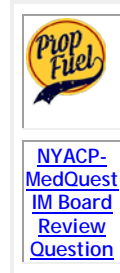


March 4, 2021



Welcome Nicholas Cochran-Caggiano!
NYACP's Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP Advocacy Intern
March 2021

NYACP is pleased to welcome Nicholas Cochran-Caggiano, a fourth year Medical Student at Albany Medical College, as our March 2021 Advocacy Intern! Nick is working hard helping NYACP track legislation introduced in the NYS Senate and Assembly, and is participating in meetings with NYACP leadership and members. Nick has a special interest in diversity & equity/cultural humility issues and emergency medicine. Thanks for lending your expertise to the NYACP team this month Nick!



NYACP Supported MSSNY's March 2nd Lobby Day By Nicholas Cochran-Caggiano

NYACP is pleased to have supported the Medical Society of the State of NY's Annual Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 2nd. Kellin King, MD, FACP, Chair of Chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee, was featured at the virtual event along with other NYS Specialty Society physician leaders. Important policy issues impacting internal medicine covered at the event included items related to the NYS Budget:

- Oppose: Reforms allowing for the disclosure of complaints filed against physicians with OPMC prior to investigation and without proof of veracity
- Oppose: Reform of the Medical Liability Excess Program that would require physicians to cover 50% of the premium cost (currently the full premium is paid by the State)
- Oppose: Expanding the scope of practice for pharmacists to authorize them to order lab tests and counsel patients with certain comorbidities
- Oppose: Proposals for telehealth services that do not include payment parity and access for all New York licensed physicians

Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, Chair of the NYS Assembly Health Committee, presented remarks to lobby day attendees and participated in a Q&A session. Assem. Gottfried announced that there is a new Assembly Bill on telehealth that requires parity across platforms and telehealth providers to be licensed MD's in the State of NY. On the issue of pharmacy benefit manager's (PBM's), the Assemblyman agrees with a recent US Supreme Court decision relating to state rights to regulate PBM's under ERISA. Further, Gottfried noted that COVID has laid bare the problems in the medical system based on "the way we pay for health care" including delays in treatment, loss of medical insurance through employment, and difficulties in paying for basic care. The Assemblyman suggested that the NY Health Act (2019-2020 AB 5248-A/SB 3577-A) is a solution to address some of the significant disparities observed in our state. Although support is not universal, several physician specialties have expressed support for this bill.

Senator Rivera, Chair of the NYS Senate Committee on Health, also shared his feelings, focusing primarily on the budget PBM and telehealth items. Senator Rivera believes both issues should be considered independent from the budget and must be given their due consideration. He suggested that incorporation of such important health considerations into overall budget concerns diminishes the ability to adequately address these issues and to approach them in an appropriately nuanced manner. Senator Rivera also brought up the

“Invest in Our NY Act”, a package of six state bills designed to tax the wealthy in NY and to raise more than \$50 billion in needed revenue.

Permit Community-Based Physicians to Vaccinate Patients for COVID-19



CALL TO ACTION

Dear NYACP Member,

With additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines arriving in New York State, now is the time to contact Governor Cuomo and Members of the New York State Assembly and Senate to communicate the importance of allowing community-based physicians, who have signed up to receive the vaccine through the NYS Immunization Information System (SYSIIS), to begin COVID-19 vaccine distribution to eligible patients.

Unfortunately, the current process of vaccine distribution is counterproductive. Physician offices are experiencing an increase in administrative workload but, even more importantly, patients throughout NYS are being negatively impacted. In many areas of New York, physicians are being forced to turn away their most vulnerable patient population including those being targeted for immediate immunization. Diverting patients to immunization sites that are not local and/or convenient needs to stop.

On behalf of your patient population and to advocate for all NYS patients, please take a few minutes to contact your NYS elected officials.

Thank you in advance for your immediate action.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/NYACP/Campaigns/81729/Respond>



Northwell Health, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell & NY Chapter of American College of Physicians presented:

Virtual Story Slam on Random Acts of Kindness

Held on Thursday, February 11, 2021

In case you missed it, now is your chance to view the Virtual Story Slam on the Chapter's youtube channel!

[Story Slam Clips](#)
[Full Story Slam](#)



Congratulations and Thank You, IMIG's!

The ACP Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) Sponsorship Program provides funding, resources, and learning opportunities to medical school groups to support their interest in internal medicine. Programs can earn additional funding by recruiting peers to become ACP Medical Student Members. Each group that reaches a recruitment goal of 30% or more of the student body is rewarded with a bonus.

Congratulations to the following schools who recruited at least 30% of their peers to ACP membership:

- SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine (32.7%)
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University (30.6%)

- NYU Long Island School of Medicine (54.2%)

We are invigorated by your efforts and interest, and we look forward to supporting you throughout your journey in internal medicine!

IMIG Sponsorship applications open in March for the 2021-22 academic year.

[Click here to learn more about the ACP IMIG Sponsorship program.](#)

Medical Student Research Survey:

This is a brief (3-5 min) survey created by two second year medical students at Albany Medical College. The goal of the study is to determine if primary care providers are more likely to refer patients to a specialist trained in otolaryngology or another relevant specialty for treatments/procedures in which responsibilities may overlap across specialties. As aspiring physicians, your response is greatly appreciated!

[Survey Here](#)

NYACP Career Link - new post!

Physician: Be your own boss!

Rare opportunity for autonomy and independence

Take over a busy, successful Internal Medicine Practice in Queens County, New York City. Physician retiring from a well established primary care practice in operation for 30 years, delivering high quality, comprehensive, coordinated care in a friendly, warm environment with a focus on prevention of acute and chronic disease. Pre-Covid seeing 80-100 patients in a 4 day work week, including three generations of patients from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. This practice has more than 1200 active patients and the doctor is willing to stay on part-time during a transition period. Good balance between work and family life. Tremendous opportunity for growth. Email: drim30y@gmail.com



ACP Resource Guides



Recently, ACP sent all members the latest edition of Resources for Internists: Your Guide to ACP's Programs, Products and Services. This guide contains valuable information on ACP's products and services in a quick online catalog! Check it out here: [ACP Resource Guide](#)



ACP's Winter Guide for Residents is now available! Check out featured articles on: Peer welcome and ongoing support, lessons learned from telemedicine, resident response during pandemic and much more!

[Career Guide For Residents](#)

Upcoming Events

MAGS-NYACP Webinar

Management of Dementia Related Behaviors

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 • 7:00-8:00 PM • 1-Hour CME

Speaker: Alan Steinberg, MD - Geriatric Psychiatrist



Learning Objectives:

- (1) Describe common dementia related behaviors
- (2) Describe non-pharmacologic approach to dementia related behaviors
- (3) Describe pharmacologic approach to dementia related behaviors
- (4) Describe the medical scientific approach to "agitation"

Free Webinar for MAGS and NYACP Members / \$25:00 Non-Member Fee

[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

[EVENT FLYER](#)

Webconference



Beyond the Behavioral Health Unit: Managing Mental Health

March 24, 2021 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Hosted by: HANYS and MLMIC

Program Objectives:

- (1) assess professional liability risks in clinical areas outside of behavioral health
- (2) recognize the factors that impact claims of medical malpractice
- (3) evaluate the effect of COVID-19 on patients and healthcare professionals ad
- (4) create risk management strategies to promote staff and patient safety.

No Registration Fee to Participate

[Online Registration/More Information](#)

NYACP Weekend Board Review

LIVE AND 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](#)

[Register Here](#)

CME Statement and MOC statement

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The ACP designates this live activity for a maximum of 27 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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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