Dear Chapter Members:

We are in a new world and new words have entered our vocabulary, like “social distancing,” “quarantine,” and “isolation.” Not words that make us feel more connected, but a necessary part of our current existence.

I am sure I speak for many when I acknowledge a multitude of feelings - sadness, anxiety, anger, loneliness and fear. Over the past few weeks watching so many rise to this crisis and chaos, have experienced so many other feelings to offset the negative - heroism, sacrifice, pride, warmth, and human kindness. I hope we can remember the acts of kindness and caring we have all witnessed and to bring those feelings out and share them with others as coronavirus fades (I certainly hope that is soon).

Thanks to all for all you are doing to care for your patients during this unique time in history. I want those in our community whose lives have been personally affected by coronavirus to know that our hearts go out to you and your loved ones. In some hospitals, the bulk of the care of COVID-19 patients...
is currently being provided by our pulmonary/critical care colleagues and hospitalists. I want to give them a special shout out of thanks for all of the hard work they are doing.

The Chapter wanted to show thanks to all the residents and hospitalists on the front lines across the state, including the Miriam Hospital, Kent County Hospital, RI Hospital, the Roger Williams Medical Center (pictured from top to bottom) and the Veterans Hospital, by donating dinner to them last week.

Remember, the ACP is here to make a difference for all RI physicians and I welcome input and ideas from individuals even during this crisis. Please see below for helpful links.

Thanks again for all you are doing and please stay safe. Please remember to take care of yourselves.

Kelly McGarry

Advocacy

The ACP has taken the lead nationally in fighting for frontline physicians and their patients - in Congress, with the DHHS, CMS and other federal agencies. We are proud to support the College’s efforts on an ongoing basis, and you can be as well. A few examples with links to the important work of the ACP are below.

- The College provides daily if not several times per day updates to its Covid-19: An ACP Physician’s Guide.
- Internists Identify Essential Elements to Ease Social Distancing Protocols, Address White House Guidance to “Re-open” the U.S.
- Internists Recommend Additional Steps to CMS to Support Physicians during COVID-19
- ACP has prepared a Chapter Action Toolkit that ACP chapters can use to advance policies at the state level as they relate to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.