



Governor's Message

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!" We have been busy across the Michigan Chapter of ACP since our last newsletter." Thanks to all who joined us in Kalamazoo at the end of October for a great Annual Meeting and to our meeting co-chairs, Dr. Eric Edewaard, Dr. Rimma Polevoy-Davis and Dr. Kate Levy, and medical student programming co-chairs, Dr. Tucker Billups and Dr. Abby Entz." It was a great weekend of fun, friends, and updates in Internal Medicine and we are looking forward to returning to Traverse City next year." Save the date now - September 26-28, 2025." You can find more information about the 2024 meeting and winners of the abstract competitions, Doctor's Dilemma and Chapter Awards below." As future work on the educational front, we have several webinars planned in the upcoming months that we have highlighted below, and we look forward to opening abstract submissions soon for Resident and Medical Student Day planned for Friday, May 2nd in Troy.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Zaroukian who was selected as the Governor-elect Designee." As the Governor-elect Designee, Mike will complete a year of training with the National Office as our Governor-elect, and he will take over the role of Governor in April 2026." More information can be found below.



Happy Thanksgiving and wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2026!!!

Sarah E. Hartley, MD, MHPE, FACP

Governor

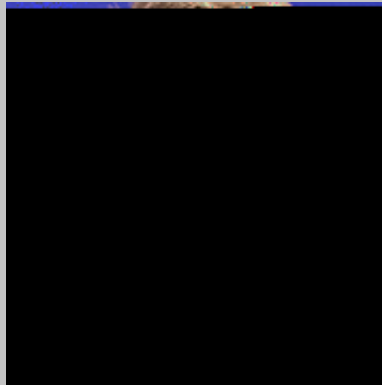
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Congratulations to Dr. Michael Zaroukian, MACP, Governor-elect Designee

Dr. Zaroukian will start his term as Governor-elect after the Annual Business Meeting on April 5, 2025 and will begin his 4 year term as Governor in April 2026.

To learn more about the background and experience of our new Governor-elect Designee, see his "biography and vision statement [here](#).



2024 MI-ACP and SHM-MI Annual Scientific Meeting Abstract Competition, Doctor's Dilemma " Winners and Chapter Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 "Annual Scientific Meeting abstract competition and Doctor's Dilemma ". Please see below for the list of winners from both the resident and medical student categories."

Resident Clinical Vignette Oral Presentation!Winners:

- 1st Place: "A case of Small Bowel Obstruction as a complication of undiagnosed Sclerosing Mesenteritis" - Seyed Saeed Mahdavi, MD, Resident at Henry Ford St. John Hospital"
- 2nd Place: "Stroke-like Symptoms: Is There More to the Story?" - Ayema Haque, MD, Resident at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Med-Peds
- 3rd Place: "Unveiling Mycobacteria Chimaera-Intercellulare in an Immunocompetent Host" - Cameron Schaecher, MD, Resident at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

Resident Research Oral Presentation Winners:

- 1st Place: "A retrospective, propensity-score-matched analysis of the outcomes and effect on length-of-stay of a newly created hospitalist medicine procedure service" - Saria Alazmeh, MBBS, Resident at Corewell Health- Grand Rapids/Michigan State University
- 2nd Place: "One Small Step for a Man, One Giant Leap for Ending the HIV Epidemic" - Allison Malick, MD, Resident at Henry Ford Hospital Detroit"
- 3rd Place: "Primary resistance to nivolumab and ipilimumab in intermediate and poor risk metastatic renal cell carcinoma" - Abdullah Nasir, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Ann Arbor

Resident Quality Improvement/Patient Safety/High Value Care Overall Winner:

- Initiation of Urate-Lowering Therapy in Patients Hospitalized with Gout Flare at a Single Center: Opportunity for Quality Improvement - Ali Nasir, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Grand Rapids"

Resident Clinical Vignette Poster Winners:

- 1st Place: "Platypnea-orthodeoxia syndrome: A unique type of hypoxia"- Micaela Witte, MD, Resident at University of Michigan Med-Peds"
- 2nd Place: "A Rare Duo: An Atypical Case of Esophageal Adenocarcinoma in a patient with Lynch & Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Syndrome"- Nagasai Yalavarthi, MD, Resident at Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University"
- 3rd Place: "Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) Therapy: Groundbreaking Cancer Treatment - Morgan Kiryakoza Nafso, MD, Resident at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital"

Resident Research Poster Winners:

- 1st Place: "Is age restriction criteria applicable for RSV vaccine among adults with hematological malignancies? Insights from Nationwide Inpatient Sample Database"- Nikhil Vojjala, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Oakland"
- 2nd Place (Tie): "Impact of Race and Ethnicity on the prescription of SGLT-2 inhibitors and ARNI in patients with Heart Failure - Emmanuel Daniel, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Ann Arbor"
- 2nd Place (Tie): "Caring for Hospitalized Lactating Patients - An Assessment - Teó- EmQ BTong aduS a. ritessese Tf"

