

May 5, 2017

2017 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting

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Saturday, June 3, 2017
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Rochester NY
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A variety of educational topics for you to choose from will include:

- Role of the Internist in Climate Change
- Medication Management of Diabetes: Case Base Approach-Incorporating Old and New
- Pain Control: Common Scenarios and Therapeutic Approaches
- A Review of Common Orthopedic Maneuvers for Diagnosing Joint Pain
- Physician Wellness
- And much more!

ABIM MOC Courses

- 2016 Update in Internal Medicine • 2016 Update in Cardiovascular Disease
- 2016 Update in Pulmonary Disease • 2016 Update in Endocrinology

Don't miss out on dynamic plenary topics and the resident & medical student poster competitions in the morning!

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Advocacy

2017 Annual Legislative Day in Albany: A Recap



On Monday, May 1, 2017, the Chapter held its Annual Legislative Day in Albany with physician members who participated in an extremely busy day of issue briefings and discussions with legislators.

Group visits were held with high ranking staff from the Governor's office and the Department of Health as well as with Senator Kemp Hannon (R), Chair of the Senate Health Committee, and Assemblyman Richard Gottfried (D), Chair of the Assembly Health Committee. Individual legislator appointments were held throughout the day

and allowed physician attendees an opportunity to meet with their own elected NYS representatives.

With so many important issues and so little time, a majority of the discussions focused on access to care and practice survival issues (physician shortage, geriatrician shortage, and the importance of Doctors Across New York [DANY] funding programs). The meetings also covered several pending bills pertaining to quality and patient safety (peer review, NYACP's Near Miss Project, cardiovascular technologist scope of practice, and NPs' ability to execute MOLST forms) and public health issues that included stricter tobacco rules, medical marijuana studies and the Chapter's successful 3-hour pain management course available to meet New York's CME mandate by July 1, 2017



Attendees felt the time spent in Albany was rewarding, beneficial, and a great experience. We encourage all members to meet locally with their NYS legislative representatives. There are many significant health care bills pending in Albany, and NYACP staff can assist with briefings for local meetings.

Roundtable Participants for PHIP Small Primary Care Practice Project

On May 2, several NYACP leaders participated in a high level roundtable to review and discuss the potential use of "shared services arrangements" to enable small practices to achieve certification as advanced primary care/medical homes and be able to participate and succeed in value-based payment. This is in follow-up to the 5 Focus Groups sponsored by the Chapter and others last summer, where members provided insight as to the challenges practice transitions pose to small and/or independent practices. Discussion centered around what services are needed; who could organize, sponsor and provide shared services; and how they could be financed and delivered. NYACP members were well represented with great input into the issues.

New York ACP continues to be engaged in the NYC Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) Small Primary Care Practice Project, spearheaded by the United Hospital Fund (UHF) and the NYC Department of Health.

Chapter Participates in SHIN-NY Focus Group

On March 7th, a subgroup of the NYACP Quality & Patient Safety Committee participated in a focus group with the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) to discuss the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY). Val Grey, NYeC Executive Director gave an update on the SHIN-NY, which included current SHIN-NY adoption statistics, an overview of SHIN-NY structure and NYeC Strategic Planning activities, as well as long term objectives, adoption barriers and data integration challenges.

NYACP continues to work collaboratively with NYeC, providing input on issues such as single sign on functionality, reporting and data needs, and consent.

Practice Management

Health Commerce System to No Longer Support Windows XP Operating System

The Health Commerce System (HCS) will be discontinuing access for all computers running Windows XP and Microsoft Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) and older web browsers as they pose a security risk to the HCS system. Windows XP users must upgrade their operating system and IE9 users must upgrade their browser by June 1, 2017 to continue using the HCS, as the HCS will block connections from computers running

Windows XP and IE9 browser and older. User of MacOS, OSX, Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10 and users of Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer 10 or newer, or Safari on the Mac platform, are not affected by this change.

As of June 1, 2017, you will not be allowed access to the following applications on Windows XP or IE9:

- Patient narcotic histories (i-STOP/PMP);
- E-Prescribing waivers;
- Your Physician Profile;
- The New York State Immunization Information System;
- Environmental Health EHCitrix Platform;
- Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters System (eFINDS);
- The Health Electronic Response Data System (HERDS); and
- Other mission-critical applications.

