

January 20, 2022



President's Message: Dr. Leslie Algase

We are well into the New Year and have Omicron on our minds. We are hopeful that this part of the pandemic may be peaking and might start to turn around. I am not sure that hope translates into any relief for those slugging along on the front lines in overwhelmed hospitals, ICU's and primary care offices like mine. We still have to dig very deep to find empathy for those who have digested so much misinformation that they are willing to put themselves and others at risk. It is particularly disheartening to see the surge again in patients who won't go to hospitals with life-threatening issues that are not COVID related and are having terrible outcomes.

On the hopeful front, Governor Hochul outlined an aggressive plan in her State of the State address to try to improve things, putting healthcare as a top priority in the state. She would like to rebuild and grow New York's health care workforce by 20% over the next 5 years and provide cost of living support and living wages for human services workers on the front lines. She would like NY to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Nurse Licensure compact to allow health professionals to easily relocate here. This could, however, whittle away at some of the protections our practices need from competition from other states and corporate medicine providers. Plans are to grow the community based health care workforce through benefits and skills development, advance health equity, improve prenatal and postpartum care, support telehealth and fight the opioid epidemic using a public health approach.

As a geriatrician, the Governor's proposals to improve the care in nursing homes is the closest to my heart. She would establish clear certification criteria for "memory care," establish specific training for staff and administrators related to dementia, support conversions to the Green House model, and use technology to help combat social isolation.

Reading through her priorities, I can see areas where our advocacy has worked in moving the state government forward, but also areas that we need to work hard to continue to influence, such as scope of practice issues and overregulation of what goes on in the exam room. We will continue our tireless efforts in advocacy under the capable leadership of our HPPC chair, Kellin King, MD, FACP and our wonderful staff lobbyists Heather Bennett, JD, PhD and Loretta Ponesse, CAE. You can help by checking the [advocacy page](#) on our website and by answering our calls to action when bills are about to be decided by the legislature. A simple form letter to send to your

representatives takes only moments to complete and can make a big difference for medical practice in New York!

Please stay safe and take care of yourselves. As they say on the airplane, put on your own oxygen mask first! We are all in this together!

Leslie

IM Physician Input Needed on Medical Professional Liability

Please respond to this [brief survey](#)



MLMIC and NYACP have a long-standing relationship working together to serve NY's Internal Medicine Physicians, and are partnering here to ask you for your input regarding your medical professional liability (MPL) insurance experience. The primary objective of this survey is to gain greater insight and understanding of what physicians and medical professionals experience when working with their MPL insurance carrier.

The information gathered will help:

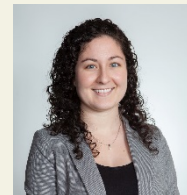
- Understand how and why you interact with your carrier most often;
- Identify ways that experience can be improved;
- Enhance and expand offerings and value-added services based on identified needs and wants when it comes to insurance products, educational offerings, and technology; and
- Further protect the physicians of New York during the continued evolution of healthcare.

All responses are confidential and will be reviewed only by MLMIC and NYACP. No personal identifying information will be revealed or shared. NYACP hopes you will take a few moments to complete the survey.

National Snapshot - ACP Comments on MedPAC's Plan to Freeze Physician Payments

By Christina D'Agostino, MD

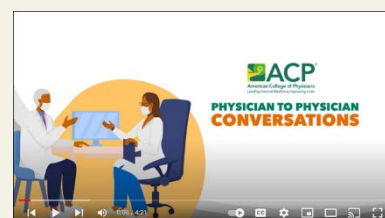
As we see the economic impact of the pandemic on our society, we are reminded that physicians and healthcare systems can be significantly affected. This past week, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) [voted](#) to effectively freeze physician payments for the upcoming year. Taking inflation into account, this would amount to payment cuts. A statement from ACP's President [comments](#) on how disappointing this vote was and proposes further discussion in order to find an alternative solution.



According to [research](#) by the American Medical Association, provider reimbursements have not matched increases in practice expenses for almost two decades. With the aforementioned payment freeze plan, this problem would only be further exacerbated. All of this comes at a time when practices, particularly those involving primary care, are facing increased demand. The value of high-quality primary care medicine has been long recognized to help improve health outcomes. As a society, we need to appropriately invest resources toward ensuring that primary care quality remains high. ACP wishes to work with MedPAC to develop an alternative plan that allows for appropriate physician payment updates instead of payment freezing, thereby ensuring patients' continued access to high-quality care.

Video Series to Combat Misinformation

ACP has partnered with YouTube and developed a series of videos to help combat misinformation about COVID-19 and vaccinations. The video series features internists and includes:



Physician to Physician Conversations—Shares practical communication strategies to help physicians and other healthcare professionals build vaccine confidence and address patient concerns that may be rooted in misinformation.

Ask Your Internist—Helps answer vaccination-related patient questions using trusted, evidence-based information in the clinicians' voice.

