

August 4, 2022



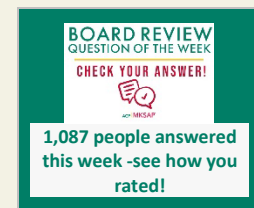
**President's Message: Dr. Jitendra Barmecha**  
Progress Note:

The number of people diagnosed with Monkeypox continues to rise in New York ([New York City](#)), the [US](#), and [globally](#). On July 23, 2022, the World Health Organization declared Monkeypox a [Public Health Emergency of International Concern](#). On July 28, the New York State

Department of Health declared Monkeypox a Public Health and State Disaster Emergency, and that was followed by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) declaring the Monkeypox infection a [State of Emergency](#) on Aug 1. Besides precautions and prevention, a Monkeypox vaccine was approved by the FDA. Tecovirimat (TPOXX) is an antiviral medication available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that is being used to treat Monkeypox infection under the [CDC's Expanded Access Investigational New Drug \(IND\) protocol](#).

This week, NYS Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the historic statewide air quality and greenhouse gas mobile monitoring initiative. Under this initiative, the air monitoring will provide data to help drive solutions to reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants, resulting in improved public health in the future. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality. [Governor Hochul Announces Launch of First Statewide Mobile Air Monitoring Initiative | Governor Kathy Hochul \(ny.gov\)](#)

On an advocacy note, please urge Governor Hochul to veto S.74-A/A.6770, which would greatly expand the possible damages awardable in a wrongful death action. The Wrongful Death bill's most significant change **allows a decedent's survivors to recover expanded non-economic damages**, including money for their own pain and suffering, anguish, and loss of companionship, in addition to pain suffered by the deceased thus dramatically increasing our already outrageously high liability insurance premiums in NY. The [NY Chapter ACP has collaborated with MSSNY](#) and other professional associations urging Governor Hochul to veto these bills. [NY State Assembly Bill A6770 & NY State Senate Bill S74A](#)





The Million Hearts® 2022 initiative is now accepting applications for the Hypertension Control Challenge and encourages ACP members to apply. ACP is a partner in the Million Hearts Campaign, a national initiative that aims to prevent a million heart attacks and strokes by reducing hypertension and implementing evidence-based strategies to improve cardiovascular health. Click here to learn more about the [rules and eligibility requirements](#) to become a 2022 Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Challenge Champion. All prospective Champions are required to complete the [application form here](#). *The submission deadline is September 7, 2022.*

Finally, ACP invites you to recognize your peers (must be ACP members) who are making a positive impact on the “Women in Medicine” community. These notable physicians are working toward gender equality in medicine and supporting the advancement of women in medicine. Honorees will be recognized in September during Women in Medicine Month. Nominations close Friday, August 19. [Women in Medicine Month Peer Recognition Nomination Form](#).

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool and be safe!

Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP, SFHM  
President

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### Internal Medicine Physicians Encouraged by Proposals in 2023 Medicare Rules



Many of the provisions of the proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for 2023 will help to better recognize the value that internal medicine physicians provide to their patients says the American College of Physicians (ACP). The proposed 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Medicare Shared Savings Program rules were released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) last month.

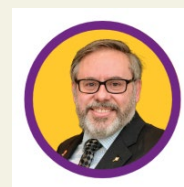
“We are particularly glad to see that CMS included the increased value for evaluation and management (E/M) codes used in inpatient settings in the fee schedule,” said Ryan D. Mire, MD, FACP, president, ACP. “The changes in these codes, combined with the changes made to outpatient E/M codes in 2021, are significant in recognizing the value that internal medicine physicians contribute to their patients and our health care system across a variety of health care settings.”

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## Members in the News!

**Sal Volpe, MD, FACP** is proud to announce the release of a book which he contributed to as editor and author.



Fellow subject matter experts from the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NYACP) include: **Jitendra Barmecha, MD, FACP, NYACP President; Patricia Bomba, MD, MACP; Curtis Cole, MD, FACP; J. Travis Gossey, MD; and Parag Mehta, MD, FACP.**

**[Health Informatics : Multidisciplinary Approaches for Current and Future Professionals](#)** was developed for those training in academic centers as well as for those already "out in the field."

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## Resources to Help Increase Immunization Rates

ACP's *I Raise the Rates* initiative helps physicians and their teams assess, understand, and improve adult immunization rates and patient outcomes in their clinical setting.



Resources include:

- Clinical updates including an Adult Immunization video series that reviews current recommendations
- QI curriculum and practical tools to help increase immunization rates
- Patient education resources
- Team-based care articles, worksheets, and webinars
- Information on immunization registries

## **[ACP Adult Immunization Hub](#)**

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## ACP Health Policy Internship Application Cycle Now Open

ACP is now accepting applications from medical students and residents for the 2023 Health Policy Internship Program, which will take place May 1 through May 26, 2023. The ACP Health Policy Internship provides a multifaceted opportunity to learn about the legislative process, health policy, and advocacy in organized medicine.



One resident/fellow and one medical student will be selected to work in ACP's Washington, DC office with governmental affairs and public policy staff. We encourage you to share this opportunity with any students and residents who may be interested. The application closes on

October 31, 2022. For more information about the program, please visit the [Health Policy Internship Program](#) page or contact Josh Serchen at [jserchen@acponline.org](mailto:jserchen@acponline.org) with any questions.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Tonight! Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections**

**Thursday, August 4th / 7:00 PM - 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'.



Please note that this event is not recorded.

#### **August's theme:**

Physicians and Substance Use: What We Don't Know and What We Don't Say. Changing the Narrative.

