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Let me know your opinion and suggestions: DrParagMehta@gmail.com

President's Message: Dr. Parag Mehta
Mandatory Covid Vaccine?, Sky is no longer the limit, Suicide prevention

Should it be Mandatory? Vaccine for Covid Crisis

Covid cases are on the rise. It raises the concern that the next wave is on the way. We need to educate our patients, friends, and family members to get the vaccine. Misinformation is a big enemy of ours and we as physicians should address it. There is an ongoing debate about Mandating COVID-19 Vaccines for Health Care Workers. [Here is an article from Annals of Internal Medicine that](#)

[makes a strong case for mandating the vaccine.](#) We have accepted the flu shot as a mandatory shot. When we compare flu and COVID, the following facts are important ·

- SARS-CoV-2 Threatens Essential Workers' Lives
- SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines Are Safe
- SARS-CoV-2 Is More Disruptive to Workforce Continuity and Hospital Operations Than Influenza
- COVID-19 Vaccines Are More Effective Than Influenza Vaccines

Let us know your thoughts.

[Click here to continue reading Dr. Mehta's Message](#)

Congratulations to the 2021 NYACP Laureate Winners!

The Laureate Award is designed to honor those Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in

medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the ACP.



[Click here to send a personalized message to the winners!](#)



Harvir Singh Gambhir, MD, FACP

Dr. Harvir S Gambhir is an Assistant Professor, Division of Hospital Medicine, Department of Medicine and Associate Program Director for Internal Medicine Residency Program, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, New York. He serves as Associate Vice-Chair for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Program, Department of Medicine. He did his residency and chief residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is the NYACP Councilor-at-Large for the Upstate Region and serves as Co-Chair for Early Career Physicians Task Force for NYACP. He has a keen interest in improving communication between physicians and patients and his

educational interests are in leadership and mentorship. He currently co-chairs the Leadership Academy for NYACP.



Viren Kaul MD, FACP

Dr. Viren Kaul is a pulmonary and critical care physician at Crouse Health, an Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Assistant Program Director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at Upstate Medical University. Dr. Kaul serves as Chair of the Member Engagement Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Resident Committee for NYACP.

Dr. Kaul's research interest is in the applications of technology and social media for the enhancement of patient-centered care and medical education. He has a thriving pulmonary practice and works with the chronic disease management team led by respiratory therapists at his institution. Their well-known Lung Partners Program provides RT-led cross-spectrum care to patients with COPD with interprofessional collaborative care focus. His clinical interests include airway management in critically ill patients; pleural diseases; interstitial lung diseases (ILD); and pulmonary hypertension. He was part of a writing group that recently published guidelines in The Lancet Respiratory Medicine on the use of fibrinolytics and deoxyribonuclease in adult patients with pleural empyema.



Susan Lee, MD, FACP

Dr. Susan Lee is Governor for the Long Island Region of NYACP and medical educator at RSOM SUNY Stony Brook where she is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine. Dr. Lee is an internist at Stony Brook Primary Care where she is the Medical Director of their Patient Centered Medical Home and lead physician for Ambulatory QI. Dr. Lee attended medical school at New York University School of Medicine and received her post-doctoral training at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Lee was involved with the NYACP/Cost of Care Early Adopter Program and has been involved on a national level as a QI champion/physician leader for ACP's Improving Immunization Rates with ACP Advance. She was selected to serve on National ACP's Immunization Committee and the Patient and Interprofessional Partnership Committee. Her other areas of professional interest and expertise include Team Based Primary Care, PCMH, WIM, DEI, medical mentorship, and physician wellness.

Chapter Awards Nominations - Submit by July 31st!

Help the New York Chapter ACP recognize, honor, and congratulate the truly deserving members of our Chapter for their amazing and outstanding work. The categories for candidate nominations include Education, Advocacy, Clinical Excellence, Research, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and Public Health.



To nominate a member for a Chapter Award, please:

- Complete [a nomination form](#)
- Write a letter of nomination,
- Submit copy of the nominee's CV.

The submission deadline is July 31, 2021. Self-Nominations will not be accepted.

[Click here to complete the Chapter Awards Nomination Form](#)

Awards presentation: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Member Input - Education

In the [previous NY Chapter newsletter](#), we shared the 2020 Chapter Member satisfaction rating and our commitment to addressing qualitative input by [streamlining chapter communications](#) to reduce the number of emails.

Another theme that emerged from member feedback related to educational opportunities. Here are the most common requests and the resources that will help you!

Local CME/Webinars/Meetings

- Check your email on Monday mornings for the Chapter's Weekly Event Update.
- Bookmark the [Upcoming Events page](#).
- We know schedules evolve just as quickly as our event list, so we also send out email reminders on the morning of an event.
- Attend a District event to learn, share and network. ([Learn about Districts here](#))
- Follow [NYACP on Twitter](#) for bite-sized education via Tweetorials.
- The best local option for CME is the Chapter's Annual Scientific Meeting held every fall. This year, the virtual format is more flexible for those who may not always be able to travel to the meeting!
- Bookmark [our recorded events page](#) to watch at your convenience.
- Subscribe to New York Chapter ACP on YouTube for notifications of new recordings!

