

January 6, 2022



President's Message: Dr. Leslie Algase

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe holiday and are managing to keep your head above water in this crushing COVID wave.

I do have some great news to share. As a chapter, we participated in the #HCWvsHunger fund-raising drive that was started on Twitter. We named our team #NYStateOfKind! We eventually merged with several other internal medicine/ACP teams and rose to finish in 4th place for fundraising, donating over \$32,000 to individual food banks. Our combined team was named #IMGenerous. The entire event raised \$427,574 from physicians in all specialties. If you are not aware of the organization and/or not connected to twitter, please consider donating to the food bank in your own community. We did this to feed our neighbors and need no special recognition to continue to do this. Also, during the course of planning this program, we learned that there are food closets for medical students with food insecurity. This is just horrifying. SUNY Upstate has Paley's Pantry and you can get more information [on their website](#). If your institution has students that are food insecure as well, please share those links with us to shine some light on the problem.

With the New Year here, I would like to invite you to connect more closely and more easily with NYACP. Here are a few great ways:

Postcards – Do you receive NYACP's quarterly postcard? If not, it may be because the address we have on file for you is your office address. Update your [email address](#) with NYACP so we can stay more closely in touch!

Board Review Question of the Week – Are you participating in the biweekly online MKSAP question that we distribute? If not, it may be because the email address we have on file for you is not the best one to reach you (or you unsubscribed at some point and now are missing out on all of the fun!). [Send us your updated email](#) and we'll add you back!

NYS Required Scope of Pain Course - Is 2022 the year you need to update your NYS required Scope of Pain Course? NYACP's online class is ready for you. [Click here](#) to start your renewal today.

January is National Mentoring Month – Watch for NYACP updates about how to raise your game in mentoring and engage with the future leaders of medicine. Check out ACP's [Mentoring Resource Library!](#)

Upcoming Events - [Check out the recently announced 2022 meeting dates](#) for NYACP's popular programs: Resident and Medical Student Forum; Doctors Dilemma; Small Feedings of the Soul; and 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting

And we welcome all feedback on the above programs as we are here to serve our members. At this difficult and stressful time, we are open to all suggestions that would make your lives even a little easier. NYACP is here for you!

Stay safe!

Leslie F. Algase, MD, FACP
Chapter President and Governor, Upstate Region

Governor Hochul Delivers the State of the State Address on January 5th

Right from the start, Governor Hochul set a collaborative note during her first State of the State address on Wednesday. Governor Hochul announced that healthcare workers and first responders have been working tirelessly to fight the pandemic, but are facing a crisis on a number of fronts, including lack of staff. Therefore, to support the development of a stable healthcare system, the Governor proposes to **rebuild the healthcare workforce by 20% over the next five years with a \$10 billion investment** in healthcare and wages for workers. To accomplish this, Hochul proposes to:



- Increase training capacity of medical institutions
- Attract students into healthcare by relieving their financial burdens
- Award prior learning credit across SUNY and CUNY
- Recruit medical professionals to work in underserved areas
- Connect New Yorkers to Direct Support Professions
- Allow doctors and nurses to easily relocate to practice in New York
- Expand workforce development partnerships to build human services talent pipeline
- Grow the home and community-based health care workforce through benefits and skills development

NYACP is looking forward to working with Governor Huchul to support New York's physicians and patients. More information about these proposals will be shared in the weeks and months ahead.

[State of the State Book Available Here](#)

NY Telehealth Status Update

NYACP is proud to collaborate with the Medical Society of the State of New York to support the expansion and continuation of telehealth in NY. Below find two updates by **Zina D. Cary**, Senior Associate Director of Governmental Affairs, Medical Society of the State of New York.



[Telehealth Coverage & State Policy Landscape \(Status as of Nov 11, 2021 and still in effect\)](#)

[NYS Department of Financial Services \(DFS\) Makes Audio-Only Telehealth Coverage Policy Permanent \(Permanent\)](#)



Rosie Love

NYACP Releases New Podcast - Fall 2021 Health Disparities Fellows Discuss their Research and Connections to Health Equity

NYACP's Fall 2021 Health Disparities Fellows Rosie Love and Ola Kalu discuss how they developed an interest in health equity research and how it connects with their doctoral studies at SUNY Albany. Rosie Love and Ola Kalu are Presidential Fellows at SUNY Albany's Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities.



Ola Kalu

You can check out the podcast on the following webpage: [Physician Spotlight Podcast](#)

Special year end message from MLMIC:

Thank you for taking care of New York. We are honored to support you and all the heroic work you have done in 2021 as our frontline warriors.



[Please watch this special New Year's message.](#)

As you continue to make daily sacrifices to take care of all of us during these very difficult times, MLMIC stands ready to defend, advocate for, and serve you in 2022. We are here to help, any way we can.

From all of us at MLMIC Insurance Company, we wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy new year.

ACP's 2021 End of Year Advocacy Highlights: Advocating to Support Internists and Their Patients

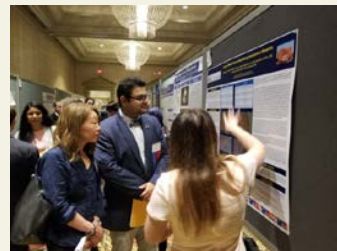
Check out ACP's [2021 Highlights graphic flyer](#) to see all that ACP has advocated for this year. From advancing the value of internal medicine and primary care, to supporting internists' needs during the COVID-19 crisis, ACP has been active working for our members and our patients. Also highlighted are ACP's work to address racial disparities and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, improve Board certification policies and procedures and details about positive changes in the CMS 2022 Physician Fee Schedule and new federal programs that reflect ACP recommendations.

[Visit ACP's Advocacy section](#) to view the flyer and keep up with all of ACP Advocacy's efforts!

Attention NYACP Residents/Fellows and Medical Students

Call for Abstracts and Dr's Dilemma Teams! Friday, May 27, 2022

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum
Crowne Plaza/Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211



Call For Abstracts!

We are excited about announcing 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 reviewed 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!

[All abstract submission Information](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

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

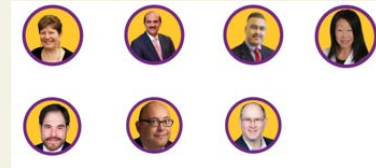
Program Directors: Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

[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- 6:30 pm – Governors Panel - Intro and Discussion

6:35 – 7:20 pm – Leaders will rotate through the breakout rooms to dialogue and answer questions from ECPTF and members

7:20 – 7:30 pm- Breakout Room recap

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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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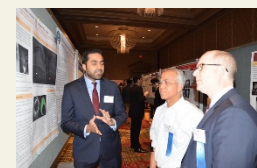


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2022 NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum

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!



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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

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