Thank you. Let’s start with that. You are on the front lines and you have performed admirably. This pandemic has not been easy. Just last week, I wrote 4 sympathy cards for patients I have known 10 or more years. Each died of COVID-19. That is the loss that is not spoken of enough but for front line providers is such a burden. Society is indebted to you for your selfless service to your patients. Thanks again.

The end is in sight. Vaccines are rolling out. This brings new challenges. Check out the Coronavirus Vaccine Resources available on ACP’s website. Three vaccine forums are a wealth of information including vaccine basic knowledge, addressing vaccine hesitancy, and distribution and allocation. I highly recommend them.

I hope you had the chance to attend the virtual ACP Oklahoma Chapter Meeting last October. The meeting was a tremendous success. Many thanks to Audrey Corbett, MD, FACP and the other members of the chapter planning committee for all their efforts.
Governor’s Column (continued)

The Internal Medicine Meeting 2021, ACP’s annual meeting, is all virtual from April 29th through May 1st. While I will miss mingling with colleagues and the great venue that hosts this meeting annually, there is something nice about sleeping in your own bed. I hope you will attend.

Candidates for ACP Governor-Elect

ACP will be conducting an election for our chapter’s next ACP Oklahoma Chapter Governor. We are looking for a dynamic leader who exhibits integrity, shows commitment to the College, and demonstrates dedication to the Chapter and the medical community. The candidate will work with Chapter members and with leaders in internal medicine at the national level. A Governor typically spends several hours per week on College Business with the support of executive administrative staff. Serving as an ACP Governor can be an extremely rewarding and life changing experience.

The Local Nominations Committees will be responsible for identifying up to two candidates who are willing and able to serve a four-year term (April 2023 - April 2027), in addition to a year of training as Governor-elect (April 2022 - April 2023). Only ACP Masters and Fellows are eligible for consideration. If you would like to submit the name of a colleague or self-nominate, please send the name and contact information to OK-ACP Nominations Chair James Baker, MD, MACP, by e-mail to James-Baker@Cherokee.org. All potential candidate information must be submitted by Wednesday, April 14, 2021. View the Governor Job Responsibilities.
Join us April 29 - May 1, 2021 for Internal Medicine's premiere educational event, an unparalleled virtual live learning experience where you can learn from the comfort of anywhere!

**ACP’s Internal Medicine Meeting 2021: Virtual Experience** offers unequaled educational content presented by expert faculty with opportunities to earn even more CME and MOC credit than ever!

You can enjoy all of the learning opportunities of the full three-day meeting PLUS gain access to all sessions for 30 more days, with the opportunity to earn up to 75 CME credits during that time. Or, enjoy extended access to all sessions for 3 years, with the opportunity to earn up to 100 CME credits, with the purchase of the premium package!

ACP promises to have expert faculty, unmatched educational content, highest quality scientific and practice-related sessions, latest evidence-based clinical information, live polling, and Q&A with leading experts. You will also have access to the latest in technology, patient care, professional development and career opportunities in the Virtual Exhibit Hall.

This year’s speakers exemplify ACP’s commitment to internal medicine excellence and include a fireside chat with Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, NIAID Director and Chief Medical Advisor to President Biden, on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Dr. Fauci will discuss the progress that has been made in the fight against COVID-19, and the medical and public health challenges that remain.

**PLAN NOW** on attending this year’s ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2021 Virtual Experience. [Register online here](#).
Congratulations to Dr. Rhett L. Jackson who was recently elected to "Mastership" by the American College of Physicians. Mastership is the second award Dr. Jackson has received from the ACP, after receiving the Laureate Award in 2018. He will receive the honor of Mastership at the upcoming IM 2021 Virtual Experience Meeting.

Election to Mastership recognizes outstanding and extraordinary career accomplishments and achievements, including the practice of internal medicine, academic contributions to our specialty, and service to the College. During review of candidates, the ACP’s Awards Committee considers several qualities, including strength of character, perseverance, leadership, compassion and devotion. Clinical expertise and commitment to advancing the art and science of medicine are also taken into account by the committee.

Dr. Jackson joined the Department of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 1993. He serves as the David Ross Boyd Professor of Medicine and Section Chief of General Internal Medicine.

Mastership Award Winners from the Oklahoma Chapter

1984, Solomon Papper, Oklahoma City
1987, Ceylon S. Lewis, Jr., Tulsa
1993, Jay H. Stein, Oklahoma City
1999, F. Daniel Duffy, Tulsa
2004, M. Dewayne Andrews, Oklahoma City
2004, M. Boyd Shook, Oklahoma City
2007, William R. Smith, Enid
2013, John Kalbfleisch, Tulsa
2013, Mike Weisz, Tulsa
2014, Mike Bronze, Oklahoma City
2017, James H. Baker, Muskogee
2021, Rhett L. Jackson, Oklahoma City
Leadership Day 2021 - Going Virtual!

We have great news for members who are interested in public policy and advocacy! The 29th annual **Leadership Day** on Capitol Hill is **being held virtually** this year on **May 25-26, 2021**. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this event will not take place in person this year, but an exciting virtual event is being planned with more details to come. Leadership Day enables the College to increase its presence on Capitol Hill and bring our issues of concern to U.S. lawmakers. The two-day event will provide ACP members with virtual briefings on the College's legislative priorities, and an opportunity to meet virtually with your members of Congress.

