



volunteer activity you want others to know about, or just something you think Chapter members might enjoy hearing about, please email us at [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org).

Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see you in the Dells September 6-7th!

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[ACP has long believed](#) that women should have access to affordable, comprehensive, and nondiscriminatory health care coverage over the course of their life. Our ACP-Wisconsin chapter sent a Voter Voice in early 2024 in support of a bill that would have created a sales and use tax exemption for incontinence and menstrual hygiene products. Please continue to let your legislators know that we support improved access to these essentials.

At the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting at the Wilderness Resort and Glacier Canyon Conference Center, September 6-7, 2024, please bring donations of products to address period poverty such as:

tampons  
menstrual pads  
[menstrual cups](#)  
[period underwear](#)

Alternately, consider in-kind or monetary donations to the following organizations that provide incontinence and hygiene products to those in need:

[Milwaukee](#)  
[Madison](#)  
[Green Bay](#)  
[Appleton](#)

Please reach out to [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org) with any questions.

#### 2024 Leadership Day

From May 13 to 15, 2024, a group of medical students, residents, and practicing physicians from the Madison, Milwaukee, Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids areas represented the Wisconsin chapter at ACP Leadership Day in Washington, D.C. After an exciting day of advocacy training, our delegation had the opportunity to engage with many of our Wisconsin representatives to Congress to advocate for three vital pieces of healthcare legislation. These included **H.R. 2630, the Safe Step Act**, which aims to protect patients from delays in optimal treatment due to step therapy protocols; **H.R. 2389, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2023**, which seeks to address the critical shortage of positions for resident physicians; and **H.R. 6545, the Physician Fee Schedule Update and Improvements Act**, designed to ensure fair compensation of physicians under Medicare.

All ACP members can use the attached link to reach out to your members of Congress on this legislation:

<https://www.votervoice.net/ACPONLINE/Campaigns/116027/Respond>

**Perspective from Leah Mushall, UWSMPH M2 student:** “For me, this experience provided invaluable insights into the legislative process that I had never fully understood

before. I also provided personal testimony to illustrate the significance of these bills. Overall, ACP Leadership Day was an amazing experience and truly highlighted the importance of healthcare advocacy in shaping policies that directly impact patient care and the medical profession.”

**Perspective from Sophie Vrba, UWSMPH M3 student:** “ACP Leadership Day provided the invaluable opportunity to gain experience in advocacy. After completing clinical year, I have been able to learn from fantastic faculty that advocate for their patients daily in clinics and on the wards, but there are limits to the systems that we work in. ACP Leadership Day showed me how you can use advocacy to try to change the system at large, which was inspiring.”

**Perspective from Karolina Lungova, MCW M1 student:** “For me, participating in Leadership Day this year was an opportunity to understand how to advocate effectively as a future physician so that I can influence and shape healthcare policies that impact me. Often these policies are made without an expert opinion, therefore, Leadership Day serves as an opportunity for experienced physicians and young upcoming physicians to tell stories of how our and our patient's lives are affected. I hope to continue to apply the advocacy skills I learned in my home state, district, and community.” “We're so proud of all of our members who participated in ACP Leadership Day at the Capitol! We had a great mix of trainees and faculty who participated in advocacy on behalf of their patients.

If you're interested in getting involved, send [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org) a message.

Pictured above, from left to right: Dr. Sophie Kramer, Dr. Mohammed Gandam, Dr.



Pictured above, from left to right: Dr. Jennifer Mackinnon, Dr. Richard Dart, U.S. Representative Glenn Grothman, Dr. Don Lee, Dr. Mohammed Gandam

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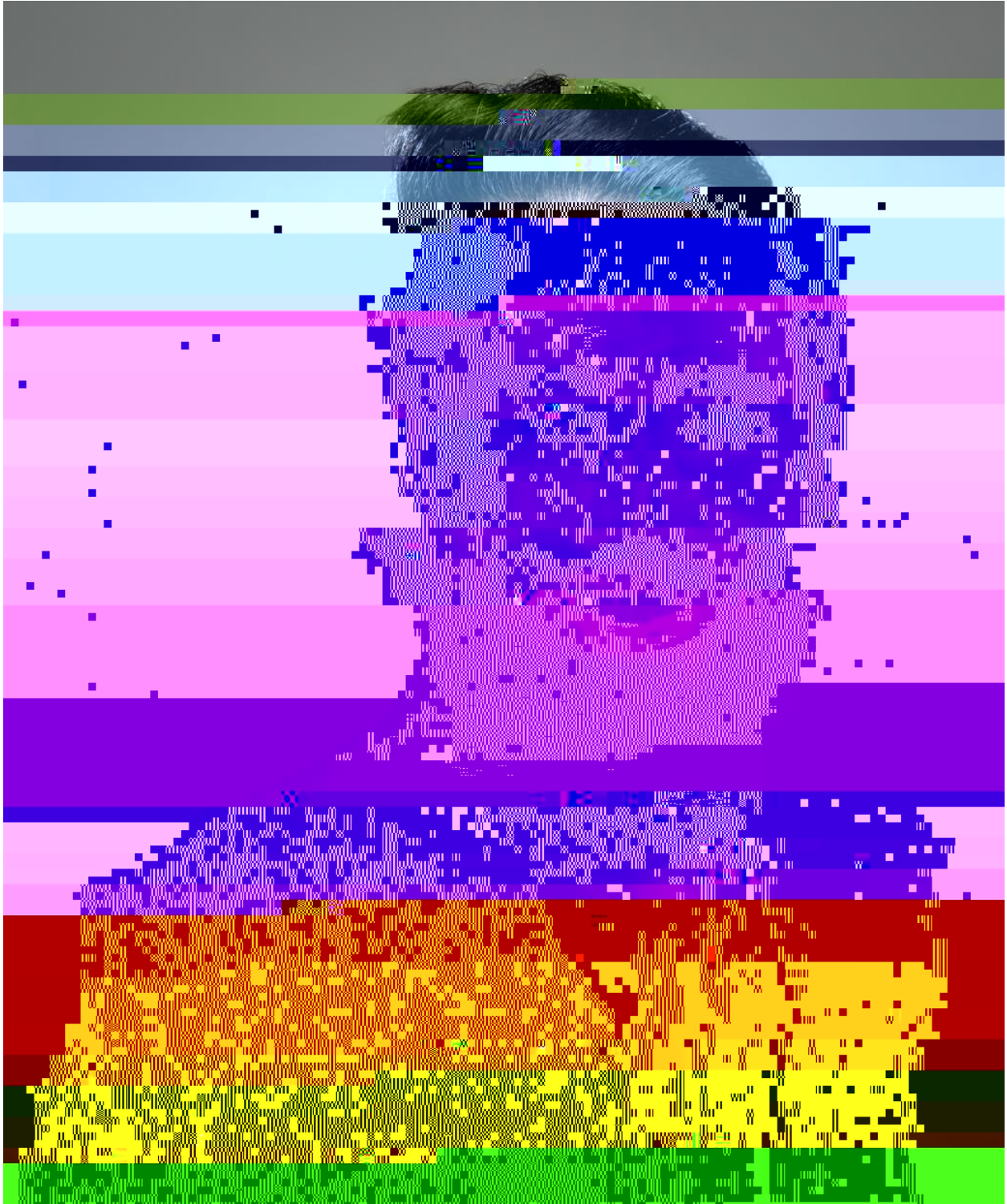