#### **Readings and Guest Authors:**

['Are We Always? When Do We Stop?'](#) by H.J. Peenen, MD

['The Labor of Story Telling'](#) by Megan Ann Brandeland, MD

Facilitated by: Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, DFASAM

Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

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*Co-sponsored by the NY Chapter ACP:*

### **The IMG Event 2022**

**Saturday, August 27/ 1:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

**Randall's Island Wards Meadow Field**

After the successful IMG Event 2021 in Central Park where more than 400 IMGs came to network and socialize, we are officially announcing that the 2022 IMG event is back again in New York City!

Residents and clinicians will be speaking from the podium and IMGs from all over the world are expected to attend to network and build relationships. There will be many games and giveaways! Make sure to visit the sponsors (including the NYACP booth), dance with the DJs and listen to the live music! It will be a great opportunity to meet other colleagues and ECFMG's who coming to this year's event!



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*Hosted by the Chapter's Early Career Physicians Committee*

**Financial Planning Webinar: Money Talks**

**Wednesday, August 31 / 5:00 - 6:00 pm**



Join us for an informational webinar on financial planning and budgeting for Residents/Fellows and any member who wants to obtain insight on how to manage their money. This talk will seek to identify knowledge gaps regarding personal finance directed at residents and new attendings. Learn more about budgeting, insurance, debt repayment strategies, retirement, and basic investing.

Facilitated by: Joshua Jimenez, MD

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*Hosted by the Chapter's Early Career Physicians Committee*

**Advancement to Fellowship Webinar (FACP)**

**Wednesday, September 14 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm**



Are you interested in becoming an ACP Fellow? New York Chapter ACP invites you to join us for an exclusive Fellowship informational session facilitated by John Hall, MD, FACP, NYACP Governor for the Upstate Region. Dr. Hall will review the meaning of Fellowship, the requirements for attaining your FACP® designation and navigating the application process.

Learn more about ACP Fellowship by visiting [ACP Online](#).

Facilitated by: John Hall, MD, FACP  
Governor, Upstate Region

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**Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections**

**September 22 / 7:00 - 8:15 pm**



You're in for a treat! This month, NYACP is thrilled to welcome back Michael LaCombe, MD, MACP, associate editor for the Annals of Internal Medicine, and a captivating writer and presenter. Come for discussion, camaraderie, reflection, and to meet Dr. LaCombe!

Please note that this event is not recorded. This session will be 75 minutes.

**September's theme:**

Life's Lessons

**Readings and Guest Authors:**

Dr. Michael LaCombe returns to Small Feedings of the Soul to share a piece written for an invited talk at a Virginia school where the assignment was to include what advice you would give if you were facing death. The element of surprise is an important part of this piece, so it will be shared by the author on the night of the event.

Facilitated by: Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP

Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

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**Wisdom and Well Being: Making Healthcare Work Better for Physicians and Patients**

**Prioritizing Physician Trainee Mental Health: Recognizing and Navigating Mental Health Crisis**

**Wednesday, September 28 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm**



**Faculty:**

Cori Salvit, MD, FACP  
Chanchal Sharma, PsyD

**Objectives:**

1. Recognize the signs of psychological distress in medical trainees.
2. Understand how to manage a mental health crisis of a trainee through review of protocol and helpful tips.
3. Identify mental health supports and resources for trainees.

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**Dietary and Lifestyle Strategies for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction**

**October 14 / 7:30 am - 2:30 pm**



*Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians.*

This half-day course focuses on strategies to reduce risk for cardiovascular disease and related comorbidities through lifestyle and dietary approaches. The course will provide evidence for the association between diet and cardiovascular disease highlighting new clinical and scientific data. This annual course provides attendees with the latest information to help their patients achieve optimal health through exercise, diet, and integrative medicine strategies.

The NYU Grossman School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

*Society of Hospital Medicine in collaboration with NYACP sponsors:*

### **17th Annual Mid-Atlantic Hospital Medicine Symposium Mastering the Care of the Hospitalized Patient**

**Friday, October 21-22 / 7:30 AM**

Hess Center for Science and Medicine  
Davis Auditorium and Seminar Rooms, New York, NY



**Icahn  
School of  
Medicine at  
Mount  
Sinai**

*"We are live and in-person! Hospitalists stepped up and helped lead their hospitals through the pandemic and now we can re-focus on the core conditions in Hospital Medicine. We have dedicated our course to emphasize the common and serious conditions you treat on a daily basis: New Approaches to Atrial Fibrillation, DM, AKI, Anticoagulation, Pain, Palliative Care, and more! "*

## Program Brochure

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#### **October's theme:**

*Coming soon!*

#### **Readings and Guest Authors:**

*Coming soon!*

Facilitated by: Alexandra Goodman, MD (*co-founder of Women in Residency Life at SUNY Upstate Medical University*)

Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

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**Introduction to Point of Care Ultrasound - *an interactive course***  
**Friday, November 4 / 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

This one-day course will provide the learner introductory ability to use bedside ultrasound. Details can be found here:



[NYACP Point of Care Ultrasound Course](#)

Westchester Marriott  
670 White Plains Rd  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

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**Registration Now Open!**

**2022 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 5 / 8:00 am**  
Join us as we return to an in-person meeting format.



**Westchester Marriott**  
**670 White Plains Rd**  
**Tarrytown, NY 10591**

[Registration Open](#)

[Exhibitor Prospectus](#)

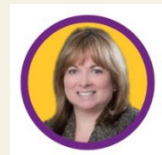
[Schedule & Information](#)

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor!



**New Webinar! Home and Skilled Nursing Facility: Post-Operative Care of Older Adults**

*jointly provided by NYMDA and the NYACP Geriatric Task Force*





**February 9, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

This one-hour session will cover Home and Skilled Nursing Facility post-op care for older adults. Themes will include how to address common complications within this patient population, telehealth, financing care, and caregiving.

[Register Here](#)

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