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Lead On ACP: COVID-19 Pandemic
Supporting Internal Medicine During COVID-19 Pandemic

• Comprehensive COVID-19 Resource Hub: www.acponline.org/novel-coronavirus

• Clinical and practical tools and information, updated regularly

• ACP policies and recommendations to address new situations and circumstances

• Vigorously advocating to address ACP member and patient needs

• Frequent publication of new Annals of Internal Medicine content

• Webinars and podcasts on timely issues

• Member discussion forum

• Regular update emails to ACP members
COVID-19 Content collection in *Annals of Internal Medicine*

*Annals* is publishing a growing collection of research articles, commentaries, essays, podcasts, and graphic narratives related to COVID-19 is freely available to the public at the *Annals of Internal Medicine* website.

[www.acpjournals.org/coronavirus](http://www.acpjournals.org/coronavirus)
COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

• Statements on approved vaccines

• *Annals of Internal Medicine* and ACP Vaccine forums:
  • Forum I: What Physicians Need to Know
  • Forum II: Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination
  • Forum III: Allocation and Distribution
  • Forum IV: Practical Clinical Considerations
  • Forum V: Evaluation and Care of Patients With Persistent Symptoms Following Acute SARS-CoV-2 Infection

• Policies on:
  • Vaccine Distribution and Payment
  • Ethical Allocation of Vaccines
  • Mask Wearing in Public

• Educational resources and toolkits
ACP ‘Living’ Practice Points

A constantly updated section of advice and high value care practices based on the best available evidence derived from assessment of scientific work.

Recently published Practice Points:

• The Development of Living, Rapid Practice Points: Summary of Methods From the Scientific Medical Policy Committee of ACP

• What is the Antibody Response and Role in Conferring Natural Immunity Following SARS-CoV-2 Infection?

• Should Remdesivir Be Used for the Treatment of Patients With COVID-19?

• What is the effectiveness of N95 respirators, surgical masks, and cloth masks in healthcare and community settings for prevention of COVID-19?
COVID-19 Practice Management Resources

• **Telehealth Billing & Coding**—Addressing protocol for video visits, remote monitoring, telephone calls, workflow modifications, CPT and ICD10 codes, modifiers, allowed technologies, and testing.

• **State & Private Payer Policies**—Information on payer and state-specific policy updates and flexibilities related to phone calls, testing, cost sharing, prescriptions, and enrollment.

• **Practice Financial Assistance**—Tips for accessing financial assistance, managing personnel shortages, and other issues.

• **Practice Management Issues**—Managing supplies, testing, personnel, medico-legal concerns, and looking toward re-opening.
ACP Advocacy and Policies Developed in response to COVID-19

• ACP Supports Wearing of Masks to Reduce Transmission of COVID-19/Expanding the Wearing of Masks in Community Settings to Reduce Transmission of COVID-19

• ACP-endorsed bills designed to help International Medical Graduates progress/Supports Waiving MCAT Exam for 2021 Medical School Applicants

• Partial Resumption of Economic, Health Care and Other Activities While Mitigating COVID-19 Risk and Expanding System Capacity/Coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment through the CARES Act

• Harassment Based on Race or Ethnic Origin is Never Okay

• Increased production of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) after Defense Production Act (DPA) invoked by the administration/Physicians Can Bring their Own PPE and Speak Out on COVID-19 Care Conditions

• Pay parity for telehealth and telephone call services from Medicare and many private payers

• Payments to practices that won’t need to be repaid under the Provider Relief Fund. And additional funds that can be accessed as loans through Medicare Advanced and Accelerated Payments, and the Paycheck Protection Program
Over the past year, COVID-19 related ethics content included:

• ACP Statement on Global COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Allocation: On being Ethical and Practical

• Ethical Allocation of Vaccines During Pandemics Including COVID-19

• Policy on Non-Discrimination in the Stewardship and Allocation of Resources During Health System Catastrophes including COVID-19

• Protecting Patient and Physician Health and Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

