

**March 6, 2019**

## Chapter News

### New York Chapter Leadership Conference Recap

In late February, NYACP held its Leadership event at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. This two-day event featured keynotes from Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity specialists, debates on resolutions, membership benefits, Chapter structure and networking sessions.

Chapter leaders began the day with a panel on AI and its integration with healthcare with panelists Pat Hale, MD, FACP, Mitch Adler, MD, FACP, and Dan Cerutti from IBM Watson. The panel presented ways in which machine learning is already integrated into healthcare, and explained different ways AI will impact practicing physicians. Members in attendance engaged in a spirited discussion about the promise and possible pitfalls of integrating machine learning and AI into every day practice.



*The AI Panel presenting at NYACP Leadership*

The Leadership conference then moved into a resolutions debate. Resolutions discussed included issues related to regulation of stem cell therapy, sepsis reporting requirements, eliminating duplicate medication forms for patients entering assisted living, a membership option for newly graduated medical students who did not match in an approved residency program and ability for physicians to more liberally dispense medications from their offices. The resolutions hearing was Chaired by John Maese, MD, MACP, with Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP, Linda Efferen, MD, MACP, and Jeffrey Sneider, MD, FACP serving as reference committee members.

Future leaders in attendance were then oriented on how the Chapter and ACP function, the benefits of membership, and were introduced to the NYACP Governors. This gave an opportunity for residents and early career members to network with current and past Chapter leaders from around the state.

The following morning began with final actions on the resolutions, followed by another keynote session by Cybersecurity expert Will Pelgrin focusing on how to protect yourself and your practice from security breaches and unauthorized access to personal information.

NY Assemblyman John T. McDonald III from the 108<sup>th</sup> Assembly District then shared his experiences as a practicing pharmacist in a small independent pharmacy serving in the Legislature. A question and answer session followed focusing on the need for more health care professionals to run for State offices or at least become involved in Advocacy, and issues such as the opioid crisis, Medicaid in New York State, a single payer option, and other current legislative issues. NYACP Executive Director Linda Lambert, CAE also gave a presentation on how the Chapter impacts public policy and the many successes achieved in recent years.

The NYACP Council/Board convened to hear a legislative update, act on administrative issues for the Chapter, discuss various ongoing projects, and receive updates from Chapter committees. Joseph Sellers, MD, FACP presented to the Council his personal experiences in using Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in his practice and the very positive outcomes achieved.

A 5-hour Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility training course was held during the day, sponsored by NYACP and the NYS Department of Health. Kelly Ramsey, MD, FACP, facilitated the training to a group of attendees that included physicians, PAs, and NPs.

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## **NYACP February Poster Competition Winners**

On Saturday, February 23, residents and medical students from around the state presented 99 posters at the NYACP Spring Poster Competition. The first place winners will present their posters at the National ACP poster competition.



**Congratulations to our Poster Presenter Winners!**

### **Resident and Fellow Clinical Vignette**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Reem Yusufani, MD, MBBS- Nassau University Medical Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Malvi Thakker, MD - Mather Hospital, Northwell Health
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Aneeqa Zafa, MD - Rochester General Hospital

### **Resident and Fellow Research**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gayatri Gupta, DO - SUNY Downstate Medical Center

### **Resident and Fellow, Medical Student Quality, Advocacy and Public Policy**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Krishna Akella, DO- Stony Brook Southampton Hospital
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gianni Bono, MD - Albany Medical College

[The complete listing of all entries in both the preliminary and the final abstract competitions can be found here.](#)

**Congratulations to all who submitted abstracts for your participation in this highly competitive professional education endeavor!**

The Chapter's next poster competition in October 2019 will begin accepting abstract submissions online in early April. Stay tuned to future communications for more information!

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## Winners from NYACP's 2019 Dr's Dilemma Competition

### Dr's Dilemma Competition Winner: Rochester Regional Health/Unity Hospital

Congratulations to Rochester Regional Health/Unity Hospital for winning first place in the 2019 NYACP Dr's Dilemma Competition! Twenty teams participated this year – the highest number ever – in very challenging and highly charged rounds! The winning team will represent New York in the ACP IM19 Competition in Philadelphia on April 11-12, 2019!

**Adeel Arshad**  
**Sandrine Hanna**  
**Pratyusha Tirumanisetty**



Special thanks to volunteers Harshitha Kota, MD, Jacqueline Heath, MD, Prateek Mathur, MD, and Paridhi Mathur, MD from the Chapter's Residents Committee and Ben Max from Chapter staff for assisting with making the Doctors Dilemma competition run smoothly.

