



GOVERNOR'S MINUTE

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Advocacy Alley

Advocating to reduce the burden of Prior Authorization

Thanks to the unwavering advocacy efforts led by the ACP, we're excited to announce significant progress in prior authorization reform. On January 17, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the [CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule](#).

Please take me to review the newly developed [ACP Toolkit](#). This resource provides a comprehensive overview of the policy landscape and equips you with actionable grassroots tools to advocate for reform at the state and federal levels.



Missouri ACP Advocacy Day

The Missouri ACP chapter joined forces with the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians for a day of learning and advocacy at the Missouri Capitol on February 28. More than 30 physicians, residents and students attended the event to talk to elected officials about Scope of Practice, Truth in Advertising and Gold Standard Standards for Prior Authorizations. It was a great day, and we want to say thank you to all our members who showed up to support IM in Missouri!



Governor's Council

Women in Medicine and Wellness
Committee Chair

Fariha Shafi

Dr Shafi is the leader of our Women in Medicine and Wellness Committees. She has spearheaded events such as Healing through Art with Dr. Suzie Sharp and Setting Priority Goals with Dr. Amy Loden. Dr Shafi won the MO Chapter Leadership award for providing leadership to her school, her community, and the College.

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Welcome to our new fellows:

Daniel W Lovinger, MD FACP
Natalia Roldan, MD FACP

Interested in Fellowship (FACP®)?

Being an FACP® is a distinction earned from colleagues who recognize your accomplishments and achievements over and above the practice of medicine. The most important considerations for ACP Fellowship are excellence and contributions made to both medicine and to the broader



community in which the internist lives and practices.

The basic requirements to apply for fellowship are board certification, licensure, clinical practice for 3 years out of residency, and being a dues paying member for the previous 3 years. Additional requirements include other professional activities – teaching, community service, leadership, scholarship, etc.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Missouri ACP Serving Others

Missouri ACP members, along with the Chapter Governor and Executive Director, helped to prepare dinner for the men receiving assistance at Father Dempsey on February 17, in St. Louis. More than 30 people were fed a dinner of lasagna, bread, salad and dessert. It was great to see our members take time to give back to others in their community. Please watch for future opportunities and plan to join us!



Learning and Serving – Show-Me Echo Program

Project ECHO has been helping connect teams of experts across the state and around the world since 2014, making a lasting impact on improving the lives of community members in Missouri and around the world.

Find more information about each of the ECHOs offered, what they focus on, the benefits of attending and how to register, at <https://showmeecho.org/>

SHOW-ME ECHO

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes

THERE'S AN ECHO FOR YOU!


- ✓ Do you wish you could **consult an expert** or **ask a specialist** about something?
- ✓ Are you struggling with **access to knowledge resources and solutions** to unique community issues?
- ✓ Are you looking to **deepen your practice** and apply **latest research** trends?
- ✓ Do you want to provide **exceptional care** for patients in **your home** community?

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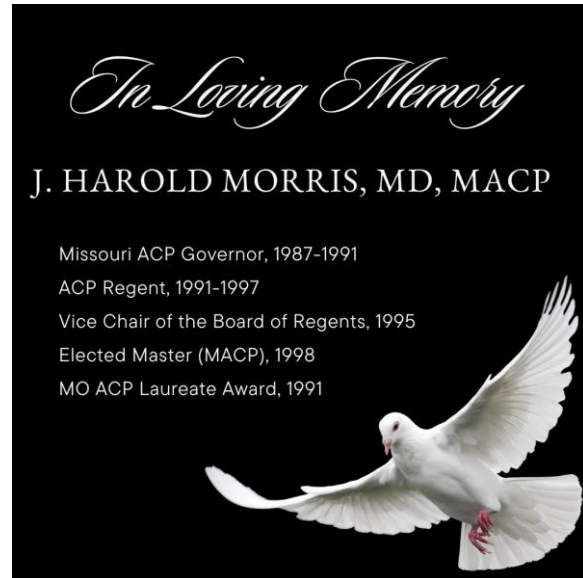


In remembrance of Dr. J. Harold "Jay" Morris

J. Harold "Jay" Morris, MD, 93, passed away in Kansas City from a long term illness. Dr. Morris was the Missouri ACP Governor from 1987-1991. He attended the University of Missouri - Columbia for medical school, then attended the University of Kansas where he received his Medical Doctorate degree. He had a one-year internship at the Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC), served two years in the United States Navy as a medical officer, then returned to KUMC where he completed his three years of residency in IM, and one year of fellowship in endocrinology. He practiced IM for 36 years before retiring in 1999. He also served as a Clinic Professor of Medicine at UMKC and the Program Director of the Continuing Medical Education Division at UMKC.

A devoted member of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Morris was elected a Fellow in 1968, served as a Regent from 1991-1997, Vice Chair of the Board of Regents in 1995, and was elected Master (MACP) in 1998. Our chapter honored him with the Laureate award in 1991. The Missouri Society of Internal Medicine honored him with their Distinguished Internist of the Year Award in 1983, 1989 and 1995.

It is the dedication of physicians like Dr. Morris that have made Missouri ACP what it is today.



Election to Mastership of ACP

It is an honor to be recognized for Mastership in the ACP (MACP), a distinction that recognizes an individual's lifetime work and achievements.

Congratulations to our newest Master,
Dr. Megan Wren!



The entire chapter is so proud of your many accomplishments!

ACP Resources

Adult Immunization

These resources are 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 clinical settings.

[ACP Adult Immunization Toolkit](#)



Upcoming Events

IM 24 Reception

April 19, 2024

6-8 PM

SPIN Boston, 30 Melcher St,
Boston MA 02210

Join fellow physicians from Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Indiana for a reception and some friendly competition! Enjoy catching up with colleagues, meeting new people, or test your ping pong prowess. This event is set to be an unforgettable evening.

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POCUS Workshop

We are excited to invite you to the **Midwest Diagnostic Point-of-Care Ultrasound Workshop for Internists**. This event is an excellent opportunity to learn from Internal Medicine POCUS faculty and engage in live demonstrations of image acquisition on standardized patients.

- **Date:** April 30 - May 1, 2024
- **Time:** Starts at 7:30 AM each day
- **Location:** Eric P. Newman Education Center, 320 S. Euclid

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Ave., St. Louis, MO

The workshop includes a variety of lectures, scanning sessions, panel discussions, and more. [You can view the full agenda on our website.](#)

If you're also attending the Gateway Hospital Medicine Conference, register for that first to receive a discount code for this workshop.

[Register](#)

Save the Date!

Hospitalist Day - October 9, 2024

**MO-KS ACP Scientific Meeting -
October 10-11, 2024**

Prepare for an engaging experience featuring educational talks, interactive learning sessions, and plenty of chances to connect with others in your field.



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Missouri ACP has been partnering with other chapters to bring you more access to content including webinars. Below are two webinars we recently worked with other chapters on. We hope you will take a moment to watch those that are of interest to you.

Alpha Gal Syndrome Webinar

DC ACP hosted an informative webinar about a unique and serious food allergy - Alpha-gal Syndrome (AGS). This condition, which causes an allergic reaction to red meat, is triggered by bites from specific types of ticks.

[Click here to watch the recording.](#)



Medical Students: Writing Personal Statements

How to write a compelling personal statement for your residency and fellowship applications.

[Click here to watch the recording.](#)



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