson Syndrome.”
International Doctor’s Dilemma Competition

Congratulations to Kevin Smith, Cletus Fuhrmann, Michael C. Cloud, and Cleavon Covington, our Oklahoma ACP champions from OU-Tulsa who represented your chapter in this year's International Doctor's Dilemma Competition at ACP IM 2017 in San Diego. Doctor's Dilemma is a fast-paced Jeopardy-style medical knowledge program. Your Oklahoma team represented the chapter well, taking on teams from Ontario, Michigan, Connecticut, and the U.S. Air Force. We are very proud of their success and expect new teams to carry on the tradition in our chapter's pursuit of the Osler Cup. If you are a resident interested in establishing your own team, contact your program director. The state-level chapter competition will be held during the October 2017 Chapter Scientific Meeting in OKC.

Click HERE to watch Video Highlights.
ACP Convocation is an annual ceremony whereby the College recognizes and applauds its new Fellows and the recipients of various honors. ACP Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. This year, your Oklahoma Chapter was honored to have new Fellow Mansoor Khalid, MD, FACP of Oklahoma City attend Convocation.

The Keynote Speaker for Opening Ceremony at IM 2017 was Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). He spoke about the old and new challenges of emerging infectious diseases.

Did You Know?
You can stay current with the latest ACP Oklahoma Chapter news by liking our official ACP Oklahoma Chapter Facebook Page.
New ACP Members and Fellows

Please help us in welcoming our **Newest ACP Members** to the Oklahoma Chapter.

**New ACP Members**

- Deepthi Kotihal, MD    Tulsa
- Arveitta Y Edge, MD    Norman
- Richard Matthew Atkins OKC
- James K Feisal OKC
- Dlynn Armstrong, DO    Vian
- Saira Rashid, MBBS    Edmond
- Melissa McGinnis, MD    Tulsa
- Sarah K Petty, MD OKC
- Khanh K P Le, MD Tulsa
- Richard Helton, DO OKC
- Mustafa Q Albustani, MBchB Tulsa
- Andrew Kraus, MD Tulsa
- Vishal V Patel, MD Ardmore
- Brian F Lich, MD OKC
- Divya Byragani, MD Tulsa
- Shruti Pandita, MD Tulsa
- John W Gemma, DO Tulsa
- Arjun R Ghodasara, MD Tulsa
- Christina M Molumby, MD Tulsa
- Muhammad Afzal, MBBS Tulsa
- Mark Joseph Anderson, MD OKC
- Umama S Adil, MD Sapulpa
- Zain Ul Abideen Asad, MD,MBBS OKC
- Muhammad H Bashir, MBBS OKC
- Hassaan A Zia MBBS OKC
- Daniel Eshaghian, DO Tulsa
- Fidelis I Ikwueme, MBchB OKC
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- Carmen Vesbianu, MD Tulsa
- Karen Robbins, MD Tulsa
- William Woods, DO Tulsa
- Tanna Shaw, MD Edmond
- Joy Patel, MBBS Edmond
- Daniel Bergeron, DO Tulsa
- Justin Fields, MD Norman
- John Williams, MD Stillwater

**ACP Fellowship** is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. The Oklahoma Chapter recognizes and congratulates the following physicians who were elected to Fellowship in the College.

**New ACP Fellows (FACP)**

- Bernadette M Miller, MD, FACP Tulsa
- Oliver A Cerqueira, DO, FACP Tulsa
- Kevin L Oltmanns, MD, FACP Stillwater

Please help us congratulate these newest Fellows to the Chapter!

If you are a long time member of ACP, we hope that you will strive to professionally move toward Fellowship. For some, this will require work. It may require your involvement with the college and/or the local chapter. Have you been to the national or state meeting? For those already active in the college, you need to apply now. You have done the work and it is time to be recognized. FACP is a standard of professional excellence that your peers recognize.
Leadership Day in Washington D.C.

For this year’s ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC, I was accompanied by Dr. Brian Lich (Chief Resident, OU, Oklahoma City) and Dr. Christopher Girgis (Chief Resident, OU, Tulsa). The schedule was similar to previous years, with the first day being introductory lectures and the second being visits to Capitol Hill. Although our Congressmen were out of town, we had quite productive meetings with all of their health legislative assistants, advancing ACP’s priority topics list. Washington DC these days is rife with conflict and crisis, but we received a warm welcome and encountered a (perhaps surprising) amount of agreement among our delegation.

ACP’s agenda this year included seven priority action items, of which we discussed three with our delegation. The first is an attempt to reduce unnecessary administrative tasks on both physicians and patients, something I think all of us can strongly support. ACP has released a great policy paper outlining the problem and offering potential solutions in their policy paper entitled "Putting Patients First by Reducing Administrative Tasks in Health Care". Although there has not been legislation introduced to date on this issue, we requested further research in this area.

Our second area of focus this year was in improving the care of patients with chronic disease, which is a cornerstone of modern internal medicine. We focused on garnering support for Senate bill S.870, the CHRONIC Care Act. Of particular relevance to Oklahoma (and our large rural population), this act would amend medicare to expand telehealth benefits to many more Medicare enrollees and fund further research into home-based primary care services. Our request from our Senators was support for this legislation and modification to include elimination of the beneficiary copay for chronic care management (CCM) services, and to expand reimbursement for additional codes including more complex CCM services.
Leadership Day (continued)

Our final area of focus was the rising tide of prescription drug prices. First, we sought to increase transparency in drug pricing by requiring pharmaceutical companies to publicly disclose production costs, including research and development investments, as outlined in the bipartisan Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act (H.R. 2439/S. 1131). Secondly, we supported reform to the FDA’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies in order to increase availability of generics (particularly, expensive biologic generics) to the market, as outlined in the Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples (CREATES) Act (S. 974, H.R. 2212). Finally and perhaps most crucially, we advocated for the ability of the Secretary of HHS to negotiate prescription drug prices with manufacturers, particularly for expensive medications and biologics, under Medicare Part D, as laid out in the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017 (S. 41, H.R. 242).

As I mentioned earlier, our House and Senate visits were productive, and we found our Representatives’ and Senators’ offices receptive to our requests. As always though, we must continue as an organization to strive for the improvement of the health care climate in our country. ACP, through its diverse advocacy efforts and Leadership Day, allows us as internists to participate directly in shaping and advocating for legislation on matters that directly affect us all. I encourage other members of the Oklahoma ACP membership to join us next year in Washington to participate in this essential effort!
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