



NYACP

New York Chapter American College of Physicians

Advancing Internal Medicine and Improving Patient Care

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Your Chapter in Action!

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.

Advocacy in Action - This week at the Capital

Your NYACP had a very busy week in Albany.

The Health and Public Policy Committee (HPP) met from five locations via videoconference to address a variety of topics including:



- Quality priorities and core measures advisory groups
- Resolutions regarding stem cell therapies, dispensing pharmaceuticals from physician practices, addressing payment for brands due to generic medication recalls and restoration of payment for use of off label medications
- Active committee reports and collaboratives including the NYC Hypertension Initiative
- An overview of active legislative issues including those within the current NYS budget process

Meetings between our lobbying staff/advocacy intern and Legislators were held to express items of importance in the State budget. Issues supported include proposed fee for service increases for E & M primary care codes under Medicaid, support for continued DANY funding, support for Tobacco 21 and further prohibitions on e-cigarettes. Concerns regarding the proposal for recreational (adult) use of marijuana and concern over proposed bills to allow children to enter public schools without proper immunizations were also covered

A meeting hosted by the Chapter with other interested specialty societies, MSSNY and representatives of the New York State Department of Health was held to discuss the Electronic Death Registry System, its operation, access, challenges in use and the benefits/value of adequate data collection.

Department of Health: Digital Health Cyber Security Summit



On Monday March 3, NYACP participated in the second meeting of the Department of Health (DOH) sponsored Digital Health Cyber Security Summit. This workgroup is a joint venture between the State government, various healthcare entities from across the state, and professional associations. The goal of this group is to devise best practices for cybersecurity in healthcare.

According to DOH officials, there were as many cyberattacks on healthcare organizations in the first 10 days of March 2019 as there were between January and March in 2018. This is due to the immense collection of data held by hospitals and insurance companies.

Billing and insurance information can be used for identity theft and fraud, while personal medical information can be used for blackmail or targeted phishing scams. This is in addition to patient safety issues that can arise when electronic health record systems are down.

At this meeting, the participants divided into three work groups, each with specific goals for addressing an identified area of the cybersecurity threat. The working groups included:

Incident Reporting: work on the process by which healthcare organizations can work with the state to manage cybersecurity breakdowns should they arise.

Cross Sector Engagement: work on how healthcare organizations can communicate common threats to provide a collaborative approach to cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity Toolkit: provide resources by which healthcare organizations of all sizes can prepare for cyber threats including best practices for vendor selection, cyber-hygiene, testing of cybersecurity capabilities, and buying cybersecurity insurance.

NYACP's role in this collaboration is to generate and disseminate resources which will allow practices to easily address their cybersecurity needs, assess areas which could use improvement, and make practices familiar with the existing support infrastructure available when a cybersecurity threat arises. While our Executive Director serves on

this workgroup, any member that would like to be considered for this workgroup should contact Heather Bennett at hbennett@nyacp.org

Stay tuned for future editions of YCIA for more updates from this workgroup.

Practice Management

MIPS Year 2 (2018) Data for the Quality Payment Program Must Be Submitted by April 2

The data submission deadline for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) is two weeks away for eligible clinicians who participated in Year 2 (2018) of the Quality Payment Program.



Data can be submitted and updated any time **until 8:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.**

CMS Web Interface users need to report their Quality performance category data by **8:00 p.m. EST on March 22, 2019.** Physicians who reported Quality measures via Medicare Part B claims can sign in to qpp.cms.gov to view current performance based on claims that have been processed by your Medicare Administrative Contractor.

If you are working with a third-party intermediary to submit data on your behalf, we encourage you to sign in to the [Quality Payment Program website](#) during the submission period and review the submission for accuracy. Data cannot be resubmitted after the submission period closes.

For More Information

To learn more about how to submit data, please review the 2018 MIPS data submission [FAQs](#), [User Guide](#) and video series available in the [QPP Resource Library](#).

