Spring is a time of transition, not only in nature, but also at ACP. As we return home from Internal Medicine 2023 in San Diego, we mark the beginning of a new
year for ACP governance, both nationally and here in New York. The end of IM2023 marks the end of Dr. Jitendra Barmecha’s term both as President of NYACP and as Governor for the Manhattan/Bronx Region. I am grateful for his dedication to the Chapter and congratulate him on his successful service to our Chapter and to the College. Under his leadership, we returned to in-person meetings with a very successful Annual Scientific Meeting last fall. IM2023 also saw many NYACP members and leaders honored by the College. I want to congratulate Doug DeLong and Larry Phillips who received the MACP in 2020, Aaron Glatt, Tom McGinn, and Lou Snitkoff who received the MACP in 2021, Connie Newman and Michael Rosenbluth who received the MACP in 2022, and Parag Mehta who received the MACP this year. I also want to congratulate Curt Mills who this year received the Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients, Danielle Ofri who this year received the Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine, Gabriela Bernal who received the Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award in 2022, Kelly Ramsey who this year received the ACP Award for Distinguished Contributions to Behavioral Medicine, Linda Lambert (our former Executive Director) who was awarded the ACP Award for a Distinguished Contribution by ACP National or Chapter Staff in 2020, and Lou Snitkoff who this year received the ACP Award for Outstanding Contributions to Improving Well-being and Professional Fulfillment in Internal Medicine.

Much of my term as Governor for the Hudson Valley Region has been marked by COVID-19 and many related challenges. Our colleagues and co-workers have had to face many problems. While we no longer face acute shortfalls of PPE, we continue to struggle with staffing and personnel issues which make it harder for many of our patients to receive appropriate care in every setting, from home to sub-acute to hospital. Internal Medicine physicians (and many others) are repeatedly confronted with the energy-sapping work of confronting medical misinformation, and we have much unfinished work to ensure justice and equity in healthcare not only for our patients but also for our many colleagues whose work continues to be undervalued by society simply because of how they look, where they come from, or who they are, or who they love. ACP has established four priority themes: Valued Professional Identity, Membership Engagement; Innovation and Strategic Alignment; and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. These four themes are inter-related. I hope that through our work together, we can continue to support the work of ACP while increasing member engagement and creating a more just and inclusive organization that welcomes and supports all internal medicine physicians in their professional growth and their care of their patients.
In addition to the honors above, many members of our Chapter have received the more frequent, but no less significant, honor of becoming FACP. The FACP recognizes a physician's work in scholarship, leadership, continuing education, or ACP participation. There are many deserving members who are eligible but have not yet received the FACP. If you or someone you know may be eligible for FACP, or if you have questions about your eligibility, please reach out to either our [Chapter staff](mailto:chapter.staff@acp.org) or a [Chapter leader](mailto:chapter.leader@acp.org). Please do not assume that you aren't eligible or that FACP isn't worth it. FACP allows you to become more involved in leadership at the state and national level. The broader, deeper, and more diverse we make our pool of potential leaders of the Chapter and the College, the better it is for everyone. Helping members achieve FACP is one of the highlights of my service in ACP leadership, and I look forward to helping many of you achieve this important recognition. Our Chapter will be holding a virtual workshop on becoming FACP later this year. Watch for details in a future newsletter.

As you read this newsletter, we are putting the finishing touches on our in-person Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum on Friday, May 12 in Albany. The Forum will include poster presentations and the always exciting Doctor's Dilemma tournament. I hope that I will get to greet many of you there. Those who attend will also be able to meet Dr. Michael LoCurcio who will preside over the poster competition—as he has ably done many times—while he begins his term as the new Manhattan/Bronx Governor. Dr. Donna Morrison has now made the transition from Governor-elect Designee to Governor-elect for the Hudson Valley Region. She will succeed me at the end of IM2024, just about one year from now. This year, I will serve as the President of the Chapter, but it is not my Chapter. Our Chapter belongs to our members. My priority is helping you to find professional fulfillment and to improve the systems in which we care for our patients.

I look forward to working with all of you to continue to meet the needs of our members, to encourage other internal medicine physicians to join us in the work of making our lives and the lives of our patients as meaningful and fulfilling as possible!

Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP
President

[Ask Your Legislators to Expand Physician Workforce, Improve Patient Access, Promote Health Equity and Reduce Burden](https://www.acponline.org/legislative-action)

ACP is calling on all Advocate for Internal Medicine
network (AI Mn) members to engage with us in a "Write to Congress" campaign to urge lawmakers to act on important legislation this year that will help ensure continued access to care for our patients. The nation is currently facing a critical shortage of physicians. Those in private primary care practices are being compensated at lower rates in most state-run Medicaid programs than Medicare for the same services rendered to Medicaid patients. In addition, physician Medicare payment has failed to keep up with inflation. Further complicating timely access, many patients treated by physicians in group health insurance plans are required to fail first before the prescribed drug can be dispensed. Act now by clicking on the following links to get started.

Issues to Address
Go to Action Center to Send a Letter to Congress

Chapter Recap - ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting 2023

An exciting time was had by the close to 500 New York Chapter members who traveled to San Diego for the IM2023 conference in April. The Chapter was extremely proud to welcome and celebrate the new Fellows, Masters, Award winners and leaders who walked in the April 27th Convocation Ceremony, cheered the Staten Island University Hospital's Dr's Dilemma team to the semi-finals, and congratulated the residents/fellows and students who participated in the poster competition!

