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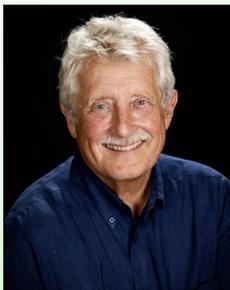
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

One of the great joys of being an American is the right to speak out to the Government that we elect. I have been an advocate for my patients and my colleagues for at least 30 years through the strength of the two organizations that have privileged me with leadership opportunities. First, as President of the Florida Society of Internal Medicine at

which time I joined with C. Everett Koop to take up the fight against big tobacco. The results have been gratifying and smoking rates continue to go down.

Now as ACP Governor for Florida I have had many opportunities to impact health care legislation and we through strength in numbers have dramatically improved health care access and payment reform. We continue to be the conscience driving health care reform in the direction of improved patient care while trying to improve the climate in which we practice. Perhaps the most rewarding result of my colleague's work in Wash-

ington and Tallahassee and countless other legislative bodies across this great country of ours is seeing the engagement of students, residents and fellows in this good work. They are the future of health care and it is crucial that they have a say and where we are going. Thanks to the terrific effort of our three teams in Washington on May 4th when we met with 28 congressional & senatorial offices and succeeded in raising consciousness about a wide variety of issues.

In closing I would like to thank our younger members (leadership) for taking time to represent our membership on Capitol Hill; Farah Al-Saffar, MD; J. Colt Cowdell, MD; Morganna Freeman, DO FACP; Christin M. Giordano, PA; Armen Henderson, MD; Karina Jordan, MD; Kenji Kaye, MD; and Lindsay McCullough, MD. A special thanks to Nanette Carrion-Quemuel, ACP liaison who joined Florida team to experience advocacy in action on the Hill.

Thanks to all for their commitment to their profession!

~John G. Langdon, MD FACP, FL Chapter President/Governor

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES ON ADVOCACY

Why I Became Involved in Florida Chapter ACP Health Policy/Advocacy

As we progress through our medical education from medical school, residency, and into practice we all notice, with increasing frequency, the impact politics and policy makers have on our patients and practices. The history of medicine is filled with examples of physicians becoming active participants in the political landscape. From Rudolf Virchow in the late 1800s to our current 114th congress which has twenty-two members of the house and three senators with medical degrees. Becoming involved with ACP advocacy has been an invaluable part of my medical education and allowed me to fight for my patients as well as my profession. *(continued on page 2)*



Front Row: Karina Jordan, MD, Lindsay McCullough, MD, Christin Giordano, PA, Farah Al-Saffar, MD

Back Row: John G. Langdon, MD FACP, FL Chapter President/Governor, Ankush Bansal, MD FACP, Stuart B. Himmelstein, MD FACP, Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP, FL Chapter Governor, Armen Henderson, MD, Daniel Bendetowicz, MD FACP, Kenji Kaye, MD, J. Colt Cowdell, MD

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES *continued*

During my residency I have participated in ACP's advocacy day in Tallahassee, Florida and leadership day in Washington, DC where we were able to meet face-to-face with senators and representatives from our state to discuss the issues facing our profession and patients. The ability to sit down and have a conversation with the actual individuals responsible for passing legislation in the state of Florida and nationally was an eye-opening experience. I realized that many of the representatives and senators were just as eager to discuss these complex issues with ACP as we were with them. We discussed wide ranging topics from the emerging field of telehealth, to insurance issues, opiate prescribing, GME funding, drug pricing, and mental health laws.

Becoming involved in ACP advocacy has been an integral part of my medical education and I will carry on fighting for my patients as well as my profession in both the clinical setting and on Capitol Hill. I urge you to become involved in the process of creating policies and laws that directly impact our patients and our profession.

~Kenji Kaye, MD



"Healthcare advocacy and leadership day was an amazing, hands on learning experience for residents and fellows to participate and voice our concerns to our representatives. We could also express our positions in regards to healthcare bills that impact our practices as physicians.

The advocacy aspect of the ACP is one that is often overlooked. It is a unique opportunity for us to advocate for improving healthcare of the general population compared to our classic daily, one-patient-at-a-time clinical practice."

~Farah Al-Saffar MD

"Having personally attended Leadership Day, I now believe it is one of the most significant ways for physicians to make a meaningful difference in the future of our healthcare system. Few other venues provide the opportunity to interact with like-minded internist from across the country, who care about our profession and the patients we serve. I especially enjoyed collaborating with other members of the Florida ACP to discuss issues we deemed important and then advocating our positions to members of the United States Congress. I would definitely participate again in the future."

~J. Colt Cowdell, MD

LEADERSHIP DAY 2016



J. Colt Cowdell, MD, Kenji Kaye, MD, Farah Al-Saffar, MD, Stuart B. Himmelstein, MD FACP, Lindsay McCullough, MD, Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP



Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP, Farah Al-Saffar, MD, J. Colt Cowdell, MD, Dawn Moerings, FL Chapter Executive Director, Kenji Kaye, MD, Stuart B. Himmelstein, MD FACP

Florida: I Raise the Rates Program

The U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has released its updated recommendations for immunization among adults, which are published in ACP's *Annals of Internal Medicine* and a link is included here: <http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2484895>. ACP's Center for Quality, working with our chapter on the *I Raise the Rates* program, has supported the development of a brief video by past-ACP President Dr. Sandy Fryhofer, providing a great summary of the current recommendations. You can view the video by clicking the *Audio/Video tab*.

