President’s Message: Dr. Jitendra Barmecha
Progress Note:

Happy Doctor’s Day and, once again, congratulations to the new incoming fellows and residents!

With increasing violence in the workplace and post-pandemic challenges, the ABIM Foundation and the Beryl Institute want to learn more about individual experiences faced by internal medicine physicians when it comes to building trust within the health care delivery setting. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how health care organizations and leaders are building trust among fellow internal medicine physicians and patients by completing this survey.

ACP is proud to join the Healthcare Coalition for Firearm Injury Prevention. ACP, along with other leading medical and leading public health care organizations across the United States, are coming together to push for a comprehensive public health approach to advance firearm injury prevention efforts through education, advocacy, and community-centered approaches to address this epidemic. ACP’s Annals of Internal Medicine features free content about the effects of firearm violence and what internal medicine physicians can do to help.

Last week, WalletHub released its report on 2023’s Best & Worst States for Doctors. Unfortunately, New York is ranked as the 8th worst state to practice medicine. WalletHub compared the 50 states, and the District of Columbia, across 19 key metrics to identify the best states for those in the business of medicine. The data in NY calls for action from all the patient and physician advocates, so that communities being serviced by physicians will have a better ranking in all categories. The data set ranges from the average annual wage of physicians, to hospitals per capita, and the quality of the public hospital system.

Highlights from the report on Practicing in New York (1=Best, 25=Avg.):

- 51st – Hospitals per Capita
The Final Rule of the 21st Century Cures Act mandates immediate electronic availability of test results to patients, likely empowering them to better manage their health. A new multisite survey study of attitudes and preferences revealed that nearly all participants surveyed supported immediate access to test results via an online patient portal, even if a healthcare provider had not yet reviewed the results. The findings were published in JAMA’s Network Open.

The 2023 ACP Annual Internal Medicine Conference is less than a month away. Please register, and I hope to see you all there!

Enjoy spring and stay safe!

Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP, SFHM
President

ATTENTION: NYACP Long Island Region Masters & Fellows
Nominations for Governor-elect Candidates Due by April 12th

The ACP national office is conducting a Governor-elect election for the Long Island Region of the New York Chapter. The Local Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying two final candidates who are willing and able to serve a 4-year term (April 2025 - April 2029), in addition to one year of training as Governor-elect (April 2024 - April 2025).

Serving as an ACP Governor can be an extremely rewarding and life-changing experience. A Governor serves as the voice for members in their region to help shape Chapter and ACP policy. Serving in this role allows for connections to grow with peers from around the state, country, and even internationally.

NYACP is looking for dynamic leaders who exhibit integrity, commitment to the College, and dedication to the Chapter and their medical community. The successful two candidates must be a
Master or Fellow of the College and willing to work with local Chapter members and with leaders in internal medicine at the national level. The Governor typically spends several hours per week on College business with the support of Chapter staff.

Click here to view the Governor Job Responsibilities.

Chapter Awards - Nominations Now Being Accepted!

NYACP is excited about offering members recognition 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.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Bronx District President
NYACP is currently looking for a Chapter member who either lives or works in the Bronx and is interested in getting more involved in the leadership pathway by serving as Bronx District President.

NYACP’s current organizational structure consists of 5 “Regions” and 16 “Districts.” Each of the districts has an annually “appointed” District President to serve as a liaison between Chapter leadership and local members. The District President is also responsible for planning and scheduling local meetings, events and activities (with assistance from NYACP staff member Izaiah Wright). District Presidents are also invited to Council/Board meetings with voice, travel reimbursement but no vote.

If you are interested, fit the above outlined eligibility, or would like more information, please contact Izaiah Wright at iwright@nyacp.org.

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**NYSDOH Issues Blanket Waiver of the Electronic Prescribing Requirements**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has issued a letter granting blanket waivers to the requirement to issue electronic prescriptions when specific circumstances apply. The waivers took effect on March 25, 2023. The waivers primarily affect situations where electronic prescribing software limitations impede entering valid patient instructions, although there are ten different, specific waiver types. You can read the NYSDOH letter granting blanket waivers to the requirement to issue electronic prescriptions when specific circumstances apply.

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**Help Identify New Ideas for Building Trust in the Health Care Workplace**

The ABIM Foundation and the Beryl Institute want to learn more about individual experiences by internal medicine physicians when it comes to building trust in the health care delivery workplace. Complete this survey to share thoughts and ideas on how health care organizations and leaders are building trust among fellow internal medicine physicians, and patients.

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**The NYACP/BU 3-Hour CME NYS Mandated Pain Management Course Updated Content and Launched in February 2023**

Prescribers who took the training course in 2017 and 2020 must renew again by July 1, 2023. This online course is available to all NYS licensed prescribers and fulfills NY’s mandated 3-hours of CME training in addiction palliative medicine, and pain management for prescribers as required by NY Public Health Law Sec. 3309-A(3).
What You Need to Know:

- **Target Audience:** Physicians, nurse practitioners, residents, registered nurses, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, and pharmacists.
- **CME/MOC:** The NYACP/BU educational activity offers participants 3 Hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* in addition to 3 MOC Points through the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.
- Licensed prescribers in NY are mandated to complete 3 hours of training every 3 years.
- Newly licensed prescribers are mandated to complete training within 1 year of receipt of their license and every three years thereafter.
- **For Residents prescribing under a hospital or facility DEA number:**
  - Residents must complete the course within 1 year of the start of their residency and every 3 years thereafter.
  - Hospitals must attest that ALL residents prescribing under their institutional DEA number have completed the required training.
- **The course is $25.00**
- **A group payment option is available for new residents and/or other institutional prescribers.**
- To be in compliance, prescribers must file the self attestation after completing the course.

