

The Pennsylvania Internist - Summer 2019 E-Newsletter

Governor's Message

Larry Jones, MD, FACP: Greetings from the PA Chapter of the ACP. As the new governor of the Eastern Region I wanted to introduce myself, my background and some of my goals and visions.

I was born in Michigan, but, my father being in the Air Force, moved several times with my family to Texas, Illinois, and eventually settled and spent my formative years in Danville. After graduating from Princeton University as a history major, I spent several years “finding myself” and trying different jobs in the “real world” before realizing my passion in medicine. I am a 1989 graduate of the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University College of Medicine) and did my residency training at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver. Following that, I was a staff internist at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital in Fort Campbell, KY. During that time, I also was deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, as part of Operation Restore Hope. Upon completing my payback, my family and I moved to Harrisburg and I have continued my career ever since as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and a general internist at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. At Hershey, I have served in a number of capacities, including as Medical Director of the Resident’s Clinic and also the East Campus Internal Medicine Clinic. [Read on to hear more about Dr. Jones' background and goals for PA-ACP and the Eastern Region.](#)

What's the Latest News from Harrisburg?

John Nikoloff, ERG Partners: The General Assembly is into its sixth month of the 2019-2020 session, attempting to pass a balanced state general fund budget by the end of June. PA-ACP has been working with House and Senate leadership, the Wolf Administration, and key committees on more than a

dozen key pieces of priority legislation in the pipeline for the two-year session, in addition to health-related budget issues. [Read More](#).

Important Upcoming Meetings and Events

PA-ACP always has something to offer throughout the year that upholds our mission to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine. Below is a list of our upcoming fall events. Keep an eye on your email and our [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) pages for more events as they are planned!

Western Abstract Competition and Doctor's Dilemma®

October 12, 2019

[Click here](#) to submit an abstract - Due 11:59pm on Sunday, July 7th.

Southeastern Abstract Competition and Doctor's Dilemma®

October 26, 2019

[Click here](#) to submit an abstract - Due 11:59pm on Sunday, July 21st.

Eastern Abstract Competition and Doctor's Dilemma®

November 2, 2019

[Click here](#) to submit an abstract - Due 11:59pm on Sunday, July 21st.

PA-ACP Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

November 16, 2019

Best Western Premier, Harrisburg PA

Stay tuned for more information later this summer!

PA-ACP Useful Resources

Join the Speakers Bureau!

PA-ACP is developing a list of speakers willing to share their expertise on a variety of healthcare topics. If you have something that you're passionate about and you enjoy public speaking, we'd like to hear from you! [Get more information or sign up](#).

Advocacy Podcasts

For Physician Advocates, preparing and presenting testimony to legislative committees is one of the most impactful strategies used to communicate information and influence policy-makers. Testimony allows physicians to present their positions and/or evidence on potential legislation and may influence legislative decision-making. Presenting testimony at hearings offers a unique opportunity for physicians to publicly persuade policy-makers and potentially change policy. Check out a podcast on this topic, featuring Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, and other advocacy podcasts [here](#).

ACP I Raise the Rates

I Raise the Rates is a collaborative, data-driven campaign to support patients, physicians, health care teams, systems, and communities in raising adult immunization rates and reducing vaccine preventable diseases. The program seeks to assist internists and other primary care providers in both understanding the immunization rates of their patients and making practice changes that promote immunizations. The [Adult Immunization Resource Hub](#) was developed as part of ACP's *I Raise the Rates* initiative to assist physicians and their teams to assess, understand and improve adult immunization rates and patient outcomes in their clinical settings. Please visit the resource hub page to get the latest vaccine recommendations, as well as complete a practice assessment survey, review patient education resources, and much more.

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