Visit ACP's YouTube channel often to see the latest videos: <https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericanCollegeofPhysicians/playlists>

Social Media

Get practical strategies from your peers to help build vaccine confidence and address patient concerns that may be rooted in misinformation in ACP's new video series, "Physician to Physician Conversations."

www.youtube.com/c/AmericanCollegeofPhysicians/playlists #COVIDMisinformation #ACPInternists #InternalMedicine #COVID19

[NYACP Medial Students COVID Vaccine Messages \(several languages!\)](#)

[ACP/Annals COVID Forums](#)



ACP and *Annals* bring together experts to discuss topics related to COVID-19. These virtual live events are open to ACP members and *Annals* subscribers. They're recorded and released with a corresponding *Annals* article and the opportunity to earn free CME/MOC for members and subscribers. Recent topics include various aspects of vaccination as well as evaluation and care of patients with persistent symptoms.

Since it's invite-only to members and subscribers, there isn't an open access page that lists upcoming Forums or ways to register. Therefore, be sure to check the website below for details and keep an eye on your inbox for upcoming events.

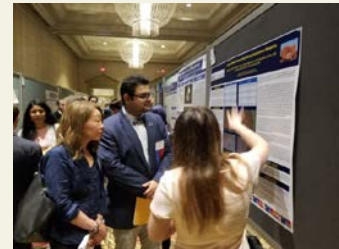
Learn more: <https://www.acpjournals.org/journal/aim/forums>

Attention NYACP Residents/Fellows and Medical Students

Call For Abstracts!

We are excited to announce that the Spring Final Poster competition will be in person. Here's how it works:

- Review the [Call for Abstracts](#) information.
- Submit your abstract [here](#) for a preliminary review by a team of judges.
- Submit your online abstract by **Friday, February 11, 2022**.
- Accepted abstracts will be notified by April 15, 2022.
- For accepted abstracts, look for an invitation to the Crowne Plaza/Desmond for an in - person presentation to a team of judges.
- Winners in each category will win an expense-paid trip to ACP's Poster Competition in 2023!
- We welcome new and previously submitted abstracts for this competition!



NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum

Event Date: Friday, May 27, 2022

Crowne Plaza/Desmond Hotel

660 Albany Shaker Road

Albany, NY 12211

[All abstract submission Information](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

Tonight! Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections
Thursday, January 20, 2022 / 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Explore the practice of medicine through shared experiences! Come for discussion, camaraderie, and to meet authors of select pieces from 'On Being A Doctor'.

January's Theme: Coping Through Humor Across the Ages

Readings:

Reimbursement over the Atlantic by Andrew Casano, MD and readings selected by the Facilitator.

Facilitated by: Angel 'Lito' Gutierrez, MD, FACP

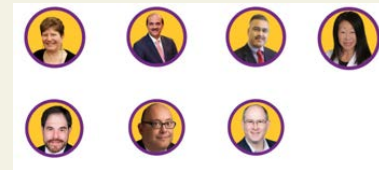
Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

Registration

Special NYACP Early Career Physician Task Force (ECPTF) Workshop:

An Interactive Discussion with NYACP Governors

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 / 6:00 - 7:30 pm



We hope you will join us for an interactive discussion with **NYACP Governors** as they share their leadership journey in medicine!

Agenda

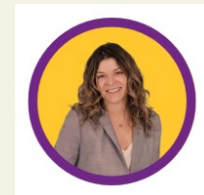
6:00- 7:00 – Governors Panel - Intro and Discussion with members

Registration

Helping Patients Access Mental Health Care in NY

Thursday, February 3, 2022 / 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Physicians are struggling with limited resources to find psychiatric care for patients. It is becoming increasingly difficult to manage other health problems without the need for psychiatric assistance being met. The NYS Ombudsman Program is designed to help both patients and physicians access mental health and substance use services for individuals in need of care. NYACP welcomes Stephanie Campbell, NYS Behavioral Ombudsman Project Director, to identify ways that the program assists you and your patients in removing barriers to accessing mental health care.



[More Information](#)
[Registration](#)



Alex
Goodman,
MD

Women Support Groups & Their Impact on Residency Programs; How to Start Your own WiRL (*Women in Residency Life*)

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 / 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Facilitated by: Dr. Alex Goodman and Dr. Keisha Suhail, are both chief residents at SUNY Upstate Medical University and are pursuing fellowships in Hematology-Oncology and Gastroenterology respectively.

Objectives:

- 1) Why a women's support group (WSG) for residents is impactful.
- 2) Who is WiRL and what have we done.
- 3) Steps for starting a WSG at your institution.
- 4) What the future looks like for WiRL.



Keisha
Suhail, MD

[Details Found Here](#)

[Registration](#)

Northwell School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell & NYACP Present:

Story Slam: My Take on Health Equity

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 / 6:00-7:30 pm



Storytellers: Share a story 5 minutes in length that centers on the theme and submit your story or outline by February 4th : [Register Here](#)

Audience: [Register Here](#)

[Details found here](#)

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Facilitated by: Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP

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



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2022 NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum

Friday, May 27, 2022

Join us on Friday, May 27, 2022 as we return to an in-person poster competition and welcome back Dr.'s Dilemma!

Crowne Plaza/Desmond
660 Albany Shaker Rd
Albany, NY 12211



[Call for Abstracts](#)

Save the Date!

2022 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022



Join us as we return to an in-person Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

Westchester Marriott
670 White Plains Rd
Tarrytown, NY 10591
