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 I last wrote, your chapter leaders have been busy working both locally and nationally on your behalf and on behalf of our future internists.

In February, our Chapter Council met by conference call to discuss Chapter issues. The financial report was provided by Michael Weisz, MD, MACP; overall, the finances of the Chapter are in good shape. We heard several committee reports including efforts of the Early Career Physician Committee led by Dr. Andria Medina and the Legislative Committee led by Dr. Matlock Jeffries. We also discussed updates from the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses. 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. 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. We also discussed our membership, and I am pleased to inform you that our membership numbers continue to grow. We have grown 4.9% largely due to resident membership, but we have had a modest increase in full members as well.

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. As you may have heard, Steve Weinberger will fully retire from his position effective 2017 and Darilyn Moyer has been selected as the new EVP/CEO effective September 2016. Darilyn is an outstanding internist and will represent the College and its members very effectively. So far, Darilyn has been outstanding and will continue to serve the organization well.

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 committees, please let either Kathy Musson or me 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 you value the work that is done on behalf of our patients and colleagues.

Lastly, I hope that you will be able to attend the ACP’s annual Internal Medicine Meeting this April in San Diego. I believe we will have an outstanding meeting with excellent talks and time for networking and renewing old friendships. We have planned a dinner cruise for our chapter and hope that all of you will attend.

I hope that you have had an excellent spring. Best wishes.

2017 Fall Scientific Session

Please mark your calendar for the 2017 Fall Scientific Session, being held October 20th through October 21st at the Samis Education Center on the Oklahoma City campus. As previously mentioned, Dr. Jack Ende, President-Elect of the ACP, will be one of our featured speakers. Every year, new and seasoned physicians meet at the Fall Scientific Session to recharge, rewind, reflect, and reconnect with their peers, chapter leaders, and great speakers. In addition to earning CME credits, the conference is about making personal connections and getting involved in your chapter. We hope you will join us! More details to come in the next newsletter.
The **2017 Internal Medicine Meeting** is quickly approaching. You will not want to miss it! IM 2017 is the most comprehensive conference in Internal Medicine, offering **over 200 courses** presented by the **best national lecturers** on a wide variety of clinical and practice management topics. Additionally, IM 2017 offers you **interactive and hands-on sessions** at the Waxman Clinical Skills Center where you can improve your physical examination skills, learn office-based procedures, explore the latest medical software, and much more. All of this, while earning **CME Credit and MOC Points**!

This year, we are heading to San Diego, CA, often referred to as “**America’s Finest City**.” San Diego has **fabulous beaches**, year-round warm temperatures, **world-class resorts**, amusement parks, a **world-famous zoo**, historical museums, golf courses, and **lots of ocean activities** including deep-sea fishing, sailing, surfing, and windsurfing. **San Diego has something for everyone!**

**PLAN NOW** on attending this year’s ACP Internal Medicine 2017 Meeting in San Diego from **March 30th through April 1st** in the San Diego Convention Center. Our Oklahoma Chapter has planned a special dinner and dance cruise for this year’s chapter reception. [Register online here.](#)

**San Diego, March 30 - April 1**
**REGISTER HERE FOR IM 2017**

**ACP Discounted** Travel & Housing
- **Hotel Discounts**
- **Airline & Rental Car Discounts**

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**San Diego Zoo**
**Balboa Park**
**Mission Beach**
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. Well, we are thrilled to say we have done it once again for 2017!

We are cruising again! RSVP now for your spot at this year’s Oklahoma Chapter Reception in San Diego during Internal Medicine 2017 on Friday, March 31st! We are going on a Dinner and Dance Yacht Cruise on the San Diego Bay for this year’s Chapter Reception on the Hornblower Inspiration! We have arranged a discounted cost for you as an Oklahoma Chapter ACP Member and your guest of $75 per person. Space is limited so you will want to make yours reservation as soon as possible! You will not want to miss this year’s reception!

Our cruise sets sail on Friday, March 31st, from 7:00 PM through 10:00 PM. You will need to board at 6:30 PM along the Grape Street Pier (1800 N. Harbor Drive).

