

*October 23, 2015*

## ***Practice Management***

### **Recruit-a-Colleague from ACP Rewards Members with Dues Credits**

The American College of Physicians and the *New York Chapter* are asking members to help strengthen the organization by recommending ACP membership to colleagues. By joining the College, your colleagues will enrich their clinical knowledge and skills and have access to all of the ACP and Chapter member benefits that you enjoy.

To thank you for your dedication to our organization, ACP offers incentives to members and their chapters for recruiting new members through the Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter (RACC) Rewards Program.

The [RACC Program](#) rewards successful individual recruiters with dues credits for each new full Member or Physician Affiliate member recruited and a chance to win a trip to the annual Internal Medicine meeting. In addition, the RACC Program also provides rewards to the recruiter's chapter.

The 2015-16 Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter Rewards Program runs until March 1, 2016.

To participate, simply forward or hand a membership application (found at [www.acponline.org/racc](http://www.acponline.org/racc)) to your colleagues. **To qualify for the program, your name must be listed on the recruiter line of the application, and the form must include the code "RACC".** *We suggest you print the form and add that information to get credit!*

Your help with membership recruitment is a win-win for all!

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### **Resources to Assist with Meaningful Use and EHR Challenges**

While the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) already have online resources addressing many meaningful use and EHR concerns, a new form gives physicians a place to share their certified health IT-related issues with the federal government if they cannot find a resolution within existing ONC resources.

The ONC asks that physicians describe their issues relating to these areas when they complete the form:

- ONC health IT certification
- Information blocking
- Health IT safety
- Usability
- Privacy and security
- Clinical quality measures

While the ONC may not always be able to step in and fix the problem, they may be able to help in other ways, such as beginning a dialogue between physicians and their EHR vendors/developers. Submitting concerns to the ONC also helps the agency better understand the extent of problems as they work with other federal agencies to develop solutions.

[To use the form, click here](#)

## Medical Marijuana Education Program from New York State Department of Health Now Live!



The New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce the availability of the online 4-hour medical use of marijuana education course. Practitioners who wish to register with the Department and certify their patients for the Medical Marijuana Program must do the following:

- Be qualified, by training or experience, to treat patients with one or more of the serious conditions eligible for medical marijuana;
- Be licensed, in good standing as a physician and practicing medicine, as defined in article one hundred thirty one of the Education Law, in New York State;
- Possess a Health Commerce System (HCS) Medical Professions Account user ID and password;
- Possess an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number; and
- Complete the four hour Department-approved medical use of marijuana course.

Please visit the Department of Health [web page](#) for additional information on the program. The DOH Approved Medical Marijuana Educational Program page can be found [here](#).

The online course will be provided by [The Answer Page](#), an established online medical education provider. The course content was created by physicians with contributions from academicians and will be fully referenced. The course will include the following topics:

- The pharmacology of marijuana;
- contraindications;
- side effects and adverse reactions;
- overdose prevention, drug interactions, dosing, abuse and dependence;
- routes of administration, risks and benefits;
- warnings and precautions.

The cost to take the course is \$249, and practitioners will earn 4.5 hours of CME credit upon successful completion.

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## NYACP Presents Career Link - Serving as the Bridge Between Physicians and Career Opportunities

On Tuesday, October 20, NYACP re-launched its Career Link page, a fantastic opportunity for employers to post open positions to prospective job seekers. In addition, those looking for employment can post their contact information for employers and head hunters to contact them.

Job listings and contacts for those seeking jobs will be posted on a monthly basis.

In placing a job listing, \$100 per month includes:

- A listing up to 200 words
- Featured in 2 issues of Chapter eNewsletter
- Exposure to over 12,000 NYACP Members
- Logos included

You can find the Career Link page [here](#).  
[Download the flyer](#) | [Complete the online form](#)

# Education

## Webinars

- **E-Prescribing Preparedness**  
Thursday, October 29, 2015, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT: [Register Here](#)  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST: [Register Here](#)  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 8:00 am - 9:00 am EST: [Register Here](#)
- **Physician Guide to the Supervision of Physician Assistants**  
Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EST: [Register Here](#)

## District Meetings

- **NYACP Hudson Valley Central District Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 • 6:00pm Registration / 6:30pm Dinner and Educational Program  
(1) Treatment for Hepatitis C: New Tests, New Drugs & New Recommendations  
(2) Addiction Medicine Basics with a Focus on Opioid Dependence  
Ship Lantern Inn Restaurant • 1725 Route 9W, Milton NY 12547  
1-Hour CME Category I Credits™  
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)
- **NYACP Hudson Valley Capital District Meeting**  
Saturday, October 31, 2015 • 8:30am - 12:30pm  
(1) Treatment for Hepatitis C: New Tests, New Drugs & New Recommendations  
(2) ACP Wellness Champions Initiative  
(3) Stress and Burnout Survey: The Physician Soul  
(4) Balancing Professional Career and Personal Life: An Interactive Conversation  
The Desmond Hotel • 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12211  
1-Hour CME Category I Credits™  
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)
- **NYACP Hudson Valley South District Meeting**  
Thursday, November 19, 2015 • 6:00pm Registration / 6:30pm Dinner and Educational Program  
(1) Treatment for Hepatitis C: New Tests, New Drugs & New Recommendations  
(2) Addiction Medicine Basics with a Focus on Opioid Dependence  
1-Hour CME Category I Credits™  
Lusardi's Restaurant • 1885 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont NY 10538  
1-Hour CME Category I Credits™  
[Event Flyer](#)

## NYS Health Commissioner's Medical Grand Rounds

- **Ending The Epidemic**  
*End the HIV Epidemic by the End of 2020*  
*This course is available online at any time and worth 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*  
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)
- **Sepsis Syndrome 2015**  
Thursday, November 5, 2015 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute • 666 Elm Street, Buffalo, NY  
*Registration is free. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be served.*  
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)