Katerina Castillo, MD, Resident at University of Michigan
Med-Peds

Medical Student Clinical Vignette Poster !Winners:

- 1st Place: "ÒA Glob of Glabrata; A Case of Candida glabrata Fungal Bezoar in an Immunocompromised patient on SGLT2 inhibitorÓ- Erin Bybee, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit
- 2nd Place: "ÒYou DonÕt Just Need Bifocals, You Need Penicillin Æ A Unique Case of Ocular SyphilisÓ- Malik Shehroz, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit
- 3rd Place: "ÒLeukocytoclastic Vasculitis: A Complication of QuetiapineÓ- Trevor Ruesch, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit

Medical Student Research !Posters Winners:

- 1st Place (Tie): "ÒRole of Novel Automated Methods to Detect Sleep Disordered Breathing Using Heart Rate Changes Among Patients who Use Chronotropic MedicationsÓ- Nabila Ahmed, Medical Student at Central Michigan University College of Medicine
- 1st Place (Tie): "ÒThe Limited Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Prescribing Medications for Opioid Use DisorderÓ- Kate Mesaros, Medical Student at Central Michigan University College of Medicine
- 2nd Place (Tie): "ÒPrenatal cannabis use and prenatal



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Doctor's Dilemma " Winning Team:!

Trinity Health Oakland - Kshitij Mahajan, MD, "Nikhil Vojjala, MD, Sharanya Shre" Ezhilarasan Santhi, MD, & "Rishab" Prabhu, MD; Program Director: "Geetha Krishnamoorthy, MD, FACP

Chapter Awards

Congratulations to our 2024 Award Winners!

Laureate Awardees

- Eve Kerr, MD, MPH, MACP
- John Maurer, MD, FACP
- **David Paje, MD, MPH, FACP**

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- Geetha Krishnamoorthy, MD, FACP
- Mark McQuillan, MD, FACP
- Michael Zaroukian, MD, PhD, MACP, FHIMSS

Jerry Yee Mentorship Awardees

- Eric Ayers, MD, FACP
- John Hopper, MD, FACP
- Jennifer Lukela, MD, FACP

Jan Rival Awards for Early Career Physician

- Eric Edewaard, MD
- Abigail Entz, MD, FACP
- Ginny Shefbeld, MD

Fostering Diversity Awardee

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- Raising the current caps on noneconomic damages as follows:
 - \$569,000 ! \$1,000,000 when an exception doesn't apply.
 - \$1,016,000 ! \$3,000,000 when an exception applies.
- Applying the caps independently to each plaintiff against each defendant separately." Meaning that the cap applies to each plaintiff individually named in a claim rather than a combined cap for all individuals named in a claim and in a claim with multiple defendants named it can be applied to a plaintiff once for each defendant rather than per claim.
- Waiving caps entirely in cases including, but not limited to, alleged gross negligence, fraud, or previously settled medical malpractice claims

[House Bill 6086](#) Expanding Wrongful Death Act

Damages "would propose the following changes:

- Makes available lost earnings capacity damages (i.e., a speculative amount equal to what the deceased patient was projected to earn over the remainder of his/her lifetime)."
- Allow such damages even in cases when the deceased patient is an unemancipated minor (calculations of lost earnings capacity would start after the age of 14).
- Add loss of household services to the damages recoverable.

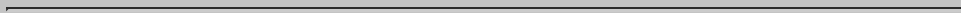
If you would like to reach out to your elected representatives,



Fellow, Resident and Medical Student Committee Updates

The MI-ACP Fellow, Resident and Medical Student Committee has created a comprehensive interview guide, designed to support both residency and job interviews. This guide compiles common questions asked during interviews, along with key questions that candidates should consider asking interviewers with the goal to prepare oneself while navigating this process.





This session will discuss the current state of Prearm injury in the state of Michigan, the role of physicians in helping to reduce rates of Prearm injury and strategies to get started talking to patients.

CME and MOC have been applied for.! Additional information coming soon.! Stay tuned!

