

April 18, 2019

Chapter News

ACP Leaders Meet in Philadelphia for Spring 2019 Board of Governors Meeting

On April 9-11, 2019, ACP Chapter leaders from across the country and abroad met in Philadelphia to discuss current issues of importance in healthcare and review governance policies of the ACP. These meetings are a chance for all ACP Chapters to discuss timely issues, concerns, and priorities, and to act on resolutions in addressing such issues.



Three resolutions from New York were acted upon: The first two: (1) *Determining the Average Costs to Medical Practices of Use of Health Information Technology, EHR Enhancements, and Improved Interoperability*, and *Protecting Physicians from These Costs* and (2) *Advocating for Group Medical Visit Reimbursement Provided via Telehealth* were amended and adopted. The third, *Amending the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)*, was referred for study - meaning that it will be researched over the next year and brought back at next year's Board of Governors meeting.

If you want to learn more about the resolution process and how to submit, please visit [NYACP's Resolutions Page](#).

ACP Convocation & NY Chapter Reception: New Masters, Fellows, Awardees

The Convocation of the American College of Physicians is an annual ceremony where the College recognizes and applauds its new Masters, Fellows, and Awards recipients. It is a ceremony of tradition, transition, renewal, and celebration.

These individuals have been recognized by their peers for outstanding medical scholarship and professional achievement. The ceremony allows new Fellows to march in full regalia.





This year, there were five New York new ACP Masters and several Award winners. The new Masters were: **Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP**; **Andrew Dunn, MD, MACP**; **Linda Efferen, MD, MACP**, **John LaRosa, MD, MACP**; and **Donna Seminara, MD, MACP**.

Ruth Weinstock, MD, FACP was awarded the **Samuel Eichold II Memorial Award for Contributions in Diabetes**; Joseph Fins, MD, MACP was awarded the **Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine ("Davies Award")**; and John LaRosa, MD, MACP was awarded the **John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work**

in Clinical Medicine.

After convocation, NYACP held a reception to honor Award recipients and new Masters & Fellows. The reception was co-sponsored by eight medical schools in New York: **Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NYU Langone Medical Center, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Stony Brook University Hospital, University of Rochester Medicine - Highland Hospital, SUNY Upstate Medical University, New York/Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital - Weill Cornell Medical College, and the Donald & Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra / Northwell.**

Pictures from this event are available on the [NY Chapter's Facebook page](#).

NYACP Weekend Board Review Recap

On April 5-7, NYACP held the first of two Weekend Board Review sessions for 2019 at Rochester General Hospital. With Residents preparing to take their Board exams for the first time and Physicians needing to recertify for the ABIM IM Boards, it was a packed auditorium with over 50 in attendance. The team of Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP, Chris Paras, DO, FACP, and Niket Sonpal, MD, FACP were on site to deliver the high yield - material to help attendees pass their boards or recertify.



Some testimonials from attendees:

"Excellent knowledge, teaching and emphasis"

"Great course - very entertaining - loved it"

"I will return before 2026 internal board recertification!"

If you missed the Rochester Course, there will be another course in Buffalo, New York from June 14-16.

[Read More Here](#) • [Register Online](#)



New York Doctor's Dilemma Team Advances to Semi-Finals

New York Chapter's Rochester Regional Health/Unity Hospital team won NYACP's Doctor's Dilemma in February and was sent by the Chapter to the National Competition. They won the first round of the National Competition to advance to the semi-finals, but unfortunately did not advance any further.

Congratulations to **Adeel Arshad, MD, Sandrine Hanna, MD, and Pratyusha Tirumanisetty, MBBS** from Rochester/Unity Hospital for representing New York! We are very proud of you!

[Read more here>>](#)

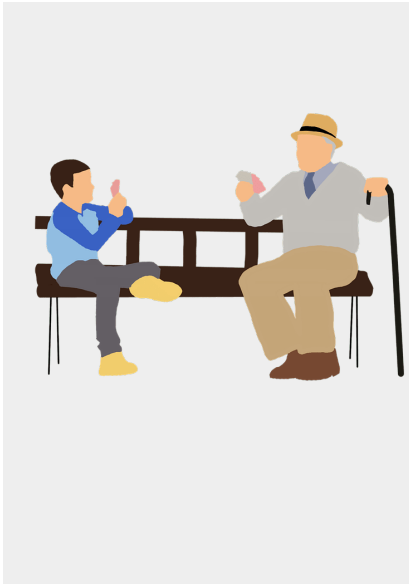
Volunteers Wanted



Have You Ever Led A Volunteering Effort? The Chapter Wants to Know!

NYACP would like to celebrate the impact of volunteer service! The Chapter's newly-formed Volunteer Committee is seeking examples of members (and their families) who have participated in or led volunteer activities that benefit their community, align with NYACP values and provide personal and professional satisfaction and well-being. Please tell us, in 100 words or less, about your successful volunteer efforts. Be sure to include written permission to share the information on the NYACP website and in our Your Chapter in Action Newsletter. Email the information to Amanda Allen, at aallen@nyacp.org, who staffs this Committee.

Practice Management



National Healthcare Decisions Week is This Week. Be Prepared.