• A wake-up call for healthcare: emerging ethical lessons from COVID-19 (Joint ACP/AMA) statement published in Modern Healthcare

www.acponline.org/ethics
Recognizing the Essential Role of Internists during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light what we’ve known all along—internists are essential. We thank internists and the entire internal medicine community for leading, putting patients first, and exemplifying the best in medicine. You Are I.M. Essential, and You Make Us I.M. Proud!
Lost On The Frontline: Honoring Our Internists

COVID-19: In Memoriam

ACP honors internal medicine physicians and ACP colleagues who served our profession and the health of their patients and lost their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We extend our gratitude to them, and our deepest condolences to their families and loved ones.

To submit the name and related information of an ACP member who has lost their life due to the pandemic, please fill out our form.

Updated January 27, 2021

Dr. Sudheer Singh Chauhan
The Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Richmond Hill, New York.
Obituary

Dr. John C. Corman
New York Presbyterian Queens Medical Group, Bayshore Primary Care, Bayside, NY
We mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Dr. John Corman, John battled for several weeks before succumbing to COVID-19. This ancient virus that can be easily killed by soap and water, but causes death and destruction to the human body.

Dr. Stephan L. Karholz
Manhasset Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY
Dr. Karholz served on ACP’s Board of Regents from 2006-12 and as NY Downstate Region II Governor from 1999-2000. Dr. Karholz also served on numerous committees at ACP and as Chair, Council of Subspecialty Societies from 2008-12. Some of the committees Dr. Karholz served on included: Awards Committee, M2 Scientific Program Committee, Health and Public Policy Committee, Medical Practice and Quality Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.
Obituary

Dr. James A. Mahoney
StN/Y Downstate Medical Center Kings County Hospital
Obituary
Lead On ACP: Transforming the Landscape of Health Care for the Better
Lead On ACP - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

• Established Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee

• Updated “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” policy

• Co-sponsored a grant program, Building Trust through Diversity, Health Care Equity, and Inclusion in Internal Medicine Training, with the ABIM, ABIM Foundation, AAIM, and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation. Awarded funding to support projects that incorporate DEI into the fabric of IM education and training, promote trust and health equity, and benefit both medical professionals and the diverse patients they serve.

• Established Anti-Harassment policy and reporting process, including approach to professional behavior at ACP events

• Surveyed current/past leaders to help assess DEI needs

• Supported ACP Chapters establishing local DEI/Women in Medicine committees and programming

Visit ACP’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion page to watch our video, detailing ACP’s activities around DEI.
ACP’s Organizational Commitment to be Anti-Racist, Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive

- ACP has made an organizational commitment to being an anti-racist organization dedicated to policy, advocacy and action to confront and eliminate racism, racial disparities, discrimination, bias and inequities in health and health care and within its own organization.

- ACP strives to embody a diverse, inclusive and equitable organization that facilitates effective and respectful interaction among individuals who hold a broad range of views, and respect, empathy and understanding of others.

- ACP is studying, listening, and developing evidence-based solutions to create an equitable and inclusive organizational culture, and to guide its interactions with members, staff, and others.

www.acponline.org/dei
ACP’s Comprehensive Framework to Address Disparities and Discrimination in Health Care

ACP advocates for changes that will make a difference in the daily lives of internists and our patients’ health in a variety of ways. Recent papers include:

- "A Comprehensive Policy Framework to Understand and Address Disparities and Discrimination in Health and Health Care: A Policy Paper from the American College of Physicians” was published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* and included:
  - Understanding and Addressing Disparities and Discrimination in Education and in the Physician Workforce
  - Understanding and Addressing Disparities and Discrimination Affecting the Health and Health Care
  - Understanding and Addressing Disparities and Discrimination in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Affecting the Health of At-Risk Persons and Populations
ACP is engaged in several collaborations and initiatives to support, advance, and improve the future of primary care, much of which is delivered by internal medicine specialists.

- **New Primary Care Paradigm**: A collaborative of seven of the nation’s largest primary care physician organizations, including ACP, that have joined together to change the way primary care is delivered, financed and developed.

