

## Upcoming Events

The Indiana Chapter Meeting is November 14-15th (Friday-Saturday) at the Adams Mark Hotel near the Indianapolis Airport

The American College of Physicians Internal Medicine 2009 Philadelphia will host the year's Premiere scientific meeting for Internal Medicine - April 23-25

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## From the Governor

Greetings!!

As I assume the role of Governor for the Indiana Chapter, I want to thank **Dr. Robert Lubitz** for his tremendous service to the Chapter. These past four years have been a period of significant progress with the development of the Indiana ACP Services (our 501c6 counterpart), progress in the financial stability of the Chapter, and our continued success with the Evergreen Awards. He has led the Chapter forward, and his contributions are duly noted and much appreciated. Least, we say our farewells too early, I am pleased to report that he has taken over the role of president of the Indiana ACP Services to continue our advocacy work on behalf of the profession and our patients.

With our advocacy efforts in capable hands, I plan to focus on addressing membership issues. Some membership needs such as education and member benefits are universal. I also recognize that certain constituent parts of our membership require special attention based on their training status such as our Medical Student and Associate members. Support and guidance from the Chapter may also assist other membership components with a particular background or requirement. I plan to work on addressing these universal and varying needs.

In the following pages, you will hear about how many of your fellow Chapter members are working on your behalf and on behalf of the profession. I would like to recognize the contributions of **Linda Abels, MD, FACP**, and **Cheryl Southern, MD, FACP**. Dr. Abels serves as the Chapter's representative to the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC), and Dr. Southern serves as the Chapter's representative to the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Their willingness over these years to take time away from the office to advocate for their colleagues and patients is praiseworthy.

Your contribution to the Chapter through your dues is necessary for the functioning of the Chapter and is sincerely appreciated. With the current economic environment, we are all conscious of our financial outlays, and your Governing Council will remain a vigilant steward of your dues. Nonetheless, medicine continues to make progress, we must continue to foster the future of our profession through training and our trainees, and we will continue to face administrative, legal and professional challenges. I offer as a reminder that the value of membership in any organization is derived in part by participation. The Chapter needs your participation in all of our Committees and Groups.

**Councils**  
Young Physicians  
IMSIG

**Groups**  
Women In Medicine  
International Medical  
Graduates (IMG)

**Committees**  
Health & Public Policy  
Scientific Program  
Communications  
Nominations  
Volunteerism  
Membership

Who better understands the needs than the members of a membership organization? A one-hour time commitment 2-3 times per year is all that is required. Your willingness to contribute to the present and future of the profession is appreciated.

Lastly, as we move more firmly into this digital age, I would encourage all of you to provide an email address to facilitate timely and efficient communications. Your Chapter and your ACP are here to foster and facilitate your excellence in the care of patients.

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## Awards Committee

**Richard Kohler, MD, MACP (Chair) and Robert Lubitz, MD, MPH, FACP**

This year, the Awards Committee was honored to nominate and to have accepted for approval by the Chapter's Governing Council the selection of **Charles R. Kelley, MD, FACP**, and **Robert L. Rudesill, MD, FACP**, for the Laureate Award

- Because of his distinguished career, dedication to the field of internal medicine, and leadership in volunteer health care services, Dr. Rudesill has been chosen as a 2008 Laureate for the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians.
- Because of his distinguished career, pioneering work in primary care internal medicine, and leadership in international health, Dr. Kelley has been chosen as a 2008 Laureate for the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

They will be awarded the Laureate Award at this year's Indiana Chapter Meeting. We hope that you will honor their significant achievements with your attendance. Their biographical sketches will be available at the Chapter Meeting.

## Scientific Program Committee

**Brent Toney, MD (Chair)**

This year's Indiana Chapter Meeting will be hosted on November 14-15th (Friday-Saturday) at the Adams Mark Hotel near the Indianapolis Airport.

We heartily invite all Chapter Masters, Fellows, Members, Associates and Medical Students to attend this educational program. From update sessions in internal medicine and infectious diseases to pre-op clearance and venomous spiders, this year's variety of offerings should offer choice morsels to tickle the cerebral cortex and to enhance patient care.

For those internists in the process of board recertification, the Chapter is pleased to be offering the SEP modules for the 2008 Cardiology Update and the 2008 GI Update. These modules will provide a total of 20 points toward recertification. The additional fee of \$50 will cover the added costs of hosting this module and is well worth the, on average, 16 hours that you'll save (compared to doing these modules on your own).

Lastly, we are honored this year to have **Joseph Stubbs, MD, FACP** as our visiting College Regents. As the President-elect for ACP, he will provide an update of current issues before the College and be able to address areas of concern or issues of interest. Registration is available by following the link through the Chapter's website at [www.acponline.org/chapters/in](http://www.acponline.org/chapters/in).

## Internal Medicine Student Interest Group (IMSIG)

**Laila Saied, MS4, and Laura Hinkle, MS3 (Co-Chairs)**

The Internal Medicine Student Interest Group (IMSIG) at the Indiana University School of Medicine is one of the largest and most active student interest groups at IUSM with nearly 200 members. In addition to having a strong presence at the main Indianapolis campus, "Regional IMSIGs" at three of our school's satellite campuses were established last year, with more to come.

During the academic year, our group hosts a number of educational and philanthropic events that engage students at every stage of training. We host several lunch talks during the course of the year aimed at first and second year students as well as a residency program fair. Last year, we began a monthly Journal Club in which a student presents the main points of an article and the group discusses the results, the strengths and weaknesses of the study design, and its applicability to clinical practice. This year, our Journal Club is expanding as we invite academic and community physicians to join us in these discussions. Among the many volunteer opportunities offered by IMSIG is the Westside Health Fair. Our health fair has the distinction of being the only student-run health fair as well as one of the biggest health fairs in Indianapolis. Last year's fair saw 150 student volunteers providing free health screenings, immunizations, and education to over 700 people.

