

June 9, 2022



President's Message: Dr. Jitendra Barnecha

Progress note:

I am pleased to announce that **Loretta A. Ponesse, CAE** has been promoted to Interim Executive Director effective June 1, 2022. Congratulations to Loretta and

best wishes to **Heather Bennett, JD, PhD** as she embarks upon a new chapter in her life. Heather will remain involved in the Chapter by serving as a member of NYACP's DEI Task Force. Another staff announcement includes the promotion of **Karen Tucker-LaBello, CMP** as the Director of Education and Chapter Operations. Karen will continue managing meetings and education and focus more time on Chapter operations.

On May 26, NYACP Governors, Chapter Leaders and invited guests met in Albany for a very successful in-person Leadership Meeting that also included the NYACP's (C-3) Council and NYACP Services (C-6) business meetings. The leadership meeting was well-received and included a variety of sessions with highlights including **Kerri Palamara McGrath, MD, MACP**, who conducted an interactive session on the topic of "Well-Being in Times of Change" and **George Abraham, MD, MACP**, Immediate Past President of ACP, who shared important information pertaining to IMG Membership Development. There was a panel of presentations, led by **Harvir Gambhir, MD, FACP** and **Viren Kaul, MD, FACP** about the experiences associated with the Chapter's Leadership Academy, an Overview of Chapter Diversity in Leadership: Setting the Stage for Future Planning through Data Review and an idea-a-thon exercise conducted by **Susan Lee, MD, FACP** and NYACP Staff Member **Amanda Allen**, an Advocacy Update and Resolutions Overview/Process conducted by **Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP, Heather Bennett, JD, PhD, and Loretta Ponesse, CAE**, a Mini Panel on the NY Health Act, and a Town Hall session held just prior to the close of the meeting.

On May 27, 2022, [NYACP's Resident and Medical Student Forum \(event photos\)](#) was held in Albany, and it included an abstract poster and the doctor's dilemma competition. Many thanks to all the poster presenters, doctor's dilemma teams, judges, and technical assistants. What an educational and fun day!

On the NYS Legislative side, a mixed bag of health care access and affordability issues were discussed and voted upon in sessions that ended on Saturday, June 2 after an overtime marathon of votes in the Assembly. Several pieces of legislation approved by both houses, took aim at



administrative practices by health care providers and insurance carriers that opponents say drive up health care costs for patients and employers.

Notably, a tailored version of the [Hospital Equity and Affordability Law](#) , S.7199-A/A.8169-A, which was championed by union health plans and would prohibit hospitals and health systems from including certain anti-competitive provisions in insurance contracts, such as a most-favored-nation clause, passed the Assembly and Senate. The legislature also passed another bill, S.8113/A.879, requiring an insurance company or health maintenance organization’s clinical peer reviewer be in the same or a similar specialty as the clinicians whose decisions they are reviewing. Lawmakers also approved two [restrictions on Step Therapy](#), S.5909/A.3276 and S.8191/A.9267, which are protocols used by health plans that require patients to “fail first” on a less-costly medication before covering a more expensive treatment.

Finally, please join me in creating awareness on National Gun Violence, Alzheimer’s, Cataract, Men’s Health and celebrating LGBTQIA Pride this month.

Stay tuned !



Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP, SFHM

President

Congratulations NYACP Poster Winners!
[Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Forum](#)

Friday, May 27, 2022
Desmond/Crowne Plaza Hotel
Albany, NY

Medical Student Clinical Vignette

1st: Madiha Khan - NYIT, College of Osteopathic Medicine
2nd: Ania Stolarczyk - Univ. of Rochester Medical Center

Medical Student Research

1st: Katherine Loboda - NYU Langone Health

Resident/Fellow Clinical Vignette

1st: Barisere Bodo, MD - Nuvance Health,Vassar Brothers Medical Center



Spring 2022 Poster Winners!
[Event Photos](#)

2nd: Kirat Randhawa, MD - Long Island Community Hospital
2nd (Tie): Jenny Solomon, MD - NYU Long Island Hospital

Resident/Fellow Research

1st: Yu-Che Lee, MD - University at Buffalo/Sisters Charity Hospital

Resident/Fellow/Medical Student: Quality, Patient Safety and Advocacy

1st: Einas Batarseh, MD - University at Buffalo

2nd: Laura Rivera Boadla, MD & Hammad Bhatti, MD - Maimonides Medical Center Hospital

2nd (Tie): Shabari Shenoy, MBBS - Icahn SOM Mount Sinai - Morningside

First place winners in each category will have an opportunity to represent NY Chapter ACP at ACP's IM23 Poster Competition in San Diego next spring!

Congratulations NYACP Dr's Dilemma Competition Winner!

Staten Island University Hospital!

Team Participants:

Fasih Sami Siddiqui, MD

Abdullah Jahangir, MD

Hussein Rabah, MD

Michel El Khoury, MD



Dr's Dilemma Winners!

Staten Island University Hospital

[Event Photos](#)

The winning team, Staten Island University Hospital, will have the opportunity to represent the New York Chapter ACP in ACP's IM23 National Dr's Dilemma Competition in San Diego next spring!