Please contact hcsxpeol@health.ny.gov for questions or assistance, and visit the New York State Department of Health page at: <http://health.ny.gov>.

AmericanEHR Partners – An ACP Endorsed Benefit



If you already have an EHR, you can see how your current EHR rates in comparison to the capacity and usability of other systems.

If you need to invest in an EHR, you can find assistance in evaluating EHR systems, using a free, web-based resource that provides an unbiased view of all available EHR/EMR systems. Using these tools, you will be better prepared to compare, implement and effectively use an EHR in your office. In addition, you have access to overall satisfaction data alongside Meaningful Use Attestation records for each EHR system.

You will find many interactive tools, educational materials, and podcasts to assist you and your staff, including:

- The EHR Readiness Assessment Tool: Helps assess a number of critical areas and gauges the effort and commitment required to make EHR adoption successful.
- EHR Comparison Engine & Rating System: Based on selected specialty and other search criteria, helps practices evaluate and compare products and user ratings.
- EHR Educational Newsletter: Sent biweekly provides the latest information on EHR/EMR systems.
- Specialty and Subspecialty society specific information and resources.

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New York State Department of Health Statewide Steering Committee for the State Innovations Model (SIM) Meets

Collaborative work continues through the CMS SIM grant to the NYS Department of Health intended to improve access to care for all New Yorkers, integrate care, make cost and quality transparent, promote population health and move toward payment for value vs volume. The first meeting of the Statewide Steering Committee (formerly the Integrated Care Workgroup) was held this week with a select group of stakeholders including representation from the New York Chapter of ACP. The group reviewed the development of the State Health Innovation Plan to date, and recommitted to the following guiding principles:

- Multi-payer scale and alignment are critical to transformation
- Fundamental change requires consistent focus and support over time, not just a proliferation of innovation
- Transformation requires actionable insights driven by data that are comprehensive, transparent, and relevant
- The public sector should continue to take an active leadership role to achieve alignment and collaboration

Navigate the Alphabet Soup of Alternative Payment Models with these ACP Resources!

Are you struggling to keep acronyms like QPP, MIPS, APM, and MACRA straight? Are you unsure of which of these programs apply to you, if any?

The Quality Payment Program (QPP) was created by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015. The QPP transforms the Medicare physician payment system from one focused on volume to one focused on value. ACP has a wealth of information on its website for these payment models and others, assistance that physicians can use to stay on top of the evolving landscape of quality payment programs. These resources include:

- [ACP's Resource Center](#) provides answers about the new requirements and tools to help you succeed!
- [ACP Quality Payment Advisor™](#)—A Free benefit of ACP membership, answer a few simple questions and this tool delivers a practice readiness assessment report and recommends actions to take to achieve success.
- [ACP Practice Advisor®](#)—Online modules provide practices with a detailed game plan to improve quality of care, reduce costs and transition to value-based patient centered care.
- [ACP Genesis Registry®](#)—A Qualified Clinical Data Registry that integrates with participating EHRs and automatically submits data to CMS for QPP reporting.
- Top Ten Things You Need to Know about QPP (Updated Monthly)
- FAQs to keep everything straight

[Visit ACP's website to view information about the payment models today!](#)

New York DOH Weekly Influenza Report

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



During the week ending April 22, 2017:

- Influenza activity level was categorized as geographically widespread. This is the 18th consecutive week that widespread activity has been reported.
- There were 1,393 laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, an 37% decrease over last week.
- Of the 1,415 specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, 221 (15.62%) were positive for influenza.
- Of the 91 specimens tested at Wadsworth Center, 61 were positive for influenza. 3 were positive for influenza A (H1), 30 were positive for influenza A (H3), and 24 were influenza B (Yamagata), and 4 were influenza B (Victoria)
- Reports of percent of patient visits or influenza-like illness (ILI3) from ILINet providers was 2.27%, which is below the regional baseline of 3.00%.
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was 259, an 37% decrease over last week.

- There were no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this week. There have been eight influenza-associated deaths this season.

