

November 10, 2016

## Education

### NYACP Resident & Medical Student Forum Brings Physicians Together

On November 5, over 200 residents and medical students convened at the Chapter's bi-annual Resident and Medical Student Forum at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. More than 120 posters were presented in various categories. The day also featured welcome and opening remarks by NYACP President Nick Fitterman, MD, FACP, and NYACP Manhattan/Bronx Governor Larry Phillips, MD, FACP, followed by a well-received presentation entitled "Closing the Gap: Treatment of Tobacco Dependence" by former NYACP Advocacy Intern Harshitha Kota, MD.



The annual Doctor's Dilemma competition followed, with a field of 16 teams competing in a test of medical knowledge. After four contentious rounds, Rochester General Hospital was the winner of the 2016 NYACP Doctor's Dilemma and will represent the Chapter at IM 2017 in San Diego!



Congratulations to all who participated in the Poster Competition and Doctor's Dilemma!

### NYACP Poster Competition Winners:

#### Resident/Fellow Clinical Vignette

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Puvanalingam Ayyadurai, MD - Bronx Lebanon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Vishal Tolia, MD - Icahn / St. Luke's Roosevelt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: David Ozeri, MD - SUNY Downstate Medical Center

#### Resident/Fellow Research

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Deepa Vincent, MD - Maimonides Medical Center Hospital
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Philip Lavenburg, MD - SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital

#### Resident/Fellow Patient Safety, Quality and Outcomes Measurement

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aishearya Bhardwaj, MD - SUNY at Buffalo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mansi Nigam, Erie County Medical Center

#### Resident/Fellow Advocacy and Public Policy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: James Tasch, MD - Arnot Ogden Medical Center

#### Medical Student Clinical Vignette

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Zara Ilahi - Flushing Hospital Medical Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jin Guo - Catholic Health System, Buffalo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hoang Nhu Hua, MD - Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

#### Medical Student Research

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ashish Bosukonda - Albany Medical College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Yan Leyfman - Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stephanie Jou - Albany Medical College



## Medical Student Quality Improvement

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Steven Matthews - Stony Brook Medical University

## 2016 NYACP Dr's Dilemma Competition Winners

### Rochester General Hospital Team Members Included:

Qamar Ahmed, MD  
Basarat Baig, MD  
Sonjanya Vuyyala, MD  
Ignacio Portales Castillo, MD



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## Upcoming Educational Events

### Webinars: Smoking Cessation and Treatment, A Three-Part Series

<p><b>Wed., November 30, 2016</b> (7:30 am - 8:30 am) <b>Beyond Cigarettes: It's Not Just Tobacco Anymore</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <a href="#">Linda Efferen, MD, MBA, FACP</a></p> <p><a href="#">Read More and Register Here</a></p>	<p><b>Tues., December 6, 2016</b> (12:00 pm- 1:00 pm) <b>Closing the Gaps: Treatment of Tobacco Dependence</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <a href="#">Donna Seminara, MD, FACP</a></p> <p><a href="#">Read More and Register Here</a></p>	<p><b>Thurs., January 12, 2017</b> (12:00 pm- 1:00 pm) <b>Motivational Interviewing and Brief Action Planning for Smoking Cessation in Primary Care</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <a href="#">Susan Lane, MD, FACP</a> and <a href="#">Steven Cole, MD, FAPA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Read More and Register Here</a></p>
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## District Meetings

**Albany: Saturday, December 3, 2016**

**A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:**

(1) Treating Type 2 Diabetes in 2017: How Not to Get Lost in the Forest

(2) Closing the Gap: Treatment of Tobacco Dependence

The Desmond Hotel • 660 Albany Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211

8:30am Registration and Breakfast / 9:00am-11:00am Educational Program

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

### SAVE-THE-DATE

**Queens: Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:**

(1) Changes to MOC

(2) Update on MACRA

Il Toscano Ristorante • 42-05 235th Street • Douglaston, NY 11363

*Brochure and Registration information coming soon*

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## NYACP is Hosting Eight MOC Learning Sessions in February 2017

*Earn up to 20 ABIM MOC points and 20 CME Credits™ per day  
or a total of 40 ABIM MOC points and 40 CME Credits™ credits  
during the month of February!*

### Long Island - February 4, 2017

2016 Update in Endocrinology (8:00am-10:00am) - The Melville Marriott  
2016 Update in Nephrology (10:30am-12:30pm) - The Melville Marriott

### Albany - February 4, 2017

2016 Update in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (8:00am-10:00am) - The Desmond Hotel  
2016 Update in Infectious Disease (10:30am-12:30pm) - The Desmond Hotel

