Advocacy

Governor Cuomo Announces 2019-2020 Budget
$74B Allocated for Healthcare Spending

On January 16th, 2019, Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled his 2019-2020 executive budget of $175 billion. $74 billion for healthcare spending is proposed, with another $5.36 billion for mental hygiene.

The proposed budget will now be reviewed, debated and negotiated by the two houses of the State Legislature (the Senate and the Assembly). The final budget must be passed by March 31, 2019. Below are most notable elements of the proposed budget relating to healthcare:

- Legislation to raise the minimum sales age for tobacco and E-cigarette products from 18 to 21 and end their sale in pharmacies. Clarify the Department of Health’s authority to ban the sale of certain flavored E-cigarette liquids. Introduce a tax on E-cigarettes and require that they be sold only through licensed retailers.

- Legalizing recreational use of marijuana for adults aged 21 and above. This could bring $300 million per year in tax revenue, once established.

- An expansive Reproductive Justice and Women’s Equality agenda, including among many other things, addressing Roe v. Wade in the NYS Constitution, improving access to reproductive services, addressing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity and expanding rural telehealth services for prenatal care.

- Doctors Across New York and other Workforce programs continued at previously funded levels – DANY provides funding of $120,000 for loan repayment or practice start up costs for physicians looking to practice in New York State communities of need for a minimum of 3 years. Other workforce programs funded include continuation of Empire Clinical Research Investigators Program, AHEC (pipeline training/education) the ambulatory care training program, workforce studies, and diversity in medicine as well as rural access development.

- The medical liability excess fund is also continued.

To read more about what is in Governor Cuomo’s budget, please click here.

Drug Take Back Program Begins in New York State
From NY Assemblymember John T. McDonald III

The New York State Drug Take Back Act went into effect January 6, creating a statewide drug take back
program – paid for by drug manufacturers, not taxpayers (Ch. 120 of 2018). The program requires participation by all chain and mail-order pharmacies doing business in the state and is part of the Assembly Majority’s continued efforts to fight the opioid epidemic and save lives.

Read more here >>

NYACP Recognized for Advocacy Internship Program

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the John Tooker Evergreen Awards Program, the Evergreen All-Star Award recognizes Chapter programs that have contributed to the strength and breadth of ACP and its chapters, and demonstrated sustainability through successive leadership terms.

NYACP received this distinct honor for its Medical Student/Resident Advocacy Program, which has been active since 2007.

Read more about the Advocacy Internship Program here>>

Membership

99 New ACP Fellows Elected in 2018 – Are You Interested and Eligible?

NYACP would like to congratulate all of the ACP Fellows from NY elected during 2018 and encourage them to get more involved in Chapter activities.

For ACP members interested in Advancing to Fellowship, all applicants must meet the basic eligibility requirements, which can be read here.

Chapter Volunteerism Committee is looking for Volunteers

A new Task Force has been created by the Chapter to promote community service and public health activities within local districts and regions across New York State. The Task Force will review National initiatives such as an “Annual Day of Service” to encourage volunteer
engagement. The new Task Force will be Chaired by John Maese, MD, MACP.

Anyone who is interested can contact Amanda Allen through the Chapter Office at (518) 427-0366 or via email at aallen@nyacp.org.

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## Education

### Chapter Webinar:
**Healthcare Social Media Part 2:**
#HCSM - Harnessing the Power

Monday, January 21, 2019
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Read more here and Register Online](#).

### Chapter Webinar:
**Dual Physician Families**

Monday, February 11, 2019
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Read more here and Register Online](#).

### NYACP Event
**Resident and Medical Student Forum - Poster and Dr's Dilemma Competitions**

Saturday, February 23, 2019
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Desmond Hotel

[Attendee's Registration Online Form](#)
[Poster Presenter Online Registration Form](#)
Chapter Sponsored Event:
Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training

Friday, February 22, 2019
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Desmond Hotel

Register Online

NYACP Event
Weekend Board Review Rochester:
Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits!

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7, 2019
Rochester General Hospital

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NYACP Event
Weekend Board Review Buffalo -
Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits!

Friday, June 14- Sunday, June 16, 2019
University at Buffalo, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Register Online

SAVE-THE-DATE!!
NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2019
Hilton Westchester Hotel
699 Westchester Ave • Rye Brook, NY 10573
More information will be Available soon!

Co-Sponsored Events
Primary Care Innovation Symposium 2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Belfer Research Building
413 E 69th ST • New York, NY 10021
View the Save-the-Date

#ProudToBeGIM
Mentorship Dinner & Story Slam
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 • 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center
100 Nicolls Rd • Stony Brook, NY 11790
RSVP Here • View the Online Flyer

Updates in Cardiovascular Disease Prevention
Friday, April 12 - Saturday, April 13 2019
Roosevelt Hotel
45 E 45th St • New York, NY 10017
Event Flyer • Registration Coming Soon!

Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reductions:
Improving Treatment for Patients with Diabetes
Offering 7.5 Hours of AMA PRA Category I Credits™
Thursday, May 9, 2019
NYU Langone Health
Alumni Hall • 550 First Avenue • New York, NY 10016
Event Flyer • Online Registration