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**President's Message: Dr. Leslie Algase**I read with interest this weekend, an article in the Annals of Internal Medicine (Vol 174n No. 12 Dec 2021 pp 1658-65) entitled  “[Trends in Outpatient Care in Medicare Beneficiaries and Implications for Primary Care, 2000-2019](https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M21-1523)”,  which found that “Outpatient care for Medicare beneficiaries has shifted toward more specialist care received from more physicians without increased primary care contact.”  A median PCP’s panel saw 52 other physicians in 2000, but by 2019 this had increased to 95!  The authors explained this by discussing the complexities of sicker patients, the use of team-based care which causes other providers to “cover” patients and don’t know them as well, and the increase in pressures on PCP with time limitations which are exacerbated by the limitations in reimbursements for cognitive services.These things are all true, but the first thing that popped into my head to explain this result was the care silos that we have created in our health systems.   I have spent most of my career in a practice where we took care of our own inpatients.  When it became too onerous, we rotated the clinician rounding and gave them enough time out of the office to do this and still maintain a reasonable lifestyle. Eventually, both the reimbursement and the hospital regulations pushed us into an entirely outpatient practice. This contributes to the above findings in several ways.  First of all, referrals are made by hospitalists without consulting the PCP, which may disrupt existing specialist relationships with the patient.  Second, not rounding caused us to lose our friendships and first-hand knowledge of the skill sets of our specialist colleagues and therefore makes our referrals less targeted, consistent, and useful. Although I am aware that this ship has sailed and we will not lure the outpatient docs back into the hospital, I do think we have to be more creative about making our teams include the hospitalists and find a way to connect individual hospitalists to practices so there are better lines of communication.  That would also help in getting insight into specialist referrals and coordinating them better.  We need to reinvent the “Doctor’s lounge” and find innovative ways to get to know each other better.  Getting involved in NYACP events is a good first step, but also finding ways in your own system to connect people is critical. In other news, the NYS Budget passed on Saturday. There were several wins for our advocacy! Here is a summary of the highlights:* Telehealth payment parity was included in the final budget! The bill language states that insurers who provide comprehensive coverage for health care services “shall reimburse covered services delivered by means of telehealth in the same basis, at the same rate, and to the same extent that such services are reimbursed when delivered in person.”
* Funding to support medical school loan repayments under the Doctors across NY program (DANY) was increased to $16M.
* NYS continued its support of the Excess Medical Liability Insurance Program by extending funding for twelve months.

A huge thank you to our HPP Committee and its chair **Kellin A. King, MD, FACP** for all the time and effort spent on lobbying the legislature on our behalf.We are looking forward to hosting the first in-person poster contest and doctor's dilemma competition in 2 years on May 27th.  We have over 275 abstracts submitted, which is a NYACP record!  If you are interested in judging, please contact Karen LaBello. This month NYACP will review all of our committees and activities as the Presidential transition occurs. If you are [interested in getting more involved](https://www.nyacp.org/i4a/forms/index.cfm?id=432) in Chapter activities, consider attending a committee or task force meeting as an “invited guest” to learn about activities. For more information on this, please email info@nyacp.org or governors@nyacp.org.Please stay safe! Keep those masks on in indoor spaces!Leslie  ****Spotted at #SGIM22:  Albany Medical College Trivia Team****Congratulations to the Albany Medical College Trivia Team for placing third at the SGIM Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL!  Team members had a surprise visit from their Hudson Valley Region Governor, **Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP**.  Many of the team members are involved with the school's  [Internal Medicine Interest Group](https://www.acponline.org/membership/medical-students/additional-resources/internal-medicine-interest-group-imig-sponsorship-program), sponsored by ACP and led by faculty advisor **Joseph Wayne, MD, MACP.**  This was the first time Albany Medical College had a group attend SGIM.  Thank you to **Megan Gerber, MD, FACP** for connecting members and leaders!*Pictured left to right are NYACP members:****Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP****,* ***Sapan Shah, MS3****,* ***Asha Pandu, MD****, and* ***Elizabeth Pinchman, MS2***

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****Support NYACP Members Running for AMA Council Positions****

