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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As summer draws to a close, I continue to be inspired by the dedication Texas internists show every day in caring for patients, mentoring learners and advancing our profession.This summer, **113 of you volunteered as GIMSPP preceptors and welcomed 164 first- or second-year medical students** into their practices, giving them an invaluable firsthand look at internal medicine. Thank you to each physician who invested time in mentoring the next generation! Unfortunately, **113 students could not be matched with a preceptor, representing 113 missed opportunities to introduce future physicians to our specialty**. At a time when Texas continues to face a shortage of internal medicine physicians, programs like GIMSPP play an important role in building the pipeline of future internists. If you have ever considered serving as a preceptor, I encourage you to **get involved next year**- it can be as little as a two-week preceptorship.

Across Texas ACP, we are entering an exciting season of engagement, advocacy, and professional development, with opportunities for members to get involved through chapter committees, educational programs, mentorship initiatives, wellness efforts, and leadership development activities. Please join us for the **2026 Texas ACP Annual Scientific Meeting, November 13 - 15 in Plano**. The meeting will bring together students, residents, and practicing physicians from across Texas for outstanding educational sessions, networking opportunities, abstract competitions, and leadership development. Thank you for your continued commitment to our patients, our learners, and our profession. Together, we are strengthening internal medicine across Texas and building a vibrant community that supports physicians throughout their careers. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming Texas ACP events.

Chelsea H. Chang, MD, FACP

President, Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians

Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians FOUNDATION

2026 SILENT AUCTION

Join us at the Texas ACP Annual Meeting to bid on exciting auction items and support the Texas ACP Foundation! Proceeds fund programs that cultivate the next generation of Internal Medicine physicians in our state. The main auction will open at 10:30am and close at the end of the Awards Luncheon at 1:00pm. Virtual bidding available as well at txacp.org. Residents-only auction to take place later in the day at the Saturday Reception.

Date: November 14th
Time: 10:30AM - 1:00PM
Location: Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel & Online

Donate Items

Learn More About TXACP Foundation

Auction Hot List Items Include:

- Wine/Spirits/Distillery Tasting Experience
- Desirable Physicians Tools or Memorabilia Event Tickets (sports games, concerts, shows, etc.)
- Vacation Homes/Stays
- Airline Miles
- Local Goods Gift Basket or Sampler
- Branded Merchandise and Luxury Goods
- Special Services (Interior Design, Travel Planning, Tast Rabbits, etc.)
- High-End Restaurant Gift Cards

GET TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Felicia Jordan MD, MBA, MACP

Incoming Governor's Class of 2031; Texas South

What Inspired You to Pick Internal Medicine?
I knew from the beginning that I wanted to focus on preventive care and improving health outcomes. I was also drawn to the challenges that internal medicine presented with managing complex cases and dealing with multiple co-morbid issues. I enjoyed treating several body systems and coordinating care with other specialists.

What Do You Find Most Fulfilling about Your Work?
I love treating the whole person and appreciate when I am able to connect with patients and get to know them on a personal level. Taking care of generations of families and being able to share in their triumphs, joys, and disappointments strengthens the patient-physician relationships that I have. It sounds cliche, but I want to make a difference in people's lives and be the person that they can trust and know that I truly have their best interest at heart.

What's Something that Brings You Joy in Life these Days?
Simple, spending time with family and friends. Time can't be regained once it passes so I am trying to enjoy every moment to its fullest and create memories with loved ones while I can.

What's a Fun Fact or Interest You have that People Might not Know about You?
I am an avid Florida Gator and NCAA football fan. I am also a big gardener and love to fish when I have the time.

2026 RESIDENT & STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Submit Abstracts for the ACP Statewide Competition

Medical Students: Medical students may submit an entry in the Clinical Vignette category.
Residents: Each Texas Internal Medicine residency program may submit one entry per category.

All Submissions Due: August 24th at 11:59PM
A preliminary judging round will take place between August 25th and September 11th. Scores will be tabulated to determine the finalists who will be invited to present onsite in Plano. Top-scorers will be invited to present for onsite judging. Lower ranked submissions may still be invited to present onsite as non-competition posters.

Submit Abstracts Here

View Abstract Guidelines

Presentations: Sunday, November 15th
Abstracts will be presented onsite at the Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West. All attendees are encouraged to view the posters. A People's Choice Award will be offered as an opportunity for any attendee to cast their vote for their preferred poster.

