

December 22, 2022



President's Message: Dr. Jitendra Barmecha

Progress Note:

This is my final progress note of 2022!

I am pleased to announce that our own **Susan Y. Lee, MD, FACP**, Governor from NYACP's Long Island Region has been

elected as Class Representative of the 2025 Board of Governors. She will officially take office at the close of the April 2023 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting and will serve in that capacity for one year.

According to a [recent briefing by the American Hospital Association](#), the average length of a hospital stay for patients has increased by 19.2 percent in 2022 compared to pre-pandemic levels. Patients have been facing delays in discharges, making it harder for them to access additional care after a hospitalization, such as skilled nursing care, behavioral health services, or at-home therapy. This comes as all healthcare sectors "have been facing significant workforce shortages throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including both acute care hospitals and post-acute care facilities."

Meanwhile, New Yorkers are losing access to healthcare services amid escalating care delivery costs and persistent workforce shortages. It calls on policymakers to make immediate and sustained investments and policy changes to stabilize the healthcare sector. [The summary of key findings and advocacy strategies can be accessed here.](#)

NYACP, along with other professional medical societies and healthcare trade associations, continues to urge NY Gov. Kathy Hochul to veto the [Grieving Families Act \(Senate Bill S74A\)](#) which would cost New Yorkers billions in the form of higher prices for health care and insurance. It would also strain the budgets of local governments forced to make larger payouts. Should Governor Hochul sign the bill, NY physicians could see an almost 40% hike in malpractice premiums.

Additional help is needed in urging lawmakers to pass legislation, scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2023, to prevent **Medicare payment cuts to physicians**. ACP urges our members to contact their congressional representatives to let them know the importance of preventing the full



4.5% cut to physician payments. A sample email is available for you to personalize. Please [follow the prompts to this link](#) to submit your letter electronically.

Finally, the “Tripledemic” of influenza, RSV, and COVID-19 continues to spread across the US. I strongly urge all NYACP members to continue promoting mask wearing (indoors), along with Influenza and COVID-19 booster vaccinations for the eligible population.

I wish you all a very healthy and happy holiday season - see you in 2023!



Jitendra Barmechea, MD, MPH, FACP, SFHM
President

[Update on Wrongful Death Bill \(A.6770 Weinstein/S.74-A Hoylman\)](#)

The Wrongful Death Bill “provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought”. Most physicians are very familiar with this bill because it has been a threat for many years. This year, however, the bill passed both the Assembly and Senate and, ultimately, action by the Governor.



Action on this bill was expected to take place before the end of the year. However, the bill was not sent to the Governor for action yesterday. As a result, she now has an additional 30 days to respond. Usually, the Governor has 10 days to “Chapter” or “Veto” a bill from the time it is “called for”. When the Governor calls for a bill during the last 10 days in December, a unique situation is created.

At this time, it is feared that Governor Hochul will sign the bill with some type of amendment, and that will be disastrous. Therefore, when it is time for the Governor to sign the amended bill, the Chapter will send out an urgent **Member Call to Action** that will include a prepared letter that members can use or personalize. Stay tuned – more information will be forthcoming.

Members in the News!

[Curtis Cole is Named Inaugural Chief Global Information Officer](#)

Dr. Curtis L. Cole, assistant vice provost for information services and chief information officer at Weill Cornell Medicine, has been appointed the university’s inaugural vice president and chief global information officer, reporting to President Martha E. Pollack. His appointment to the newly created



Dr. Curtis Cole

position was approved Dec. 8 by the Executive Committee of the Cornell University Board of Trustees.

He will begin serving as Cornell's chief global information officer Jan. 1, 2023. In this new role, Cole will be an institutionwide leader, advocate and steward of Cornell's use of technology in its teaching, research, clinics, student life and administration.

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Dr. John Fudyma, MD, FACP was featured on WNY Living in Buffalo, NY

Dr. John Fudyma was interviewed by NBC News Affiliate WGRZ in Buffalo, NY on the importance of staying healthy this holiday season.

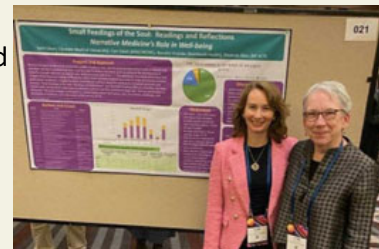


Dr. John Fudyma

[View the December 10th video from UBMD Internal Medicine Primary & Specialty Care](#)

Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP and Cory Salvit, MD, FACP Present at AAMC

NYACP Well Being Committee Chair, **Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP** and Vice-Chair, **Cory Salvit, MD, FACP**, presented a poster (co-authored by **Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP**) at AAMC in November that highlighted an innovative approach to physician well-being using narrative medicine. They shared the success of the committee-sponsored Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections series. The program has been a monthly staple at the Chapter since April of 2020, serving over 250 unique attendees from 19 states, Canada and the Caribbean. Ninety-three percent (93%) of survey respondents Agreed or Strongly Agreed that the hour added to their sense of wellness.



