

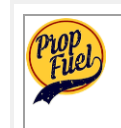
January 21, 2021



**Welcome Uzoamaka Aniagba, MD**

NYACP's Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP Advocacy Intern  
January 2021

NYACP is pleased to welcome Uzoamaka Aniagba, MD, a second year Resident at Northwell Health, as our January 2021 Advocacy Intern! Uzo is working hard helping NYACP track legislation introduced in the NYS Senate and Assembly, and is participating in meetings with NYACP leadership and members. Uzo has a special interest in maternal and child health, and is conducting a review of the impact of food insecurity in underserved communities. Thanks for lending your expertise to the NYACP team this month Uzo!



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As part of her advocacy immersion, Uzo prepared a summary of Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address for NYACP Members.

**State of the State Address:**

**Preparing for Post-COVID Reconstruction Era - by Uzoamaka Aniagba, MD**

Governor Andrew Cuomo delivered his Annual State of the State address on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's address focused on how NYS will reimagine, rebuild and renew after one of the most tumultuous years in US History. The Governor addressed the state by stating "We are at War with the COVID pandemic" while standing in the ornate War Room located in the state's Capitol Building in Albany. He laid out his seven point plan overview on how NY will reconstruct and move forward in what is being called the Post-COVID Reconstruction Era.

**I. DEFEAT COVID**

Cuomo tackles COVID head on as the first point of business for the state. Cuomo hopes to do so by equipping hospitals with needed resources and tools to stay open and healthy. This is imperative because if hospitals in certain regions become overwhelmed and inundated with increased COVID cases, this could potentially lead to hospital closures and increased quarantine restrictions.

One major point raised during the address was the plan to reimagine the public health system because if COVID taught us anything, it was that our public health system needs reinforcing. Cuomo proposed to pass the Medical Supplies Act which will increase domestic manufacturing of PPE and medical supplies and decrease reliance on foreign imports from countries such as China. Additionally, Cuomo hopes to expand and foster new health technologies via telehealth, and emphasized that COVID has created innovation in patient care through electronic mediums.

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**ACP Advocacy in Action—2020 Achievements**

2020 delivered unprecedented challenges, but ACP continued to advocate for internal medicine physicians, achieving policy change that improved daily practice and patient care.

## Highlights

- **Achieved Historic Payment Wins with CMS and Congress**  
Wins include increased pay for office visit and other E/M codes that will result in an estimated 6% increase in total 2021 Medicare payments to internal medicine physicians.
- **Supported Physicians and Patients during COVID-19**  
Achieved financial assistance for practices; pay parity for telemedicine; Medicare regulatory requirements eased; increased funding for testing and treatment; and increased availability of PPE.
- **Addressed Barriers to Care, Disparities, and Discrimination in Health Care**  
Promoted diversity, equity and inclusion, releasing "Racism and Health in the United States" policy; participated in joint arguments to protect the ACA; and opposed rules to deny access to care.
- **Policy Development Focus**  
Addressed promoting prescription drug competition, step-therapy and nonmedical drug switching, and new surprise medical billing provisions; provided recommendations to the Biden transition team.
- **Published New Vision for Comprehensive Health Care Reform**  
*Envisioning a Better U.S. Health Care System for All* proposes comprehensive reform of U.S. health care, the importance of which is magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout 2021, ACP will continue to advocate for changes that help physicians and their patients; collaborate with other health care associations to find solutions; and inform conversations about health care.

## Recorded Webinar Now Available!



### The Road to a COVID Vaccine:

The COVID-19 vaccines have arrived and with them, questions. You now have the opportunity to view the recorded presentation with Ann Falsey, MD, Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and an Infectious Disease specialist.

The focus of her research has been in the field of respiratory viral infections in adults. Most recently, she was the lead researcher on COVID-19 vaccine trials.



Ann R. Falsey, MD  
Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine  
and Infectious Disease Specialist

[View here!](#)

### By participating in this event, you will:

1. Understand the process of developing vaccines
2. Understand the different types of COVID-19 vaccines
3. Become familiar with the safety and efficacy of the RNA vaccines

## Upcoming Events

### Ready to Rank: An informal meet and greet for applicants to NY State Residency Programs

January 21, 2021 • January 28, 2021 • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Sponsored by the NYACP Medical Student and Resident Committees

Are you applying to a NY State Residency Program in this year's match cycle? Join NYACP for an informal opportunity to talk to residents from programs throughout New York State about their residency experiences. Students will be assigned to groups in Zoom breakout rooms. Each group will meet with



resident representatives from each participating program (accompanied by a moderator from NYACP). Access to the event will close at 7:10 pm each night so, please log in on time to confirm your seat.

Thursday, January 21, 2021 7pm - 9pm	Thursday, January 28, 2021 7pm - 9pm
<p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flushing Hospital (IM)</li><li>• Northwell Health at North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Hospital (IM)</li><li>• Mount Sinai Morningside and West (IM)</li><li>• SUNY Upstate Medical University (IM)</li><li>• Wyckoff Heights Medical Center (IM)</li></ul> <p><a href="#">REGISTER FOR JANUARY 21, 2021</a></p>	<p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albany Medical Center (IM)</li><li>• NYC Health and Hospitals Lincoln</li><li>• NYC Health and Hospitals Queens</li><li>• NYU Langone (IM)</li><li>• Maimonides (IM)</li><li>• Westchester Medical Center (IM)</li></ul> <p><a href="#">REGISTER FOR JANUARY 28, 2021</a></p>

Questions? Email [Amanda Allen at aallen@nyacp.org](mailto:aallen@nyacp.org)

***New - Women in Medicine Webinar Series Part I:***

**A Cross Generational Discussion for Women in Medicine**  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 • 6:00 -7:00 pm



The NYACP Early Career Physicians Task Force is hosting a four-part Women in Medicine Webinar Series, once per quarter in 2021. This series will be a platform for women physicians to share their voice, learn from healthcare leaders and work together in navigating the future for IM women physicians. In our first session, Dr. Darilyn Moyer, EVP/CEO American College of Physicians will dive into a more diverse and equitable environment for women physicians.

- Presentation and discussion with Dr. Darilyn Moyer moderated by: Dr. Ankita Sagar and Dr. Susan Lee
- Live Q and A and chat with colleagues
- Feedback for future webinar planning

Prior to the event, attendees are encouraged to view Dr. Moyer's Grand Rounds presentation: [Women in Medicine: Creating a JEDI Healthcare System](#)

[Register Here](#)

Co-sponsored by: Northwell Health, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and NYACP

**Calling all storytellers and members who like to hear stories!**

**Join us in a virtual Story Slam: Random Acts of Kindness**  
Thursday, February 11, 2021 • 6:00 - 7:30 PM



- Stories must be less than five minutes
- Open to: Medical Students, Residents, Fellows, Faculty and all NYACP Members

[All information found here](#)

[Register Here!](#)

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Co-Sponsored by: Metropolitan Area Geriatric Society (MAGS)-NYACP Webinar

**Management of Dementia Related Behaviors**  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 • 7:00-8:00 PM • 1-Hour CME  
Speaker: Alan Steinberg, MD - General 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

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