Thanks especially to Niket Sonpal, MD, FACP, emcee extraordinaire, and our Judges Drs. Shady, Stehlik and Kaul.

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## Advocacy



### NYACP Seeks Your Input for 2019 Spring BOG Resolutions

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 2019.

Members interested in submitting comments on any or all of the resolutions must do so using our online comments page no later than Friday, March 22, 2019. [Please review this copy of the ACP BOG Spring 2019 Resolutions](#) first.

[Then, to submit a comment please visit our easy-to-use response form here.](#)

*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.*

**Please note that the New York Chapter Resolutions have been extracted since they have previously been acted upon by NY Chapter members.**

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## **Attention All 3rd Year Residents**

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### **Doctors Across New York Will Begin Accepting Applications Tomorrow. Get Started Today.**

The New York State Department of Health has announced that Doctors Across New York (DANY) will begin accepting applications under Cycle VI starting March 7.

Applicants must register in the Grants Gateway **in advance of submitting the RFA**. This first step of the process requires a notarized account application sent by mail, which can take up to **ten days** for approval. The Grants Gateway will request a vendor ID. An individual vendor ID can be requested by filling out a W-9 form available on the [Grants Gateway website](#), or if you will be employed by an institution, vendor ID information may be obtained from the finance office of your program.

For those interested in learning more, [an informational webinar was held recently and a recording of the webinar was posted to the DANY website after the session](#). Additionally, a frequently asked questions document [is available here](#).

[Read more here >>](#)

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## **Practice Management**

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### **Google Maps Helping Combat the Opioid Crisis**

Google partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for National Prescription Take Back Day by developing a Google Maps API locator tool to help people dispose of their prescription drugs at temporary locations twice a year. With the help of this tool, the DEA and its local partners collected a record

1.85 million pounds of unused prescription drugs in 2018.

This new mapping service makes it easier for Americans to quickly find disposal locations on Google Maps and search at any time. A search for queries like “drug drop off near me” or “medication disposal near me” will display permanent disposal locations at your local pharmacy, hospital or government building so you can quickly and safely discard your unused medication.

[To use the Google Maps API locator tool, please click here.](#)

[Read more here >>](#)

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### **DFS' Emergency Rule for Professional Fees for NYS No-Fault Auto Medical Claims**

DFS has decided to delay implementation of the recently updated WC Medical Fee Schedule until October 1, 2020 for the Auto No-Fault Program. Therefore, you will need to keep the WC fee schedule that was effective on June 1, 2012 for billing claims for the treatment of persons injured as the result of auto accidents.

Public comment should be sent to [Camielle.Barclay@dfs.ny.gov](mailto:Camielle.Barclay@dfs.ny.gov) before April 22, 2019.

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### **NY Department of Health Influenza Surveillance**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza and produces this weekly report during the influenza season (October through the following May).

During the week ending February 23, 2019:

- There were **9,561** laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, a **2% increase** over the previous week.
- Of the **3,312** specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, **913 (27.57%)** were positive for influenza. **911** were for influenza A, and **2** were influenza B.
- Of the **99** specimens submitted to the Wadsworth Center, **85** were positive for influenza. **42** were influenza A (H1), **38** were influenza A (H3), and **5** were influenza A (Not Subtyped).

- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was **1,354**, a **.1% increase** over last week.

[Read the entire report here.](#)

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## Education

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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**

[Register Online](#) • [Brochure](#)

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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](#) • [Brochure](#)

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**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!*

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## Co-Sponsored Events

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Co-Sponsored with  
Stony Brook University Department of Medicine

### **#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](#)



Co-Sponsored with Northwell Health

### **Updates in Cardiovascular Disease Prevention**

Friday, April, 12 2019 - Saturday, April 13 2019  
**Roosevelt Hotel**  
45 E 45th St • New York, NY 10017

[Event Flyer](#) • *Registration Coming Soon!*



Co-Sponsored with the NYU School of Medicine

### **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](#)

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## Membership

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### **Essential Podcasts for Internists from ACP and Annals of Internal Medicine**

*ACP members can earn FREE CME credit and MOC points.*

Most recent releases include:

- [\*\*Curbsiders:\*\*](#) Informal dialog and interviews with experts on internal medicine topics offering clinical pearls, practice-changing knowledge, and a little humor.
  - [\*\*Bedside Rounds:\*\*](#) Stories focused on the history of medicine and how they affected or still impact our society and culture.
  - [\*\*Annals On Call:\*\*](#) Lively discussions and debates about recently published clinically influential articles from Annals of Internal Medicine.
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