Successful Poster Competition Hosted in the Southern Tier!

NYACP was proud to co-sponsor the inaugural Upstate NY Poster Competition hosted by Dr. Janette Lee and the Cayuga Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency Program. Residents from Buffalo, Syracuse and the Southern Tier presented their work. Congratulations to the nine award winners!



The program had an overarching theme of Health Equity and included a special award of distinction for work that addressed Social Determinants of Health as well as a special presentation on 'Addressing Structural Barriers Unique to Rural Upstate NY That Impact Health Outcomes in our Communities'.

[Click here for a list of winners and more about the event.](#)

NYACP Members Help Raise over \$800,000 for Foodbanks

Thank you to all the members who participated in the 2022 Healthcare Workers vs Hunger Challenge! The generous contributions of NYACP's team #IMGenerous, along with teams from across the nation, raised a total of \$810,830 for foodbanks. Each contributor donated directly to the foodbank of their choice to help fight hunger and food insecurity in their community while participating in a friendly competition.



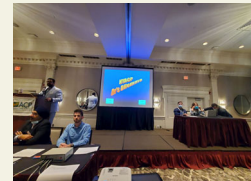
Thank you to **Dr. Daniel Pomerantz** (Governor, Hudson Valley Region) and **Dr. Susan Lee** (Governor, Long Island Region) for leading the NYACP team to a 5th place finish! In a last-minute twist, NYACP combined with another team to become #TheWholeEnchilada and raised \$75,000 to double the 2021 team total! The glass apple trophy was awarded to team #Kidvengers whose contributors donated a total of \$210,000. The Chapter will return next year to fight hunger and try for the trophy!

Food insecurity is a year-round issue, so, while this fun competition is complete for 2022, it's never too late to donate. Consider a food pantry associated with a Medical School to support medical students facing food insecurity.

[Click here to learn more about Healthcare Workers vs Hunger.](#)

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](#)

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 31, 2022.

[NYACP Speaker Form](#)

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting Recap

2022 marked the return of the in-person NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting! Over 250 physicians, residents, fellows and medical students gathered at the Westchester Marriott on a beautiful November day. The plenary style format gave attendees the chance to reunite with dear friends and connect with new ones as well.



[Annual Scientific Meeting and Poster Competition Photo Album](#)

[POCUS Course Photo Album](#)

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[Upcoming Events](#)

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Updates and Resources Tuesday, January 10, 2023 / 5:30 - 6:30 pm/ Zoom

Topic 1: Update on Major Public Health ID Concerns

Aaron Glatt, MD, MACP, FIDSH, FSHEA, Chair, Dept. of Medicine, Chief Infectious Diseases and Hospital Epidemiologist, Mount Sinai South Nassau



Dr. Aaron Glatt

Topic 2: Introduction to PACE Programs

David Heisig, MD, FACP, Medical Director, PACE CNY



Dr. David Heisig

[More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)

WISDOM AND WELL BEING: Making Healthcare Work Better for Physicians and Patients *Session 7, Sponsored by the NYACP DEI Task Force* Wednesday, January 11, 2023 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Zoom

NY State Racism as a Public Health Crisis Law: How much have we done so far?

Johanne Morne, Deputy Commissioner, NYS Office of Health Equity and Human Rights



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Deputy Commissioner

[More Information](#)

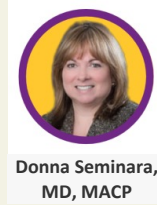
[Register Here](#)

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.



This event is free for ACP and NYMDA members. There is a \$10 fee for non- members.

[ACP/NYMDA Members Register Here](#)

[Non-Member Register Here](#)

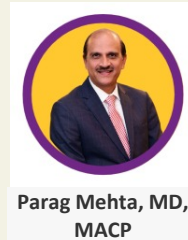


Save the Date - Virtual ABIM MOC Courses!

Saturday, February 25, 2023 / Zoom

You can earn up to 20 CME credits and 20 MOC points.

Each Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Learning Session provides you with a collaborative environment to complete an ABIM Medical Knowledge module and earn MOC points. Led by ABIM Board Certified physicians, this interactive session allows you to work with your colleagues to develop answers to module questions. ABIM Board Certified physicians should submit their answers to ABIM for 10 MOC points for each session and also claim CME credit once the Learning Session is completed.



Facilitated by: Parag Metha, MD, MACP and Jitendra Barmecha, MD, FACP

8:30 am - 10:30 am - ABIM MOC Module: 2022-23 Update in Internal Medicine

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - ABIM MOC Module: 2022-23 Update in Hospital Medicine



More information is coming soon!

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