

**July 8, 2014**

## News

*Your Chapter in Action* is a streamlined communication distributed every two weeks to members of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Each communication is focused on the Chapter's three core missions: **Education, Advocacy and Quality Improvement** and provides you with resources, tools and ways to connect. For more information or direct discussion of any issue listed - call our office at 518-427-0366.

## Education

### **NYACP Weekend Board Review Course - earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**

The NYACP Weekend Board Review Course will earn you up to **27 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**! Below is the day by day schedule of topics. Chapter members who are preparing for Board Recertification or first-time Certification can take advantage of this unique IM Board Review course before the August 2014 exam. Based upon recommendations from Chapter members who have attended previous Board Review courses, the weekend class is being offered over 3 days (Friday-Sunday). Registration will begin at 7:30 am each day. You can choose to go to one, two or all three days, please indicate on your registration form.



#### Friday August 1, 2014

8:00 am Internal Medicine  
 10:00 am Break  
 10:15 am Neurology  
 12:45 pm Lunch  
 1:15 pm Cardiology  
 3:45 pm Break  
 4:00 pm Nephrology  
 6:00 pm Session Adjourns

#### Saturday, August 2, 2014

8:00 am Gastroenterology  
 10:30 am Break  
 10:45 am Hematology  
 1:15 pm Lunch  
 1:45 pm Oncology  
 3:45 pm Break  
 4:00 pm Infectious Disease  
 6:30 pm Session Adjourns

#### Sunday, August 3, 2014

8:00 am Pulmonary  
 10:30 am Break  
 10:45 am Endocrinology  
 1:15 pm Lunch  
 1:45 pm Rheumatology  
 4:15 pm Break  
 4:30 pm Dermatology  
 5:30 pm Session Adjourns

#### Location

**Lenox Hill Hospital**  
**100 East 77th Street**  
**New York, NY 10065**  
**Room : Theater**

#### Faculty

Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP  
 Chris Paras, DO  
 Niket Sonpal, MD

**CME Accreditation:**

The American College of Physicians is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Physicians designates this educational activity for a maximum of **27 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Registration Information:**

The registration fee for the three day program is \$540 per member, which includes all materials, continental breakfast and lunch, or you can choose to attend one day only for \$200 per day. Residency Programs sending multiple residents can contact the Chapter to find out about special registration pricing for five or more residents from the same training program, please contact Karen Tucker at [ktucker@nyacp.org](mailto:ktucker@nyacp.org). Registrants will be responsible for making their own hotel and travel plans. For more information, contact the Chapter office at 518-427-0366.

**To Register:**

Online: [Register Here](#)

By Mail or Fax: [Download Brochure](#)

**Mail or Fax:**

NYACP

744 Broadway

Albany, NY 12207

or

Fax form to: 518-427-1991

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## ***Practice Management***

**New York State Dept. of Health - Measles Advisory Alert**

A total of 477 confirmed measles cases have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) nationwide as of 6/13/2014, surpassing the highest reported yearly total of measles cases since measles was eliminated in the U.S. Sixteen outbreaks throughout the U.S. have accounted for 84% of the cases reported. This includes an outbreak in Ohio with 316 cases to date, the largest single outbreak reported in the U.S. since 2000. The large number of cases this year emphasizes the need for health-care providers to have a heightened awareness of the potential for measles in their communities and the importance of vaccination to prevent measles.

[Read Alert Here!](#)

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Webinar Video Presentations Available**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has posted three new video recordings of the webinars hosted by the Philadelphia Regional Office earlier this year. The presentations include: **the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), the Value-based Payment Modifier, and the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive programs**. The links to the videos are listed below and can be found on the CMS MLNConnects YouTube page.

**Title:** CMS Physician Quality Reporting System: What Medicare Eligible Professionals Need to Know in 2014 [http://youtu.be/-P0ya\\_YbLMw](http://youtu.be/-P0ya_YbLMw)

**Title:** The CMS Value-Based Payment Modifier: What Medicare Eligible Professionals Need to Know in 2014 [http://youtu.be/\\_E4O3ZIMfbw](http://youtu.be/_E4O3ZIMfbw)

**Title:** Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs: What Medicare & Medicaid Providers Need to Know in 2014 <http://youtu.be/wqbej222Lbs>

### **Amendment of Workers' Compensation Treatment Guidelines for Non-Acute Pain Now Available for Comment**

The Board proposes amendment to 12 NYCRR 324.2 to add a Non-Acute Pain volume to the Medical Treatment Guidelines (Guidelines) and update the existing Guidelines to reflect current medical practice and to ensure consistency with the Non-Acute Pain Guidelines. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the June 4, 2014, edition of the [State Register](#)<sup>28</sup>. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted for 45 days. To obtain information about or submit written comments, contact: Heather M. MacMaster, Associate Attorney, Workers' Compensation Board, 328 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305-2318, telephone: (518) 486-9564, e-mail: [regulations@wcb.ny.gov](mailto:regulations@wcb.ny.gov).

- [Text](#)
- [Regulatory Impact Statement](#)
- [Regulatory Flexibility Analysis](#)
- [Rural Area Flexibility Analysis](#)
- [Job Impact Statement](#)
- [Non-Acute Pain Guidelines](#)
- [Summary of Changes](#)

### **SMART MEDICINE - Free Clinical Decision Support for ACP Members!**

As a member of the American College of Physicians, practice management tools are just a click away. ACP's Smart Medicine is a FREE clinical decision support tool which provides immediate access to hundreds of evidence-based recommendations on diagnosis, therapy, prevention, screening and more. ACP Smart Medicine is optimized for mobility by automatically adapting to whatever device you are using. Modules are updated as new practice-changing guidelines and recommendations are released.

For more information go to:

[http://www.acponline.org/clinical\\_information/smart\\_medicine/](http://www.acponline.org/clinical_information/smart_medicine/)

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## ***Quality***

### **ACP's High Value Care Coordination Toolkit**

ACP's [High Value Care Coordination Toolkit](#) is designed to facilitate more effective and patient-centered communication between primary care and subspecialist doctors.

The High Value Care Coordination Toolkit includes 5 components:

1. a checklist of information to include in a generic referral to a subspecialist practice;
2. a checklist of information to include in a subspecialist's response to a referral request;
3. pertinent data sets reflecting specific information in addition to that found on a

- generic referral request to include in a referral for a number of specific common conditions to help ensure an effective and high-value engagement;
4. model care coordination agreement templates between primary care and subspecialty practices and between a primary care practice and hospital care team;
  5. an outline of recommendations to physicians on preparing a patient for a referral in a patient- and family-centered manner. Go to <http://hvc.acponline.org/physres.html> to find out more.

ACP's [Online High Value Care Cases](#) provide guidance on how to eliminate unnecessary healthcare costs while improving patient outcomes. The cases offer free online CME, and have been approved by ABIM for 13 MOC medical knowledge points and patient safety credit. Go to [http://hvc.acponline.org/physres\\_cases.html](http://hvc.acponline.org/physres_cases.html) to find out more.

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