

October 25, 2018

Education



Residents and Medical Students: Last Call to Submit Abstracts for Poster Consideration

Deadline to Submit:

Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm

[Submit an Abstract](#) • [To find out more please click here](#)

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum
Saturday, February 23, 2019

Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211

Separate poster competitions for residents and medical students will be held for entries in the following categories:

- **Research**
- **Clinical Vignette**

Residents/Fellows and Medical Students are combined for abstracts in the **Quality, Advocacy and Public Policy Category**.

Not a Member of ACP and want to submit an abstract? It's very easy to join! [ACP MEMBERSHIP](#).



Do You Need Additional MOC Points Before the End of the Year?

If you need to obtain additional MOC points before the end of the year, we encourage you to visit [ACP's Online Learning Center](#).

You will be able to browse by category or search for specific topics from a list of over 350 curated activities and most are **FREE** to members. Simply use the CME & MOC tab to access the online learning center.

ACP continues to assist members by providing quality online education that is convenient, up-to-date, and only a [CLICK](#) away.

Advocacy

NYACP Council/Board Meeting Convenes to Discuss Priorities, Committee Work, and Other Issues

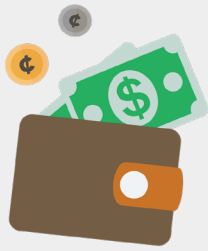


On October 19, the NYACP Council/Board met in Queens to discuss and vote on resolutions and priorities for the upcoming year. The Council/Board discussed and approved several important topics. The 2019 Legislative Priorities which includes championing Access to Care, advocating for Quality of Care and Patient Safety, and a focus on Public Health were approved. Eight committees, including Education, Geriatrics, Early Career Physicians, and others, reported on their activities since the last meeting.

Resolutions were approved, calling for revisions to EMTALA (Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act), expansion of Telehealth, and expanding access to HIT, including protecting physicians from the cost of Electronic Health Record (EHR) enhancements and improving interoperability. The C/B also agreed on formal policies defining existing communications and membership plans, strategic plans and leadership development as required for the Chapter Excellence Award.

Each year a full independent financial audit is conducted by the firm of Marvin & Company. The Council/Board reviewed the independent audit, as well as the current financial reports, and reviewed the 990 tax filings. Members should know the Chapter maintains an active Budget and Finance Committee that oversees the budget and financial report and meets three times during the year. The Executive Committee reviews all financial summaries every other month. If you would like a copy of the Chapter's independent audit, or a copy of the 990 forms filed by NYACP, Inc and NYACP Services Inc, please contact Linda Lambert at llambert@nyacp.org.

Practice Management



Tools to Help You and Your Patient Explore Out-of-Pocket Costs

Out-Pocket-Costs. Everybody is thinking about them, but we are not talking about them. Why? According to NYACP's June 2018 survey, the main barrier to cost conversations between patients and physicians is not knowing where to find cost information. In response, your Chapter has tools and resources to help you with more effective conversations about the cost of care.

It's important to remember that these conversations are not defined by providing out-of-pocket cost for a service. Although that information is ideal, it's not always feasible. What you can do is provide guidance, information and tools to help your patients estimate costs, [prevent surprise bills](#) and choose the best treatment for them. Simply letting patients know that you [welcome the conversation](#) is a great start!

When patients feel comfortable asking their physician about cost and quality, we learned that the 3 most frequent questions are related to medication costs, cost of services and where to go for treatment. [Follow this link for tools that can be shared with your patients to assist them in getting answers to questions they may have.](#) They can be shared with staff members who can help with cost conversations, such as nurses who assist with medication reconciliation and prior authorization personnel who assist with referral planning.

