The American College of Physicians: Overview, Advocacy, and you

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ACP’s Mission & Goals

Mission: To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

Goals:
- To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals
- To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists
- To advocate responsible positions on individual health and public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession and our members
- To serve the professional needs of the membership, support healthy lives for physicians and advance internal medicine as a career
- To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the continuing education of internists and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public
- To recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine
- To unify the many voices of internal medicine and its subspecialties for the benefit of our patients, our members and our profession

ACP Priority Themes 2018-2020

- INNOVATION
  GOAL: Nimble, creative and unique approaches to identifying, responding to, and meeting member needs

- IDENTIFICATION
  GOAL: Shared enthusiasm and pride about being an internist and ACP member.
  Look for the I.M. Proud multimedia campaign and follow up from the Master Clinician Task Force

- ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION
  GOAL: Actively engaging members in local, regional, and national College activities across their career, welcoming and hearing all voices, and demonstrating ACP’s relevance and connection to what’s important to them

- COMMUNICATION
  GOAL: Conveying ACP’s broad mission, activities and value to members, the greater community of internal medicine, and other stakeholders using leading-edge modalities, platforms and technologies

ACP Strategy

General approach to planning

- BOR
  - Deep dive into selected issues at biannual Retreat
  - Involves BOR, Senior Staff, ECBOG and guests
  - Informs priorities

- ECBOR
  - Considers the internal and external environments, retreat outcomes
  - Proposes priority areas

- BOR
  - Approves priorities
  - Approves annual budget

- Staff
  - Implement priorities – strategies, objectives, tactics, metrics
  - Engage committees and counsels
Membership

Who we are
- 154,000 members
- 58 domestic chapters
- 18 international chapters

Who Joins ACP
Recent Composition

Composition of the 2016 Joining Member Cohort
- Resident/Fellow Members: 31.3%
- Masters/Fellows/Members: 59.0%
- Early Career Physician Members: 4.3%
- Students: 4.3%

2016 ACP Membership By Class

2017-18 Programs Products & Services Revenue

Total Membership = 149,000

Membership characteristics
- 52% specialize in GIM; 34% in IM subspecialty; 8% in Hospital medicine
- 96% have some clinical activity; 70% mostly clinical
- Employment: 39% private practice; 34% Academic Hospital; 13% private hospital
- Early career physicians less likely to be male, Caucasian, subspecialist, and more likely employed in Hospital medicine
Governance

At a Glance

Board of Regents

- Fiduciary Board
- BOR size
  - 13 elected Regents
  - 12 ex-Officio Members
    - President & President-elect
    - Chair & Chair-elect, BOR
    - Treasurer
    - Chair & Chair-elect, BOR
    - Council Chairs – CRFM, CSM, CEO, CSS
    - EVP/CEO (non-voting member)
- Regent terms – 2 years, renewable once (4 yrs. total)

ACP HQ Board Room

Committees & Councils

- 21 Committees
  - Policy
  - Technical Advisory
  - Management Advisory
- 5 Councils –
  - Council of student members
  - Council of resident and fellow members
  - Council of early career physicians
  - Council of subspecialty societies
  - International

Board Policy Committees

- Report to the BOR
- Chaired by a Regent
- Primary output is policy recommendation to the BOR

Awards Committee
Education & Publication Committee
Ethics, Professionalism & Human Rights Committee
Financial Policy & Audit Committee
Governance Committee
Health & Public Policy Committee
Medical Practice & Quality Committee
Technical Advisory Committees
- Report to the BOR
- Primary output is policy recommendation to the BOR
- Members are technical experts
- BOR will agree/disagree with recommendations, but will not edit at time of recommendation

Management Advisory Committees
- Report to College Management
- Chaired by Management or ACP member physician
- Primary output is advice to management
- Report to the BOR through CEO or their designee

Councils
- Report to BOR in advisory capacity
- Represents important member segment
- Chaired by representative of the member segment
- Primary output is proactive suggestion to BOR or response to request from BOR, representing the perspective of the member segment

