

January 4, 2019

Chapter News

NYACP Announces the Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP Advocacy Internship

The Chapter is honoring the memory of Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, former Governor and leader of NYACP who passed late last year, by changing the very popular and educational Advocacy Internship to the "Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, Advocacy Internship."

This internship, which began almost 16 years ago, allows between 4 and 6 medical students and residents to spend a month rotating in Albany with our Executive Director researching policy, reviewing proposed legislation, meeting with regulators and legislators and understanding how to best represent patient interests as healthcare policy is formulated. To date we have had 45 students and residents rotate through this program, with 5 more scheduled for 2019. With Steve's passion for education and advocacy and his years of mentoring students and residents, our Executive Committee felt this would be an appropriate tribute.

Any member may contribute to a fund that has been established to support the "Steven Walerstein, MD, MACP, Advocacy Internship." You can send a check, payable to New York ACP Services Inc. to 744 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207, attention Linda Lambert with a notation that it is for the Walerstein Advocacy Internship or [use this link to make an online contribution with your credit card](#). Names of all who make a donation in any amount will be listed as supporters.

All who knew Steve will remember his tireless efforts on behalf of our profession and his passion for medicine and teaching. We appreciate your contributions to the Chapter to allow Steve's spirit to live on.

NYACP Featured in New York State Health Foundation's 'Best of 2018' Annual Report



NYACP was featured in NYS Health Foundation's Annual Report for our efforts with the "Helping Physicians Empower their Patients" project.

NYACP has produced an awareness campaign of available price and quality tools and resources for patients. NYACP is one of two statewide associations

of primary care physicians to participate in this initiative.

The Chapter accomplished this goal through successful educational webinars on how to engage patients in conversations about cost or quality choices, as well as utilizing early adopter general IM practices as information ambassadors for promoting price transparency and patient engagement.

[Read the report here.](#)

[To view NYACP's webpage on Patient Empowerment Resources, please click here.](#)

Volunteers Wanted



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.

The New York Chapter: A Healthy Financial Outlook



The 2017-18 fiscal year-end financial statements have been finalized and tax forms for all three of the Chapter’s corporations have been filed. Our annual independent audit shows that the chapter management performs well and the Chapter is financially healthy.

Our Budget and Finance Committee meets three times during each fiscal year to review all financial reports in detail and makes recommendations regarding investments and dues-related decisions. The Executive Committee meets every other month and reviews all reports/recommendations from the Budget and Finance

Committee as well as reviews the consolidated financial reports and year to date budget versus actual reports. The Council/Board gives final approval to the Budget each year, reviews financial reports at every meeting and accepts the final audit when it is prepared.

For access to the tax filings or the 990 forms for our Chapter, contact Linda Lambert at 518-427-0366 or email llambert@nyacp.org.

Practice Management

ACC Releases Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Tobacco Cessation Treatment

Courtesy of ACP Internist



The American College of Cardiology's 2018 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Tobacco Cessation Treatment recommends that physicians and practices establish a team-based system of care that recognizes cigarette smoking as a chronic relapsing substance use disorder caused by addiction to nicotine.

The [pathway, which includes tables and flowcharts to guide implementation in clinical settings](#), was published Dec. 5 by the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Cardiovascular care teams should ensure that patients are asked about cigarette smoking and other tobacco product use at all clinical encounters. Patients who use any tobacco product should receive clear advice to stop and each person should be offered a brief intervention that includes prescriptions for smoking cessation drugs and evidence-based behavioral support.

Patients who are former smokers, especially those who have stopped smoking in the past year, should be monitored closely for possible relapse. Nonsmokers (i.e., both those who used to smoke and those who never did) should routinely be asked about exposure to secondhand smoke and advised to avoid it.

The pathway expands upon the 2008 U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Clinical Practice Guideline for Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence but reflects

newer evidence and changing patterns of practice, the authors wrote.

Article courtesy of ACP Internist

Membership



AM Best Assigns Credit Ratings to MLMIC Insurance Company

MLMIC is extremely pleased to report that AM Best has assigned an A+ (Superior) financial strength rating to the MLMIC Insurance Company. The A+ (Superior) AM Best rating reflects, yet again, the strength of MLMIC as the market leader in New York.

To read the recent Press Release, click [HERE](#).
Congratulations MLMIC!

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](#)



**NY DOH Webinar
Standards of Adult Immunization Practice:
Why Are Adult Immunizations Important?**

Thursday, January 10, 2019
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[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

[Register Online](#) • [Brochure](#)



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

WCM

Co-Sponsored with Weill Cornell Medicine

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](#)



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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