The 2021 awards ceremony will honor six Utah Chapter members: Jeannine Engel, MD MACP is being recognized for her extraordinary service in medicine with advancement to ACP Mastership; Deepika Reddy, MD is being presented with the Laureate Award for her commitment to excellence in medical care and in service to the community; John Doane, MD FACP is being presented with the Volunteerism & Community Award for his distinguished humanitarianism and voluntary contributions in medicine Emily Signor, MD is being presented with the Chapter Advocacy Award in appreciation of her service in health care and public policy; and the Utah ACP; and Ben Harris, MD [R] and Ben Berger[MS] are being recognized for their demonstrated commitment to excellence in medical care, their chapter, and the ACP.

Mastership in the American College of Physicians

ACP Masters have been awarded this extreme honor after being nominated by their peers and then vetted through the Awards Committee for selection due to the excellence and significance of their contributions to medicine as well as their involvement in ACP. Masters are nominated for their personal character, positions of honor, contributions toward furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine. A limited number of Masters are awarded each year.

About Jeannine Z. Engel, MD, MACP

Jeannine Z. Engel, MD MACP is an Associate Professor in the Division of General, Geriatric, Palliative and Hospital Medicine at the University Of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Engel received her Medical Degree from the University of California, San Diego in 1992. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency and a Chief Resident year at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in 1996. She was a member of the Vanderbilt faculty for 15 years prior to moving to Salt Lake City in late 2010, where she joined the faculty at the University of Utah School of Medicine. She relocated to University of Virginia in August 2020. Her career has followed the the winding path of a general internist trained in the 1990s: outpatient primary care, inpatient teaching and non-teaching general medicine wards, outpatient GIM urgent care, cancer urgent care at the Huntsman Cancer Hospital, graduate medical education, undergraduate medical education and curriculum development, billing and coding administration and service on regional and national professional societies. Not all at once, of course! She is known in ACP for teaching the annual coding and billing course at IM for the past 15 years, serving as ACP’s Advisor to the CPT Editorial Panel and a long time member of the Coding and Payent Policy Committee. She and her husband, Mike, a pediatric oncologist, raised three children- Lauren (25), Ben (22) and Jack (19), all functioning adults who still like to come home when not busy with their own lives.

Laureate Award
The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

About Deepika Reddy, MD

Currently, I serve as an associate professor in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Utah. Primary area of clinical interest and expertise is prevention and management of all types of diabetes, and complications of diabetes. I have a specific interest in the adoption of public health methods in clinical care and looking at the role of social determinants of health in management of diabetes. I have been involved in teaching medical students during the pre-clinical years and have worked with medical students to create an ‘exceptional learning experience’ (ELE). The ELE is an outpatient clinical experience in the endocrinology division for 1st and 2nd year medical students. The objectives are to offer a clinical experience that can be conducted virtually, the patients scheduled in this clinic, have had type 1 or type 2 diabetes that is difficult to control. Barriers to care (using social determinants of health questionnaire) are determined and resources offered wherever possible. As program director of the Endocrinology fellowship program I am committed to continuously working on improving clinical and research offerings for the fellows and faculty development opportunities for staff. Finally, I am committed to upholding principles of equity and diversity in my clinic, fellowship program and any other area of University of Utah I am involved in.

Chapter Volunteerism Award

The Chapter Volunteerism Award was developed to recognize the work of members who are involved in volunteerism and community service activities. This award also enables chapters to raise the level of awareness and promote dialogue and action in volunteerism within their regions. Volunteerism, like a commitment to continuing education, is an established tradition for internists.

About John Doane, MD FACP

John Doane received his AB with departmental honors in Human Biology at Stanford University in 1982, subsequently receiving his MD at Wake Forest (Bowman Gray) School of Medicine in 1987. He completed internship and residency at University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals in 1990.

Dr. Doane has served as Medical Director for General Internal Medicine at Clinic 2, E19, and currently at Sugar House GIM. He has a research interest in the diagnosis of hypertension. In addition to private clinic, he precepts Internal Medicine resident continuity clinic. Dr. Doane has had global health experience at Fort Washakie (Arapahoe/Shoshone), Mt. Edgecumbe/Sitka (Tlingit), and Moi Referral and Teaching hospital in Eldoret Kenya. He is a volunteer provider at the Pamela Atkinson Fourth Street clinic.

Chapter Advocacy Award
The Chapter Advocacy award recognizes service in and commitment to in health care and public policy advocacy and in working in the political arena at the local, state, and national levels in support of health care issues. It reflects the time commitment to legislative committees, serving as a key contact physician, working with local and state agencies with reimbursement policy issues, coding, updates, and many other issues that affect the physicians of the state.

About Emily Signor, MD

Emily Signor, MD, is an Assistant Professor within the Division of General Internal Medicine and Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah Hospital. As a Hospitalist, she enjoys helping patients navigate complex acute medical problems, and her specific clinical interests include medical education.

Dr. Signor received her Medical Degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received training in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She served as Chief Medical Resident before joining the Division of General Internal Medicine in 2019.

Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Awards

This award is designed to recognize the work of Resident/Fellow and Medical Student members who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in medical care, their chapter, and the ACP.

About Ben Harris, MD

Ben Harris is a 2nd year University of Utah Internal Medicine Resident who hails from Minnesota. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and then went to medical school at the University of Minnesota. Currently his career plans include a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care, with a special interest in medical education and post-intensive care syndrome (PICS).

Ben brought his family with him out to Salt Lake, which includes his wife Mariah, a nurse at the Huntsman Cancer Institute, and their daughter, Isadora, who is 20 months old. They enjoy hiking in the Cottonwood Canyons, as well as getting out of Salt Lake valley and exploring all of the national parks Utah has to offer

About Ben Berger

Ben Berger is from Salt Lake City, Utah. He studied Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Utah and worked in the Utah Legislature before starting medical school. As a medical student, he has been involved in translational research on platelets in vasculitis, COVID-19 epidemiological research, and in student-led initiatives to bring principles of high-value care to the medical school curriculum. Ben served as member and Co-President of the Utah ACP student section and affiliated Internal Medicine Interest Group under the direction of Dr. Katie Lappé. He looks forward to matching into internal medicine residency this March.
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