The 2023 updated course has been made possible by the enormous contributions of NYACP’s Pain Management Task Force:

- **Paula E. Lester, MD, FACP, CMD - NYACP Task Force Chair**
- **Daniel H. Pomerantz, MD, MPH, FACP - NYACP Task Force Member**
- **Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, DFASAM, FACP - NYACP Task Force Member**
- **Stephanie Jones, MD, FACP - NYACP Task Force Member**
- **Radhika Prasad (NYACP Health Disparities Fellow) – NYACP Task Force Contributor**

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**Course Information and Access**

**Help Elect ACP's Dr. Elisa Choi to the AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) Governing Council**

ACP is extremely proud to nominate Elisa Choi, MD, FACP, FIDSA for election to the AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) Governing Council as a member at-large. Dr. Choi is the current Chair of ACP’s Board of Governors and serves on the ACP Executive Committee of the Board of Regents. She is the immediate past Governor of the Massachusetts (MA) ACP Chapter.

Elections will be held electronically April 1-12. All female AMA members are automatically members of the WPS and are eligible to vote. Male members who have already opted-in to be members of the WPS are eligible to vote as well. An election ballot invitation will be sent to all WPS Section members via email this week. To check to see if you have opted-in already, or to opt-in
now, follow this link and subscribe to the WPS newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Butkus, Director of Health Policy at rbutkus@acponline.org.

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**Upcoming Events**

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

A Lecture Series sponsored by Oregan Chapter ACP

[Details and Registration](#)

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_Brought to you by NYACP Early Career Physicians, Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Committees:_

**NYACP Mentorship Series Part 1 Webinar**
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm / Zoom

NYACP Mentorship Series Part 1 is geared towards a Mentee group of Resident/Fellow and Medical Student members with a Mentor group of Early Career Physicians. Join us for this interactive networking session that will dive into topics such as:

- Networking opportunities
- Transitioning into fellowship
- What to expect from your first job
- How to manage a team
- Career options

[More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)

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**Small Feedings of the Soul: Reading and Reflections**
Wednesday, April 18, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm / Zoom

April's theme:
Lyrics, Music, and the Experience of Medicine

[Readings and Guest Authors](#)
Eric Last, DO, FACP
Small Feedings of the Soul celebrates 2 years! This session is a fun twist on narrative medicine. Dr. Last will lead attendees on an exploration of medicine through song lyrics.

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

Register Here

Wisdom and Well Being Series: Session 9: Partnering with Patients for Systemic Change

Collect ideas and successful strategies for partnering with patients based on years of helping systems and clinics partner with patients and 3rd Conversation work to deepen relationships between patients and clinicians.

Jennifer Sweeney is a Co-Founder of X4 Health, a purpose-driven organization on a mission to solve complex societal challenges, and a Co-Creator of 3rd Conversation, a social impact campaign aimed at helping health care systems create people-first cultures.

Register Here

2023 NYACP Leadership Academy - Secure Your Spot Now!
Begins: Thursday, May 4, 2023 / 6:30 - 8:00 pm / Zoom

Applications are now being accepted for the 2nd Annual NYACP Leadership Academy. This six-part CME accredited certificate program begins in May 2023, and ends with an in-person session on Friday, October 27, 2023 in Rochester, NY.

Course schedule: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 4 - Leadership in Medicine
Thursday, June 1 - Opportunities in Medicine
Thursday, July 6 - Strategies & Skills
Thursday, Aug. 3 - Identifying & Mentoring
Thursday, Sept. 7 - Leadership and Underrepresented Minorities

Final session in-person:
Friday, October 27, 2023 - Day prior to NYACP Annual Meeting

Apply Here - only a few spots left!
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

Brought to you by NYACP Early Career Physicians, Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Committees:

NYACP Mentorship Series Part 2 Webinar
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
Advancement to Fellowship Webinar
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm / Zoom

Interested in learning about ACP Fellowship? Todd Simon, MD, FACP, Governor for the Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island Region will review the meaning of Fellowship, the requirements for attaining your FACP®, and the application process.

ACP Fellowship is a distinguished honor within the internal medicine community. The FACP credential carries significant value because it’s a peer-reviewed, peer-supported honor. ACP Fellows embody what it means to be part of the College through a demonstrated commitment to excellence, ACP, your colleagues, and especially your patients. Join over 31,000 internists who share this distinguished honor.

Register Here
More Information

Save the Date!

NYACP Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 28, 2023

Hyatt Regency Hotel
125 East Main Street
Rochester, NY

Details coming soon!