



President's Message: Dr. Jitendra Barmecha

Admit note:

At the outset, I would like to thank our outgoing Governors and NYACP Chapter Presidents **Drs. Leslie Algase** and **Parag Mehta** for their tremendous service. We are all so fortunate in New York that **Dr. Leslie Algase** will continue to serve us all by joining ACP's Board of Regents, and **Dr. Parag Mehta** has joined as the ACP's Vice - Chair of IMG task force and will also become the President of the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) this month. Please also join me in welcoming **Dr. Michael LoCurcio** as NY's new Governor Elect from Bronx /Manhattan.



Last month, ACP's IM22 "Mastering Medicine Together" in Chicago was a huge success with over 5,000 virtual and in-person registered attendees. It was good to see in-person colleagues, faculty, international members and guests after two years. The plenary sessions, management, policy and care setting updates, POCUS theater and exhibit area including the Tech Hub were outstanding and well attended. The convocation ceremony for new Fellows and Masters was magnificent as always. For those who could not attend the conference, recordings are still available. Please do not forget to fill out the feedback survey so we can improve on the content and overall conference experience.

The highlights of the annual conference can be accessed at:

[ACP's IM 2022 Highlights](#)

[NYACP at IM 2022](#)

I am pleased to announce that the NYACP was the recipient of three Awards at the ACP's IM 22:

- John Tooker Evergreen Award for two NYACP programs including: *Small Feedings of the Soul, Readings and Reflections*; and *Ready to Rank*. More information about these awards is included below.
- ACP Gold Award for Chapter activity
- Certificate of Appreciation for NYACP's Virtual Lobby Day

As Chair of ACP's Digital Health Advisory Board, in partnership with American Telemedicine Association (ATA), and the Organization for the Review of Care and Health Applications (ORCHA), we created a new U.S. framework for assessing digital health technologies, including mobile apps and web-based tools used by healthcare professionals and consumers. ACP also

announced the launch of a pilot test of a database of digital health tools reviewed against the framework by ORCHA.

Back home, the NYS Legislative Session is scheduled to end on June 2nd. We had a very successful virtual lobby day on May 5th discussing several pieces of healthcare legislation with our elected officials and their staff. I would like to thank **Dr. Kellin King**, Chair of NYACP's Health and Public Policy Committee, for taking the lead along with other members. For those members who did not have a chance to participate in our advocacy efforts, please [visit our Advocacy Week Webpage](#) to send a letter supporting Prior Authorization "Gold Cards" for physicians and listen to three newly released podcasts.

In the spirit of collaboration, NYACP is joining forces with Governors from California Region 3, Illinois, Oregon, and Texas to offer "[Influencing Change in Medicine: Leadership for Equity](#)" meeting on Saturday, May 14th. One of the panelists is our own - **Dr. Moro Salifu**, NYACP's Chairperson of DEI Task Force. Registration links were emailed earlier and can be accessed [here](#). We are also working on several resolutions to be discussed at the fall Board of Governors meeting.

Last but not least, I look forward to the Leadership Conference, Medical Students and Residents forum (Poster session and Doctor's Dilemma) on May 25th -26th in Albany.

Stay tuned for the progress note(s)!



NYACP Advocacy Week: May 2-6, 2022 Recapping A Successful Week!

Monday, May 2 – Podcasts Released

Did you get a chance to listen to our new advocacy-related podcasts? If not, then make plans to hear directly from our advocacy interns and physician leaders about recent experiences and successes.

[NYACP Advocacy Internship: Experiences from the Chapter's Advocacy Interns](#)

[2022 Advocacy Topics of Interest](#)



NYACP also shares tools and resources on why physician advocacy is important and how to build legislator relationships. If you wish to listen to these podcasts, go to the [NYACP Physician Spotlight Podcast page](#).

Tuesday, May 3 – Call to Action

Did you join NYACP in its [Call to Action to support a bill to create a PreAuthorization Gold Card for physicians](#)? If not, there's still time. So far, 151 letters have been sent to NYS Senators and Assembly Members requesting support for the legislation.

The bill would expedite health care for patients in instances where a physician's preauthorization requests are routinely approved by health insurance carriers by exempting the physician from securing preauthorization for common referrals. Expediting patient care and reducing a bit of administrative burden – a win-win! If you haven't sent your letter yet, please do it today through the Chapter's Grassroots Advocacy Center.

There is a prepared letter with the option to personalize it, which takes about 1 minute to send. [Click here to send your letter now!](#)

NYACP Leaders and Health and Public Policy Committee members also met with Senator Steward-Cousins' Majority Counsel & Health Team to discuss and request support for the following bills:

- Prior Authorization "Gold Card: (A.9908/S.8299)
- Co-Pay Accumulator (A1741/S.5299)
- NYSIS Registry (A.279/S75)

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IM22 New York Member Presentation and Poster Winners

ACP Early Career Physicians Competition Winner Presentations

Certificate in Physician Leadership- Capstone Project:

Charles Kast, MD, FACP- Northwell Health

Hadeel Alkhairw, MD - NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst

ACP Resident/Fellow Abstract Competition Winner Presentations

Research: Yi-Yun Chen, MD, Jacobi Medical Center

Clinical Vignette: Miqueas Gomez, MD, Health Quest/Brooklyn

Clinical Vignette: Vineeetha Philip, MBBS, Health Quest/Brooklyn



Dr. Charles Kast presenting at IM22!