Call For Abstracts! *Deadline to submit is September 2, 2022 at 5 pm*

We are excited to announce that the Fall Final Poster Competition will be in person during NYACP's Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, November 5th at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, NY.



The online abstract submission form is now open.

[Detailed Information.](#)

Members in the News!

Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP to be awarded EFIM Fellowship, FEFIM

On Thursday, June 9, **Dr. Jitendra Barmecha** will be presented the EFIM Fellowship at the 20th Annual European Congress of Internal Medicine in Malaga, Spain.



The European Congress expressed appreciation to Dr. Barmecha for his involvement in EFIM Activities and future ACP collaboration with EFIM!

Congratulations Dr. Barmecha!



Raphael Rabinowitz, MD appointed to ACP's Coding and Payment Policy Subcommittee for 2022-23

Congratulations to **Dr. Raphael Rabinowitz** for his appointment to ACP's Coding and Payment Policy Subcommittee for 2022-23. Dr. Rabinowitz is a member of the Chapter's Early Career Physicians and Residents committees.

The committees of ACP perform a vital role in the development of policies and programs that benefit the public, the profession of medicine, and our membership. Participation in committee activity provides a valuable opportunity both to serve and to have one's voice heard in ways that directly affect internal medicine and our patients. Committee appointments are approved by the Board of Regents each year, based on the Committee Appointments Subcommittee's and Governance Committee's careful review of each committee's mission and the expertise available throughout the membership.

Congratulations Dr. Rabinowitz!



Attn: Medical Students and Faculty! Internal Medicine Interest Group Application Deadline Extended to June 17

The application deadline for [Internal Medicine Interest Group \(IMIG\)](#) Applications has been extended to June 17, 2022. If your school is missing from [this list of applicants](#), please contact the IMIG leaders and encourage them to [submit an online application](#). Applicants receive \$200 in funding as well as access to ACP resources for IMIG programming.

If you have any questions, please contact imig@acponline.org.

Chapter Awards - Nominate a friend or colleague for outstanding work!
The deadline for all submissions is July 31, 2022.

NYACP is excited to increase member recognition for excellence and distinguished contributions to Internal Medicine in Education, Advocacy, Clinical Excellence, Research, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and Public Health.



To nominate a member friend or colleague for a [Chapter Award](#), complete and submit the [Chapter Awards Nomination Form](#), along with a Letter of Nomination and a copy of the nominee's CV. **The submission deadline is July 31, 2022.**

Please help the New York Chapter ACP recognize, honor, and congratulate the truly deserving members of our Chapter for their amazing and outstanding work!

U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Addresses Health Worker Burnout



A new Surgeon General's Advisory highlights the critical need to address the issue of health worker burnout across the country and recommends steps health care orgs, policymakers, insurers, and others can take to address health worker well-being and strengthen our communities. ACP provided input to the report and stands with the Surgeon General on his mission to address societal, cultural, structural, and organizational factors that promote health worker well-being and ensure that health workers can thrive. [Learn more](#)

Guidance to PBM registration and reporting:

According to a press release from the Executive Chamber, Governor Hochul announced "much needed oversight" of Pharmacy Benefit Managers with the creation of the Department of Financial Services' Pharmacy Benefits Bureau.

The release adds that Pharmacy Benefit Managers will be required to register with the DFS Bureau by 6/1, and that annual reports are due by 7/1.

[Guidance for PBM registration and reporting link](#)

Upcoming Events

New Series! Wisdom and Well Being: Making Healthcare Work Better for Physicians and Patients

Part 1: Thursday, June 9 / 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Trauma-Informed Care: Realization, Recognition, and Response

Megan Gerber, MD, FACP



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Join us as Dr. Megan Gerber continues her conversation on [Trauma Informed Care](#). This session will review principles of trauma-informed care and explore their application to physician workforce well-being.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Part 2: Thursday, June 21 / 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Substance Use Disorders: Our Colleagues? Ourselves?

Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, DFASAM



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This session will address substance use trends and stigma, identify vulnerabilities and explore its use as a coping mechanism. The focus will be on the application of this information to physician workforce well-being (including those with and at-risk-for Substance Use Disorder).

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections

Wednesday, June 15 / 7:00 PM - 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'.

This event is not recorded. Please note that this month's event is on a Wednesday!

June's Theme: I've Got Your Back - The Power of Kindness in Medicine

Readings:

[Professional Courtesy](#) by Daniel Pollyea, MD, MS

[Pass It On](#) by Nathaniel Morris, MD

Facilitated by: Cori Salvit, MD, FACP

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Save the Date!

2022 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Join us as we return to an in-person meeting format:

Westchester Marriott

670 White Plains Rd

Tarrytown, NY 10591.



A live ***“Introduction to Point of Care Ultrasound”*** Course will be offered on Friday, November 4th. Registration will be limited to 50 attendees. Meeting details will be coming shortly!

[Preliminary Schedule & Information](#)