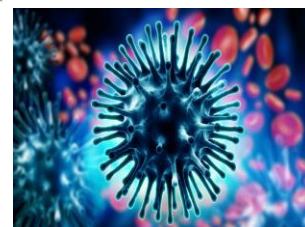
Questions?

If you have questions about how to submit your 2018 MIPS data, contact:

- The Quality Payment Program by phone: 1-866-288-8292/TTY: 1-877-715-6222; or email: QPP@cms.hhs.gov
- Your [local technical assistance](#) organization

NY Department of Health Influenza Surveillance

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza and produces a



weekly report during the influenza season (October through the following May).

During the week ending March 9, 2019:

- There were **6,493** laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, a **6% decrease** over the previous week.
- Of the **2,933** specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, **651 (22.20%)** were positive for influenza. **645** were for influenza A, and **6** were influenza B.
- Of the **101** specimens submitted to the Wadsworth Center, **94** were positive for influenza. **34** were influenza A (H1), **51** were influenza A (H3), **8** were influenza A (Not Subtyped), and **1** was influenza B (Victoria).
- Reports of percent of patient visits or influenza-like illness (ILI³) from ILINet providers was **2.93%**, which is above the regional baseline of **3.10%**.
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was **1,037**, a **17% decrease** over last week.
- There were **no** influenza-associated pediatric death reported this week, and **four** influenza-related pediatric deaths so far this season.

[Read the entire report here.](#)

Education

NYACP Co-Sponsored #ProudtoBeGIM Events Bring Together Internal Medicine Physicians

In late February and early March, NYACP worked with Weill Cornell Medicine and Stony Brook Medicine on developing events through the Society of General Internal Medicine's (SGIM) #ProudtoBeGIM program. The results were two unique events that brought together internal medicine residents and medical students with faculty members to share experiences in medicine and a chance to network with like-minded physicians.



Dr. Mehta speaking on physician burnout

On February 28, Weill Cornell hosted its 2nd Annual Primary Care Innovation Symposium. The symposium featured a keynote presentation from NYACP's Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island Governor, Parag Mehta, MD, FACP on physician wellness, entitled "Happiness and Living with Purpose." In addition, there were over 60 resident and medical student posters presented at the afternoon poster session.

On March 6, Stony Brook Medicine hosted a #ProudtoBeGIM Story Slam at its hospital, where physicians from internal medicine shared their stories and experiences to the assembled medical students, residents, and undergraduates, with an aim to promote

interest and generate discussion among attendees about careers in General Internal Medicine.

There will be one more #ProudtobeGIM event at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai on April 11, 2019. [You can view the flyer here](#) • [Register here](#)

ACP And the NY Chapter continue to train "Wellness Champions" who can speak at physician groups across New York State.

Weekend Board Review Rochester

Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits and 27 MOC Points

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7, 2019
Rochester General Hospital
1425 Portland Avenue • Rochester, NY 14621

[Register Online](#) • [Brochure](#)



Weekend Board Review Buffalo

Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits and 27 MOC Points

Friday, June 14- Sunday, June 16, 2019
University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
955 Main Street • Buffalo, NY 14203

[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!



NYACP Co-Sponsored Meetings & Events

Co-Sponsored with Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Save-the-date! #ProudToBeGIM Event

Friday, April 11, 2019 • 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Event Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

Co-Sponsored with Northwell Health

Updates in Cardiovascular Disease Prevention

Friday, April 12, 2019 - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Roosevelt Hotel
45 E 45th St • New York, NY 10017

[Event Flyer](#)

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 • 7:45am - 4:30pm
NYU Langone Health
Alumni Hall • 550 First Avenue • New York, NY 10016
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Member Recognition

Congratulations ACP Longtime Members!