New York State Seeking Drug Utilization Review Board Membership



Federal legislation requires States to maintain a Drug Utilization Review (DUR) program and establish a Drug Utilization Review Board. The NYS Medicaid DUR Board provides recommendations to the Health Department associated with establishing clinical standards for Medicaid's pharmacy program. [The composition of the DUR Board can be found on pages 1 & 2 of the General Operating Procedures here.](#)

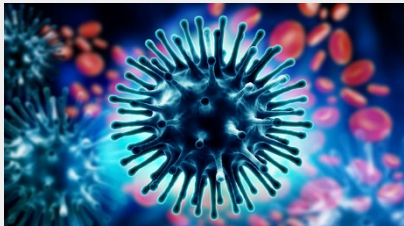
Responsibilities of the DURB include:

- The establishment and implementation of medical standards and criteria for the retrospective and prospective DUR program.

- The development, selection, application, and assessment of educational interventions for physicians, pharmacists and recipients that improve care.
- The collaboration with managed care organizations to address drug utilization concerns and to implement consistent management strategies across the fee-for-service and managed care pharmacy benefits.
- The review of therapeutic classes subject to the Preferred Drug Program.

If you have an interest in becoming a DUR Board member, submit your CV to the DUR Board inbox at dur@health.ny.gov. If no vacancies exist, CVs will be kept on file for future consideration once a position becomes available. Questions on membership and candidacy can be directed to the DUR Board Member Liaison, Robert Sheehan, at dur@health.ny.gov or 518-486-3209.

[For more information about the NYS Medicaid DUR Board please click here.](#)



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). NYACP will republish these reports bi-weekly.

[You can read the entire report here](#)

New ACP Resource: Help Your Patients Understand Flu Vaccination



As fall season is in full swing, that marks the beginning of flu season. To assist physicians and their patients this flu season, ACP has made available easy-to-read tips that explain how patients can protect themselves. It is written at or below a 6th grade level so a vast majority of your patients will have no issue understanding these guides and fact sheets. Other vaccines covered in these resources include pneumonia, chicken pox, shingles, and more!

Follow the links below for these FREE resources:

- [Adult Vaccines Guide](#)
- [Patient FACTS sheets](#)

Education



NYACP Rochester District Event - Decriminalizing Hypertension: Putting the 2017 ACC/AHA Guideline into Practice

Date: October 30, 2018

Eastside Family YMCA
1835 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd • Penfield, NY 14526

6:00pm: Registration
6:30pm: Dinner and Educational Program

[Register Here](#) • [View the Flyer](#)



NYACP Hudson Valley South District Event: Paying for Quality

Date: November 6, 2018
Don't forget to vote!

Graziella's Italian Bistro
99 Church Street • White Plains, NY 10601

6:30pm: Registration
7:00pm: Dinner and Educational Program

[Register Here](#) • [View the Flyer](#)



NYACP Buffalo District Event: Incorporating Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Into Your Practice

Date: November 8, 2018

Protocol Restaurant
6766 Transit Road • Williamsville, NY 14221

6:00pm: Registration
6:30pm: Dinner and Educational Program

[Register Online Here](#) • [View the Flyer](#)



Chapter Webinar: Healthcare Social Media #HCSM

Date: November 12, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 pm

New to Social Media and don't know where to begin?
This Webinar will:

- Identify what social media means in healthcare
- Why do I need to use social media to do my job?
- Pro's and con's of different platforms
- Introduction to twitter

[Register Online](#)



Chapter Sponsored Event: Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211

[Register Online](#)



Facebook Livestream: New York Protects Patients from Surprise Bills

Did you know that New York State has laws to protect patients from these surprise bills? Learn more with the [NYS Health Foundation's Event: A Conversation on the Status of Surprise Bill Laws and Future Challenges](#).

Panelists will discuss the consumer protection act, how it benefits your patients, the gaps and the future of consumer protection in NY State. This is a great session to support Cost of Care Conversations with your patients!

Host: NYS Health Foundation

Location: [Streamed Live on Facebook](#)

Date: October 29, 2018

Time: 12:15pm – 2pm