- **Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care**: An ACP sponsored report by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that analyzes the challenges facing primary care and lays out an implementation plan for strengthening primary care medicine for patients and physicians.

- **Primary Care for America**: A public affairs campaign co-founded by ACP and 11 other organizations focused on demonstrating primary care’s value, necessity for increased investment, and the importance of change in delivery and payment models.
ACP’s Physician Well-being and Professional Fulfillment Initiative

A variety of ACP multimedia Well-Being and Professional Fulfilment resources are now eligible for CME credit and FREE to ACP Members

Recently Added Resources Include:

- The Importance of Clinician Educators
- Addressing and Supporting Physician Mental Health during Challenging Times
- Mini But Mighty Skills for Well-being
- Positive Psychology in Times of Crisis
- Optimizing Well-being, Practice Culture, and Professional Thriving in an Era of Turbulence

www.acponline.org/online-learning-center/physician-well-being-and-professional-fulfillment
I.M. Emotional Support Hub

A collection of resources aimed at helping ACP members improve their emotional well-being including direct access to:

• Free Counseling- Therapy Aid Coalition & Emotional PPE Project
• Peer Support- Physician Support Line
• ACP Webinars with CME
• Meditation
• Science Based Tips for Managing Stress
• Suicide Prevention Networks

www.acponline.org/practice-resources/physician-well-being-and-professional-fulfillment/im-emotional-support-hub
Ethical Guidance from ACP

Ethics Statement and Policy Papers:

• Ethics, Determination of Death, and Organ Transplantation in Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP) with Controlled Donation after Circulatory Determination of Death (cDCD)

• Global COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Allocation: On Being Ethical and Practical

• Physician Suicide Prevention and the Ethics and Role of a Healing Community

• Ethical Guidance for Electronic Patient-Physician Communication

New ACP Case Studies:

• Ethics, Electronic Health Record Integrity and the Patient-Physician Relationship

• Ethics, Professionalism, and the Physician Social Media Influencer

• Pandemic Treatment Resource Allocation Ethics and Nondiscrimination

The seventh edition of the ACP Ethics Manual is also available Spanish.
The Future of MOC (Continuing Certification)

- ABIM plans to develop a longitudinal assessment as an option in addition to their point-in-time examinations aligned with recommendations put forth by the American Board of Medical Specialties’ Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission and with ACP’s comments submitted to the Commission.

- Based on the feedback received on the new draft standards for continuing certification, ABMS will develop the final draft standards for continuing certification.

- ACP is committed to ongoing professional development and lifelong learning and to representing our members’ needs for continuing certification programs consistent with our professional accountability principles.

For more detailed information visit www.acponline.org/cme-moc/moc/learn-more-about-moc/acps-role-professional-accountability
Lead On ACP: Excellence in Educational Resources
Annals of Internal Medicine

One of the most highly read and cited medical journals in the world; current, evidence-based science at your fingertips

- Audio on demand
  - Annals On Call, Annals Latest podcasts
- Annals Fresh Look blog
- Annals Story Slam
- Annals Beyond the Guidelines
- Annals Consult Guys
- Annals Graphic Medicine
- Annals for Educators
- Annals for Hospitalists

Annals of Internal Medicine has achieved its highest Impact Factor ever, 25.391. Annals remains the highest cited and ranked internal medicine journal in the category of Medicine, General and Internal. Moreover, Annals is widely read, with over a million page views each month and receives significant coverage in general media.
MKSAP®19: New edition of trusted board prep & lifelong learning program

New Features:

• “MKSAP Complete Green” format offering all the same digital features without any print components

• Earn-As-You-Go CME, allowing CME and MOC to be earned with every question answered

• MKSAP Quick Qs—a simulated Boards-style exam experience with concise questions mapped to the ABIM blueprint

• Enhanced multimedia—including animated whiteboards, clinical video shorts, and heart sounds

