

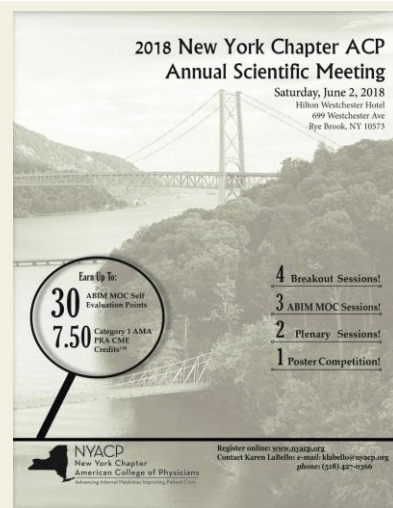
March 23, 2018

Education

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting Registration Open: REGISTER TODAY

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Hilton Westchester Hotel
699 Westchester Avenue
Rye Town, NY

Take advantage of the Chapter's rich resources and increase your knowledge by attending our premier educational event for all Internists (general and subspecialty), as well as residents and medical students. This one-day conference offers something for everyone - you can earn up to **7.5 CME Credits™**, along with viewing the outstanding posters by our resident and medical student members. You can also earn up to **30 MOC points** if you register for the SEP breakout sessions to be held on Saturday.



Click on the image above to view the full brochure and fax flyer!
[Meeting Details](#) • [Register Online](#)

REGISTER TODAY for Scientific Meeting MOC Pre-Sessions!

Friday June 1, 2018
Earn up to 40 ABIM MOC points and 40 CME Credits™!



Join NYACP for a Scientific Meeting MOC Pre-Session. Complete all four courses to earn 40 ABIM MOC points and 40 CME Credits™!

8:30 am-10:30 am:	2017-18 Update in Hospital Medicine <i>Jitendra Barmecha, MD, FACP & Parag Mehta, MD, FACP</i>
11:00 am-1:00 pm:	2017-18 Update in Geriatric Medicine <i>T.S. Dharmarajan, MD, MACP, AGSF</i>
1:30 pm-3:30 pm:	2017-18 Update in Hospice and Palliative Medicine <i>Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP</i>
3:45 pm-5:45 pm:	2017-18 Update in Internal Medicine <i>Ed Stehlik, MD, MACP</i>

Price per session:
ACP Members: \$60
Non-ACP Members: \$100

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

Register While There's Still Time: Weekend Board Review Course - April 20-22

Earn up to 20 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits!

Are you a Resident planning on taking the ABIM Internal Medicine Board exam this summer?

Are you short on time and want to stay local for Board Review?

Are you a member who wants to recertify with ABIM and wants the most comprehensive review available at the most reasonable cost you can find?

NYACP will hold its Weekend Board Review course on:
Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22, 2018
Northwell Health Hospital, Long Island
145 Community Drive • Great Neck, NY 11021

The Chapter's Weekend Board Review Course is conveniently scheduled over a three day weekend and covers the following topics to prepare you for Internal Medicine Boards or recertification:

- Endocrinology
- Nephrology
- Cardiology
- Oncology
- Rheumatology
- General Internal Medicine
- Hematology
- Infectious Disease
- Neurology
- GI Hepatology
- Pulmonary

Facilitated by Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP, Chris Paras, DO, FACP and Niket Sonpal, MD, FACP, this course is presented in a challenging and comprehensive learning environment with discussion and case based questions.

Attendee Testimonials:

- "Excellent course with an entertaining way to remember important facts."
- "Good review, the points were invaluable and should help with studying."
- "Easy to understand and follow, as well as very entertaining."
- "This course was like Saturday Night Live for Board Review."

[For additional information and program details, please click here.](#)

Advocacy

NYACP Holds Quarterly Council/Board and Health and Public Policy Committee Meetings

On March 1st, the Chapter convened for two meetings: the Council/Board Meeting and the Health and Public Policy (HPP) Committee meeting. These meetings were conducted via video conference across five sites including Long Island, Manhattan, Albany, Syracuse, and Rochester.

At the Council/Board meeting, current legislative activities and NYS budget items were discussed with significant detail following at the HPP meeting. Upcoming educational meetings were reported, [and are posted in the Education section of the website](#)

A large focus of discussion was a recent study from the New York Center for Health Workforce Studies showing that the gender pay gap in medicine is increasing in New York State. [The full report can be read here](#). The Council/Board took a strong position opposing gender bias in the healthcare workplace and will advocate for equal pay and more awareness among members, leaders, academia, administration and teaching faculty.

A paper created through the Chapter's Ethics Committee covering Life-Sustaining Therapies for patients who lack capacity was approved. The paper highlights components of the Family Healthcare Decisions Act and how it impacts providers.

During the Health and Public Policy meeting, current New York State budget issues were discussed in detail including the Comprehensive Medication Management (CMM) proposal, Community Para-medicine proposal (CPP) and authorization for corporate owned Retail Clinics, all of which are opposed by the Chapter in their current form.

CMM aims to build upon the success of the existing Collaborative Drug Therapy Management demonstrations by giving pharmacists the ability to manage patients' medications after establishing a collaborative agreement with a physician or nurse practitioner. This proposal does not define the specific disease limitations, what this collaborative plan would look like, or mandatory requirements such as connected EMRS and adequate timelines for communication.

The CPP proposal would expand the scope of practice of EMTs and paramedics to allow them to provide primary care services in residential settings. The proposal is extremely broad in scope and not well defined, and although the intent to improve access to care is worthwhile, the potential of increased access will not result in improved quality without stricter definitions and/or limitations in the bill.