The Yacht Cruise Chapter Reception will include the following:
- 3-Hour Cruise on the San Diego Bay
- 3-Course Seated Dinner
- Boarding Glass of Champagne
- DJ with Music Requests and Dancing

You must RSVP to this event before Thursday, March 16th. To RSVP, contact Kathy Musson by phone (405-850-8334) or e-mail (kmussonokc@gmail.com). Payment by check should be mailed to: OK-ACP, 6704 Eastwood Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.
New ACP Members and Fellows

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

**New ACP Members**

Micah Derby, DO  
Owasso

Yolette Louis, MD  
Oklahoma City

Alecia Mack, DO  
Edmond

Ryan Morgan, DO  
Oklahoma City

Tanna Shaw, MD  
Enid

Pooja Singhal, MD  
Edmond

Robert Smith, MD  
Tulsa

Halima Suria, MD  
Oklahoma City

Rebecca Thrun, DO  
Tulsa

Luz Tono, AHP MD  
Edmond

Lindsey Tricinella, DO  
Owasso

**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)**

Scott T Shepherd, DO  
Tulsa

Rajesh K Singh, MD  
Oklahoma City

Kristy L Sundene, MD  
Tulsa

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.
Medicine Day 2017

On February 21, 2017, your ACP Oklahoma Chapter collaborated with the Oklahoma State Medical Association in hosting the annual Medicine Day legislative reception! Many of Oklahoma’s legislative leaders were present. Dr. Matlock Jeffries spoke during the reception about the various legislative issues that will be discussed in ACP’s upcoming “Leadership Day.” Nearly 150 physicians and medical students were in attendance. They spoke with your legislators about the important issues impacting health care in Oklahoma — including HB 1013, a measure to allow nurse practitioners to have independent practice without any sort of physician supervision; Medicaid reimbursement; maintenance of certification; vaccinations; and tanning by minors.

Your 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.
2016 Fall Scientific Session

The 2016 Fall Scientific Session was another tremendous success. We would like to give a special thank you to Jabraan Pasha, MD, our 2016 program chair, and all of our guest speakers for all of their hard work and time. Many of our session lectures were live-streamed on our Oklahoma Chapter Facebook Page and can still be accessed by our ACP members.

Dr. Henry Le of OU-Tulsa gave a resident presentation on “A million dollar work-up: A journey of a needle phobic young man with multiple tattoos”

Dr. Ravi K. Kode gave an "Update in Cardiology"

Dr. Adanma Anji of OU-OKC gave a resident presentation on “Acquired hemophilia A with hemorrhagic diathesis complicated by a NSTEMI”

Dr. Chris Girgis of OU-Tulsa gave a resident presentation on “Recurrent prosthetic tricuspid valve endocarditis: IV drug abuse or something more fastidious?”

Dr. Jerry Vannatta spoke on "Narrative Medicine"

Dr. Zain Asad of OU-OKC gave a resident presentation on “A systematic review of prospective studies reporting peripartum cardiomyopathy outcomes”

Dr. Thomas Karl Hoskison gave an "Update in Hospital Medicine"

Dr. Aaron P. Fieker gave an "Update in Gastroenterology"

Medical Students had the opportunity to sit down and discuss the process of applying for residency with the Internal Medicine residency program directors for both OKC and Tulsa campuses at the 2016 Scientific Meeting.
ACP Doctor's Dilemma, also known as Medical Jeopardy, is held each year at the state level during the annual Oklahoma Scientific Session and then again at a national level during the annual Internal Medicine meeting. Up to 50 teams of residents from around the world will compete for the title of national champion this year in San Diego.

This year, your Oklahoma Chapter will be represented at IM 2017 by an OU-Tulsa Team that won the competition during the state meeting. Congratulations to Michael C. Cloud, Cletus Fuhrmann, Kevin Smith, and Cleavon Covington. We are very proud of these four and wish them success at the national competition.

You can test your knowledge on your smartphone by answering the same style questions used by ACP in the national Doctor’s Dilemma Competition by clicking here.
Internal Medicine Residents across Oklahoma competed in oral presentations, poster presentations (clinical vignettes and research), and Doctor’s Dilemma teams during the 2016 Fall Scientific Session. Each year, we award our top three winners in each category with cash awards and some are given eligibility to compete nationally. We are only in our 6th year of hosting the Oklahoma Chapter Doctor’s Dilemma competition (medical Jeopardy) for our residents. We had competing teams representing Tahlequah, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City.