[Read the entire report here.](#)

Education

Take-a-Look Tour Exposes Residents and Medical Students to Practice Opportunities in Upstate New York

NYACP, in collaboration with Iroquois Healthcare Association, gave four residents, three medical students, and one registered nurse a multi-day tour designed to help address the critical physician shortage in upstate areas. All eight participants are currently located in the downstate area, and they made the trip to the Central New York/Finger Lakes Region to explore the geographic amenities and practice opportunities available.



The Take-a-Look Tour visited Oneida Healthcare in Oneida, Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, Cortland Regional Medical Center in Cortland, Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, and wrapped up by meeting with Mark Erlebacher, MD, FACP, at Internist Associates of Central New York in Manlius. The group also participated in a mentor dinner with nine physician leaders in the Syracuse area, and enjoyed several leisure activities that highlighted local industry and the natural beauty of communities in the region.

This was the fourth Take-a-Look Tour to date, and the next is slated for September 2017. Stay tuned for additional details!

NYACP April District Meetings: An Opportunity to Network with Your Community Colleagues



Dr. Good presenting Medical Marijuana in the Bronx

The districts have been busy in April holding meetings in the Bronx, Buffalo, and the Hudson Valley South Districts. Over 100 physicians attended these events.

In the Hudson Valley South District, a meeting was held at the Westchester Burger Company in Rye Brook, on April 19. Topics at that event included "New Paradigms in Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis" by Alex Spyropoulos, MD, FACP; "Treating Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease" by Lois Katz, MD, FACP; and "Updates on New Diabetes Medications" by Michael Marchese, MD. The Buffalo District had a meeting that same evening at Rizzotto Ristorante in Williamsville, with topics covering "Statin Therapy" by Stanley Fernandez, MD; and "Gout Update" by Joseph Grisanti, MD. Both events were well attended.

The Bronx District held a meeting on April 26 at F&J Pine Restaurant in the Bronx. Larry Good, MD, FACP, provided a presentation on "Medical Marijuana in New York: Practical Application and Clinical Review." The topic engendered a lively Q&A discussion, with all attendees involved.

For more upcoming NYACP Events, please view the list below or visit NYACP's [Education Page](#).

Upcoming Educational Events

NYACP to Offer Live Pain Course CME Events Prior to July 1 Deadline

In an effort to satisfy the New York State mandate on pain management and opioid prescription education, NYACP in collaboration with Boston University School of Medicine is offering live 3-hour CME courses that fulfill the mandated education requirement. There will be 4 live events:



Rochester District: May 11, 2017.

5:30PM -9:00PM. Pomodoro Grill, Rochester NY. [Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

Hudson Valley Capital District: June 9, 2017. *(Also offers optional Buprenorphine Waiver Training)*

5:30PM -9:00PM. Radison Hotel, Albany NY. *Registration info coming soon!*

Southern Tier District: June 22, 2017.

5:30PM -9:00PM. Traditions at the Glen, Johnson City, NY. [Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

Brooklyn District: June 22, 2017.

5:30PM -9:00PM. SUNY Downstate, Alumni Auditorium. Brooklyn, NY. [Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

[If you have not made it to these live events, the online course can be taken here.](#)

National Government Services Hosts Listening Tour at Two Locations in New York State

National Government Services (NGS), the local coordinator of Medicare Provider Services for CMS, is planning to hold listening events at locations in New York, in an effort to "find new ways to improve upon customer service." This is intended for physicians, practice managers and administrators to give feedback to NGS about how to increase the effectiveness of their service to physicians practices.

Locations and dates in New York are below:

- Hudson Valley Region
May 16, 2017 • 1:00 – 3:00
Healthcare Association of New York State
One Empire Drive • Rensselaer, NY 12144
- Long Island Region
June 20, 2017 • 10:00 – 12:00
Northwell Hospital Long Island
1979 Marcus Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11042

During this event, NGS will be sitting down and listening to your ideas about how they can improve in areas such as the customer service from the call center, training offered through NGS webinars, use of the website, provider enrollment procedures and general professional service feedback.

Please RSVP with your attendance to Lori Langevin at lori.langevin@anthem.com no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date to let NGS know you can attend. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend in person, please send your suggestions to lori.langevin@anthem.com.