The creation of Retail Clinics owned and operated within corporate owned retail centers such as pharmacies, shopping centers, malls, etc. violates the current corporate practice of medicine restrictions in New York. These restrictions exist for a reason, prohibiting conflict of interest by corporate decisions makers based on profit versus clinical decision-making.

Legislation aimed at reducing paperwork for physicians would prohibit insurance companies from making mid-year formulary changes in a patient's medications and is strongly supported by the Chapter.

More than 600 bills are monitored as priority for our Chapter within the current Legislative session. Chapter leaders and committee members set the policy for the Chapter, and the strong input of our members is clearly demonstrated at these meetings.

Practice Management

Billing Medicaid for Unenrolled Providers

Article courtesy of Nixon-Peabody



Congress recently passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which nearly doubled potential fines for fraud and abuse, including, potentially, billing for unenrolled providers. In light of the recent increased risk with severe fines, we remind you to ensure that you and your colleagues in practice are properly enrolled in federal health programs before providing services to beneficiaries. This is especially important for newly employed providers, who may not yet be enrolled but who wish to begin seeing federal program beneficiaries.

[To read the rest of this article, please click here.](#)

Health Advisory: HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases on the Rise in the Capital Region and Central Hudson Valley of New York

A health advisory has been issued regarding HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in two regions of New York: the Capital Region, as well as Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. Here are key takeaways from the advisory:

- New diagnoses of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection in residents of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties have increased over 75% between 2015-2016 (2015: N=43; 2016: N=77). Preliminary HIV data for 2017 continue to show an increase.
- New diagnoses of HIV infection in residents of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties increased 16% between 2015-2016. Schenectady County is of particular concern, with new HIV diagnoses doubling from 2015-2016. Preliminary HIV data for 2017 continue to show an increase in this area.
- Primary & secondary (P&S) syphilis increased 121% between 2015 and 2016 to 53 cases in 2016. Preliminary 2017 data show continued elevated numbers in this region.
- Rates of HIV and STD coinfection are high in this area, with 32% of early syphilis cases residing in this area also having a diagnosis of HIV.
- Reported cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea also increased between 2015 and 2016, with preliminary 2017 data showing either continued elevated numbers, as is the case with chlamydia, or increases, as is the case with gonorrhea.
- NYACP will continue to report on NYS DOH data, and similar increases have not been observed in the surrounding counties.
- The increase in primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis, the most infectious stages of syphilis, is higher in the Capital District Region than all other regions in New York State (NYS). P&S cases increased 76% from 2015 to 2016.
- Although the burden of P&S syphilis is still predominately among males, this region is seeing increases in cases among women, which is of additional concern given the risk of congenital syphilis.

What Health Care Providers Can Do to Help Control HIV and STDs

- **Offer and perform HIV testing** for every patient age 13 years and older.
- **Assess risk:** Conduct a complete sexual health history, risk and drug use assessment for every patient. Ask about specific behaviors, such as the number of partners, type of sex (i.e., vaginal, anal, oral), sex of partners, drugs used and route of drug ingestion, to help guide laboratory testing. Visit www.ncshguide.org/providers for guidance and additional resources.
- **Screen** for HIV and STDs in:

- Sexually active MSM, at least annually
- Sexually active persons with HIV, at least annually
- All persons with newly diagnosed HIV
- Persons presenting with evidence of active injection or other drug use
- Persons diagnosed with STDs
- Sex or needle sharing partners of a known HIV or STD case
- Pregnant women at their first prenatal visit and during the third trimester

[To read more about this health advisory and how to implement proper STD screening procedures, please click here.](#)

NY Department of Health Influenza Surveillance

During the week ending March 10, 2018:

- There were 3,692 laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, an **42% decrease over last week**.
- Of the 3,065 specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, **586 (19.12%) were positive for influenza**.
- Of the 147 specimens submitted to the Wadsworth Center, **129 were positive for influenza**, 8 were for influenza A (H1), 86 were influenza A (H3), 33 were influenza B (Yamagata), and 2 were influenza B (Victoria)
- Reports of percent of patient visits or influenza-like illness (ILI³) from ILINet providers was **4.00%**, which is **above** the regional baseline of 3.10%.
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was **694, an 35% decrease over last week**.
- There were no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this week, and **five** pediatric death so far this season.



[Read the entire report here.](#)

Education

District Events

Hudson Valley Capital: March 24, 2018

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON MEDICAL AID IN DYING

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Radisson Hotel • 205 Wolf Rd • Albany, NY 12205

9:30 am: **Registration and Brunch**

10:00 am: **NYS PCMH: Sustaining Advancement in Primary Care**

10:20 am: **A Roundtable Discussion: Medical Aid in Dying**

Submit Your Panelist Questions Online!

[Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Member Benefits

Auto Insurance Reduction Course

Do you have points on your driving record or would you like a 10% reduction on your personal automobile insurance?

If so, you will want to read about the online Auto Insurance Reduction Course that is currently available as an exclusive NYACP member benefit!

[NYACP continues to offer a 6-hour Insurance and Point Reduction Course that is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and available to NYACP members, their families, office staff and friends.](#) This convenient online member benefit allows registered "students" the ability to start and finish the course within 30 days for only \$42.00. The benefit includes a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance (liability, no-fault and collision) and up to 4 points off of your driving record (if applicable).



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