Pictures and award winners will be posted on the Chapter website and in the next edition of IM Connected.

NYACP Wins Two ACP John Tooker Evergreen Awards

NYACP is thrilled to announce that two Chapter programs won an ACP Evergreen Award. The John Tooker Evergreen Award recognizes the valuable contributions of ACP members working through their state Chapters 'to enrich, educate and engage members'.

The two programs recognized by ACP for an Evergreen Award include NYACP 's Leadership Academy, with course directors Harvir Gambhir, MD, FACP and Viren Kaul, MD, FACP and the
Health Disparities Fellowship Program. Per ACP, the “Leadership Academy Program was a novel way to build leaders for the Chapter and is a great tool to create future leaders in ACP Chapters”. The Health Disparities Fellowship Program “effectively identified how state-level advocacy impacts health disparity through the lens of ACP members and leaders”. Thank you ACP!

Chapter Awards-Accepting Nominations
Submission Deadline is Thursday, June 15th

NYACP is excited to recognize members for excellence and distinguished contributions to Internal Medicine. This year, the committee will issue 3-5 Chapter awards. The categories for candidate nominations include: Education, Advocacy, Clinical Excellence, Research, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and Public Health.

The nomination requires a completed online form, a 500-word Letter of Nomination, and a copy of the nominee's CV. The submission deadline is June 15, 2023. Self-Nominations will not be accepted.

Please help the New York Chapter ACP recognize, honor and congratulate the truly deserving members of our Chapter for their amazing and outstanding work.

ACP Pan Asian Affinity Group: Seeking Steering Committee Member Applications
Submission Deadline: Thursday, June 15th

The ACP Pan Asian Affinity Group (APAAG) is seeking nominations for two (2) ACP members to serve on its Steering Committee.

Candidates are eligible to apply if they are:
• a current member of the ACP (and remain so for duration of their Steering Committee membership); and
• committed to represent the diverse interests of Pan Asian Internal Medicine physicians, trainees, and affiliates.

Candidates are not required to self-identify as Pan Asian to apply, as long as they otherwise meet the eligibility criteria above.

Self-nominations are encouraged!

Apply Here

Call for Applications - HAPF Caregiving Track
Submission Deadline: Friday, June 16th

The HAPF Program recently received funding for a Caregiving Track fellow. Successful applicants must have a demonstrated interest in caregiving and be based in and serving Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming County).

Please see the Call for Applications for more information.

Valuable Resources and Information for Members!

• I Raise the Rates Newsletter (April)
• Free Member Webinar -Know your Worth!

Resources to Fulfill NY State and Federal DEA Pain Management Training Requirements

Beginning on June 27, 2023, the DEA will require that all prescribers provide a one-time attestation that includes 8 hours of training on the management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders (SUDs) prior to renewing their DEA registration.

Prescribers in NY State are also required to complete 3-hours of CME training in addiction, palliative medicine, and pain management (NY Public Health Law Sec. 3309-A(3)). Those who took the training course in 2017 and 2020 must renew again by July 1, 2023.

Use NYACP's updated pain management training course and ACP's Substance Use Disorder Education Hub to fulfill both requirements!
**Upcoming Events**

**Webinar Series:**
*Combatting Sexual Harassment/Gender Discrimination in the Medical Profession*
May 2023

A Lecture Series sponsored by ACP's Oregon Chapter

[Details and Registration]

**Last Chance - Don't Miss Out!**
**NY Yankees Healthcare Workers Appreciation Week!**
May 8 - 14, 2023

Join your fellow healthcare professionals and the New York Yankees for select games in May at Yankee Stadium.

The first 1,000 fans who purchase tickets through this offer will receive a special New York Yankees scrub top! Each Special Event Ticket also includes a regular sized hot dog and your first drink (a 12oz domestic beer for those 21 years of age or older with a Valid ID, Pepsi product or Poland Spring bottled water).

[Reserve your seats here]

**NYACP Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum**
Friday, May 12, 2023

Desmond/Crowne Plaza Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211

**Agenda:**

8:30 - 10:30 am  Poster Competition
10:30 - 1:00 pm  Resident/Fellow Dr’s Dilemma Competition
1:00 - 1:30 pm   Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm   Education Session - "How to Negotiate a Contract"- Laurie Cohen, Esq.
2:30 - 3:00 pm   Winners Announced

[Video of 2022 Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum]

**Guest Fee $55**

*Hosted by NYACP Early Career Physicians, Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Committees:*
NYACP Mentorship Series Part 2  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm / Zoom

NYACP Mentorship Series Part 2 is geared towards a Mentee group of Medical Students with a Mentor group of Residents/ Fellows and Early Career Physicians. Join us for this interactive networking session that will dive into topics such as:

- Transitioning to Residency
- Prepping for Match Cycle
- Interviews/CV Building
- Career Options

More Information
Register Here

Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections  
Thursday, June 8, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm / Zoom

Explore the practice of medicine through shared experiences. This month, the theme of humor is back by popular demand. Join fellow physicians to hear stories that are sure to evoke a hearty laugh that is good for the soul. Attendees are invited to share their own humorous stories during the discussion as well!

June's Theme:  
Humor in Medicine

Speaker: TBA
Facilitated by: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP and Lito Gutierrez, MD, FACP
Program Directors:  
Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

Register Here

Save the Date!

NYACP Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 28, 2023

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