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Chapter

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**Chapter News**

## **Committee Spotlight**

### **Awards Committee**

The Virginia Chapter Awards Committee recognizes outstanding contributions among its members through various awards. Among these, the Awards Committee specifically acknowledges ACP members who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and impact in areas such as mentorship, education, and advocacy. The committee also identifies Laureate, community service-volunteerism or other local award candidates and selects the recipients(s) after consultation with the sponsoring Chapter committee, when applicable. Below is a description of each award the Virginia Chapter presents. The Call for Nominations will come out in March via your ACP email. This year the deadline to nominate for Chapter Awards will be June 1. Please begin to think about colleagues who are engaged in the Chapter to nominate for these awards!

This committee is also responsible for identifying Master candidates and those eligible for the College's national awards. All National ACP Award descriptions are available online. The deadline to nominate for most National Awards is July 1.

# Virginia ACP Chapter Awards

## **Inpatient Internal Medicine Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in the specialty of internal medicine in an inpatient academic hospital setting.

## **Inpatient Subspecialist Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in an internal medicine subspecialty in an inpatient academic hospital setting.

## **Outpatient Internal Medicine Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in the specialty of internal medicine in an outpatient academic setting.

## **Outpatient Subspecialist Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in an internal medicine subspecialty in an outpatient academic setting.

## **Community Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in a non-academic practice setting.

## **Mentorship Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who has consistently volunteered his or her services to teach medical students and residents. This individual should have demonstrated outstanding teaching prowess, displayed exemplary characteristics of care and concern for individual patients at the bedside, and served as a role model and mentor.

### **Early Career Physician (ECP) Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who falls within the description of the ECP category (within 16 years of graduation from medical school) and who demonstrates leadership and excellence in the field of internal medicine.

### **The Virginia ACP Laureate Award**

To be presented to a Fellow of the Virginia ACP Chapter for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine in research, medical service, mentoring, teaching, and service to the chapter. The recipient is usually a senior member of the Chapter.

### **Paul Florentino Volunteerism Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who demonstrates significant service contributions to the field of medicine in a non-compensated position and not in a position required for training.

### **The Dr. George Abraham Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advocacy Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who leads in support of diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession and their community. The awardee would have demonstrated their desire to lessen health and healthcare disparities through clinical medicine, research and scholarly activities.

### **Vivian W. Pinn Leadership Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing, honors an outstanding woman physician with a distinguished career in areas of exceptional patient care, medical education and/or research.

# 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](#)**

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## JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Dr. Homan Wai, the chair of the Climate and Health Committee, recently used his online access and found a webinar offered in junction with a Annals article. If you haven't come across this opportunity, look into this highly informative webinar, [Emerging and Resurging Vector-Borne Illnesses](#). Not only does it inform you as an internist about the emerging threats you need to be aware of, but it also addresses the connection between climate change and vector-borne infections. CME and MOC points are available for this activity.

Special Articles | 10 December 2024

### Emerging and Resurging Vector-Borne Illnesses

Authors: Christine Laine, MD, MPH, Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA, and Darlyn V. Moyer, MD | [AUTHOR, ARTICLE, & DISCLOSURE INFORMATION](#)

Publication: Annals of Internal Medicine • <https://doi.org/10.7326/ANNALS-24-03714>

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Vector-borne diseases are infections that result when vectors transmit disease-causing parasites, viruses, or bacteria to humans or animals. Many of these vectors are bloodsucking insects, such as mosquitoes, ticks, and midges, that ingest disease-producing microorganisms when they bite an infected human or animal host. The vectors can then transmit the organism to a new host. According to the World Health Organization, deaths from vector-borne diseases number more than 700 000 annually (1). While vector-borne diseases have historically occurred in specific geographic areas where and in seasons when the vectors flourish, international travel and climate change are enabling vectors to cross ...

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# 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

### Wellbeing Committee Journal Club (virtual)

January 16, 2025

7:00 - 7:30pm

[Register here](#)

### Women and Medicine Committee Webinar

*Moving up - From Bystander to Upstander*

Effective communication in the workplace with Lisa Ellis, MD, MACP

January 22, 2025

5:30 - 7:00pm

1.5 hours of CME credit available

[Register here](#)

### Women and Medicine Committee Webinar

*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

February 20, 2025

5:30 - 7:00pm

1.5 hours of CME credit available

[Register here](#)



# 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

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

\*Chapter Reception will be held on Friday evening starting at 6:30pm at the New Orleans Aquarium. More details to come!

Don't forget to book your hotel room! The New Orleans Marriott is the headquarter hotel.

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