President’s Message: Dr. Leslie Algase

Dear NYACP Colleagues,

I am honored and thrilled to become President of NYACP. I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity. I have had wonderful mentoring from the Presidents who preceded me, and I have unending support from my fellow Governors and Governor-Elects! Our staff is incredibly competent, creative and dedicated. It is my pleasure to work more closely with them.

By way of introduction, I am a primary care internist and geriatrician practicing in Rochester, New York. I started practice as an internist in the United States Air Force. After a 3-year tour (and 2 babies), I moved back to NY to be close to family. I was in private practice for 30 years until my partner planned to retire and we sold the practice to the University of Rochester, where I have been active clinical faculty throughout my career.

I have served twice as Monroe County Medical Society president and have been a delegate to MSSNY. I currently serve as Chair of the Chapters Subcommittee at ACP National and I am on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors. My passion and my focus in ACP have been on preserving both primary care and private practice. I am active in advocacy for internists and patients on the local, state and national levels.

This past week, NYACP hosted its annual scientific meeting. By all accounts received to date from participants, the sessions were timely and informative. As we head into planning for our 2022 meeting, please share your thoughts with us about topics, speakers, networking, and other annual meeting programming, by emailing at: Governors@nyacp.org. Also, please consider joining us at an upcoming virtual event. A schedule is included below. I’d love to see you at one of these programs. Attend and join me in making ACP/NYACP your primary professional home!

On a personal note, I enjoy tennis and nonpandemic travel. I have 2 grown children. My son is an attorney in Baltimore, and my daughter is a science teacher in NYC public schools. I just became a grandmother for the first time on October 5th, so this is the month for new beginnings!
I look forward to hearing your feedback and your concerns so that I can effectively advocate for you and your patients!

Leslie Algase, MD, FACP

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**Congratulations to the NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting Poster Winners!**

Winners were announced on October 7, 2021

**Medical Student Clinical Vignette**

1st Place:  Caroline Weiss - Albany Medical College
2nd Place: (tie)  Raj Patel - Lincoln Medical Center
2nd Place:  Leana Wang - NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine
3rd Place:  Edsel Embry - Nassau University Medical Center

**Medical Student Research**

1st Place:  Roshni Kalkur - Albany Medical College
2nd Place:  Lynna Zhong - SUNY Downstate Medical Center
3rd Place:  Jordan Mendelson - NYU Langone Hospital - Long Island

**Resident and Fellow Clinical Vignette**

1st Place:  Tashina Andrade, MD - NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital
2nd Place: (tie)  Minisha Lohani, MD - Stony Brook University Hospital
2nd Place:  Batool Hosain - NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital
3rd Place:  Donna Zarandi, MD - NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

**Resident and Fellow Research**

1st Place:  Megan Buckley, DO - Lenox Hill Hospital
2nd Place:  Rezwan Munshi, MD - Nassau University Medical Center
3rd Place:  Christopher Showers, MD - NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

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

1st Place:  Marcelle Pignanelli - Flushing Hospital Medical Center
2nd Place:  Jacqueline Jordan, MD Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, SUNY at Buffalo
Congratulations to all our poster winners! The first place winner in each category will advance to ACP’s final competition in Chicago, Illinois in April 2022! The next NYACP poster competition will take place on Friday, May 27, 2022 in Albany, NY. Online submission forms will be available on the Chapter’s website at www.nyacp.org.

Members in NYACP’s Bronx Manhattan Region – Vote Now for the Next ACP Governor

It’s time to vote for the next NYACP Bronx Manhattan Governor. Those eligible to vote include MACPs, FACP Members, and Resident/Fellow Members with an election date of 9/1/2019 or earlier. The Governor serves as the official representative of the College for the chapter, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level.

NYACP has two superb candidates who are running for Governor-elect, Tina A. Dobsevage, MD, FACP and Michael LoCurcio, MD, FACP, and the Chapter would like to acknowledge and thank them both for their dedicated volunteer service to the Chapter over the years. To learn more about their background and experience, see their biographies and candidate statements available on our Chapter’s Website.

The election is taking place between October 1 and November 5. Members can vote online or by mail-in ballot. The ballot will be mailed to you and includes your ACP Member Number and Election Passcode that are required in order to cast a vote.