• Customized learning plans

• Newly integrated Board Basics study guide

www.acponline.org/mksap19
Evidence-Based Clinical Guidance

Over the past year, ACP published the following clinical recommendations in *Annals of Internal Medicine*:

- Appropriate Use of Point-of-Care Ultrasound in Patients with Acute Dyspnea in Emergency Department or In-patient Setting
- Appropriate Use of High Flow Nasal Oxygen in Hospitalized Patients for Initial or Post-Extubation Management of Acute Respiratory Failure
- Appropriate Use of Short Course Antibiotics in Common Infections
- World Health Organization Guidelines on Treatment of Hepatitis C Virus Infection: Best Practice Advice
- Joint ACP/AAFP guideline for treatment of non-low back pain from musculoskeletal injuries in adults
- Testosterone treatment in adult men with age-related low testosterone
Addressing Performance Measures

ACP is working actively in the field of performance measurement because we recognize its importance in the changing health care environment and want to shape its impact on Internal Medicine.

The Performance Measurement Committee applies criteria to assess the validity of performance measures for healthcare. This tool has been created to help you filter the reviewed performance measures.

acponline.org/performance-measures
**Coming Soon:**
ACP and the American Heart Association Open Access Case Report Journal: *Annals of Internal Medicine: Clinical Cases*

- A new digital, open-access, peer-reviewed journal co-published by ACP and the American Heart Association (AHA).

- Set to include case reports, case series, and image/video cases relevant to clinicians across the spectrum of medicine.

- Will begin publishing on a bi-monthly basis in the coming months.
Online Learning Center: ACP’s Gateway to CME

Centralized gateway to more than 350 online CME/MOC learning activities. Includes video-based learning, journal articles with quizzes, interactive cases, and podcasts. Also find information about your state’s CME requirements and find relevant activities that will help you complete those goals.
New ACP Learning Hubs: Pain Management & Obesity Management

Pain Management Learning Hub

• Series on treating patients living with chronic pain that provides the ability to earn up to 23 hours of CME credits and MOC points. The series features pain assessment, diagnostic differentials, multimodality management plans, and patient-centered communication. Consists of 7 Core modules, 3 case studies, and three lecture videos.

Obesity Management Learning Hub

• A series for practical guidance on treating patients with obesity. Consists of 3 web-based interactive learning activities on lifestyle modification, pharmacotherapy, and bariatric surgery, with CME/MOC credit free for ACP members.

• Weight Can’t Wait: A Guide for the Management of Obesity in the Primary Care Setting- Downloadable guide developed by Stop Obesity Alliance and endorsed by ACP.

• The DEI Shift Podcast: Obesity Mini-Series
Point-of-Care Ultrasound Education

ACP recognizes the important role of POCUS to improve diagnostic capabilities in internal medicine, and offers comprehensive ultrasound training for inpatient and outpatient medicine.

- **POCUS modules are available in ACP’s Online Learning Center:** Modules include Obtaining Adequate Clinical Images for Interpretation, Lung Ultrasound, Deep Venous Thrombosis, Urinary System, Abdominal Free Fluid, and Focused Cardiac Imaging

acponline.org/POCUS
ACP’s Patient and Interprofessional Partnership Toolkits

Patient-centered, interprofessional educational toolkits:

• **The General Team Care Toolkit** shares best practices and real-life examples of successful, team-based clinical care models that include internal medicine physicians working with NPs, nurse practitioners, physician assistant PAs, and other members of the health care team.

• **The Engaging Informal Caregivers Toolkit** shares training, best practices, and resources to help physicians partner with caregivers to improve health outcomes.

www.acponline.org/practice-resources/patient-and-interprofessional-education
Podcasts by Internists, for Internists

Focusing on internal medicine-related topics, free podcasts offer CME and MOC.

acponline.org/podcasts
ACP Publications: Online and In Print

**Monthly Print Publications:** *ACP Internist* and *ACP Hospitalist* provide news and in-depth analysis of issues for inpatient and outpatient internists

