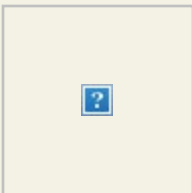


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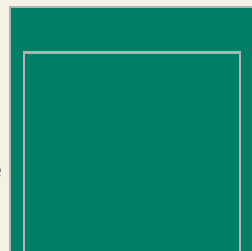


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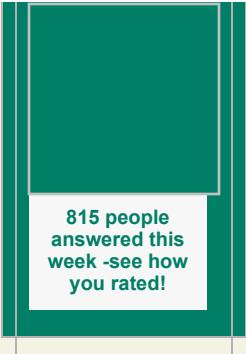
**President's Message: Dr. Jitendra Barmecha
Progress Note:**



In a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) released Nov. 28, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)'s Office for Civil Rights and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services



Administration, proposed to modify certain provisions of part 2 of title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, commonly known as 42 CFR Part 2 (or Part 2), to align requirements for patient records regarding treatment for substance use disorder (SUD) with those in effect under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)'s Privacy Rule.



815 people
answered this
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These modifications were required by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020; other proposals, while not expressly required by the CARES Act, seek to improve or clarify existing regulations in the spirit of the legislation's intent. Please submit comments on the proposed rule to HHS by Jan. 31, 2023: www.regulations.gov. [Federal Register: Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) Patient Records](#).

Through a new campaign titled "[Heart of New York](#)", the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) and Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) are spreading the word on how New York hospitals are the heart and soul of New York by providing care and compassion 24/7 while generating meaningful jobs and substantial economic benefits. Join their mailing list to stay up-to-date on how you can support your local hospital and those across New York State.

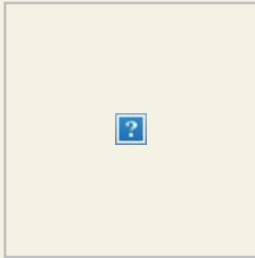
According to the CDC, Flu Season is intensifying in the U.S. with more than 6 million cases confirmed. That includes more than 53,000 hospitalizations and 29,000 deaths last month. To highlight the importance of flu vaccinations this year, the CDC is recognizing [National Influenza Vaccination week](#) from December 5-9.

As you may be aware, Twitter has been going through some changes since it was purchased by Elon Musk. ACP is carefully monitoring the situation and has paused any paid advertising efforts on the platform. ACP is disappointed with Twitter's recent decision not to enforce the platform's COVID-19 misinformation policy which is detrimental to public health.

ACP launched the Physician Well-being and Professional Fulfillment initiative in January 2018. The initiative funds training and supports up to 2 Well-being Champions per chapter. The training shares key evidence-based strategies to improve clinician well-being and professional fulfillment and fosters the development of chapter-based communities of well-being and professional fulfillment. If you are interested or would like to explore further, please send your interest via info@nyacp.org.

Please get vaccinated and continue to encourage eligible patients and their caregivers to get influenza and COVID booster vaccines.

Stay safe and warm!

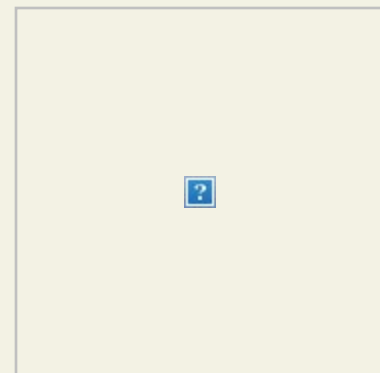


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President

Funding Opportunity Now Open

The New York Health Foundation (NYHealth) is accepting applications through a new RFP: [From Good to Great: Improving Access to and Use of Patient Visit Notes in Non-Hospital Systems.](#)

This RFP is open to any non-hospital system in New York State that is implementing and sharing open notes in compliance with recent federal rules and is seeking to go beyond compliance and use open notes to spark a culture change and more meaningfully engage patients.



Eligible providers include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), multispecialty group practices, hospital-affiliated physician groups, independent physician practices, and other non-hospital systems in New York State. NYHealth will offer non-hospital systems grants of \$50,000 per site (for up to two sites per system, pending funding availability), as well as expert-led technical assistance and peer learning opportunities. Applications must be submitted by **January 26, 2023**. A webinar [event](#) on December 13th will highlight the funding opportunity and feature leading New York State non-hospital systems who have successfully adopted and used open notes to engage patients.

Governor Hochul Launches Public Awareness Campaign to Protect New Yorkers Against Respiratory Illnesses

Governor Kathy Hochul launched a new public awareness campaign about respiratory virus infections spreading this fall and the steps New Yorkers can take to protect themselves, their families, and their communities. Produced by the New York State Department of Health, the video clips will run online on multiple social media platforms. The clips will feature New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett speaking directly to New Yorkers about three viruses — Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), flu, and COVID-19 — now circulating in the state with



Mary Bassett,
MD

similar symptoms and with the potential to cause serious illness.

You can view Dr. Bassett's message to Health Care providers [here](#).

NYACP Supports S.5299A / A.1741A

Known as the 'Accumulator Bill', S.5299A / A.1741A would prohibit health insurance plans from implementing policies that reduce the benefit of third party assistance for patients who are struggling to afford care.