### Manhattan - February 11, 2017

2016 Update in Rheumatology (8:00am-10:00am) - Weill Cornell Medical College (Uris Auditorium)  
2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine (10:30am-12:30pm) - Weill Cornell Medical College (Uris Auditorium)

### Syracuse - February 22, 2017

2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine (8:00am-10:00am) - The Double Tree Hotel  
2016 Update in Sleep Medicine (10:30am - 12:30pm) - The Double Tree Hotel

[Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

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## Commissioner's Medical Grand Rounds - Online and Live Event

Tuesday, November 29, 2016: 7:30 - 9:00 am

Dietary Supplements: Buyer Beware, Provider By Wary

The Wadsworth Center-David Axelrod Institute-120 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

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## SAVE-THE-DATE

### NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting & Poster Competition: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Hyatt Regency Hotel

125 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604

*Registration Information and Brochure coming soon!*

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## Practice Management

### CMS Issues Final Rule for Updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Payment Policies

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that updates payment policies and payment rates for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) on or after January 1, 2017. CMS finalized a number of new PFS policies that will improve Medicare payment for those services provided by primary care physicians for patients with multiple chronic conditions, mental and behavioral health issues, and cognitive impairment conditions.



In addition, the final rule addresses other topics related to the Medicare program, enrollment requirements for providers and suppliers in Medicare Advantage, and the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) expanded model. For more details on the Diabetes Prevention Program model test, [visit the fact sheet for that portion of the rule.](#)

The CY 2017 PFS final rule is one of several rules that reflect a broader Administration-wide strategy to create a health care system that results in better care, smarter spending, and healthier people. Changes highlighted by CMS include:

- **Payment Accuracy for Primary Care and Care Coordination:** CMS created new codes that separately pay for chronic care management and transitional care management services, and solicited public comment on additional policies the Agency should pursue. After considering the public comments received, for CY 2017, CMS is finalizing a number of coding and payment changes to better identify and value primary care, care management, and cognitive services. To read the full list of coding and payment changes, [click here.](#)
- **Improvements to Mental and Behavioral Health Coding:** The ability to make separate payments using new codes to pay primary care practices that use interprofessional care management resources to treat patients with behavioral health conditions is now an option. Several of these codes describe services within behavioral health integration models of care, including the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model that involves care coordination between a psychiatric consultant or behavioral health specialist, behavioral health care manager, and the primary care clinician, which has been shown to improve quality of care.
- **Cognitive Impairment Care Assessment and Planning:** Separate payments using a new code to describe the comprehensive assessment and care planning for patients with cognitive impairment. (e.g., for patients with dementia or Alzheimer's).

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## OCR Stresses Healthcare Authentication Importance

*This article was originally posted in Health IT Smartbrief*

One of the causes of healthcare data breaches over the past few years has been weak healthcare authentication measures, according to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). As healthcare continues to be a top target for cyber attacks, organizations need to ensure that they are implementing the right security measures.

[To read more, please click here.](#)

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## ACP Seeking Applicants for Dragon's Lair Competition

Are you an innovator in health care? Do you have a project idea that improves patient outcomes, cuts unnecessary costs, or allows physicians to collaborate more effectively? If so, ACP's Dragon's Lair Competition may be of interest.



ACP will be hosting the second "Shark Tank" style competition at Internal Medicine Meeting 2017 from March 30 to April 1 in San Diego. The competition takes place in front of a live audience, showcasing the best and brightest ideas to transform health care and achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs.

Project ideas should be focused on "Transforming Clinical Practice" in 1 of the following categories:

- Patients Before Paperwork
- High-Value Care
- Finding Joy in Practice
- Improving Medical Education
- Meaningful Use of Technology

Applications must be submitted by Dec. 30, 2016. Preference will be given to project ideas for which the prize money will have a significant impact on the ability to implement the project.

The Grand Prize winner will receive \$7,500 in funding for project development. An Audience Choice prize of \$2,500 will also be awarded. All finalists are eligible to receive complimentary meeting registration and travel funds to attend Internal Medicine Meeting 2017.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit the competition [website](#).

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## Non-first-line Antibiotics Prescribed Half the Time for Otitis Media, Sinusitis, Pharyngitis

Physicians prescribed first-line recommended antibiotics only half of the time during visits for otitis media, sinusitis, and pharyngitis, and overuse of non-first-line agents, especially macrolides, was higher for adults than children, according to a recent study by [Adam L. Hersh, MD, PhD](#), [Katherine E. Fleming-Dutra, MD](#), and [Daniel J. Shapiro, MD](#)



[To read more, click here](#)

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