**ACP Publications online:** ACPInternist.org, ACPHospitalist.org

**E-newsletters:** *ACP Internist Weekly*, *ACP Hospitalist Weekly*, *ACP Advocate*, *ACP Diabetes Monthly*, *ACP Gastroenterology Monthly*

**ACP Books:** ACP specializes in publishing titles for internal medicine physicians and subspecialists, medical students, residents, and other health care professionals.
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• Seamless access with ACP member log-on credentials
• Bulleted overviews and recommendations for more than 750 topics, 2,500 searchable images, and numerous calculators
• Track CME credits and MOC points
• Mobile apps available for Android and iOS
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ACP JournalWise searches more than 120 top journals to deliver only the most relevant content to you. Specialists filter and rate the clinical newsworthiness and relevance of each article so that you never miss anything important.

- Personalize your alerts by selecting specialties and clinical topics
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- Create folders to save and share articles

[journalwise.acponline.org]
Resources for Lifelong Learning, Educators

ACP members enjoy free or substantially discounted resources to help them meet their educational goals:

**ACP Virtual Live: Internal Medicine Board Review**
- Prep source for the ABIM Maintenance of Certification exam
- Live chat and faculty Q & A with polling and peer statistics

**ACP Internal Medicine Meeting Event Recording**
- 5 hours of Internal Medicine Meeting 2021 lectures and associated Q&A. Full list
- Additional 25 bonus CME sessions
- Up to 3 years of access to over 100 hours of high-quality, CME eligible content
- Ability to watch each lecture, answer a brief quiz, and claim CME credits and MOC points as they go

**High Value Care Case Curriculum**
- Interactive 10-15 minute cases that can be completed on a desktop, laptop, tablet, and smartphone
- CME/MOC is free to ACP members
Lead On ACP: Advocacy in Action
COVID-19 shows us Better is Possible.

ACP’s New Vision shows how.

- Imagine a New Vision for Better Health Care, in which
  - Every American has affordable coverage,
  - At a cost that they and the country can afford,
  - With essential services covered at no cost to patients,
  - With payment and delivery systems reformed to focus on value to patients and support the value of the care provided by internists and
  - Overcoming barriers to care including social determinants and discrimination in care, and investment in public health, are prioritized

- Imagine that this vision, and the policies to attain it, were in place when COVID-19 hit our country.

Visit www.annals.org to read ACP’s New Vision, or visit www.acponline.org/new-vision for information

Join ACP in stating that the status quo is acceptable and make your voice heard. Help spread the word on social media by using #ACPVision4HealthCare
ACP envisions a health care system where:

- Everyone has coverage for and access to the care they need, at a cost they and the country can afford.
- Social factors that contribute to poor and inequitable health (social determinants) are ameliorated; barriers to care for vulnerable and underserved populations are overcome; and no person is discriminated against based on characteristics of personal identity.
- Payment and delivery systems put the interests of patients first, by supporting physicians and their care teams in delivering high-value and patient-centered care.
- Spending is redirected from unnecessary administrative costs to funding health care coverage and research, public health, and interventions to address social determinants of health.
- Clinicians and hospitals deliver high-value and evidence-based care within available resources, as determined through a process that prioritizes and allocates funding and resources with the engagement of the public and physicians.
Better is Possible: Ensure Coverage for All

Single payer and public choice models both have advantages and disadvantages but are better than our current system.

Under a single payer plan:

- Everyone would have the same coverage through the public plan.
- Lower administrative costs, more equitable care.
- More disruptive: limited or no role for private insurance.

Under a public choice model:

- Everyone would have coverage, either through public plan or regulated private insurance.
- Administrative savings as more people enrolled in a public plan but less than single payer.
- More equitable than current system but less than under single payer.
- More market regulation required.
- Less disruptive—individuals and employers could enroll in public plan, or keep private

Shortages and longer waits for elective appointments could occur if either approach is underfunded or payments are set too low. But under our current system, millions already do not have access to affordable care.

