ACP Masters, Fellows and Members,

I am writing to urge you to attend the RI ACP Chapter meeting on the afternoon of May 8 at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston. This is a time of dynamic change in both the practice and science of medicine and this meeting will give you a great chance to stay up to date in both areas.

*Here is a short list of (I hope!) compelling reasons to attend the meeting this year:*

1. You are curious about the role out of "Obamacare" nationally and how the Health Insurance Exchange is working in Rhode Island and what its future will be. *Come hear Bob Doherty from the ACP's Washington office for an update, and HealthSourceRI's Director Christie Ferguson about how Rhode Island became such a success in the ACA roll out!*

2. You are facing the Maintenance of Certification process and you need MOC points (and to get some information about how recertification works and what the College is doing for you with the ABIM). *Register for the MOC SEP module being led by Drs. Iris Tong and Louis Rubenstein 9:30-11:30 AM!*

3. You have mismanaged your CME requirements (again!) and need CME to maintain your state license or hospital privileges. *A total of 5 CME credits are available at this year's meeting, including 2 "risk management" credits!*

4. You have worked with Bob Carnevale (or Irving Beck), Joe Sweeney (or Milt Hamolsky) or Mark Braun and would like to share in the celebration of their accomplishments. *We will be presenting these Chapter Laureate awards over lunch at noon!*

5. You are worried about the health and welfare of your patients with chronic pain, you are befuddled by all of the new anticoagulation options, you are trying to make sense of insurance issues around preventive exams, you need some expert guidance on antibiotics in the setting of abnormal urine tests, or you are curious why in the world we are getting ready to use ICD-10 (and why the rest of the world started using it a year or more ago!). *Check out the scientific program and be a better internist!!*

6. Last but not least, you need/deserve/want a half day off from the clinical treadmill and don't have time to travel far away to a regional or national meeting. *Register now for the Rhode Island ACP Chapter Annual Scientific Program by clicking here.*

I hope to see you there!!

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