As the days of summer wane and the activities of fall loom, I am writing to briefly update you on recent and upcoming activities and items of interest.

**ACP-Wisconsin Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting**

If you haven't already registered, I encourage you to do so now and join your colleagues from around the state in attending the annual scientific meeting which will again be held at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Friday and Saturday, September 9 - 10.

As is our usual pattern, the Friday program is primarily devoted to MOC modules, of which we plan to offer 3 this year, and resident case vignette and poster presentations. This year, we will be offering a discount on the third module. Saturday morning is devoted to a series of presentations of various pertinent topics in various specialties of Internal Medicine. This year, the Saturday afternoon session will be devoted to two public health topics of current intense interest, those being the Health Effects of Gun Violence and the Health Effects of Global Climate Change. Dr. Jonathan Patz, Director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin and a leading authority in the study of the health effects of climate change, will lead off the session. Dr. Nitin Damle, current President of ACP, and Dr. Doug DeLong, current Chair of the Board of Governors, are scheduled to be our visiting representatives from national ACP and will speak in their areas of expertise, global climate change and gun violence respectively, from the ACP policy perspective. They will also present on current ACP activities and policies from resident/fellow and from practicing internist perspectives and will be available during the meeting to discuss issues of interest or concern related to ACP with you personally. Please plan to join us at this meeting, which promises to be both very instructive and very interesting. Please click here to view the brochure for the Chapter meeting.

**ACP Offers Recommendations for Health Insurance Cost Sharing**

ACP released a new position paper, "Addressing the Increasing Burden of Health Insurance Cost Sharing." In the position paper, ACPs asserts that a different cost-sharing approach is needed to ensure that those vulnerable can afford medically necessary care in the face of rising health coverage costs and stagnant wages.

The recommendations in the paper address ways cost sharing can be made more equitable in the private market by reducing overall health care spending; designing insurance plans that allow access to high-value services; enhancing financial subsidies for marketplace-based insurance plans; improving
outreach and health insurance literacy and education; and advocating for updated research on the effects of patient cost sharing.

Opinion Piece on Marketing of Cancer Screening by Healthcare Organizations

I bring your attention to an article in the July 26 issue of JAMA which raises ethical concerns about advertisement of cancer screening of unproven benefit, in this case prostate cancer screening. It is written by one of our chapter members, Paul Bergl, MD. Here is the link to the article, for which you will need a subscription to JAMA to read: http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2536640

Now Available: ACP 2015-2016 Annual Report from the Executive Vice President

I encourage you to review this report to get an understanding of ACP's recent and current activities and priorities and to get a better understanding of the benefits of ACP membership.

Advancement to Fellowship

"Fellowship in the College is an honor. Being an FACP is a distinction earned from colleagues who recognize your accomplishments and achievements over and above the practice of medicine. The most important considerations for ACP Fellowship are excellence and contributions made to both medicine and to the broader community in which the internist lives and practices." The above words are taken from the ACP website. Many of you are eligible for advancement without being aware that you are. I encourage you to review the materials that describe the process of advancement to fellowship, and I encourage you to consider applying for fellowship.

If you have questions about the process, please contact me. If you plan to attend the upcoming Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the process from myself and other officers of the chapter as well as from the visiting college representatives.

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