ACP examined market-based approaches; none would achieve our vision where everyone has coverage for and access to the care they need, at a cost they and the country can afford.
Better is possible: Invest in Primary Care

- Only between 5% and 10% of health care dollars are spent on primary care, but greater use of primary care is associated with decreased health expenditures, higher patient satisfaction, fewer hospitalizations and emergency department visits, and lower mortality.

- State-level analyses show an association between investment in primary care and reductions in emergency department visits, total hospitalizations, and hospitalizations for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions.

- U.S. markets with larger numbers of primary care physicians have lower costs and higher quality of care.
Better is Possible: Health Care Delivery and Payment

- Value must always be defined with patients and families at the center.

- All patients, families, and caregivers and their clinical care teams [should] be provided with transparent, understandable, actionable, and evidence-based quality, cost, and price information.

- Health care delivery and payment [should] be redesigned to support physician-led, team-based care delivery models.

- There is not a one-size-fits-all approach to reforming delivery and payment systems to increase value, and a variety of approaches should be considered, evaluated, and expanded.

- Prioritize inclusion of underserved patient populations in all value-based payment models.
ACP believes that greater resources must be devoted to addressing environmental health, and that strategies are needed to address, prevent, mitigate, and adapt to the health consequences of climate change.

ACP supports focusing funding priority and policy interventions on promoting critical public health objectives, including but not limited to policies and actions to:

- Reduce smoking and tobacco-related preventable illnesses, including the health risks associated with the growing use of electronic nicotine delivery systems by teenagers.
- Reduce and treat substance use disorders.
- Reduce the rate of maternal mortality in the United States, especially for African American women.
- Reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths.
- Improve access to and the availability of high-quality nutritional food.
ACP Advocates for Changes

ACP advocates for changes that will make a difference in the daily lives of internists and our patients’ health in a variety of ways. Recent policies include:

• Health Information Privacy, Protection, and Use in the Expanding Digital Health Ecosystem

• Policy Recommendations to Promote Prescription Drug Competition

• Policy on Racism and Health: A Comprehensive Policy Framework to Understand and Address Disparities and Discrimination in Health and Health Care

• Policy on Racism and Health: Understanding and Addressing Disparities and Discrimination in Education and in the Physician Workforce

• Prescription Drug and Public Health: Racism and Health in the United States

Read ACP Advocate for in-depth coverage of advocacy and regulatory news

Visit acponline.org/advocacy for more about how ACP is working for you
Lead On ACP: Resources to Help Your Practice
Resources to Help Independent Practices Thrive

A range of resources designed to help practices with the business side of medicine, including:

- Regulatory rules
- Payment and coding
- Enhanced patient care

www.acponline.org/practice-resources/independent-practice-resources
Coding Resources

Online collection of medical coding resources for physicians and office staff pertaining to:

- E/M code changes and implementation
- ICD-10 billing codes
- Videos
- Forms
- Knowledge on how to handle future payment difficulties with Medicaid, Medicare, and private payer insurance
ACP collaborates with other physician organizations representing more than 560,000 physicians and medical students:

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Psychiatric Association
Lead On ACP: Involvement, Engagement, and Opportunities to Connect
161,000 Members Strong. Join Us. We are Stronger Together.

Leveraging the collective voice of our community to create a better place for ourselves, our profession, and our patients through medical education, practice transformation, advocacy, and engagement.

- Established in 1915 as a diverse global community of internists united by a commitment to excellence.
- Includes internists, internal medicine subspecialists, residents and fellows in training, and medical students.
- ACP is the largest medical specialty organization in the U.S. with members in more than 145 countries worldwide.
- There are currently 17 international ACP chapters. More than 19,000 members reside outside the U.S.
Show Your IM Pride

Let the world know that you’re proud to be an internist. Use the #IMProud hashtag and tag ACP with @ACPInternists on social media.

acponline.org/IMProud
ACP: Supporting You During Every Stage of Your Professional Life

- Medical Student Member
- Resident/Fellow Member
- Member
- Fellow
- Physician Affiliate Member
- Non-Physician Affiliate Member (available in the U.S. only)
Membership Growth and Engagement
Goal: Engage more members in College activities and increase ACP membership, value and pride through a focus on members within 5 years of residency graduation.

Valued Professional Identity
Goal: Increase enthusiasm and pride about being an internist, and about the value IM specialists and subspecialists bring to healthcare, through increased visibility.

Innovation and Strategic Alignment
Goal: Align activities and resources with strategic priorities to leverage and enhance ACP’s potential to deliver new, valuable and relevant programs and products.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Goal: Achieve a just, equitable and inclusive culture at ACP by promoting and advancing DEI values through intentional initiatives, policies and actions to be anti-racist.
At a Glance: ACP’s Organizational Structure
Engagement Opportunities with National ACP

• **Fellowship**: Recognizes excellence in the practice of internal medicine and is achieved through professional accomplishments

• **Support the Next Generation of IM**: Recommend internal medicine as career to students, residents

• **Member Forums**: ACP members can instantly engage with colleagues on clinical topics, education and training, and practice issues through online discussions

• **ACP Member Engagement Program**: Enables members to contribute to College activities while providing meaningful opportunities to use current skills and knowledge and to gain new ones
Chapter Member Engagement

Chapter involvement is an opportunity for internists to give back to their community, take part in educational opportunities, help influence state legislation, and network and learn from the experience. Explore the many ways to get involved with chapters.

Micro Volunteer Commitment = several hours
Recognize your peers
• Nominate colleagues for national and local awards
• Help advance Members to Fellowship
• Review resolutions in the spring and fall

Grassroots Engagement
• Write a chapter-sponsored resolution
• Present testimony at the state government level

Moderate Volunteer Commitment = 8-20 hours over a year
Governance/Leadership
• Chapter Meeting Program Committee
• Serve on Committee/Task Force/Workgroup
• Advocacy – lead local delegation in state and/or federal policy

Chapter Meeting(s)/Event(s)
• Abstract Poster Judge/Reviewer
• Meeting Presenter/Speaker
• Host Breakfast/Networking Event
• Host Chapter Story Slam
• Host Wellbeing event
• Doctors Dilemma Question Writer

Significant Volunteer Commitment = 2-4 hours per month over 1-2 years
Governance/Leadership
• Serve on Governor’s Advisory Council
• Committee Chair (Awards, Chapter Meeting, DEI, Health & Public Policy, etc.)
• Treasurer
• Well-being Champion
• Mentorship Opportunity
Chapter Outreach
Join Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)

• Grassroots advocacy network designed to help ACP members engage with federal lawmakers on policy issues important to internists

• AIMn members receive legislative updates and alerts as key policy issues unfold, including sample messages to members of Congress

• Enroll at cqrcengage.com/acplac
IMpower: Focused on residents and fellows-in-training

• A combination of podcasts, self-paced learning modules, chapter articles and ideas for local programs, check-lists/top ten lists, and email

• Non-clinical topics such as decision-making as a resident, financial planning, maintaining well-being during residency, and developing communication skills

• Topics and content specific to the training year

Follow #IMpower to connect with other resident/fellow members
Visit: acponline.org/IMpower
Enhance Your Professional Development

• **ACP Leadership Academy**
  - Formal leadership education courses
  - Free ACP webinar series
  - Certificate of Physician Leadership

• Mentoring and networking at the chapter and national levels

• **ACP Young Achievers Program**

• **Career Connection**, a comprehensive listing of career opportunities for physicians
Financial Services for ACP Members

• **ACP Group Insurance Program:** AGIA Affinity offers Group Insurance options for ACP members, including life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, long-term care, disability income, auto insurance, and homeowners insurance.

• **Student Debt Refinancing Program:** ACP Members can refinance existing private and federal loans through SoFi and are eligible to receive a 0.125% rate discount upon refinancing their student and Parent PLUS loans through sofi.com/ACP.

  [www.acponline.org/membership/additional-membership-benefits](https://www.acponline.org/membership/additional-membership-benefits)
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  instagram.com/annalsofim

  youtube.com/imreport
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