The Chapter is pleased to congratulate and thank the following members who have maintained membership in ACP for 40 years or more:



Louis Aledort, MD, MACP
Julian L. Ambrus, MD, FACP
George W. Benninger, MD, FACP
Henry Black, MD, MACP
Donald C. Blair, MD, FACP
Manfred Blum, MD, FACP
Bernard Boal, MD, FACP
Morton Coleman, MD, FACP
Barry Collier, MD, MACP
Paul J. Davis, MD, MACP
Harvey Dosik, MD, MACP

Lawrence Faltz, MD, MACP
Paul Gitman, MD, MACP
Warren Glaser, MD, FACP
Morton Gluck, MD, FACP
Anthony Grieco, MD, MACP
C. Maynard Guest, MD, FACP
Robert Holzman, MD, FACP
Norman Javitt, MD, FACP
Sandra Kammerman, MD, FACP
Howard Kerpen, MD, FACP
Edgar Lichstein, MD, FACP

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Lionel Mailloux, MD, FACP
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Raymond E. Phillips, MD, FACP
Richard Pierson, MD, FACP
Kanti Rai, MD, FACP
Michael J. Reichgott, MD, FACP
Lawrence Scharer, MD, FACP
John H. Sipple, MD, FACP
Harry Spiera, MD, FACP

The American College of Physicians, in collaboration with the New York Chapter, recently launched a new program that recognizes longtime ACP and Chapter members. The above list of members and those to follow, will have their names included in the ACP Membership section of ACPOnline and on the NYACP website. By mail, they will also receive a Certificate of Recognition signed by ACP's President, Ana Maria Lopez, MD, FACP and a special 40 year ACP pin.

To ensure that all members are appropriately recognized for their longtime membership in the College (40 or more years), please contact Loretta Ponesse by email (lponesse@nyacp.org) if you or another member colleague qualifies for this unique tribute.

Career Link

New Job Posting!

Clinical Physician 2 - Well equipped and staffed facilities and reasonable patient loads

Are you looking for a change? Tired of working long shifts with an overwhelming patient load? Come work at a correctional facility where you can make a difference, working with a smaller number of patients for reasonable hours.

The NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision’s Department of Health Services operates as a Core Service to promote, restore and maintain the health of incarcerated individuals within safe facilities. There are 54 facilities located throughout the State of New York, serving approximately 50,000 inmates. Medical staff are made up of multi-interdisciplinary teams, which include Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Dentists, Pharmacists and other ancillary positions.

We have great career opportunities for Clinical Physicians. You must possess a license to practice medicine in New York State; have a M.D., D.O. or M.B.B.S. degree; have completed 1 full year of post-graduate training and have 2 years of subsequent medical experience.

Starting salary is \$143,381 - \$171,631 *(Additional \$20,000 geographical differential for Clinton and Franklin County, and \$10,000 for Greene and Seneca county).

Benefits include comprehensive health insurance, including dental, vision and prescriptions. NYS retirement system, deferred compensation plan, flexible spending plan, 13 vacation days, 5 personal days, 13 sick days and 12 paid holidays annually.

We have openings in the following counties offering a choice of urban, suburban or rural living:

Chemung	Southport Correctional Facility (Finger Lakes)
Clinton*	Clinton Correctional Facility (sporting and recreational outlets)
Essex	Adirondack and Moriah Correctional Facility (Whiteface, skiing)
Dutchess	Green Haven Correctional Facility (Hudson River Valley Beauty)
Franklin*	Upstate Correctional Facility (North Country, 1 hour to Montreal)
Greene*	Coxsackie and Greene Correctional Facility (Rural charm yet only 2 hours to New York City)
New York	Edgecombe Correctional Facility (Empire State Building, Central Park, Times Square, and Chrysler Building)
Oneida	Marcy and Mid-State Correctional Facility (Cooperstown, breweries)
Seneca*	Five Points and Willard Correctional Facility (heart of wine country)
St. Lawrence	Riverview Correctional Facility (5 miles from NYC)
Ulster	Ulster Correctional Facility (Catskill Mountains, Casinos)
Washington	Washington Correctional Facility (Between Vermont and the Green Mountains)
Westchester	Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (Less than 1 Hour to NYC)

Contact: www.doccs.ny.gov or DOCCS Personnel Office at (518) 457-8132 for more information and to apply.