Representation model

BOG Resolutions Process
- A mechanism for individual members to influence ACP’s policies and actions
- Most resolutions originate at the chapter level
- National committees & councils can also submit
  - May also take action requests DIRECTLY to the BOR
- Proposed resolutions are
  - Vetted at local and national levels
  - Require BOR approval
Focus of resolutions

- Resolutions ask the BOR to:
  - Create new policy
  - Modify, reaffirm or rescind existing policy
  - Take other specific action
    - Study an issue
    - Send a letter
    - Request the AMA initiate a resolution
    - Advocate

Vetting sequence

1. Proposed to Chapter
2. Proposed to BOG (by chapter, committee or council)
   1. ECOBQ assures relevance
   2. Staff prepare background
   3. Online comment period and live hearing
   4. BOG Reference Committee makes recommendation to full BOG
   5. BOG discusses, may amend, and votes
3. Proposed to BOR

BOG role

- Consider each resolution as an action item
- Entertain amendments and discussion
- Take a public vote on each resolution
  - Study (and report back to BOG)
  - Non adoption
  - Adoption
    - Send to BOR with recommendation
      - To reaffirm existing policy
      - Adopt as amended
      - Adopt as proposed

BOR Role

- Takes action on each resolution
  - Adopt
    - Refer to committees, councils, or staff for implementation
  - For study, report back and reconsideration
    - Report on study or implementation is expected within one year

Adopted for Implementation

- Committees/staff must fulfill the specific intent of the resolved clause(s)
  - Send a letter on behalf of a committee to a regulatory agency or legislative body
  - Schedule a meeting or conference call with a representative from another organization
  - Draft a position paper

Referred for Study

- Return to the BOR for action
- Committees can recommend
  - Adoption
  - Adoption as amended
  - Not Adopt
Resolution 5-F17

Advocating to Remove Falls from the List of Hospital-Acquired Conditions with Financial Penalties, to Promote Mobility

ADOPTED (2nd CLAUSE ONLY)

- Resolved:
  - The BOR urges CMS to remove falls from the list of hospital-acquired conditions with financial penalties
  - The BOR asks that early mobility be considered as a performance measure to be tested and validated

Annals of Internal Medicine

Role of The Annals

- Disseminate medical knowledge to clinicians, educators, researchers, students and trainees, policymakers, and the public
- Filter research and other scholarly work
- Help authors improve the quality of their work
- Influence clinical care and health policy
- Help detect scientific misconduct
- Provide evidence of scholarly achievement
- Entertain
MKSAP

- Originated in 1967
- Currently on 18th edition
- Major educational resource for clinicians
- Online and print versions
- Earn CME and MOC while completing

ACP’s Online Learning Center

- A centralized gateway for ACP’s online learning activities
- Enhanced search and browsing functionality for ACP’s online learning
- Easy access to more than 350 activities, including:
  - Video-based learning
  - Webinars
  - Interactive cases
  - Quizzes

The majority of activities offer both CME and MOC.

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Update on work around a Collaborative Maintenance Pathway

- American Board of Internal Medicine: We continue our discussions with ABIM around efforts to develop a Collaborative Maintenance Pathway. Our goal is to create a pathway that reflects continuous process of learning and evaluation.
- American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS): launched a major initiative, “Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future.” ACP is part of this collaborative process, that brings together multiple partners to create a vision a system of continuing board certification that is meaningful, relevant and of value, while remaining responsive to the patients, hospitals and others who expect that physicians specialists are maintaining their knowledge and skills to provide quality specialty care.
- The goals of the initiative include providing a set of recommendations about the future of continuing board certification for consideration by ABMS, through a review of literature, testimony, data collection a the perspectives of those affected by physician certification, including practicing physicians and medical societies. A final report will be sent to ABMS in February 2019.

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  - wwwACPOnline.org/wim
- ACP Member Forums
  - ACP Member Forums allow ACP members to instantly participate in discussions on a range of clinical, professional, and practice-related topics.
- Follow ACP, Annals and MKSAP on social media
  - ACP and Annals of Internal Medicine are using social media more than ever to communicate and share information relevant to internal medicine
Questions?