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Chapter

February 2025

Chapter News

Check out the latest news!

Want to attend Leadership Day? You must apply by Friday, February 5th to be considered, see page 3.

White Coats on Call is this week!

Commenting on Spring Resolutions and a Call for Fall Resolutions are live, see page 4.

Are you an ECP in the Richmond area? The ECP Committee has a fun social event planned at Boho Cycle, see page 7.

It is time to start planning your trip to New Orleans for the 2025 Internal Medicine Meeting! See pages 10- 13 for registration, local speakers and reception information.

Women and Medicine are hosting a panel discussion webinar this month. If you missed the webinar last month, the recording can be found in the Chapter's multimedia library on the website.

2025 ACP Leadership Day

April 28-29, Washington, DC

Action Needed!

Leadership Day is early this year! This day enables the College to increase its presence on Capitol Hill and bring our issues of concern to U.S. lawmakers. ACP members will receive two days of in-depth briefings on the College's legislative priorities and an opportunity to meet with elected officials. Attendance is limited to ACP members only.

If you are an active Chapter member interested in attending ACP Leadership Day this year, **please complete this self-nomination form in its entirety by February 5, 2025.**

The Health & Public Policy Committee leadership will review the nominations and select a diverse group of members to represent the Chapter in Washington, DC. Congressional districts (Districts 1-10), Chapter activity and practice type will be taken into account during the selection process.

If selected, you will be responsible for registering yourself for Leadership Day with ACP. The Chapter will send the link to this portal in your selection notification or as soon as it is available. You will also be responsible for making your hotel arrangements. The Chapter will provide the information and link for the ACP host hotel, The Westin, but you are not required to stay in the host hotel. Reimbursement of hotel rooms will be **made up to the group rate** (\$389/night) secured by ACP at The Westin. If your hotel room rate is above the group rate of \$389/night, you will be responsible for the difference. You will be responsible for submitting your receipts to the Chapter for reimbursement of your hotel room rate, taxes and parking following the event. If you are local to the DC area, the Chapter will reimburse your parking fees with receipts. Reimbursement of registration fee, hotel expenses or parking fees will be made are contingent upon attendance, will be made after the event and dispersed as one check per person.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

2025 MSV Lobby Day

Thursday, February 6

If you are interested in attending,
please see the registration link below!

Lobby day is your opportunity to advocate for the issues that matter most to your profession. The MSV provides a robust program with guided bill updates, briefing on key issues, how to lobby legislators, and more with an opportunity to meet with your legislators to discuss issues facing the practice of medicine and serve as a subject matter expert during the legislative process.

Lobby Day Schedule

- 7:30 am Check-in
- 8:00 am Refreshments and Strategy Session
- 9:00 am-11:00 am Legislative Visits

Location:

7th and Franklin Building
701 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23219

[Registration and more information](#)



Resolutions

Spring 2025

Commenting is now open for the [Spring 2025 slate](#). Please take some time to review these resolutions and share your comments. The Board of Governors will discuss the Spring slate of Resolutions during the April meeting in New Orleans.

Fall 2025 Resolutions

The ACP has a call for Resolutions twice each year for the Fall and Spring Board of Governors Meetings. The Board of Governors (BOG) Resolutions Process was instituted in 1985 as a means for the ACP membership to have formal input to the Board of Regents (BOR), the policymaking body of the College. A resolution reflects the grassroots voice of ACP. A resolution is a proposal that asks the ACP to take a position and/or an action. Any ACP member can submit a resolution to his or her ACP Governor for consideration by the local chapter council. A resolution consists of at least one directive ("Resolved clause") accompanied by supporting statements ("Whereas clauses"). If you have a proposal, please review the Resolutions Guide and submit it to the Governor. The deadlines to submit a Resolution for consideration are typically in May for the Fall BOG meeting and December for the Spring BOG meeting.

There is a current Call for Fall Resolutions! The deadline for submitting new resolutions to be heard at the Fall 2025 Board of Governors Meeting is March 28, 2025.

Help Promote Action Alert Urging Congress to Prioritize Health Care Issues

As a new Congress convenes, ACP is asking ACP members to urge their members of Congress to prioritize health care and pass legislation that addresses Medicare physician payment cuts, extends telehealth flexibilities long-term, and reforms the prior authorization process.

Background

The last Congress failed to pass legislation that would have addressed these issues in an end-of-year package. As a result, a 2.8 percent cut to physician Medicare payments went into effect on January 1, 2025, and a number of bipartisan health care policies were not finalized, including prior authorization reform and a long-term extension of telehealth coverage flexibilities. We need your help to get these critical issues resolved.

The 2.8 percent cut to Medicare physician payment that went into effect on January 1, is the result of complex budgetary rules and systemic flaws within the physician fee schedule (PFS). This is the fifth straight year that the final PFS rule includes an across-the-board cut to payment rates for physicians and other clinicians. Congress has passed legislation over the past four years to mitigate portions of these cuts, and needs to act again to stop the current cut.