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ACP is proud to sponsor and support **Dr. Doug DeLong’s** candidacy for AMA’s Senior Physician Section (SPS) Governing Council. A past Chair of ACP’s Board of Regents, Dr. DeLong is a strong advocate for physicians at ACP and would be an asset to the AMA’s SPS Governing Council. If you are an AMA member 65+, please check your inbox for an email with the subject line: *Elect your AMA SPS Governing Council members today!* If you did not receive a ballot and are eligible to vote, [you can request one at this link](https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/senior-physicians/senior-physicians-section-sps-governing-council-elections). Voting ends April 22.

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In addition, ACP proudly supports **Dr. Parag Mehta**, Governor of ACP’s New York Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island Region in his candidacy for AMA’s International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) Governing Council. Dr. Mehta has been a fierce advocate for IMGs throughout his career. If you are an IMG AMA member, check your inbox for an email with the subject line:  *AMA-IMGS Governing Council members today!*  If you did not receive a ballot and are eligible to vote, [you can request one at this link](http://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/international-medical-graduates/international-medical-graduates-section-1) for more information or to request a ballot. Voting ends April 23.We encourage you to share with your personal networks, and thank you in advance for your support. **Opportunity:  Preventive Medicine Residency**[The University at Buffalo Preventive Medicine Residency Program](https://www.nyacp.org/files/News/Final_Flyer_PM_Residency_Recruitment_AY2022-23_.pdf) is currently recruiting for the 2022-2023 academic year. This is a 2-year residency program after completion of 3 years of primary care residency.  During the first year, residents earn a fully funded MPH degree. During the second year, residents complete a practicum population health rotation in public health, health systems, and federally qualified health centers.  For more information, please contact Program Director **Smita Bakhai, MD, MPH, FACP** (sybakhai@buffalo.edu) or Program Administrator Nathali Head (nathalih@buffalo.edu)**US Dept of HSS Request for Information: Impact of Health Misinformation in the Digital Information Environment in the US Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic**The US Surgeon General’s office is asking for help from physicians to identify the “impact and prevalence of health misinformation in the digital information environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.” Through the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Surgeon General welcomes information related to “quality of care, health decisions and outcomes, direct and indirect costs, trust in the healthcare system…. and healthcare worker morale and safety,” among other topics. Please consider sharing your knowledge as part of this initiative. [To participate, click here for more information](https://www.nyacp.org/files/News/OSG_RFI_HealthcareOnePager.pdf).  ****Updated Guidance Now Available from the Women’s Preventive Services Initiative****Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI) recently updated five of its preventive services recommendations on [contraceptive care](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/contraception/), [breastfeeding](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/breastfeeding-services-and-supplies/), [well-woman visits](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/well-woman-preventive-visits/), [STI counseling](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/counseling-for-sexually-transmitted-infections/), and [HIV screening](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/screening-for-human-immunodeficiency-virus-infection/). With WPSI’s recommendations adopted by HRSA, the updates allow more essential services to be covered without cost-sharing. Help patients stay healthier throughout their lives by using WPSI’s complete set of [recommendations](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/recommendations/?utm_source=partnerorg&utm_medium=enl&utm_campaign=WPSI_BrandAwareness&utm_content=newsletter) and [Well-Woman Chart](https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/wellwomanchart/?utm_source=partnerorg&utm_medium=enl&utm_campaign=WPSI_BrandAwareness&utm_content=newsletter) to address your patients’ preventive health needs at every age.ACP is a partner organization with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists through the WPSI. **Members in the News****Dave A. Chokshi, MD, FACP**, former NYC Health Commissioner, is [joining the New York State Health Foundation as a visiting fellow in May.](https://nyshealthfoundation.org/2022/04/06/former-nyc-health-commissioner-dave-chokshi-to-join-new-york-state-health-foundation-as-visiting-fellow/?utm_source=Chokshi+Announcement+April+2022&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Chokshi+Announcement+April+2022)