Michigan Chapter ACP Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Webinar

International Medical Graduate Contributions to the U.S. Health System

Presenter: George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, MACP, FIDSA, FRCP, Professor of Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School; Emeritus President, American College of Physicians

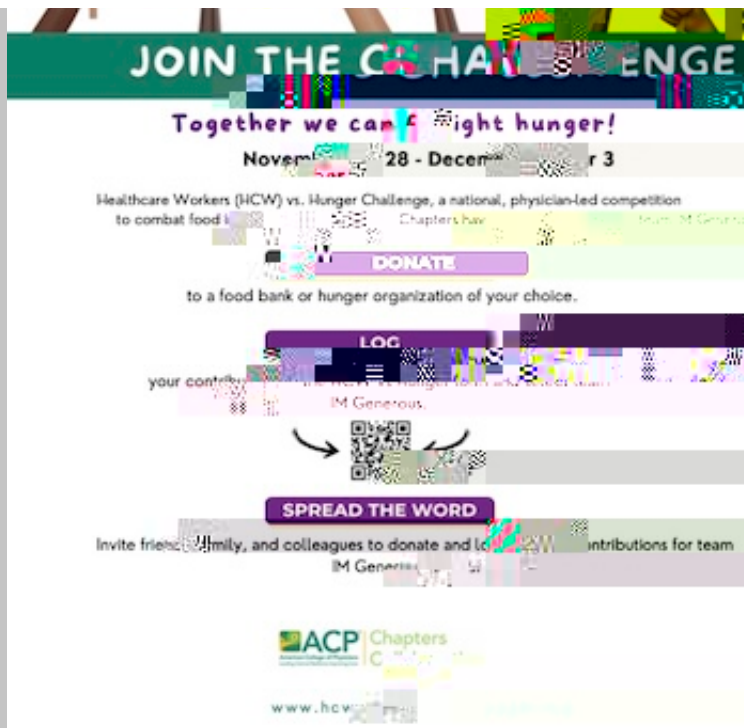
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

12:00PM

Healthcare Workers vs. Hunger Challenge

The challenge runs from November 28th through December 3rd." More information can be found below, and on the attached flyer." Please feel free to print and share with your colleagues."





Member News

News from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Department of Medicine:

We would like to congratulate the following MI-ACP members who received 2024-2025 Faculty Awards from the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Department of Medicine:

- Andrew Jameson, MD, FACP"- "Outstanding Community Faculty Award

Dr. Jameson's commitment to CHM's educational mission is evidenced by his current position as Clerkship Director of Internal Medicine at MSU CHM Grand Rapids campus. Dr. Jameson's exceptional track record in teaching is highlighted by the multiple Excellence in Teaching Awards he has received from CHM."Dr. Jameson is actively involved in quality improvement initiatives and

research endeavors aimed at advancing medical knowledge and enhancing patient care."He is also lauded for his leadership as the former Chair of the Executive Committee of the Department of Medicine, providing steady guidance and sage advice on Department bylaws and the RPT processes for the new Chair.

- Gary Ferenchick, MD, FACP"- "Outstanding Curriculum Contribution Award

Dr. Ferenchick is recognized for spearheading and leading MSU CHM's JustInTimeMedicine, an innovative technology-enhanced approach in medical education that offers quick-access, bite-sized information modules, and virtual resources to help learners apply knowledge at the point of care. By delivering targeted, high-yield information precisely when it's needed and facilitating student clinical skills assessment, JustInTimeMedicine supports continuous, efficient learning.

- Heather Laird-Fick, MD, MPH, FACP!- Outstanding Faculty Award

Dr. Laird-Fick is recognized for her exceptional contributions to medical education at both national and institutional levels, long-standing commitment to nurturing the professional growth of her mentees and colleagues, and sustained and unwavering dedication to the mission of MSU CHM. She serves simultaneously as the Assistant Dean for Accreditation and Program Evaluation, and the Director of the Office for Medical Education Research and Development (OMERAD), both integral positions for our College's Education Mission, underscoring her administrative prowess and strategic foresight."



being. Access to a range of comprehensive family planning services and resources supports individuals in making personal decisions aligned with their health goals and life plans."

The Take Control of Your Birth Control campaign this November is designed to enhance access to these services across Michigan, equipping residents with tools, education and information to proactively manage reproductive health.

Through this campaign, the goal is to ensure all Michiganders have convenient access to family planning resources. We also encourage you to connect patients with the "[Plan First!](#) limited Medicaid benefit and to utilize the materials provided in this bulletin to expand outreach, awareness and engagement. "

We appreciate your support in sharing these resources with your patients. Here are key points to guide your efforts:"

- Inform patients about the free contraceptive supplies locally available throughout November (while supplies last): Please encourage those who may benefit from free contraceptive supplies to access them through our participating community partners, including local health departments and local MDHHS offices."
- Offer guidance on contraceptive options and family planning : This is an ideal opportunity to discuss contraceptive options and the importance of family planning, particularly for individuals who may have limited access to these resources."
- Share information on insurance options, including Medicaid and the Plan First program: Inform uninsured or underinsured patients about the Plan First Medicaid benefit, which offers family planning services, including contraception and STI testing and treatment, for eligible

individuals."

For more information on the Take Control of Your Birth Control campaign, including a distribution site map, please direct patients and providers to "Michigan.gov/takecontrol."

Together, we can support our communities in achieving greater



Attachments:

NOTE: The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

[hcw vs hunger flyer](#)

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