Last year, ACP supported the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act, which would protect patients from unnecessary delays in care and reduce administrative burden on physicians by streamlining the prior authorization approval processes in Medicare Advantage. The legislation had bipartisan support with 231 cosponsors in the House and 59 cosponsors in the Senate. ACP supports a re-introduction of the Improving Senior's Timely Access to Care Act in the current Congress and its inclusion in any new package of health care legislation.

ACP has also supported a long-term extension of telehealth flexibilities that included the removal of geographic restrictions, expansion of originating sites required for telehealth visits, audio-only telehealth access and that allows for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to continue providing telehealth service. In the government-funding continuing resolution (CR) passed by Congress last month, these telehealth flexibilities were extended but only until March 2025 when the resolution expires. Congress will need to act again to extend these flexibilities.

Action Requested

Please send an email message to your members of Congress expressing the need to prioritize these important health care issues. A sample letter has been provided for you that can be personalized. Simply click on the "Take Action" link below, follow the prompts, and submit your letters electronically.

Act now!

Statement from Leading Physician Groups on Announcement to Withdraw U.S. from the World Health Organization

The statement below is issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American Osteopathic Association and American Psychiatric Association:

“The recent announcement to withdraw the United States from the World Health Organization (WHO) will limit our ability to collaborate and coordinate on public health issues that impact individuals and their families here and around the globe. As leading medical organizations representing more than 600,000 physicians in the United States, we share the goal of safe, healthy, and disease-free patients and communities. Remaining part of the WHO is one way we can ensure our nation’s success in achieving this goal for all the patients we care for.

“For more than 70 years, the WHO has played a leading a role in protecting, supporting, and promoting public health in the United States and around the world. Withdrawing from the WHO will hamper our country’s ability to predict and respond to major public health emergencies and limit access, communication and information sharing to a global network of health professionals.

“We urge Congress to reject the administration’s proposal to withdraw from the WHO and ensure the United States can continue to have a seat at the table where critical public health decisions are being made.”

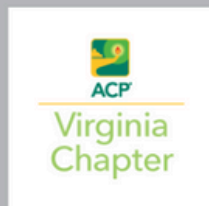
Early Career Physicians!

Come beat the winter doldrums!

**Join us for a group spin class
with your ACP colleagues.**



Monday, February 24
BOHO Cycle
6:30pm



The ECP Committee is hosting a group fitness class at Boho Cycle, 711 N. Sheppard St, 23221 for the Richmond Region. The class is free, but registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

ACT NOW!

Renew your ACP membership today.



UNPAID DUES?

Act now and renew your ACP membership today!

If you haven't already, renew your ACP membership today to regain access to your member-exclusive educational and clinical benefits, valued at over \$6,000! As a valued member of ACP, your success is important to the internal medicine community.

Stay connected with the internal medicine community. Get free subscriptions to *Annals of Internal Medicine*[®] and *DynaMedex*[®]. You'll also get discounts on ACP MKSAPSM, Board Review courses, the annual Internal Medicine Meeting, and more. [If applicable, insert info about an upcoming chapter activity]

Don't let these valuable opportunities slip away—renew now and thrive with us!

Renew your membership today to explore all your member-exclusive benefits.



Mark your Calendar!

The Women and Medicine Committee 2025 Webinar Series

Thursday, February 20, 2025

5:30 - 7:00pm

Women's Health Education: Fellowship to Certification

Panel Discussion with Lily Dastmalchi, DO,

Deborah Dinardo, MD FACP,

Lisa Larkin, MD FACP and Rachel Rubin, MD

1.5 hours of CME credit available

Register now!

[Register Here](#)

ACP Internal
Medicine
Meeting



ACP is going to

NEW ORLEANS

APRIL 3-5, 2025

PRE-COURSES: APRIL 1-2



**Registration
Now!**

Virginia Chapter Reception

Friday, April 4th beginning at 6:00pm
Audubon Aquarium, 1 Canal Street
RSVP below

Please find the meeting registration link and
list of the local Virginia ACP members who are
speaking during the meeting below.



