

**December 7, 2018**

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## *Chapter News*

### **NYACP Announces the Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP Advocacy Internship**

The Chapter will be honoring the memory of Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, former Governor and leader of NYACP who passed on September 5th, by changing the very popular and educational Advocacy Internship to the "Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, Advocacy Internship."

This internship, which began almost 16 years ago, allows between 4 and 6 medical student students and residents to spend a month rotating in Albany with our Executive Director researching policy, reviewing proposed legislation, meeting with regulators and legislators and understanding how to best represent patient interests as healthcare policy is formulated. To date we have had 45 students and residents rotate through this program. With Steve's passion for education and advocacy and his years mentoring students and residents, our Executive Committee felt this would be an appropriate tribute.

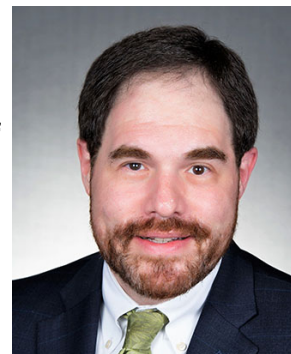
We would like to offer any member or leader the opportunity to contribute to a fund that has been established to support the "Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, Advocacy Internship." You can send a check, payable to New York ACP Services Inc. to 744 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207, attention Linda Lambert with a notation that it is for the Walerstein Advocacy Internship or [use this link to make an online contribution with your credit card](#). Names of all who make a donation in any amount will be listed as supporters of the Steven Walerstein Advocacy Internship, and his family will be notified of your generosity.

All who knew Steve will remember his tireless efforts on behalf of our profession and his passion for medicine and teaching. We appreciate your contributions to the Chapter to allow Steve's spirit to live on.

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## NYACP Hudson Valley Region Governor Election Results

**Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP has been elected by the members of the Hudson Valley Region to serve as NYACP Hudson Valley Governor in 2020.**



Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP, is the Director of Ambulatory Care and Palliative Care, as well as the Associate Program Director of Internal Medicine for Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital (MNR). He has been an active participant in ACP and the New York Chapter for over a decade, serving as the Hudson Valley South District Councilor, a judge for several Poster Competitions, as well as being a member of the Pain Management Task Force. In addition, he was awarded the NY Chapter Laureate Award in 2017 for outstanding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and service to the community and the College. Dr. Pomerantz will start his term as Governor-elect after the Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia, PA on April 10, 2019. Dr. Pomerantz will take office as Governor in April of 2020.

We want to acknowledge Kelly Ramsey, MD, FACP, for her leadership and willingness to be nominated, and to run for this role. We applaud her for her past and continuing service to the Chapter. She is the Medical Director for Substance Use Disorders at HRHCare. As a leader in ACP and NYACP, she has been a member of the Health and Public Policy Committee, the Pain Management Task Force, and received the NY Chapter Laureate Award in 2017. She currently serves as the Councilor for the Hudson Valley Region-at-Large, and will be leading the buprenorphine training course for the Chapter in February 2019.

Please join us in congratulating both Dr. Pomerantz and Dr. Ramsey for their dedication and continuing commitment to their colleagues.

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## *Practice Management*

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### **Opportunities for Financial Sustainability for Behavioral Health Integration Into Physician Practices**

With the increasing emphasis on total cost of care and BH Integration being included in many reform initiatives (DSRIP, NYSPCMH, MIPS/MACRA), physicians are looking for ways to address BH issues in their practices. **Historically, the reimbursement for BH Integration has been lacking, making sustainability difficult, but recent changes at the state and federal level provide additional reimbursement for primary care practices providing evidence-based integrated care.**

[Read more here >>](#)



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### **Medications: A Practical Way to Get Comfortable with Cost Conversations**

Are cost conversations still uncomfortable and awkward? Starting with a familiar topic is a practical way to make these conversations comfortable for physicians, staff and patients.