Finally, our group is very involved with the Indiana ACP Chapter. Our local chapter annually sponsors a number of students to attend the annual ACP Leadership Day and Scientific Session, and our co-chairs sit on both the Indiana Chapter's Governing Council and Associates Council. This year we are delighted to have been given an opportunity to assist in planning the annual ACP Indiana Chapter Meeting.

The students involved in our group are motivated to both continue the great things established in past years, and to come up with new and innovative ways to engage students in Internal Medicine. The next year is bound to be exciting as we expand our impact on both our school and community

## Health and Public Policy Committee

**Caitilin Kelly, MD, FACP (Chair)**

The ACP HPPC prepared several resolutions for the ISMA House of Delegates, held in September 2008.

One successful resolution recommended that legislation be pursued that would extend malpractice protection to surgeons who volunteer their time in Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) clinics. Currently, they are excluded from this protection because the law states that only physicians who give their time within the clinic walls are protected. It is only fair and logical that physicians who contribute services that can only be offered in an ambulatory surgical center or hospital be extended this protection.

The national ACP came out this year with a position statement recommending that it be legal for physicians to prescribe medical marijuana. Because of federal laws regarding marijuana, it is mandatory that this be addressed at the national level; therefore, the Indiana ACP HPPC wrote a resolution that would encourage the ISMA to ask the AMA to join the ACP at the national level in pursuing this goal. This is a controversial issue, despite it only being about the use of medical marijuana. This resolution was not passed by the ISMA House of Delegates, but we felt that this was an important issue to discuss from a medical standpoint.

We will also be following up on a resolution written 5 years ago, regarding ensuring the content and purity of over-the-counter supplements. This resolution was passed by the ISMA, but no action has yet been taken. A follow-up resolution is being discussed to again encourage the FDA to require content and purity of supplements.

Any physician is welcome to attend the HPPC meeting that meet by teleconference. Contact **Shelly Symmes** (317-261-2060) in the ISMA office for scheduled meeting times.

## Associates Council

### Tifinni Romero, MD (Chair)

The Associate's Council is off to a great start this year. Several residents were sponsored at the National meeting in Washington D.C. and presented in both the research and clinical vignette poster competition. Next year, we hope to sponsor a Jeopardy team to compete at the national level and represent the state of Indiana.

Our social chair planned a fun event at Jillians, where residents from each program and students were invited to enjoy dinner and drinks. We hope to gain the interest of the incoming interns and recruit new members to the Council. It was also a great opportunity to educate residents on the benefits of membership to the ACP.

Our main focus has been organizing the Friday session of the yearly Chapter Meeting which is to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in November. Our schedule of events has been fine tuned, and already many exciting speakers have agreed to participate. We hope to have a great turn-out this year.

Lastly, we continue to look forward to participating in a volunteer event, such as a Habitat for Humanity project. We are excited by the formation of the Volunteerism Committee. Volunteering is an important way of connecting with the communities we serve.

## Finance Committee

### Thomas Devine, MD, FACP (Treasurer)

This year has been characterized by significant volatility in the financial sector. Our finances are divided into what can be termed "*operating funds*" and "*investment reserves*". The Chapter's investments were invested in a conservative fashion and have experienced smaller losses than compared to the various equity market indices. While losses are not pleasant, our investment time horizon will allow us to weather the current financial uncertainties.

Our operating funds are adequate to accomplish and sustain our present activities. We recognize that these funds belong to the Chapter membership, and we will continue to shepherd them conscientiously.

A formal financial summary will be provided at the Business Meeting of the Indiana Chapter Meeting on Saturday (November 15th).

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## Electronic Health Records, Second Edition

### Jerome H. Carter, MD, FACP

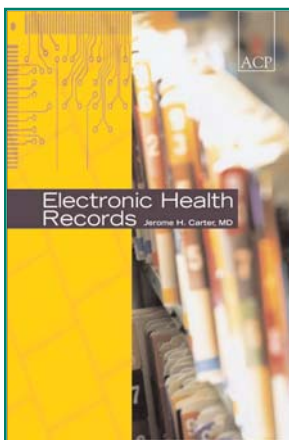
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To view the table of contents, a sample chapter, or further ordering information please visit: [www.acponline.org/ehr](http://www.acponline.org/ehr)





**Help strengthen the voice of internal medicine - recommend ACP Membership to your colleagues!**

The need for a strong voice to speak on behalf of medicine and, in particular, internal medicine has never been greater than it is today. It is critically important that we unify to address the specific needs of our medical specialty. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster. We must work together.

**To thank you for your time and effort, we offer the following recruitment program. Between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009:**

- Recruit one colleague and receive a \$100 credit toward your 2009-10 annual dues.
- Recruit two colleagues and receive an additional \$100 credit toward your 2009-10 annual dues.
- Recruit three colleagues and enjoy free annual dues in 2009-10.

But wait, there's more. For every Member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand-prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2010 in Toronto, Canada that includes registration, airfare (up to \$500), and four days of hotel accommodations. So, the more Members you recruit, the greater your chances are at winning the grand prize.

**To be considered a "recruited" Member, your colleague must:**

- Be a nonmember who is eligible for the "full" ACP Member category and pay \$99 or more in dues.
- Submit a Membership application, along with his or her dues payment, between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009.
- Write your name in the recruiter box on the top of the Membership application\*\*.

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