REGISTRATION



Virginia Chapter Speakers

TBA

Clinical Skills

Ophthalmoscopic Skills

Simon Lehtinen, MD FACP and Anthony Marino, MD FACP

April 3, 2025

8:00am – 9:00am

Clinical Triad

Advances in Cancer Screening

Alan Dow MD MSHA FACP

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Panel

Navigating Career Transitions

Stewart Babbott, MD MACP

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Panel

Evaluating Patient Apps and Other Digital Health Tools for Internal Medicine: App-raising Evidence

John Whyte, MD MPH FACP

April 4, 2025

8:00am – 9:00am

Panel

Gender-Affirming Care: Health Policy and Practice

Jorge Ramallo, MD MPH FACP

11:00am – 12:00pm

Clinical Workshop

Know Yourself: Communicate Your Personal and Professional Message

Rebecca Pauly, MD FACP

April 5, 2025

7:00am – 7:45am

Meet the Professor

Managing Common Respiratory Infections: You Took My Breath Away

Christian Woods, MD FACP

11:00am – 12:00pm

Panel

Alternative Models for Primary Care

William Fox, MD MACP

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Meet the Professor

Outpatient Coding: Getting Paid for What You Do

Jeannine Engel, MD MACP

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Meet the Professor

Antibiotic Use in the Hospital: When and When Not to Prescribe

Jennifer Hanrahan, DO MSc

5:15pm – 6:30pm

Highlights

Internal Medicine Meeting 2025 Highlights and Doctor's Dilemma®: The Finals

Stephen Biederman, MD FACP and Alan Dow, MD MSHA FACP

THE DC, MARYLAND &
VIRGINIA CHAPTERS PRESENT

DMV RECEPTION

AT IMM25

April 4, 2025

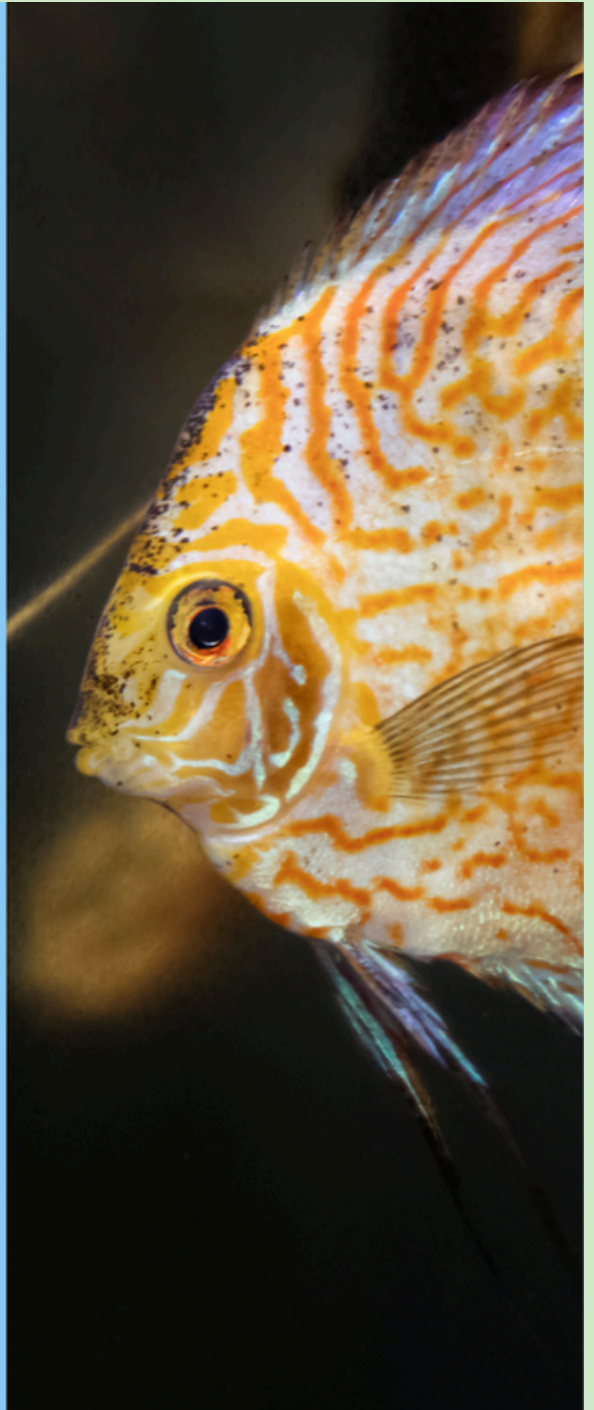
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Hosted at Audubon Aquarium

1 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130

Register: <https://bit.ly/428DITr>

Photo Courtesy of Audubon Aquarium



[Register Here](https://bit.ly/428DITr)

2024 Annual Meeting

CLAIM CME

Meeting Hub - Slides are available

Upcoming Virginia ACP Meeting Dates

2025 Annual Meeting

September 26 - 27, 2025

Hilton Short Pump - Richmond

Upcoming Webinars

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Other Important Dates

MSV White Coats on Call

February 6, 2025

Richmond, VA

All details and link above

ACP IM Meeting

April 3-5, 2025

New Orleans, LA

[REGISTRATION](#)

*Chapter Reception will be held on Friday evening starting at 6:00pm at the New Orleans Aquarium. Don't forget to book your hotel room! The New Orleans Marriott is the headquarter hotel.

ACP Leadership Day

April 28-29, 2025

Washington, DC

Information and self-nomination form above