

## ***Your Chapter in Action***

Your Chapter in action is a simple, one page streamlined communication distributed every two weeks to members. Each communication will focus on the Chapter's three core missions: **Education, Advocacy** and **Quality Improvement** and will provide you with resources, tools and ways to connect. For more information or direct discussion of any issue listed - call our office at 1-800-446-9746.

**May 23, 2014**

### ***Advocacy***

#### **NYACP - A Presence In our Congressional Offices in Washington DC**



The Chapter was well represented in Washington DC at the ACP Annual Leadership Visit to Capital Hill this week. Sixteen physicians, residents, medical students and staff covered visits with 21 of New York's 29 elected Senate and House of Representatives officials. The issues discussed included: the necessity of extending Medicaid fee for service fees at Medicare levels under the Primary Care Incentive Program (due to expire on 12/31/14); the importance of continuing full funding for Graduate Medical Education and increasing the cap on the number of residency training slots; the need for sufficient funding for Health Care Workforce incentive programs to assure an adequate supply of physicians; and a permanent fix for the flawed Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. The following physicians gave generously of their time for two days "on the hill" and we are grateful for their contributions on your behalf: Morton Coleman, MD, FACP; Douglas DeLong, MD, FACP; Andrew Dunn, MD, FACP; Elena Ivanina, DO, Julie Joseph, MD, FACP, Kellin King, MD, FACP; Lisa Rucker, MD, FACP; Ankita Sagar, MD, MPH; Steven Shamosh, MD, FACP, Neil Scheier, MD, FACP; Eric Soriano, Pam Sullivan, MD, FACP, Edward Stehlik, MD, MACP and Eleanor Weinstein, MD, FACP. More pictures can be found on our NYACP Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/nyacp>. Our attendees represented every element of Internal Medicine - private practice, faculty-based practice, hospital medicine, residents and students in training.

#### **Chapter Representatives Participate in Albany and CDC Roundtables**

The Chapter participated in a roundtable designed to educate State Assembly representatives on issues relating to controlled substance abuse, as well as the up-tick in heroin availability and use. Steven Walerstein, MD, FACP and Chapter Executive Director Linda Lambert participated and were highlighted in several media releases following the Assembly roundtable. The second roundtable was held in New York City with CDC Administrator Dr. Frieden who was interested in the New York experience with ISTOP and increased heroin addiction.

## **Introduction of Standardized Prior Authorization Form Legislation in Albany**

Fulfilling one of the Chapter's Legislative priorities, the New York State Senate and Assembly have introduced a uni-bill that would require New York's commercial carriers to utilize a standardized prior authorization form adopted for the Medicaid program last year. Working closely with the Medical Society of the State of New York, legislation was drafted and has been introduced by Senator Kemp Hannon of Long Island and Assemblyman John McDonald of the Capital Region. Assemblyman McDonald, a practicing pharmacist and clearly understands the need for standardization of requirements by payors. Both bills (S.7369/A9765) sit in the Health Committee of their respective houses awaiting action.

## **NYACP Seeks to Assist Members Interested in Partnering in DSRIP Projects**

In an effort to help physicians understand potential opportunities in partnering with others, a webinar was held late last week to orient physicians on New York's Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) that will allocate \$8 billion to transform the health care safety net at both the system and state level. Following is a link to the listing of providers who have expressed a willingness to participate in DSRIP by filing a Letter of Intent. We encourage all physicians within the communities of the systems that were identified as "Emerging Performing Provider Systems" to review the list and reach out to the contact lead in your community if you are interested in potential partnership. For the list of LOI's that have been filed, go to:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp\\_loi\\_received/](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrp_loi_received/)

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## ***Education***



### **Summer Weekend Board Review Course Just Announced!**

The Chapter is excited to announce that a weekend IM Board Review Course has been scheduled for Friday, Aug.1- Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014 in New York City. Chapter members who are preparing for Board Re-certification or first-time Certification can take advantage of this unique IM Board Review course before the August 2014 exam. Based upon recommendations from faculty and Chapter members, the weekend class is being offered over 3 days (Friday-Sunday) and CME accreditation will be announced shortly.

#### **The course will be held at:**

Lenox Hill Hospital  
100 East 77th Street  
New York, NY 10065

#### **Faculty:**

Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP  
Chris Paras, DO, FACP  
NIket Sonpal, MD

**Course Content:**

This three-day program will cover all the pertinent topics you need to review for the upcoming Internal Medicine Exam or to begin your recertification process. The topics will include:

- General Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Pulmonary
- Rheumatology
- Neurology

**Cost:**

The registration fee for the three day program is \$540 per person, which includes all materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Residency Programs sending multiple residents can contact the Chapter to find out about special registration pricing for five or more residents from the same training program. Registration will be available shortly, for additional information, please contact Karen Tucker at [ktucker@nyacp.org](mailto:ktucker@nyacp.org). [You can easily register online Here!](#)

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**New Chapter District Meetings Announced!****A New Approach to Cardiovascular Risk Reduction: JNC8 and the 2013 Lipid Guidelines**

*(Hosted by NYACP's Rochester District)*

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

The Rochester Academy of Medicine  
1441 East Avenue, Rochester New York  
[Register online](#)

**Save the Dates - Details to follow!**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

**The Controversial New Hypertension and Cholesterol Guidelines: Putting them Into Practice**

*(Hosted by the NYACP Hudson Valley Capital District)*

Holiday Inn  
205 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12205  
Registration coming soon!

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

**A Combination Approach for Managing Hyperlipidemia**

*(Hosted by the NYACP Hudson Valley Central District)*

Ship Lantern Inn  
1725 Route 9W  
Milton, NY 12547  
Registration coming soon!

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# Quality

## What are people saying about the "Value "of the Near Miss Registry?

*"I had a meeting this morning with a core group (Chief Medical Officer (CMO, Chief Nursing Officer, Patient Safety Officer and Pharmacy Director) to review reports to date. **There was a lot of enthusiasm for the data, especially from our CMO, and together we developed plans to address the primary issues identified.** The link to the Registry is now on our Intranet and on the clinical staff resource tab. Information about the Registry is also included in New Employee Orientation." (AVP, Quality/Risk Manager)*

The Near Miss Registry is a voluntary, confidential, web based, user-friendly reporting tool located @ [www.nearmiss.org](http://www.nearmiss.org). The registry was designed by the Chapter to collect the WHAT, WHEN, and ROLES of persons or systems involved in a near miss event, without requiring the WHO. All information is confidential and secure.

The purpose of the Near Miss Registry is to identify, classify and study near miss events. **A near miss is a patient safety event that did not reach the patient.** The Registry is the official patient safety work product of ACP's Patient Safety Organization (PSO). NYACP manages the day to day operations of the Registry.

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act) authorized the creation of Patient Safety Organizations and encourages clinicians and health care organizations to *voluntarily report and share* quality and patient safety information without fear of legal discovery. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), a part of the US Department of Health and Human Services, administers the PSO program.

### *Benefits of working with a PSO:*

- Legal privilege and confidentiality of deliberations and analysis of quality and safety events
- Aggregation of patient safety events data and comparison with peers
- Advice for improving the quality and safety of patient care
- Expertise to understand and prevent the causes of patient safety events
- Meet CMS final regulations for Sec.1311 of the ACA - all hospitals >50 beds required to have a "PSES"; 2 year phase in period: January 1, 2015- January 1, 2017

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