To ensure a smooth and easy voting experience, please note the following: voting materials are not sent from ACP directly. ACP has partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to conduct the election, so you may need to check your spam/junk folder for your ballot. The subject of the
ballot email is “ACP 2021 Governor-elect Election Voting Information”. We encourage you to add noreply@directvote.net as an approved sender so that your ballot arrives safely in your inbox.

For replacement ballots and election customer service, e-mail support@directvote.net or call 866-909-3549, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central. For general election information, contact Julie Sinkoff, Coordinator, BOG Relations, via email or telephone at 215-351-2699.

Find out What’s New for the 2021-2022 influenza season and what you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines while pregnant or breastfeeding!

In this month’s I Raise the Rates Newsletter (IRtR), you will find information on how to participate in ACP’s I Raise the Rates Initiative — a Quality Improvement Initiative to increase adult influenza immunization rates. The initiative aims to increase vaccination coverage among older adults, adults with chronic conditions, and racial/ethnic minority adults by using a QI Methodology. Practices interested in participating may register here.

This month’s newsletter contains Frequently Asked Influenza Questions for the 2021-2022 Season, a CDC Flu Vaccination Campaign Social Media Toolkit, as well as featured articles on COVID-19 Vaccination for Pregnant Women, and Parental Hesitancy for HPV Vaccines.

ACP’s I Raise the Rates program, which is supported by funding from the CDC, Merck, and GSK, provides QI education and virtual coaching support from ACP Advance expert coaches to support increased adult immunization coverage. The New York Chapter is proud to partner with the American College of Physicians in supporting the I Raise the Rates Adult Immunization Program.

Small Feedings of the Soul: Readings and Reflections
Thursday, October 14, 2021: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

October’s Theme: Humanism in Medicine - Reflections from a Physician’s Journey
Readings by Thalia Margalit Krakower, MD

More Information
Registration
Virtual 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Hospital Medicine Symposium
Mastering the Care of the Hospitalized Patient
Friday, October 15, 2021: 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
Virtual CME Course

Co-sponsored with the Society of Hospital Medicine

Event Details

Dietary and Lifestyle Strategies for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction
Virtual CME Course
Friday, October 15, 2021: 7:45am - 2:15pm
Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP)

Event Details

Zoom Meeting: Essentials for Leading Through Times of Uncertainty
Tuesday, October 19: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learning Objectives:
1. Identify challenges to patient care in the presence of a novel pathogen
2. Balance the demands of departmental leadership with clinical practice
3. Understand the role of a hospital within a large healthcare system during a healthcare crisis

Aaron Glatt, MD, MACP, FIDSA, FSHEA
Miriam Smith, MD, FACP, FIDSA, MBA

Registration
Zoom Meeting: Trauma-Informed Care
Thursday, October 21: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Megan Gerber, MD, FACP

We never know what someone has experienced. By practicing trauma-informed care as a universal precaution, you can:

• re-normalize language and skills for all patient encounters and
• foster healing patient-clinician relationships.

Trauma-informed care holds promise for improving clinician well-being. The evening will end with a facilitated discussion of ways in which principles of trauma-informed care may augment compassion, meaning in practice, and potentially foster clinician well-being.

Take away teachable, assessable skills to support the relationship between you and your patients.

Registration

NYACP ABIM MOC Courses

Friday, October 22, 2021
(virtual in real-time)
Earn up to 20 CME credits and 20 MOC points!

8:30 am - 10:30 am • 2020-21 Update in Internal Medicine
Tejas Patel, MD, FACP and Nicholas Berbari, MD, FACP

11:00 am - 1:00 pm • 2020-21 Update in Hospital Medicine
Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP and Parag Mehta, MD, FACP

More Information
Register Here

ACP Webinar: Advancing to Fellowship
Wednesday, October 27: 3:30 pm

ACP invites you to join Saba A. Hasan, MD, MACP, Chair of ACP’s Credentials Committee, as she reviews the meaning of ACP Fellowship and the requirements for attaining your FACP®—a mark of honor and distinction within the internal medicine community.
Final webinar in the series - sponsored by the Chapter’s Early Career Physicians Task Force:
Women in Medicine Series Webinar: Part 5: Building Your Brand Intentionally Every Day
Tuesday, November 9:  6:00 - 7:00 pm

Building your Brand Intentionally Every Day
Dawn Sears, MD, FACG

Social Media and CV Building
Avital O’Glasser, MD, FACP

Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reduction:
Improving Treatment for Patients with Diabetes
Thursday, December 2, 2021:  7:45am-5:00pm

Jointly provided by the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP)