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## Governor's Letter



Dear Colleagues,

Spring has swiftly passed and amazingly, our new trainees are about to start their residency and fellowship programs! First, we want to take a moment to thank all of you for your passionate presence and advocacy at ACP Internal Medicine 2025 in New Orleans. We had an amazing turnout of colleagues, residents, and students from the SE Pennsylvania Chapter and minted a number of new Fellows and Masters at Convocation. At the meeting, Bill Surkis became our SE Pennsylvania Chapter Governor-Elect and will start his term next April in San Francisco at ACP Internal Medicine 2026. Bill is an Internal Medicine Hospitalist at Lankenau Medical Center also serves as Lankenau's Vice-President for Medical Affairs, and Main Line Health's Designated Institutional Official. He can't wait to meet more of you!

Following the IM meeting we experienced the distressing [closures of Crozer Chester Medical Center and Taylor Hospital](#). The loss of these critical hospitals has been a tremendous blow to healthcare in Delaware County and particularly to the citizens of Chester, PA, one of Pennsylvania's poorest cities. In March, [a new executive order on Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\)](#) was published, [creating uncertainty for residents and attending physicians depending on the program to forgive their medical school debt](#). At the same time Medicaid is facing [significant congressional budget cuts](#) that will potentially impact healthcare [for millions of Americans](#).

Advocacy on topics such as [medical care and EHR changes](#) as well as [multiple other advocacy topics](#) have been tackled by the ACP both online and via in-person meetings with members of Congress and the Senate at [ACP Leadership Day 2025](#). The ACP provides a critical voice on protecting our patients and sustaining our physicians and we'd love to see more of our membership be involved in advocacy. Please [sign up for the American College of Physician's Advocates for Internal Medicine Network](#) and help lend your voice on these important issues. Please [remember that renewing your ACP Membership](#) helps sustain these efforts and ensures that we can continue being your unique voice to the very best in Internal Medicine education and advocacy for Internal Medicine physicians. New members should know that [a special one-time \\$75 discount is available right now for new members as well by using code JOIN75 at checkout](#).

This spring, we hosted one of our best Internal Medicine Interest Group dinners at Frankford Hall on April 17th. It was a resounding success! We will be planning another event shortly, please stay tuned.

We are also asking for ideas from our members for additional events: Early Career Physician gatherings? LGBTQ+ events? Mentoring/supporting events for all? Please send us your ideas!

Finally, we have a super exciting fall planned for our members. On October 4th, the Southeastern, PA Chapter will be holding its annual student and resident research and poster day as well as America's feistiest session of [Doctor's Dilemma](#) (Medical Jeopardy). Our event will be held at Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood, PA. We'd love to see you there to display your poster or to be a poster judge... and of course to cheer on your favorite residency's Doctor's Dilemma team! Check out the day's agenda and more information [here](#).

PA-ACP is also hosting its Annual Meeting on November 15, 2025, in Hershey PA. For more information, please visit [our website](#).

Wishing all of you a safe and wonderful end to your summers and looking forward to an exciting fall of educational and advocacy events for our members.

**Rachel Ramirez, MD, FACP**

Governor, Southeastern PA ACP

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## Save the Date for the Regional Poster Days



The graphic features the ACP Pennsylvania Chapter logo in the top right corner. The main text reads "SAVE THE DATES" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, three green rounded squares are arranged horizontally, each containing a date and a region name. The first square shows "10/04" for the "SOUTHEASTERN REGION". The second square shows "10/18" for the "EASTERN REGION". The third square shows "10/25" for the "WESTERN REGION". At the bottom of the graphic, the text "PA-ACP REGIONAL MEETINGS" is displayed in large, bold, black letters.

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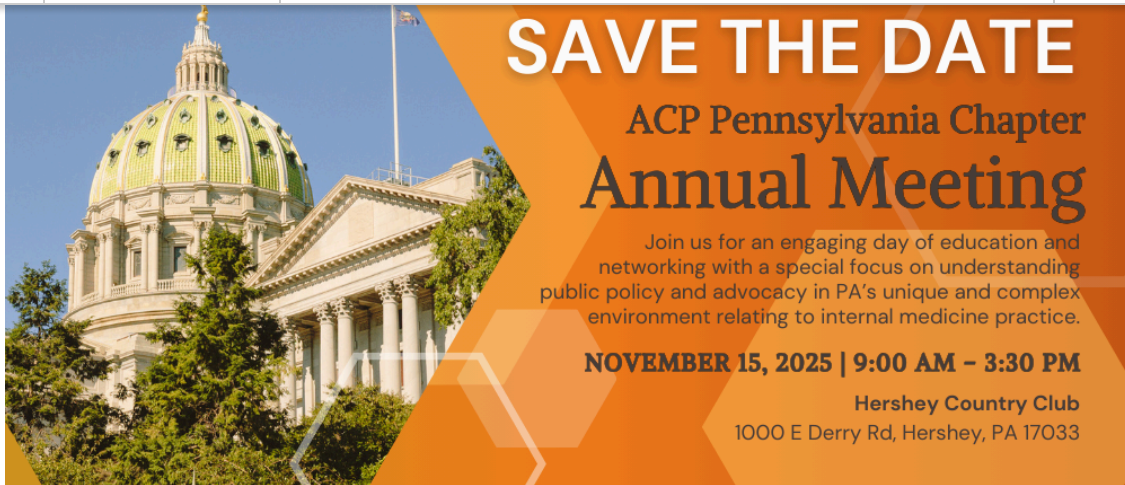
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To view the agendas, please visit the [Southeastern Region](#) schedule, [Eastern Region](#) schedule, and [Western Region](#) schedule.