The ACP Wisconsin Chapter is calling on you to contact your members of Congress asking them to act on pending health care legislation that ACP members who attended Leadership Day presented as priorities for internal medicine physicians and your patients. The **Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act** would increase the number of residency positions by 14,000 slots over seven years. The **Physician Fee Schedule Update and Improvements Act** would ease pressures on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by offering more flexibility in setting payment rates, making them more predictable, and updating average costs doctors incur in calculating reimbursement. The **Safe Step Act** is a bipartisan bill that would improve insurer transparency, lay out exceptions to fail first protocols, and require that a group health plan provide an exception to any medication step therapy protocol.

Visit ACP's [Legislative Action Center](#) to learn more and take action. A sample email message is provided for you that includes space for you to personalize the letter. Join the [Advocates for Internal Medicine Network](#) to receive ACP's action alerts directly and advocate for the interests of internal medicine in Washington.

#### International Medical Graduate (IMG) Committee

The ACP Wisconsin Chapter IMG Committee has been hard at work determining the course of future activities. The Committee's primary objective is to enhance opportunities for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in Wisconsin by establishing multiple observership programs. They aim to identify ACP members in faculty positions at academic hospitals across Wisconsin who are willing to initiate IMG observership programs, using the success of the 2012 TFC76(e)-3(d)-o



**Abdul Wahab Arif, MD**

*Preferred Name: Wahab*Dr. Arif has served as a Clinical Assistant Professor since July 2022 in the Division of Hospital Medicine at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics. Alongside his clinical duties, he is the Director of Orientation for new faculty and

a member of both the Physician Recruitment Committee and the Executive Leadership Committee of the Division of Hospital Medicine. Additionally, he serves on the MD Admissions Committee of the UW School of Medicine & Public Health.

Dr. Arif established a first-of-its-kind observership program at the University of Wisconsin, providing international medical students with a unique clinical experience. This program introduces students to the US healthcare system, with a focus on inpatient workflow and evidence-based practice, thereby facilitating their applications to residency programs in the US. This initiative promotes global medical education and demonstrates our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion by welcoming students from diverse backgrounds. To date, over 60 students from more than 10 countries have successfully completed their clinical rotations with us, and many have matched into residencies in the US.



**Rohan Bodapati, MD**

Dr. Bodapati serves primarily as an academic hospitalist at UW Madison, moving into my third year of practice here. He is also an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health involved in didactic and bedside teaching of medical students and residents in Internal Medicine. Dr. Bodapati will be serving as the

Medical Director for the Cardiology-Hospitalist program. He is also a member of our Hospital Medicine Peer Review Committee.

Early Career Physicians (ECP) Committee



ACP Wisconsin has a new Chair of our Early Career Physicians Committee. Dr. Jennifer Woodard, UW Geriatrician and Hospitalist, who is also helping to coordinate our chapter Instagram account. Our ECP Committee charge is to reach out to younger chapter members and help to make ACP your professional home. Plans include more



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X (Formerly Twitter): [@WisconsinACP](#)

Instagram: [@acpwisconsin](#)

Our social media channels provide up to date information about chapter activities and ACP National initiatives.

Stay tuned for Annual Meeting updates, speaker highlights, narrative medicine prompts and much more!

Advocates for Internal Medicine Network

[Learn more about Voter Voice!](#)

All ACP-Wisconsin members are encouraged to register for this easy tool to reach out to federal legislators about important health policy. Current alerts include:

- Support for legislation that reduces the administrative burden of physicians
- Opposing a ban on diversity efforts in medical schools
- Support for the Conrad State 30 Act which provides a visa waiver for international medical graduates working in underserved areas
- Reversing the Medicare physician payment cut

2024 I Raise the Rates (IRtR) Newsletters - April Through June

I Raise the Rates (IRtR) Newsletters provide a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a selection of media articles related to immunization. Click below to view recent issues:

[April 2024](#)

[May 2024](#)

[June 2024](#)