The Oregon Chapter ACP membership comprises a diverse population of internists, subspecialists of internal medicine, and medical students. The Oregon Chapter ACP values diversity and views it as one of its greatest strengths. The Chapter welcomes prospective members without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status or any other protected status; geographic location; or professional setting.

The Oregon Chapter ACP strives to encourage internists and subspecialists of internal medicine from diverse groups to join the ACP, participate in chapter activities, and seek to attain positions of leadership. The Oregon Chapter ACP believes that a commitment to diversity strengthens the organization's capacity to respond to the needs of its members and their patients, i.e., to recognize that diversity is an important aspect of infrastructure that enhances relevance and effectiveness.

The Oregon Chapter ACP annually recognizes distinguished internists for their accomplishments in a wide variety of areas, including the practice of medicine, teaching, research, public service, and volunteer service. The Oregon Chapter ACP will seek ways to solicit award nominees from diverse groups.

The Oregon Chapter ACP recognizes the importance of physicians understanding the special needs of diverse groups in the delivery of health care. The Oregon Chapter ACP will seek ways to educate its members on how best to deal with diversity among patients.

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States. ACP members include 148,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal Medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness. For more information, visit the Oregon Chapter ACP website at www.acponline.org/chapters.