President's Message: Dr. Leslie Algase

This week I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being a member of the American College of Physicians and making it your professional home. Our membership is our lifeblood and, for me personally, NYACP is essential to my joy in practice. It has been so during each stage of my career, but for different reasons. As a medical student, it allowed me to express my interest in internal medicine and explore it as a career choice. It offered opportunities such as the poster/abstract competition to use my clinical experiences to create scholarly work. Were I a student today, I would enjoy free digital access to top-tier publications to enhance my medical knowledge, no matter what field I was exploring.

As a resident, my program was engaged in ACP, encouraging our membership in ACP and the chief residents were supported to attend the ACP Scientific Session free of charge. If I were a resident or fellow now, I would have access to free subscriptions to several publications and resources, including Annals of Internal Medicine and the clinical decision-support tool DynaMed®. I would utilize ACP’s free career counseling, mentoring, and volunteerism resources and nonclinical tools and resources through ACP IMPower, a program expertly crafted to support residents and help catalyze their professional future, and take advantage of well-being resources during this stressful time.

While in private practice, ACP kept me connected thru attendance at the NYACP and ACP annual Scientific Sessions at a reasonable cost and with plenty of CME and the opportunity to get away and connect with colleagues and alumni. As a physician leader in my community, it allowed me opportunities for advocacy and to be ready and knowledgeable when things changed in payment, coding, Medicare regulations, and the onslaught of EMR and P4P programs. My practice would not have been as successful without being able to have my ear to the ground to know what challenges were coming and how to best deal with them and embrace change. Top-tier clinical and practice resources—including Annals of Internal Medicine, evidence-based clinical guidelines and recommendations, and unlimited access to the clinical decision-support tool DynaMed® helped me keep up and make everyday clinical decisions.
As an academic internist now, the educational tools that are available are invaluable. MKSAP 19 is better than ever, and the opportunities for learning, teaching, advocacy and self-care make ACP the best place to have as your professional home.

Nearing the end of my career now, I am so blessed to have been a volunteer and active member of NYACP. I have so many new and old connections throughout the state and across the country because of my membership and my governorship. I am writing this all today for 2 reasons. First, to tell you that the time you volunteer with the chapter at any stage in your career will pay back in so many ways, you should consider joining a committee or giving a talk or at least mark your calendar each time there is a NYACP event. Secondly, it is vital for the survival of our organization that we let all internists at all stages of their careers know the value of ACP membership and encourage them to join. Please click on the following links to the value of membership that will help when you tell a friend or two the value of ACP membership!

- Academic Physicians
- Hospitalist Physicians
- Medical Students
- Physician Affiliates
- Private Practice and Rural Physicians
- Residents and Fellows-in-Training

I am hoping that we are nearing some level of normalcy in our lives as Omicron subsides.

Please stay safe and stay connected!

Leslie

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2022 Spring ACP Board of Governor Resolutions - NYACP Seeks Member Input

Every member has the opportunity to provide input regarding the development of policies and positions of ACP and the Chapter through the resolutions process. The New York Chapter leadership requests your input on the proposed resolutions to be acted on at the ACP Board of Governors (BOG) Spring meeting in April 2022.

Members interested in submitting comments on any or all of the resolutions must do so using our online comments page no later than Friday, February 25, 2022. Please review the ACP BOG Spring 2022 Resolutions. Then, to submit a comment, please visit our easy-to-use response form.

You may select: Support; Do Not Support; or Support with Amendment. If you select support with an amendment, you will be asked to enter specific language to be added or deleted.

We value your input and remind you to consider submitting your own ideas for new resolutions to be presented to the Chapter at any time. We look forward to hearing from you!
Results of Annual Chapter Survey Question: “Would you recommend membership in NYACP to a colleague?”

Every year for the past 3 years, the Chapter has asked members one question: “Would you recommend membership in NYACP to a colleague?” The responses allow the Chapter to gauge performance vs. member needs.

Thank you to the 551 members (5%) who responded! Here is what we learned:

- 63% of members would recommend membership in NYACP.
- 18% of members are neutral about recommending membership in NYACP.
- 19% of members would not recommend membership in NYACP.

Chapter outreach to respondents for more information has taken place. Many promoters shared open text responses that expressed joy in chapter engagement and member benefits like education and advocacy. Others weren’t sure about the member benefits at the Chapter level and requested clarification on the various pathways to ACP Fellowship.

This year, we included a follow-up question that was answered by 371 members (3%): “What do you VALUE MOST about your membership with NYACP?”

Educational opportunities blossomed in the virtual world, and NYACP is happy that the expanded offerings were valued! We would love to help members learn more about getting involved in advocacy activities. Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved this spring!

NYACP releases new podcast:

Physician Spotlight on Private Practice with Inderpal Chhabra, MD, FACP
NYACP’s Medical Student Committee has created podcasts focused on individual professional journeys in Internal Medicine. Click below to hear 2 episodes focused on dispelling the myths of private practice along with tips and resources for private practitioners.

These are by far the most popular episodes yet with over 100 downloads, so take a listen!

- Dispelling the myths of Private Practice
- Tips and Resources for Private Practitioners

Available now on the NYACP Website, Apple Podcasts and Spotify

17 NYACP Members Speaking at IM 2022!

Internal Medicine Meeting 2022 returns in person this spring in Chicago! There’s never been a better time to reconnect with your colleagues and experience the three days of valuable, timely content you rely on to stay current in internal medicine.

Meet up with one of these local NYACP Speakers!

Update: Spring Poster Competition

This competition is going to be exciting and competitive! The Chapter received 273 abstract submissions by the submission deadline on 2/11/22. Come see the future of medicine! Support your peers or sign up to judge the poster presentations.

As a reminder, accepted abstracts will be notified by April 15, 2022, and will be invited to present their poster at:

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum
Event Date: Friday, May 27, 2022
Crowne Plaza/Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12211

Upcoming Events
Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections
*TONIGHT* Thursday, February 17, 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'.

February's theme: Perseverance and Personal Impact

Readings and Guest Authors:

'My Grandmother, the Doctor' by Nathaniel P. Morris, MD
'The Smile' by Megan A. Freeman, MD

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

Registration

Hosting by: Oregon Chapter ACP, Southern California REgion III Chapter ACP, Cascade State Medical Association - Oregon, Golden State Medical Association - California

Race and Kidney Function: Understanding Historical Context and the Science to Move Forward

Earn 1.5 CME Credits

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 / 9:30 pm - 11:30 PM

Join us for an evening session designed as a source of knowledge surrounding the underpinning of the use of race in cornerstone medical calculation in the use of creatinine clearance, aka kidney function. Learn the implications of the use of race-based calculations on the health of minority populations and the current health disparities that exist with respect to diagnosis of CKD, dialysis initiation and kidney transplantation rates.

Target audience includes: General and Subspecialty Internists, Hospitalists, Family Medicine, and other Health Care Professionals. Medical Students and Residents in-training are welcome!

More Details
Registration
Thursday, March 17, 2022 / 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Please note that this session will be 75 minutes.

March’s Theme: Stories from Medicine

Readings and Guest Authors:
Michael LaCombe, MD, MACP - Associate Editor for ‘On Being A Doctor’
Readings will be shared closer to the event date.

Facilitated by: Lynn Cleary, MD, MACP
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Save the Date!
2022 NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum
Friday, May 27, 2022

Save the date 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

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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