All of our residents continue to make us proud. The following are our winners from the annual state competition during the 2016 Oklahoma Chapter Fall Scientific Session.
Over 35 Resident and Student Poster Presentations on display at the 2016 Chapter Scientific Session.
ACP Chapter Eternal

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Arthur Earl Schmidt, MD, FACP, of Oklahoma City, who passed away on August 2, 2016. Dr. Schmidt interned at Presbyterian Rush Hospital in Chicago in 1947 before he was called to active duty in the Army, serving in Korea until 1949 and Japan until 1950. He completed one year of residency at St. Louis County Hospital and two years of residency at Presbyterian in Chicago. He then moved to Oklahoma City for a Fellowship in Cardiology for one year. He entered private practice in Internal Medicine originally at Mercy, St. Anthony, and Wesley Hospitals. He then practiced at Baptist and Deaconess Hospitals until his retirement in 1994. He was active in the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American College of Cardiology, and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

Leadership Day 2017

We have great news for members who are interested in public policy and advocacy! The 25th annual “Leadership Day” on Capitol Hill will be held May 23-24, 2017, at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. In addition to having an opportunity to meet with your legislators and staff in Washington, D.C., you would be provided with in-depth briefings from White House officials, Capitol Hill staffers, and members of Congress; all of whom are among the top health care decision makers. ACP will also prepare you for your visit. Participants will receive a comprehensive orientation on ACP’s top legislative priorities.

Briefings by key administration officials and congressional staff will occur on Tuesday, May 23. Visits to Capitol Hill to meet with legislators will take place throughout the day on Wednesday, May 24. If you are interested in attending Leadership Day, please contact Matlock Jeffries, MD, PhD.
Prescription drug overdoses kill nearly two Oklahomans per day. In many rural Oklahoma counties, opioids account for more than half of drug overdose deaths. Access to treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) is particularly sparse in rural areas of Oklahoma where there are few primary care providers trained to identify and treat people who have OUD. Many providers feel overwhelmed at the prospect of offering treatment for OUD in their own practice.

The Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project aims to expand access to MAT for persons with opioid use disorder (OUD) by training rural primary care providers and offering resources to support PCPs as they learn how to deliver MAT services in the office-based setting. MAT is an evidence-based strategy for treating persons with OUD that combines the use of medications with counseling and behavior therapies to provide a whole-patient approach to treatment. It offers practical, hands-on assistance to you and your office team through training, case-based consultations with addiction specialists, and mentoring by experienced MAT providers. Practices will receive a stipend to facilitate data collection for a planned evaluation of the project.

Who is eligible?
- Internists, family medicine physicians, doctors of osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who provide primary care services.
- PCPs must practice in the following rural Oklahoma counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Ottawa, or Washington.
- PCPs should either currently hold or desire to obtain a Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) or Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA 2016) authorized waiver to dispense or prescribe Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic medications approved by the FDA (e.g., buprenorphine) in an office-based setting for the treatment of OUD.

What is the benefit to PCPs?
- PCPs will receive extensive education to enable them to obtain a DATA 2000 or CARA 2016 authorized waiver for prescribing buprenorphine in office-based settings, and effectively supporting patients affected by, or at risk of, OUD.
- PCPs and their staff will receive practical, case-based teaching and mentorship on treating patients with OUD, and guidance on incorporating MAT into the practice. The project offers both access to local MAT experts and remote ECHO-model video consultations with peers and addiction specialists (webcams and software are provided).
- PCPs can earn continuing medical education (CME) credits for attending training, with an option to fulfill the requirements of the new American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine 40-Hour Program.
- Your participation in the MAT Expansion Project will help expand access to needed treatment for rural Oklahomans experiencing OUD, and will help develop best practices for rural primary care providers nationwide who want to implement MAT.

When is the training program taking place?
- Training and expert support are offered from June 2017 to September 2019.

Who is offering this program?
- American Institutes for Research (AIR) is conducting this project in partnership with the state of Oklahoma, the ECHO Institute at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, and the American Society of Addiction Medicine. This project is supported by grant R18HS025067 from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact information
For more information on this opportunity and to complete a brief eligibility form, visit [http://OklahomaMAT.org](http://OklahomaMAT.org). If you have any questions, please contact the AIR project team at [OklahomaMAT@air.org](mailto:OklahomaMAT@air.org) or call 866-236-4285.
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