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 **T.S. Dharmarajan, MD, MACP**, member of the NYACP Geriatrics Task Force, has co-edited "Geriatric Gastroenterology" with fellow ACP member, C.S. Pitchumoni, MD MACP.  He has edited over 20 of the 100 chapters in this 2400 page, 3 volume edition book![**NYACP Events**](https://www.nyacp.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3535)****Small Feedings of the Soul:  Readings and Reflections****

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**April 21 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm**Explore the practice of medicine through shared experiences! Come for discussion, camaraderie, and to meet authors of select pieces from 'On Being A Doctor'. This event is not recorded.**April's Theme:  Remembering Faith Fitzgerald, MD, MACP**Readings:[Curiosity](https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/0003-4819-130-1-199901050-00015) by Faith Fitzgerald, MD, MACP[Letter to My Future Doctor](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1003255/) by Faith Fitzgerald, MD, MACPFacilitated by: Leslie Algase, MD, FACPSpecial Guest: Raminder Gill, MD, FACPProgram Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP[****Register Here****](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvf-2gqTkjH934XynYPdewkix2auPNTqA8)***NYACP Early Career Physicians Task Force Presents the following zoom webinar:***

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**How to Prepare Great Abstract and Poster Presentations for your Next Academic Conference****Wednesday, May 4 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm****Objectives:**1. Prepare an effective abstract poster and oral presentation2. Identify general features of high-quality abstract poster and oral presentation3. Avoid common pitfalls in preparing an abstract poster and oral presentation**Speakers:**Ofek Hai, DO, FACPEvan Siau, MD, FACPRaphael Rabinowitz, MD[**Register Here**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdu6vqjIuHNB81ZmB7YbXfJM_G-hbBHRN)****NYACP and Joint Medical Schools Reception****

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**ACP IM 22****Thursday, April 28, 2022 / 8:00 pm**Marriott Marquis ChicagoGrand Horizon Ballroom G**RSVP Here**[**ACP 2022  Internal Medicine Meeting Information**](https://annualmeeting.acponline.org/?_ga=2.124477642.1163029722.1648475784-1999327469.1641417059&_gl=1*t8zx01*_ga*MTk5OTMyNzQ2OS4xNjQxNDE3MDU5*_ga_PM4F5HBGFQ*MTY0ODU1OTM2MC4zMjMuMS4xNjQ4NTYxOTU4LjYw)*Sponsored by:  California Region 3,  Illinois, New York, Oregon, and Texas Chapters of the American College of Physicians*****Influencing Change in Medicine:  Leadership in Equity****

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**Saturday, May 14th / 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM****Objectives:*** At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to define health equity in terms of impacting advocacy and describe why it matters.
* Chapter successes and challenges will be shared and consensus for effective approaches will be developed.
* Methods for advancing the health equity agenda within advocacy will be shared, and best practices for developing successful coalitions and stakeholder communities will be addressed.

**Keynote Speaker:**  Dr. David Hilden, ACP HPPC Vice Chair**Moderator:**  Dr. Omar Atiq, ACP Pres-Elect**Chapter Panelists:****Dr. Moro Salifu, NY ACP DEI Chair**Dr. Kelsi Manley, OR ACP Advocacy Day ChairDr. Cynthia Jumper, TX ACP Past PresidentDr. Susan Hingle, ACP BOR Chair EmeritusDr. Stony Anderson, CA Colorectal Cancer Coalition Pres[****Register Here****](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvf-2gqTkjH934XynYPdewkix2auPNTqA8)[****More Information****](https://www.nyacp.org/files/Upcoming%20Events/DEI_May_14_FINAL_Brochure_V2.pdf)**2022 NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum****Friday, May 27, 2022**

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Save the date and plan to join us on Friday, May 27, 2022, as we return to an in-person poster competition and welcome back Dr.'s Dilemma!Crowne Plaza/Desmond660 Albany Shaker RdAlbany, NY 1221112:30 pm - Poster Competition2:00 pm - Dr's Dilemma Competition

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**Save the Date!****2022 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting****Saturday, November 5, 2022** Join us as we return to an in-person Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2022.Westchester Marriott670 White Plains RdTarrytown, NY 10591*Details are coming shortly!* |

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