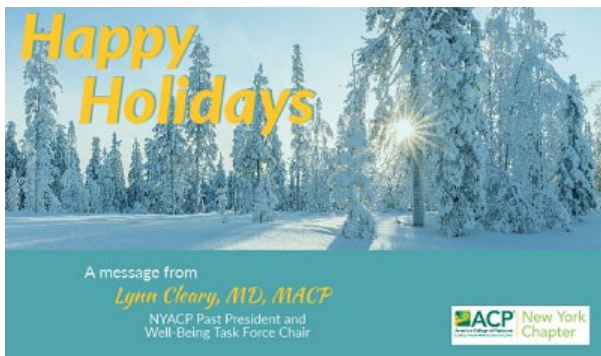


For our NYACP Family and Friends, may you find health, happiness and peace during the holiday season and through the coming year-



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[\(Click here for Holiday Message from Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, NYACP Past President and Chair of the Well Being Task Force\)](#)

Chapter Announces New ACP Governor - Elect Designees

It is a great pleasure and honor for the New York Chapter ACP to announce that **Todd L. Simon, MD, MEd, FACP** (Brooklyn) and **John D Hall, MD, FACP** (Buffalo) have recently been elected by the members in NYACP's Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island and Upstate Regions respectively to serve as ACP Governor-Elect Designees. Drs. Simon and Hall will start their term as Governor-Elect after ACP national's Annual Business Meeting on May 1, 2021. Both will take office as Governor in April of 2022. To learn more about our new Governor-elect Designees, see their biographies on the [Chapter Website](#). Please join us in congratulating Drs. Simon and Hall! If you would like to send a note to congratulate either Dr. Hall or Dr.Simon, [please click here](#).



Todd Simon, MD, MEd, FACP
Governor-Elect Designee
Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island



John Hall, MD, FACP
Governor-Elect Designee
Upstate Region

Approval of ACP Vaccine Allocation Policy



The Executive Committee of the ACP Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the policy: [“Ethical Allocation of Vaccines During Pandemics Including COVID-19”](#), which recognizes that vaccine supplies will be limited and may have varying levels of effectiveness in different populations. In this policy, ACP supports many of the conclusions of a report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), and says that allocation of vaccines must maximize saving those most likely to become severely ill or die without the vaccine.

The policy was developed based on discussions within the EPHRC, oversight by the EPHRC Chair and Vice Chair, and input from members of the BOR and BOG who chose to comment. If you have any questions, please contact [Meghann Williams, Manager, Board of Regents and Governance Activities](#).

Virtual Live Event!

ACP & Annals COVID-19 Vaccine Forum II—Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Register today for a virtual live event from ACP and *Annals of Internal Medicine*, **COVID-19 Vaccine Forum II—Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination: What Physicians Need to Know on December 16, 2020, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. ET**. A panel of experts will provide unique insight and practical information related to what physicians and other health care professionals can do to promote COVID-19 vaccination confidence and uptake. Registration is required.

[Register Now](#)

December 8th Briefing from Governor Cuomo:

SUNY Upstate Medical University [received](#) the number one ranking by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its COVID-19 saliva test.



The saliva test developed by Upstate Medical and New York startup Quadrant Biosciences, called Clarifi COVID-19, detects the virus in its earliest stages. The FDA also cited the test as being among the most sensitive tests regardless of type. SUNY's COVID-19 saliva test is cost-effective and easy to use, which has been instrumental in helping SUNY campuses test students and staff and pinpoint cases.

Important Coding Updates for 2021

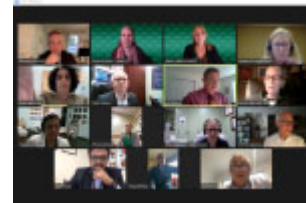
The updates include changes to the Physician Fee Schedule which decrease new patient office visit codes from five to four, revise E/M code definitions, allow levels to be chosen by MDM or time, an increase for RVU, a new code for prolonged services and new telehealth codes. There are also changes related to documentation, supervision and opioid use disorders. In addition, CMS recently announced a service expansion for telehealth and the ONC Information Blocking final rule compliance has been extended to April 5, 2021.



Find more information and resources on [NYACP's Practice Management Tools](#) page.

Call For Abstracts! NYACP Abstract / E-Poster Competition

If you have worked on a research project or have an interesting clinical case, submit your abstract for a chance to present at the Spring NYACP E-Poster Competition! Separate poster competitions for residents and medical students will be held for entries in the following categories: Research, Clinical Vignette and Quality.



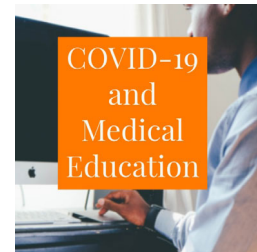
Deadline to submit abstracts is Friday, January 22, 2021

[Online Submission Forms are Now Available Here!](#)

[For more information click here](#)

The Impact of COVID-19 on Housestaff and Educators December 16, 2020 • 5 PM - 6 PM

The NYACP Residents Committee recently sponsored a survey to Residents and Faculty that sought to identify the efficacy of educational approaches used during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring.



Join Harvir Singh Gambhir MD, FACP and Marc Braunstein, MD, PhD, FACP to:

1. Review the survey data
2. Discuss implications of COVID-19 on medical education
3. Understand the ways to use the data to improve medical education during this pandemic

[Register Here](#)

Did you miss the NYACP Annual Meeting?

You can still view all recordings and earn up to 12 CME Credits and 12 MOC points! ACP Member fee is \$50 and you have until Spring 2021 to view your recordings and claim your credits.



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