So, let's start with medications! The review and reconciliation of medication lists is already a familiar and necessary routine during visits. Cost concerns can be uncovered by making a simple shift in the types of questions being asked.

[Read more here >>](#)

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### **New Federal Legislation Addresses Opioid Crisis: Are You Ready for the Changes?**



The SUPPORT Act is a wide-reaching federal law addressing many issues intrinsic to tackling opioid use disorder—including treatment, research, funding and reporting. This alert highlights changes that impact health care providers, pharmaceutical companies, laboratories and pharmacies.

[Read more here >>](#)

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### **CMS: Program Year 2017 Open Payments Data Available for Review and Dispute Through December 31, 2018**



On June 29, 2018 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published Program Year 2017 Open Payments data along with updated and newly submitted data from previous program years (2013-2016). Program Year 2017 data and newly submitted payment records are actively available for review and dispute through December 31, 2018. [You can learn more about reviewing and disputing public data here.](#)

[Read more about the Open Payments Data here >>](#)

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## Access to Quality and Resource Use, PQRS Feedback Reports Available Until December 31, 2018



The final performance period for the Value Modifier and Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) programs was 2016 and the final payment adjustment year is 2018, and these reports will no longer be available after the end of 2018. All Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs) and Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Feedback Reports provided under these programs will remain available for download until December 31, 2018.

[Read more here >>](#)



## Updates to the ACP Physician and Practice Timeline

The Physician and Practice Timeline is an online tool to help physicians stay on top of important dates and track deadlines for a variety of regulatory, payment, educational, and delivery system changes, requirements and opportunities.

[Read more here >>](#)

## Education



### NYACP Brooklyn District Event - *earn up to 1 CME Credit!* **Improve Your Position: A Path Toward Interoperability and Practice Transformation**

**Date:** December 12, 2018

**Scottadito Osteria Toscana**  
788A Union Street • Brooklyn, NY

**6:30pm:** Registration

**7:00pm:** Dinner and Educational Program

[Register Here](#) • [View the Flyer](#)



**NYACP Queens District Event -  
earn up to 1 CME Credit!  
Improve Your Position: A Path Toward  
Interoperability and Practice Transformation**

**Date:** December 13, 2018

**Vetro's Restaurant**

164-49 Cross Bay Boulevard • Howard Beach, NY

**6:30pm:** Registration

**7:00pm:** Dinner and Educational Program

[Register Here](#) • [View the Flyer](#)



**Chapter Sponsored Event:  
Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training**

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2019  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Desmond Hotel**

660 Albany Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211

[Register Online](#)



**SAVE-THE-DATE!!  
NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting  
Saturday, October 12, 2019**

*More information will be Available soon!*



**Commissioner's Grand Rounds:  
The Science of Aging and Alzheimer's**

Friday, December 14th, 2018

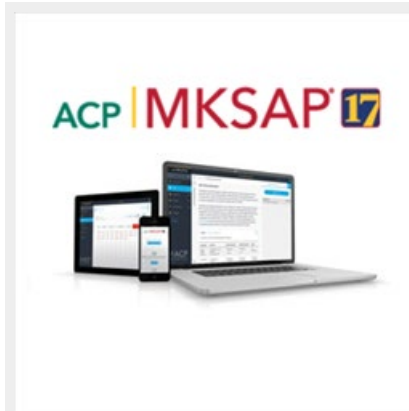
2:30pm -4:30pm

Brass Chandelier Room • Monroe Community Hospital  
435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14620

[Click here to register to attend in-person or via live webinar.](#)

## Member Benefits

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### Submission for CME/MOC Credit on MKSAP 17 Part B is Expiring 12/31/18

You can earn up to 103 CME AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for completing all of the 5 MKSAP 17 Part B sections (Endocrinology and Metabolism, General Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine) by December 31, 2018. If you are registered for Maintenance of Certification with the American Board of Internal Medicine, you can use MKSAP 17 to apply for 103 MOC points.

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