
Thursday, April 2, 2020
Today at 1pm: NYS DOH COVID-19 Update for Physicians

The NYS Department of Health will host the live “A COVID-19 Update for Healthcare Providers” web streaming/teleconference event today, **Thursday, April 2nd at 1pm** for physicians.

To view the livestream, visit: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/weekly-healthcare-provider-update>

To participate via audio only, please dial: 844.512.2950



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NYACP Requests Critical Care Guidelines and Immunity from Liability from Governor Cuomo for COVID-19 Related Patient Care

On March 25th NYACP sent a letter to Governor Cuomo requesting the promulgation of critical care guidelines by the Department of Health for use in allocating ventilators among patients in the event of shortages, and immunity from liability for physicians following these guidelines. Importantly, decisions related to ventilator allocation that exclude patients from eligibility, triage and prioritize individuals, and/or direct patients to be extubated are medical determinations that may run counter to current standards of care. [An article in today's NY Times reviews the issues and references the NYACP Letter.](#)

NYACP is grateful to Governor Cuomo for his leadership and for immunities from civil liability granted in [Executive Order 202.10](#) which was issued on March 23rd. However, criminal and professional liability, as well as liability for deviating from current standards of care, are not specifically included in the Executive Order.

The NYACP March 25th letter hopes to open a dialogue with Governor Cuomo's office to address these concerns.

[Read the Letter Here](#)



MLMIC Announces Coverage Continuation for Returning Physicians Volunteering to Battle COVID-19

As part of MLMIC's ongoing support of the medical community as it takes on COVID-19, any retired physician returning to volunteer and aide in the COVID-19 efforts who was last insured by MLMIC prior to their retirement will have **access to professional liability coverage without requiring any new premium.**

The same policy benefits and coverages will be provided as when the volunteering physician was actively practicing medicine and last insured with MLMIC.

Retired physicians who were last insured by MLMIC and choose to volunteer should simply call **(800) ASK-MLMIC** or click [here](#).

Other important messaging for MLMIC policyholders can be found on [NYACP's website](#).

ACP's Call for Nominations - Potential Governor-Elect Candidates

The ACP national office will be conducting two Governor-Elect elections in New York. Each of the two Local Nominations Committees (LNC) will be responsible for identifying up to two candidates who are willing and able to serve a four-year term (April 2022 - April 2025).

ACP is looking for dynamic leaders who **exhibit integrity, show commitment to the College and demonstrate dedication to the Chapter and the medical community.** The successful candidate will work with Chapter members and with leaders in internal medicine at the national level. A Governor typically spends several hours per week on College Business with the support of executive administrative staff. Serving as an ACP Governor can be an extremely rewarding and life changing experience. [View Governor Job Responsibilities](#)

Only ACP Masters and Fellows are eligible for consideration. If you or someone you know is interested, has a mailing address on file with ACP that falls into one of the below NYACP Regions, please send possible candidate name, email address and phone number to Loretta Ponesse - lponesse@nyacp.org. Self-nominations are welcome.

Donna Seminara, MD, MACP will serve as Chair of the LNC for NYACP's Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island Region which includes the following districts:

- Brooklyn
- Queens
- Staten Island

Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP will serve as Chair of the LNC for NYACP's Upstate Region which includes the following districts:

- Syracuse
- Southern Tier
- Rochester
- Buffalo

All potential candidate information must be submitted by Monday, April 20, 2020 - lponesse@nyacp.org.

DANY Application Deadline Extended Until May 7, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic in NYS and the response required by physicians, the deadline for the Doctors Across New York (DANY) Loan Repayment and Physician Practice Support Program Cycle VII has been extended. **The new deadline for all applications is 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2020.**

The DANY Program helps train and place primary care physicians and specialists in underserved communities to care for New York's diverse populations. All new awards require a 3-year service obligation in exchange for maximum funding in the amount of \$120,000.

For more information, visit the [NYS Department of Health website](#).

Residents and Medical Students Call for Papers

We understand you are busy and overwhelmed during this crisis. The Chapter is sensitive to your situation. We wanted you to know that we are here for you, listening, and if you worked on an abstract prior to the pandemic, we're going to keep the competition open until July 24, 2020.

[All Details Here](#)

CMS Waivers:

Patients over Paperwork and Telehealth: CMS Issues Temporary Waivers/Rules

- [Press Release](#)
- [CMS COVID-19 Waivers Page](#)
- [Summary of Waivers](#)

- [CMS Flexibilities for Physicians](#)
 - [CMS Flexibilities for Home Health](#)
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ACP's Comprehensive Coronavirus Resources, available at www.acponline.org/novel-coronavirus

ACP is committed to doing everything possible to help internists prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 virus to ensure that our patients get the care they need.

The resources on the [regularly updated webpage](#) include:

- Educational resources, including ACP's "[Novel Coronavirus: A Physician's Guide](#)"
- Podcasts
- Resources on Telehealth including ACP's New Curriculum, [Telemedicine: A Practical Guide for Incorporation into your Practice](#), and ACP's [Telehealth Coding and Billing Practice Management Tips](#)
- The collection of [Annals of Internal Medicine content](#)
- [Advocacy and Regulatory letters and statements](#)

These resources are meant to assist internists seeking to prepare and manage their response. ACP will continue to update this page with resources developed by ACP and other organizations.