I must say that the publication that most caught my eye over the last week came from the CDC: the February 5th issue of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/ss6501a1.htm>. The bottom-line from this report is that immunization rates among adults remain unacceptably low, virtually unchanged over the last several years, with huge racial and ethnic disparities.

I believe that this state of affairs will not improve until physicians and their staff own immunization of their patients. Physicians are key. And that is the premise of the *I Raise the Rates* program – an ACP initiative aimed at helping us efficiently and effectively implement immunizations in our practice. All of you can participate in this program – if you simply want to learn more about immunization recommendations, download resources to educate your patients, find resources to educate your staff or health system, or touch base with a practice coach to help you work on immunization in your practice.

Join the Florida Champions to *raise the rates!*



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Congratulations

Florida Fellows who Marched in Convocation 2016



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Florida's New Masters

Howard E. Voss, MD MACP



As the unpaid CEO and Medical Director of the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic for the past 11 years, Dr. Voss has saved the community millions of dollars and touched the lives of thousands of residents. For 50 years he has lived by three key principles: Teach those who come after you, do re-

search if at all able, and treat your patients regardless of their ability to pay. Dr. Voss began teaching as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at NYU, then as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at New York Medical College. Today he's a Clinical Associate Professor at Florida State University. He and others at NYU were responsible for the penicillin allergy skin test still used today. Dr. Voss has been inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society by FSU for Exemplary Service, Integrity, Clinical Excellence, and Compassion. At VIM Clinic, his devotion to caring for the medical indigent has earned him many honors, including the ACP's Laureate and Oscar Edwards Awards and the President's Volunteer Service Award for a lifetime of service.

Lisa L. Zacher, MD MACP



Dr. Zacher is currently the Chief of Staff for the Orlando VA Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Zacher spent the last 8 years of her military career (2005 to 2013) as the Chief of the Department of Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center and saw her

department through a complex Base Realignment and Closure process that merged the Air Force and Army Inpatient missions. The result of this merger was the San Antonio Military Medical Center. Dr. Zacher deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as a Chief, Intensive Care Unit, with the 28th and 86th Combat Support Hospital (2007) and deployed a second time to Camp Victory, Iraq as the Deputy Command Surgeon, United States Forces—Iraq (2010), where she was responsible for assisting with all clinical operations in Iraq. She served as the Pulmonary Consultant to the Army Surgeon General (2009 to 2013) and possesses the prestigious "A" Proficiency Designator in Pulmonary Medicine. She served as Governor of the ACP Army Chapter from 2009 to 2013 and received the Chapter's Master Teacher Award.



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2016 Annual Scientific Meeting

"Embracing the Future of Medicine & Clinical Practice"

September 9—11, 2016 * Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL



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&
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Updates in Internal Medicine
- Healthcare Disparities
- Humanism in Medicine Lecture
- Women's Health Update
- Prevention of Medical Errors
- Domestic Violence

*Full agenda available on the Chapter website:
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Annual Meeting Resident & Medical Students Activities:

- ◆ Oral Presentation Finalists
- ◆ Educational Workshop
- ◆ Formal Poster Competition
- ◆ Awards Reception
- ◆ Doctors Dilemma Finals Competition



2016 Annual Meeting Accommodations

FL Chapter Special Room Rates:
\$129—\$149 S/D

Room Rate Cutoff Date: Thursday, Aug 18, 2016

Online Reservations: <http://bit.ly/FLACP2016>

Phone Reservations: 800-741-7333

Online Meeting Registration

Convenient Online Registration will be opening soon.

For more information:

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DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS JULY 14, 2016

Florida Chapter Laureate Award

Laureate Award is the most prestigious award given by the Chapter. It honors Fellows or Masters of ACP who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research, and in service to their community, and their chapter of the American College of Physicians. A candidate must be long-standing and loyal supporter of the College who have rendered distinguished service to the Florida Chapter and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known. A candidate must be a Fellow or Master of the College for at least ten to fifteen years. The Laureate winner presentation is scheduled during the Florida Chapter Annual Award Reception.

Florida Chapter Internist of the Year

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the clinical practice of internal medicine.

Florida Chapter Outstanding Teacher of the Year

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to medical education.

Florida Chapter Community-Based Teacher

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and who has contributed to the education of medical students, residents, and fellows as an office-based internist.

Florida Chapter Volunteerism Award:

A physician, who has distinguished themselves in voluntary service in the area of medicine like a commitment to continuing education, which is an established tradition for internists and the College. The College considers volunteerism so important that it is a major criterion for advancing to Fellowship.



Congratulations to the Florida Chapter for receiving the 2015 Chapter Excellence Award! The award recognizes chapters which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter.

In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet all basic criteria and seven optional criteria. Criteria include such activities as formulating an effective Governor's Council and committees, communicating frequently with membership, providing educational opportunities, recruiting and advancing members and celebrating membership through local awards. Special thanks is extended to those chapter members who assisted in all of these endeavors! For their hard work and dedication, we received this award.



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