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## Save the Date for the Annual Scientific Meeting



**SAVE THE DATE**

**ACP Pennsylvania Chapter  
Annual Meeting**

Join us for an engaging day of education and networking with a special focus on understanding public policy and advocacy in PA's unique and complex environment relating to internal medicine practice.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Hershey Country Club  
1000 E Derry Rd, Hershey, PA 17033

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### AIMn Program from National



Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn) in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine.

[Enroll Now](#) - after clicking the link, scroll down to the right where it says: Enroll in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network and enter your information to join.

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### Upcoming Events

July 16, 2025 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Lunch & Learn – “Making the Invisible Visible: A Communication Approach for Working with Patients with Invisible Illnesses”](#)

July 30, 2025 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

[Lunch & Learn – “Physician Burnout: fix the doctor or fix the system!”](#)

August 20, 2025 @ 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[Lunch & Learn – “Strengthening Primary Care Through the Graduate Medical Education Safety-Net Consortium \(GME-SNC\) Model”](#)

September 24, 2025 @ 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[Lunch & Learn – “Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia”](#)

October 4th, 2025

[2025 Southeastern Region Poster Day at Lankenau Medical Center](#)

October 18, 2025

[2025 Eastern Region Poster Day at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine](#)

October 25, 2025

[2025 Western Region Poster Day at UPMC Mercy](#)

November 15, 2025

[2025 Annual Meeting at Hershey Country Club](#)

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## Master or Fellow of the American College of Physicians

Congratulations to all who have received the esteemed designations of Master or Fellow of the American College of Physicians this year.

Fellowship in the College is a prestigious honor that recognizes those who have demonstrated excellence and made significant contributions to medicine and their communities.

Mastership, first awarded in 1923, is reserved for those who have shown extraordinary service to the College and remarkable achievements in the field of medicine, research, education, and beyond.

Your dedication, integrity, and outstanding accomplishments are truly inspiring. We are proud to celebrate your success and contributions to the field of Internal Medicine.



## The ACP Internal Medicine Board Review Course is Just Around the Corner!



No need to travel far to get Board ready! ACP's Internal Medicine Board Review Course is coming to Philadelphia at the **Sofitel hotel** in the iconic and picturesque Rittenhouse Square. Join us for this 5-day immersive learning experience, **starting July 14.**

Attend in person or livestream the course from anywhere. Don't be left out.

- Expand your knowledge – to pass the Boards or to stay current in internal medicine.
- Engage with expert clinician–educators and participate in live Q&A sessions.
- Acquire test-taking strategies you can apply on exam day.
- Enjoy free access to *The Daily Differential: An ACP Board Review Podcast* for a daily end-of-the-day summary.
- Continue to reinforce your learning with 6 months' online access to all course recordings.

See you in Philadelphia! 🛎️ 🗨️

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## NEW Career and Professional Development Program

### ACP Physician Peer Coaching

Available exclusively to ACP members, the [ACP Physician Peer Coaching Program](#) offers the opportunity to connect with experienced physician coaches who understand the unique challenges internal medicine physicians face. Coaches help you navigate the next stage of your personal and career development journeys with confidence and achieve meaningful change.

Choose from several coaching options designed to meet your unique needs:

#### Available Coaching Services:

- **ACP Physician Peer Coach Training Program—\$4,000**  
Become an ACP-trained Physician Peer Coach. You will learn evidence-based, validated coaching skills from leading expert, Kerri Palamara MD, MACP, while supporting your own professional development and helping your peers at the same time. Fully trained coaches are then eligible to be hired to coach for national ACP programs.
- **1-hr Individual Coaching Sessions—\$275/session**  
Get personalized, one-on-one support tailored to help you achieve your career and professional goals.
- **1-hr Group Coaching Sessions —\$110/session**  
Engage in a focused, supportive group session on a variety of career and professional development topics, including: Navigating Career Transitions; Re-imagine Your Future; Identify Your Strengths; How to Silence Your Inner Critic; Finding Your Agency and Your Voice (new); Catalyzing Transformation: Paving the Path to Your Future (new); and Identifying and Connecting with Your Agency (new)
- **Longitudinal Coaching Bundles**

Get on-going coaching support over 3 or 6 months to support your professional development journey

[Secure your spot today!](#)

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## ACP Programs

### Noteworthy Resources for Well-being

Looking to enhance well-being in your organization? ACP offers tailored resources to support individuals and teams. [LEARN MORE.](#)

### ACP Side Gig Hub

ACP is offering a new free service to provide ACP members with opportunities to expand their careers and income through non-clinical side gigs, specifically for physicians. [LEARN MORE.](#)

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## Stay Connected with PA-ACP!

### Follow Us on Social Media

Visit our social media pages to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and resources. This is a great way to connect with fellow physicians and participate in engaging discussions. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay engaged and informed.

Pennsylvania ACP is now on Instagram! 🎉 We're excited to connect with you and share updates on education, events, and the latest in Internal Medicine across Pennsylvania. Follow us on [Instagram](#).

### Visit Our Website

Check out our [website](#) for updates on upcoming events, advocacy efforts, and educational opportunities. Your active participation helps us strengthen our community and advance our mission. Don't miss out on important information and resources!

Join the conversation today and help us build a stronger PA-ACP community!

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