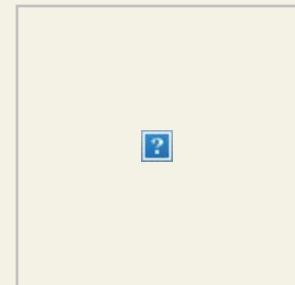


Many patients reduce out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs through third-party payments, financial assistance, discounts, vouchers, etc. The Bill requires that these payments, made on behalf of an insured individual for the cost of prescription drugs, be applied to the insured's deductible, copayment, coinsurance, out-of-pocket maximum, or any other cost-sharing requirement when calculating such insured individual's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or any cost-sharing requirement.

Call for Papers - Now Open

The NYACP Spring 2023 Call for Abstracts online submission is now open!

Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum
Friday, May 12, 2023
Desmond/Crowne Plaza Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211



If you have worked on a research project or have an interesting clinical case, submit your abstract for a chance to present it live to a team of judges at the NYACP Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum on Friday, May 12, 2023, in Albany, NY.

Abstract submissions are being accepted in the following categories:

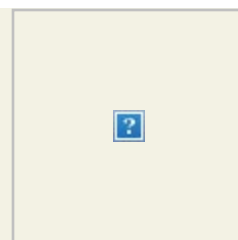
- Research
- Clinical Vignette
- Quality (Medical Students/Residents/Fellows combined)

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Now Accepting Dr's Dilemma Teams for Resident/Fellow and Medical Students

New in 2023, the NYACP will be hosting **two** Dr's Dilemma

Competitions! In addition to the legendary Resident/Fellow Competition, the Chapter is now offering a Medical Student Dr's Dilemma Competition! Both competitions will be held during the **NYACP Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum** on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the Desmond/Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, NY.



We are accepting up to 16 Resident/Fellow teams and 8 Medical Student teams on a first-come, first served basis. To sign up your Dr's Dilemma team, please complete the form below and submit the \$100 registration fee.

[NYACP Dr's Dilemma Registration Form](#)

Give Yourself Peace of Mind with ACP's Free Financial Well-being Program

This program, free for ACP members, is designed to help internal medicine physicians manage their finances now while learning best practices to ensure a strong financial future.



The program features:

- Financial planning basics, including for retirement
- Tips for paying off medical student loans
- Debt repayment calculator
- Budgeting and saving tools
- Tax strategies

Plus, additional free tools, tips, reports, and more are available to help you plan your future! For more information, visit the [Financial Well-being Program](#).

Call for Speakers

Are you an ACP member interested in presenting at NYACP's 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting? The Chapter wants to hear from you!



The 2023 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rochester, New York. To be considered by the NYACP Education Committee, please complete the online form by December 16, 2022.

[NYACP Speaker Form](#)

Submit your Abstract to be Considered for ACP's Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Awards Poster Session

Submissions accepted through December 16th

Submit your abstract today to be considered for the following opportunities:

Each year, ACP's Center for Quality recognizes member achievements and contributions to promote quality and well-being. We invite current and past participants of ACP's quality improvement and well-being programs to submit an abstract for consideration to receive the annual ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Awards and/or present an electronic poster at the Annual Quality and Well-being Champion Networking Reception. These events will be held during the 2023 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting in San Diego, CA.

I. ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Award:

The ACP Advance Quality Improvement Excellence Awards celebrate the accomplishments of ACP Advance QI program participants and their contributions to improving patient care and outcomes. These awards will be presented at the Annual ACP Advance Quality Improvement Luncheon on **Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm PT.**

II. Quality and Well-being Champion Posters:

The annual Quality and Well-being Champion Reception is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your QI or well-being initiatives and network with fellow champions. Poster presenters will have the opportunity to present their project outcomes to ACP Governance and Leadership, ACP Advance coaches, faculty, and fellow QI and Well-being Champions. The reception will take place on **Friday, April 28, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm PT.**

[Please review the submission form for more information.](#) The deadline for submissions is **December 16, 2022**. Award winners and poster presenters will be notified by January 31, 2023. Please contact ACPQI@acponline.org with any questions.

Upcoming Events

I'm Not Martha Stewart - How About You?"

Sponsored by the SGIM Women and Medicine Commission, Nighttime Parenting in Medicine Café

Thursday, December 15, 2022 / 7:30 - 8:30 pm / Zoom Meeting

Faculty: Cynthia (Daisy) Smith, MD, FACP
ACP Chief Membership and Engagement Officer

Join colleagues for an evening of fun, laughter and



encouragement as Dr. Smith shares strategies and insights from her work as the Chief Membership and Engagement Officer at the American College of Physicians (ACP) and at the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience. Dr. Smith will talk about physician-parent wellness and finding joy in both roles, as parents and physicians. She will discuss the importance of setting expectations for yourself, unburdening expectations, and explore ways to recharge and rejuvenate - just in time for the holiday season!

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Home and Skilled Nursing Facility: Post-Operative Care of Older Adults
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm / Zoom Meeting
Jointly provided by NYMDA and the NYACP Geriatrics Task Force



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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