You can [learn more about Leadership Day here](#). ACP has developed a [virtual advocacy toolkit](#) to enable members to engage with their members of Congress on key ACP policy priorities. Please join us in our advocacy efforts by enrolling in the [Advocates for Internal Medicine Network](#).

If you are interested in participating in Leadership Day, please contact [Dr. Lyndsey Jones](#). Dr. Jones is interested in having 1-2 internal medicine residents participate with her in this year’s virtual event!
The 2020 Oklahoma Chapter Virtual Fall Scientific Session was a tremendous success. Special thanks to Dr. Audrey Corbett, our Scientific Program Committee Chair, for all of her hard work in planning our chapter's first virtual meeting! We were honored to have Mr. Robert Doherty, the Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy for the ACP, give our keynote address, “Health Policy Update.” We would like to thank all of our guest speakers for their hard work in making this another successful session!
2020 OK Chapter Fall Scientific Session

POSTER PRESENTATION

Clinical Vignette: Bloody Diarrhea: A rare case of Cest...
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Clinical Vignette: First Bite Syndrome After Parapharyn...
Atheima Pshti

Clinical Vignette: Disseminated Histoplasmosis in an Im...
Amir Fayyaz, MD

Clinical Vignette: Only fever and poetry provoke vision...
Amir Fayyaz, MD

Clinical Vignette: Lactogenic Acute Hypertriglyceriderm...
Ahmed Hakeem, MD

Clinical Vignette: Trachomelagia and Tracheal Sclerosis...
Ahmed Hakeem, MD

Clinical Vignette: Not Another COPD exacerbation: A Cas...
Ahmed Hakeem, MD

Clinical Vignette: Trichloroethylene - The Evil
Ahmed Hakeem, MD

Clinical Vignette: Name the Syndrome, Cytokine Release...
Hnaz Balas

Clinical Vignette: Under the OXY protocol: a Case of...
Aamina Shaikh, MD

Clinical Vignette: The Fume of Sights: A Case of EVALI...
Ali Alzay

Research: Safety of Same-Day Discharge for Atrial Fibr...
Ali Alzay

Clinical Vignette: Hemorrhagic
Kory Doyle

Clinical Vignette: The Warm Turned: Septic Shock Caused...
Aamina Shaikh, MD

Research: The Understanding of Skin Cancer, Susceptibility...
Ebron, MD

Clinical Vignette: When Lightning Strikes Twice in the ...
Matthew Robertson, MD

Quality Improvement: Increasing Colon Cancer Screening ...
Audrie Nunez

Clinical Vignette: Filamentous Actin in the Role of Dia...
Audrie Nunez

Quality Improvement: Improving Outpatient Follow-Up Afr...
Audrie Nunez

Research: Integrated Multidisciplinary Team Approach
Audrie Nunez, MD

Clinical Vignette: Leptotrichia Goodfellowi Endocardit...
Rachel Kaminski

Clinical Vignette: Selfish Lung Syndrome
Jackie Mirz

Quality Improvement: Implementation of a
Aamina Shaikh, MD

Clinical Vignette: The Myriad Manifestations of Hepatit...
Kory Doyle

Quality Improvement: Telemetry: Reduction in Utilizatio...
Jack Reed, MD

Clinical Vignette: Trust but Verify, Don't Disregard th...
Dora Albin

Clinical Vignette: Extensive Biprosthesis Aortic Valve...
Audrie Nunez

Quality Improvement: PDSA Cycles Increase Screening f...
New ACP Members and Fellows

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

**New ACP Members and Affiliates**

- **Gilberto Umanzor, MD**  
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  Bartlesville
- **George Salem, MD**  
  Oklahoma City

**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.

Please help us congratulate our **Newest Fellow** to the Chapter!

**New ACP Fellows (FACP)**

- **Kimberly K. Porter, MD, FACP**  
  Edmond

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.
Oklahoma Chapter Governing Council

Members of the Oklahoma Chapter ACP Governing Council met virtually prior to the 2020 Fall Scientific Session. 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. Additionally, we are looking for an ACP member to serve as the committee chair for our chapter's Early Career Physicians Committee. Contact me if you are interested! Do you have a new idea or a resolution to take to ACP nationally? We need to hear from you, our membership.
Wellness Corner: Togetherness

As clouds lift and a glimmer of optimism shines through with vaccinations and declining COVID infections in the state, we are left asking: Where do we go from here?

When I opened my email last week, the first two headlines were “Pandemic burnout is rampant” and “It’s common right now to feel overwhelmed, stressed, or depressed”. Though we see ourselves hopefully exiting the worst stages of the pandemic, we are left stunned. It seems that as numbers improve, we should be able to go back to normal life, physically and emotionally. Yet, we need to recover. And to do this, we need to acknowledge that we are all in this together. Accepting that we have gone through an intensely draining process as a community allows us to take the first steps toward emotional wellbeing.

If you or someone you know needs help right now, the ACP has a great emotional support hub. Wherever you are in your journey or career, I encourage you to check this out. It has practical tips for mitigating burnout and promoting wellbeing whether you are a student, resident, fellow, or attending. There are also tools for you to help colleagues who may be struggling with grief and emotional exhaustion.

Right now, I hope that we can all come together to heal our wounds and look forward to a more positive future ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Brian Lich, MD, FACP
Oklahoma ACP Well-Being Champion
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OK CHAPTER VIRTUAL MEETING
MORE DETAILS SOON

OCT 1st-2nd

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