On Being a Doctor Creative Writing Competition

The 20th Annual Andy Diehl On Being a Doctor Creative Writing Competition is accepting entries!

Submit Here

The competition is open to Texas ACP Medical Student and Resident members. Submissions may be original prose or poetry and must be 1,000 words or fewer. Entries should not have been previously published; however, unpublished work that has been previously presented will be accepted. Submissions will be judged based on language, expression, clarity, uniqueness, and flow of thought. The winning author will be invited to showcase their work during the Awards Luncheon at the Texas Chapter Meeting on November 14th, 2026, in Plano.

Submission Deadline: September 14th, 2026

Doctors Dilemma Competition

Follow in the footsteps of the 2026 Texas ACP Doctor's Dilemma Team, which placed 2nd at the 2026 national competition! Each Texas Internal Medicine residency program is invited to send a team to compete in this year's Texas ACP Doctor's Dilemma Competition. Preliminary rounds will be held virtually in October, with qualifying teams advancing to the semifinals and finals at the Texas ACP Annual Meeting. The championship rounds will take place during the Saturday Reception on November 14 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in Plano. The winning Texas team(s) may have the opportunity to represent Texas at the National Doctor's Dilemma Competition during the 2027 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting.

Eligibility & Requirements

- All Texas Internal Medicine residency programs are invited to participate.
- Each program must submit 10 Doctor's Dilemma questions, which may be categorical or random.
- Each program is asked to provide one volunteer to serve as an event judge.
- All three team members must be current Texas ACP members to compete.
- Teams must review and agree to the chapter's Doctor's Dilemma rules.

Sign Up Now

Key Dates
September 21st: Deadline to submit all teams
October 13th: Virtual Preliminary Rounds
November 14th at 6:00 PM: Championship Doctor's Dilemma in Plano

CHAPTER MEETING SPOTLIGHT

Chapter Meeting Details

Annual Meeting Date:
Friday, November 13th - Sunday, November 15th

Location:
Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel
6007 Legacy Dr, Plano, Texas 75024

Pricing:
Early Bird Pricing (through September 30th)
Regular Pricing (through November 6th)

ACP Member/Affiliate: $315 | $365
ACP Resident/Fellow: $70 | $70
ACP Medical Student: $40 | $40
Non-Member Physician: $425 | $425
GIMSPP Preceptors: Free
GIMSPP Students: Free

Military Discount: $50 Off

Register Now

Hotel Lodging

Hotel Discounted Room Block Open for Reservations!
The Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel has a limited number of discounted hotel rooms available for our attendees.

Deadline to Book: October 22nd

Book Your Room

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Opportunities

Opportunities are available for interested organizations to exhibit or sponsor!
pace is filling up.

Please send any potentially interested our informative prospectus linked below, or send their information to office@txacp.org.

Download the Exhibitor Prospectus

Join ACP Texas for our annual chapter meeting, this year in Plano! Our program is focused on empowering internal medicine. We have an exciting line up of speakers on a wide variety of relevant topics, and with precourse options returning, attendees can **earn up to 17 CME points!** Please consider signing up to be an abstract judge to help make our resident and student competitions possible! You will have the option to volunteer as part of the meeting registration process.

Don't Miss: Precourse

POCUS Workshop
Participants will review point-of-care ultrasound basics and general indications within the scope of internal medicine practice, with a focus on obtaining knowledge and skills in image acquisition and interpretation. There will be both didactic and hands-on skill portions for all participants.

Date: Friday, November 13th
Time: 12:30PM - 4:45PM
CME Credits: 4
Physician Pricing:
- $120 ACP Members
- $150 Non-Members

Board Review Course: Updates in IM & Updates in Hospital Medicine
This course will cover frequently asked topics on internal medicine board exams and the longitudinal knowledge assessments.

Date: Friday, November 13th
Time: 1:00PM - 5:00PM
CME Credits: 4
Pricing:
- **$110 ACP Members**
- **$140 Non-Members**

Session & Speaker Highlights

AI in Healthcare: Strengths and Pitfalls
Shanon Vogel, MS

Leadership in Medicine
Tedd Mitchell, MD

Concierge Medicine - Is It For You?
Roger Khetan, MD FACP

Advocacy Matters
Michael Burgess, MD

Malpractice for Physicians
Scott Yates, MD, MBA, MS, MHA, FACP, FACPE; David Luningham, JD

and More!

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