Billing/Coding

ACP National is your best resource for coding with a dedicated staff that keeps up with the latest information. [Use their coding resources](#) that include checklists, summary sheets, videos and more!

Independent Practice Information

ACP National is the best place to obtain independent practice resources. [They have a broad range of tools and resources covering Payment & Coding, Practice Organization, Technology, and Regulatory Compliance.](#)

MOC

The NY Chapter hosts local ABIM MOC courses every fall. [Sign up for this year's Update in Hospital Medicine and/or Update in Internal Medicine to earn up to 20 MOC points and CME Credits!](#)

[Click here to learn more](#) about ACP's Position Statement on Regulation of Credentialing and Licensing as well as advocacy efforts to improve the MOC process.

New Recordings Available!

Leadership in Healthcare During Crisis

Presentation Date: June 17, 2021

(Sponsored by NYACP's Southern Tier District President)

[View Recording](#)

Women in Medicine Part 3: Allyship

Presentation Date: July 12, 2021

(Sponsored by NYACP's Early Career Task Force)

[View Recording](#)

For more recordings, visit www.nyacp.org/webinar

New Podcast Released July 21st!

GI, AI, and Pearls for Interns with Mark Pochapin, MD, FACP, FACG
(Sponsored by the NYACP Medical Student Committee)

[Listen to the Podcast](#)



[Click here to listen](#)

News about HPV, mRNA Influenza, COVID-19 Vaccines, and more!

In this month's [I Raise the Rates](#) Newsletter (*IRtR*), you will find information on new EAU and dose guidelines released for COVID-19; featured articles and resources regarding vaccine rollout, Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, a Phase I mRNA Influenza Vaccine Trial, longitudinal effects of common HPV vaccines, and how old vaccines might help in the fight against COVID-19.

The New York Chapter is proud to partner with the American College of Physicians in supporting the I Raise the Rates Adult Immunization Program. [ACP's I Raise the Rates Program](#), is supported by funding from the CDC, Merck, and GSK.



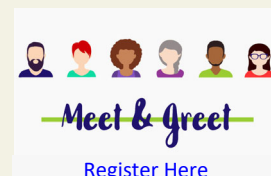
[Read the news here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NYACP Early Career Physicians Task Force Invites you to a Virtual Meet & Greet

Thursday, August 5, 2021: 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Dr's Ankita Sagar and Harvir Gambhir invite you to a virtual Happy Hour - bring your favorite beverage, sit back and join the conversation!



[Register Here](#)

Are you a physician in New York and looking for a diverse group of new colleagues from around the state? Are you a Chief Resident interested in learning more

about life in Fellowship or practice? Or do you have some pearls of wisdom to share with other Early Career Physicians?

We hope you will join us for an informal gathering on Thursday, August 5th at 7:30 pm to meet Early Career Physicians from around New York State to network, make new friends and get involved if you are interested!

[Register Here](#)

Women in Medicine Webinar Series Part 4

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Burnout in Women in Medicine

Connie Newman, MD, FACP

Peer Support Group and Impact on Women in Medicine

Stephanie Catanese, MD, FACP

Details to follow!

Women in Medicine Webinar Series Part 5

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Building your Brand Intentionally Every Day

Dawn Sears, MD, FACP

Social Media & CV Building

Avital O'Glasser, MD, FACP

Details to follow!

[Register Today](#) for the NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

Friday, October 8, 2021: 8:00 am- 3:45 pm

Earn up to 13 CME credits and 13 MOC points!

Join us for a day of learning, networking, and idea-sharing at the NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting - held virtually in homes and offices everywhere! Plenary and Breakout sessions can be viewed at a later date for CME credit and MOC points.



[Full Details/Registration \(\\$50 per member\)](#)

[Abstract/Poster Competition Details](#)

Also, join us on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm (*the evening before the scientific meeting*) for NYACP's Business Meeting and Awards Presentation.

Dietary and Lifestyle Strategies for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Virtual CME Course

Friday, October 15, 2021: 7:45am - 2:15pm

Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP)

[Register Here](#)

NYACP ABIM MOC Courses

Friday, October 22, 2021

(virtual in real-time)

Earn up to 20 CME credits and 20 MOC points!



8:30 am - 10:30 am • 2020-21 Update in Internal Medicine

Tejas Patel, MD, FACP and Nicholas Berbari, MD, FACP

11:00 am - 1:00 pm • 2020-21 Update in Hospital Medicine

Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP and Parag Metha, MD, FACP

[More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)

Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reduction: Improving Treatment for Patients with Diabetes

Thursday, December 2, 2021: 7:45am-5:00pm

Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP)

[Register Here](#)