ACP Medical Student Abstract Competition Winner Presentations

Clinical Vignette: Eric Kim, New York University Grossman School of Medicine, New York

IM22 Medical Student Poster Winners

Research: Sarah Turecamo, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York

Research: Harshita Gaba, University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester

[All Winners](#)

Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage in New York

By: Kenneth R. Larywon, Esq. and Thomas A. Mobilia Esq.

With ever-increasing pain and suffering awards, unsuccessful legislative attempts to establish caps on damages through tort reform, and expanded statute of limitations, such as Lavern's Law concerning failure to diagnose cancer claims, New York healthcare providers, practices and hospitals, often question what they can do to protect themselves in the event of a medical malpractice judgment. While the importance of insurance is obvious, practitioners should be appropriately informed as to their medical professional liability coverage, available limits of coverage, insurance coverage maintained by potential co-defendants, and the priority as between them.

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NYACP Wins Two Evergreen Awards at ACP's IM22 Annual Meeting

NYACP is pleased to announce that two Chapter programs won an Evergreen Award from ACP this year! The John Tooker Evergreen Award recognizes the valuable contributions of ACP members working through their state Chapters 'to enrich, educate and engage members'.

The two programs recognized by ACP for an Evergreen Award include **Ready to Rank** and **Small Feedings of the Soul**. Congratulations to Peter Bhandari, MD for spearheading the Ready to Rank development through NYACP's Medical Students Committee and Residents Committee; and Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP, Nandini Anandu, MD, FACP, and Cori Salvit, MD, FACP for launching the *Small Feedings of the Soul* program under the auspices of the Well Being Committee.



[Did you miss IM22? You can check out highlights here!](#)

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[NYACP's IM 2022 Highlights!](#)

Recorded Videos

How to Prepare Great Abstract and Poster Presentations for your Next Academic Conference

Attendee **Joseph Dayrit, SGU IMG M3** shared the following review on Instagram:

“Thank you NY ACP Chapter and Karen Tucker LaBello, CMP for hosting an incredible talk that was both entertaining and informative; I will definitely apply these tips gained towards my future presentations. Special thanks as well to Dr. Evan Siau, MD, FACP; Dr. Raphael Rabinowitz, MD; Dr Ofek Hai, DO, FACP and Dr. Harvir Gambhir, MD for taking time out of your busy schedules to mentor, sharing pearls garnered through personal experiences regarding research preparation, production and presentation.”



[View Here](#)

Peers Share Strategies to Cope with Daily Burdens



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and your fellow ACP colleagues have developed an Emotional Support Video Series. Take a few minutes to explore these brief videos in which your peers share their strategies for coping with daily burdens, including tips on how to:

- Maintain compassion
- Communicate your needs
- Help colleagues who need support

[View Here](#)

Leaders in health care must ‘make change happen’ to combat burnout

In this video, Dr's Connie Newman, Ankita Sagar and Jason Schneider discuss highlights from their presentation on physician burnout and efforts that are needed to begin addressing it.



[View Here](#)

Upcoming Events

Sponsored by: California Region 3, Illinois, New York, Oregon, and Texas Chapters of the American College of Physicians

Influencing Change in Medicine: Leadership in Equity

Saturday, May 14th / 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Objectives:

- At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to define health equity in terms of impacting advocacy and describe why it matters.
- Chapter successes and challenges will be shared and consensus for effective approaches will be developed.
- Methods for advancing the health equity agenda within advocacy will be shared, and best practices for developing successful coalitions and stakeholder communities will be addressed.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Hilden, ACP HPPC Vice Chair

Moderator: Dr. Omar Atiq, ACP Pres-Elect

Chapter Panelists:

Dr. Moro Salifu, NY ACP DEI Chair

Dr. Kelsi Manley, OR ACP Advocacy Day Chair

Dr. Cynthia Jumper, TX ACP Past President

Dr. Susan Hingle, ACP BOR Chair Emeritus

Dr. Stony Anderson, CA Colorectal Cancer Coalition Pres

[Register Here](#)

[More Information](#)

ACP's Peer Mentoring Series: Session 5—Contract Negotiation
Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 - 9:00 pm



As you prepare to take the next step in your career, it's important to develop a foundational knowledge of contracts and contract negotiation. Learn about the key parts of an employment contract and explore strategies for effective contract negotiation.

Following the presentation, participants will break into small groups to discuss the topic, engage in peer mentoring, and network with their colleagues.

[Register Here](#)

2022 NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum
Friday, May 27, 2022

Save the date and plan to 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

12:30 pm - Poster Competition

2:00 pm - Dr's Dilemma Competition - [Dr's Dilemma Teams Competing](#)



Breaking Bad! Prior Auth Harms the Physician-Patient Relationship Tuesday, May 31/ 7:00-8:00 pm

Physicians are frustrated by the time and hassles of the prior authorization system. Our judgement is questioned by reviewers who have not interviewed or examined the patient, and may lack appropriate expertise in the condition. The prior auth process burdens physicians and their staff, and if disputes are not resolved promptly, can harm patients.

ACP and Medicine Forward are collaborating on a panel discussion to explore the burden that the prior authorization system places on the physician-patient relationship and how the system can be changed. Join the discussion to learn how you can help drive the needed change.

[Register Here](#)

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

[Preliminary Schedule & Information](#)

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