

EDUCATION

Call for Preliminary and Final Poster Competition Judges

The Chapter is seeking Fellows (FACP) of the Chapter to participate as either a preliminary and/or final judge for the Chapter's next poster competition on Saturday, November 9, 2013 in Rochester, NY.

Preliminary Judge

Abstracts will be emailed to you through our online grading system (you do not need to be present at the meeting for preliminary judging). The deadline for abstract submissions is Friday, September 6, 2013 and you will receive the abstracts for grading shortly after this date. You will be given four weeks to complete the grading.

Final On-Site Judge

You will need to **attend** the November 9th Resident and Medical Student Forum at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY. Abstracts will be emailed to you one week prior to the meeting as well as grading materials. All abstract and grading sheets will be included in your registration packet on-site.

If you would like to be a judge, please contact Karen Tucker via email ktucker@nyacp.org

Call for Abstracts!

The abstract competition is now open.

Residents and Medical Student members have until Fri, Sept 6, 2013 to submit up to two abstracts. If your abstract is chosen, you will be invited to present at the NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum on Sat, Nov 9, 2013 in Rochester, New York. Submit your abstract:

<http://www.nyacp.org/callforabstracts>

ADVOCACY

Hepatitis C Testing Required in Primary Care Outpatient Practices

Now awaiting the Governor's signature, a bill sponsored by Senator Hannon and Assemblyman Zebrowski will require office-based primary care practices, diagnostic and treatment centers and hospitals to offer a Hepatitis C test to patients born between 1945-1965. This bill requires the Hep C testing offering once, and we recommend that you document the offer and the patient response in the medical record. The bill, once signed by the Governor, will become effective on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Primary care is defined as family medicine, general pediatrics, primary care, internal medicine, primary care obstetrics, or primary care gynecology, without regard to board certification.

There are three exceptions to the mandate:

- a) the patient is being treated for a life threatening emergency
- b) the patient has previously been offered or has had a hepatitis C screening test; or
- c) the patient lacks ability to give consent.

For any patient that is positive or reactive, the physician shall offer follow-up health care, including a Hepatitis C diagnostic test, or refer that patient to a provider who can.

The bill provides a sunset provision of January 1, 2020.

Full text of the bill can be found online: <http://www.nyacp.org/gac>

QUALITY

Quality Improvement Webinars to Fit Your Schedule

As part of the Chapter's overall strategy to help members navigate quality improvement within their practices, the Chapter has hosted several webinars ranging in quality issues from patient safety, transitions of care, handoffs and process improvement. These webinars are now available for online, at your leisure.

This is a NYACP members-only benefit and you will need to use your *NYACP password* to access the "private" videos. A complete listing of the Chapter's recorded webinars can be accessed by visiting our website: <http://www.nyacp.org/webinars>

If you have forgotten your password, please email the Chapter and we would be happy to assist you: info@nyacp.org

NYS Palliative Care Laws presented live on June 16, 2013

<http://vimeo.com/nyacp/nypalliativecarelaws>

TeamSTEPPS - A Patient Safety Tool presented live on April 17, 2013

<http://vimeo.com/nyacp/teamstepps>

Reducing Readmissions presented live on February 5, 2013

<http://vimeo.com/nyacp/reducingreadmissions>

Digital Transformation of MOLST (End of Life Care) presented live on October 25, 2012

<http://vimeo.com/nyacp/emolst>

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