

April 15, 2021

**NYS Legislature Passes 2021-22 Budget:
Analysis of Impact on Internists**



Last week, NY's Legislators finalized the 2021-22 NYS Budget. NYACP is grateful to the hundreds of members who joined us by contacting their State Assembly Members and Senators about budget issues impacting internists. Below is a summary of outcomes you should know:

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- **Telehealth:** The adopted budget does two things that are helpful for NY's internists, but did not address all of NYACP's concerns with regard to telehealth. On the positive side, the budget bill preserves pandemic rules that expanded the list of permissible locations for physicians and patients to use when engaged in telehealth activities and limited health insurance companies utilization of out-of-state physicians to perform telehealth services for NY patients. On the negative side, however, the budget does not require parity in payment for medical care rendered using telehealth with in-person care, nor establish parity for video and telephone consultations. NYACP will continue to advocate on telehealth issues in collaboration with our members, MSSNY, and specialty society colleagues.
- **NYS will fund Medical Excess Liability Insurance Program:** A proposal contained in Governor Cuomo's original budget cut the state's share of funding for the Medical Excess Liability Program in half, thereby shifting thousands of dollars of premium costs onto the shoulders of physicians covered under the program. The Senate and Assembly restored the cut, thereby continuing NY's coverage of the full premium for the Medical Excess Liability Program for another year.
- **OPMC Complaints will not be Publicly Disclosed Until Investigations are Conducted and Physicians have an Opportunity to Respond:** A provision in the budget that would have authorized immediate public disclosure of all complaints filed with OPMC was rejected by the Senate and Assembly, thereby preserving current standards related to follow-up investigations and physician due process protections.
- **Pharmacy Services Expansion to Authorize Laboratory Tests and Permit Administration of All Immunizations Rejected:** The portion of the Executive Budget that would have authorized pharmacies to perform new services, including ordering laboratory tests and administering all ACIP approved vaccines, was not approved by the Senate and Assembly, thereby leaving current authority in place, but not expanding approval to new

therapeutic areas.

- **Nurse Practitioners:** An expiring law authorizing NP's who have achieved a required minimum numbers of hours working under the terms of collaborative agreement with physicians to practice independently was extended through June 30, 2022.



Legalization of Recreational Marijuana in NY

NY's Legislators reached an agreement with Governor Cuomo to legalize recreational marijuana in New York State through the passage of S.854-A/A.1248-A, which was signed into law on March 31st. The new law establishes an adult-use cannabis industry in the state, provides for the licensing of producers, distributors, retailers, and others. State leaders estimate that tax collections will reach \$350M annually.

For a summary of provisions and additional information about the law, please visit:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-legislation-legalizing-adult-use-cannabis>



Enroll in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)

Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the AIMn program in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. By joining, you will receive legislative updates on key policy issues and engage in outreach to your federal lawmakers. If you are already an AIMn member, you do not need to register again.

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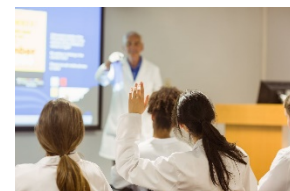
NYACP Co-Sponsored Event:

MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL WELL BEING GRAND ROUNDS (VIRTUAL)

Wait, Wait, Please Ask Me!
April 19, 2021

Three time slots!

1. 7:30 – 8:30 AM
2. 12:00 pm -1:00 PM
3. 5:30 - 6:30 PM



A lighthearted conversation about stress, depression, anxiety, stigma and asking for help
Special Guest, Peter Sagal from 'Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me', NPR's weekly news quiz

Moderated by Caroline Gomez-Di Cesare, MD, PhD, FAAP, FACP - Attending Physician, Director of Wellbeing Bassett Healthcare – Middleburgh Health Center

[Click here for information and instructions to join.](#)

OBJECTIVES: The attendees will be able to employ the information to better recognize clinician distress and how it relates to patient care, to understand the stigma associated with clinician distress and promote additional conversations about stigma, and to empower learners to utilize the resources provided to address distress.

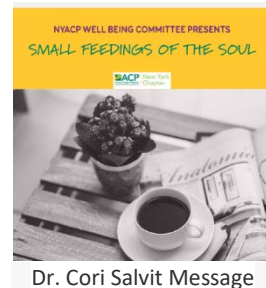
Zoom Meetings Discussion and Camaraderie

Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections Series

Thursday, April 22, 2021

7:00 - 8 :00 pm

Do you look forward to reading 'On Being a Doctor' essays in the Annals of Internal Medicine? We love them, too! So, let's gather and connect virtually through discussions stimulated by these short, proactive readings. On April 22nd, join us as we meet author Christopher Thomas Veal for a discussion exploring the practice of medicine and our experiences.



[Dr. Cori Salvit Message](#)

April Readings:

1. [At the Intersection of Fear, Grief, and Love](#)
2. [We Burn Out, We Break, We Die](#)
3. [Medical Interventions That Take Less Than 8 minutes and 46 seconds](#)

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Sponsored by the NYACP Well Being Committee

Join us for this interactive webinar sponsored by the NYACP Early Career Physicians Task Force:

NYACP Women in Medicine Webinar Series Part 2:

Negotiations at the Workplace: Know Your Worth



Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:00 - 7:00 pm

The NYACP Early Career Physicians Task Force is hosting a five-part Women in Medicine Webinar Series throughout 2021. This series is a platform for women physicians to share their voice, learn from healthcare leaders and work together in navigating the future for Internal Medicine women physicians. In our second session, Dr. Adebisi (Bisi) Alli will share her skills and strategies for negotiating your worth!

Join us for an evening of:

- Negotiation Stories from the front lines
- Negotiation Strategies
- Why women don't negotiate?
- What are we afraid of?
- Negotiation for non-compensation incentives (time off, flexible schedule etc...)
- Interactive polling and chats

Bio:

Dr. Adebisi (Bisi) Alli is a board-certified internal medicine physician. She is one of three national American College of Physician representatives for the Women's Wellness through Equity and Leadership (WEL) Project. She is an Assistant Professor for the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and Senior Associate Consultant for the Division of Community Internal Medicine. Formerly, she served as medical director for the residency clinic she launched through the Phoenix VA Healthcare System & Associate Program Director for the University of Arizona-Phoenix Internal Medicine Residency Program. She is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and has a strong passion for communication, negotiation, and quality improvement.

[Register Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Questions? Please contact klabello@nyacp.org

NYACP Weekend Board Review

LIVE ONLINE!

Friday, May 14 - Sunday, May 16, 2021

Earn up to 27 CME credits and 27 MOC points!

You will receive:

- Chat features available for instructor interaction
- Polling feature on case-based questions
- Compare your knowledge with your virtual classmates
- Course materials and online log in information in advance
- Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category I credits and 27 MOC Points!

Faculty:

Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP

Chris Paras, DO, FACP

Niket Sonpal, MD, FACP

[Course Content and More Information](#)

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Successful completion of this CME activity (the **NYACP Weekend Board Review**), which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 27 medical knowledge MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.



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