NYACP, along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), and the week of April 15-22 as National Healthcare Decisions Week. [New York specific resources can be found on the NY Department of Health website.](#)

[Read more here>>](#)



Cost Conversations: 3 Time-Saving Tips

A one minute cost conversation can have a powerful effect on physician/patient relationships, medication adherence and outcomes. Yet, at a short visit with a complex patient, one minute may feel like an eternity. So it's no surprise that time is considered a major barrier for implementation. Click the link to read three tips that other practices have used to overcome the time barrier and implement cost conversations into their workflow:

[Read the 3 tips here>>](#)

ACP's Assessment on Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines

Article courtesy of Annals of Internal Medicine

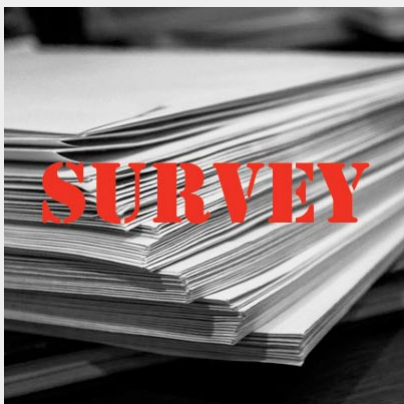
In the April 9 issue of Annals of Internal Medicine, the American College of Physicians (ACP) Clinical Guidelines Committee presents its assessment of the quality and content of 7 English-language guidelines for breast cancer screening. The results of the assessment are 4 guidance statements that provide clarity and simplicity amidst differing recommendations while

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highlighting important points for physicians to consider in shared decision-making conversations with their patients about routine breast cancer screening.

[You can read the abstract and full text here.](#)

Advocacy



Help Drive ACP's New Vision for Health Care

ACP's Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) and Medical Practice and Quality Committee (MPQC) are working on a series of new policy papers outlining our vision for the future of America's health care system. Important topics include coverage and cost of care, delivery system and payment reforms, and breaking down barriers to accessing care.

ACP encourages members to participate in a [survey](#) to help gather input on proposed plans for improving health care in the U.S. for all Americans.

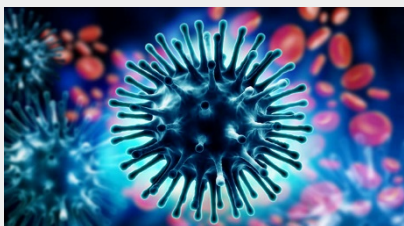
You must have your ACP username and password to log into the [survey](#). Instructions for your username and resetting password are in the survey link.



Get Involved in Effecting Change with the NYACP Resolutions Process

The Resolutions Process is a mechanism for grassroots involvement in the affairs and policy discussions of the College and Chapter. Members who have an interest are encouraged to actively participate by submitting a short synopsis of the challenge to your practice and a proposed solution. Resolutions can address ACP/NYACP policy and also state and federal health policy issues. You may submit your resolutions at any time online.

[Visit the NYACP Resolutions page to learn more and to access the online submission form.](#)



NY Department of Health Influenza Surveillance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza and produces this weekly report during the influenza season (October through the following May).

During the week ending April 6, 2019:

- There were **4,521** laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, a **14% decrease** over the previous week. .
- Of the **2,810** specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, **540 (19.22%)** were positive for influenza. **535** were for influenza A, and **5** were influenza B.
- Of the **67** specimens submitted to the Wadsworth Center, **63** were positive for influenza. **28** were influenza A (H1), **32** were influenza A (H3), **2** were influenza A (Not Subtyped), and **1** was influenza B (Victoria).
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was **777**, a **14% decrease** over last week.

[Read the entire report here.](#)

Education



NYACP Event

Weekend Board Review Buffalo -

Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits!

Friday, June 14- Sunday, June 16, 2019

**University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine
and Biomedical Sciences**

[Register Online](#) • [Brochure](#)



SAVE-THE-DATE!!

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Hilton Westchester Hotel

699 Westchester Ave • Rye Brook, NY 10573

More information will be Available soon!

Co-Sponsored Events



Co-Sponsored with the NYU School of Medicine

Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reductions:

Improving Treatment for Patients with Diabetes

Offering 7.5 Hours of AMA PRA Category I Credits™

Thursday, May 9, 2019

NYU Langone Health

Alumni Hall • 550 First Avenue • New York, NY 10016

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Member Benefit



Auto Insurance Reduction Course - Save 10%!

NYACP continues to offer a 6-hour Insurance and Point Reduction Course that is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and available to Chapter members, their families, office staff and friends.

This convenient online member benefit allows registered "students" the ability to start and finish the course within 30 days for only \$42.00. The benefit includes a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance (liability, no-fault and collision) and up to 4 points off of your driving record (if applicable).

[Find out more and register here!](#)

Career Link

4.12.19: New Job Posting!

Internal Medicine Physicians

Emblem Health/AdvantageCare Physicians of New York



AdvantageCare Physicians is the largest physician led outpatient medical office in the New York Metropolitan Area. With 36 medical offices in the Brooklyn, Long Island, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island, we aspire to be the preferred care destination for our patients and the communities we serve. This vision is accomplished through focusing our care on the needs of our patients as we partner with them in the pursuit of better health. Each and every day, our actions should be guided by these principles as we interact with our patients, each other and our communities.

The values that drive the AdvantageCare Physicians culture include a caring attitude, quality focus, collaboration, excellence and good citizenship. By integrating these behaviors into our day-to-day operations, we can deliver the highest quality healthcare

while also creating positive patient experiences. We are seeking Board Eligible/Board Certified Internal Medicine physicians to complement our collegial teams throughout New York City and the boroughs.

For position information, contact Susan Scherr at sscherr@emblemheath.com.
