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### COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE

# Closing out my presidential year

Looking back on some of the highlights of another great year for the College



Kathleen R. May, MD, FACAAI, President, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Dear College Members -

As we approach our Annual Scientific Meeting and the close of my presidential year, it's my pleasure to look back on some of the highlights of 2023 – another great year for the College.

Membership continues to grow, and it is gratifying to hear that the College is meeting your needs. According to our most recent survey, some of the most popular reasons why you value your membership

include staying up to date with the latest developments in our specialty, interacting and networking with colleagues, having access to free educational, clinical and practice management resources, benefiting from advocacy efforts, and being a part of advancing the specialty.

In line with the continued strategic priorities under Vision Forward, this year we have continued to add to our practice management and educational resources. Just a few recent highlights:

- Our exclusive, easy-to-read summary of the new USP 797 Allergen Extract Exception rule that becomes effective in November.
- New AllergyTalk podcast episodes, plus 20 new MicroCME topics, including "Biologics in Food Allergy" and "EOE: What to Do and What Not to Do."

It also has been a busy year for clinical guidance. In 2023, College committees and leadership collaborated with other organizations to publish a Practice Parameter on drug allergy and a GRADE guideline on chronic sinusitis. There are many more guidance documents in the development or review stage. I thank each of you who has taken the time to review and comment on these, prior to publication.

And we've had numerous advocacy wins this year, both for physicians and patients. Our main areas of focus in 2023 included:

- Preventing Medicare cuts
- Standardizing the prior authorization process, and
- Reducing "Good Faith Estimate" burdens

As always, the College helps keep our patients and the public educated about allergic diseases including asthma. Fresh web content, updated online patient brochures and videos, and dozens of media stories each month help us to accomplish this. And in 2023, we kept our successful "Time for an Allergist" digital campaign going strong, targeting primary care physicians and the public. This campaign has now reached millions of people, a number of whom are searching for an allergist in their area using our College "Find an Allergist" tool!

I'm also very proud of our Foundation's Community Grant Program, which started in 2021 and has been successfully funded again this year thanks to your generosity. This program enables the planning and implementation of many wonderful projects at the community level, often with a focus on promoting health equity.

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### ADVOCACY ADVANTAGE

By J. Allen Meadows, MD, FACAAI, Executive Director, Advocacy and Governmental Affairs

## Learn from advocacy leaders

### Be sure to add these important presentations to your Annual Meeting schedule

The Advocacy Council is looking forward to seeing you this November in Anaheim, California during the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting, Nov. 9 - 13. A variety of educational and social opportunities are planned, plus advocacy leaders will share their experiences and knowledge throughout the meeting.

The College's Resource Center opens Friday afternoon, Nov. 10 at 2:00 pm and is open the rest of the meeting during exhibit hours. Be sure to look for us at Booth 815 in Hall C, where you can get information on advocacy and sign on to our current grassroots advocacy effort. In addition, there is information about the College's Foundation, membership benefits, practice management and educational opportunities. Be sure to look for us there!

Advocacy Council Vice Chairman Travis Miller, MD, FACAAI will make an informative presentation on Friday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm PT to Fellows-in-Training about navigating the transition from training to independent practice. It's just one of several discussions led by various leaders about topics of specific interest to FITs.

Saturday morning, Nov. 11 from 10:00 - 11:30 am, Dr. Miller will present "Telehealth Utilization in the Evaluation and Management of Respiratory Conditions," and Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 2:30 pm he'll moderate "Reimbursement for Technology Enabled Services."

A symposium on coding and government relations will be presented Sunday, Nov. 12 from 10:00 - 11:30 am moderated by J. Allen Meadows, MD, FACAAI, Executive Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs and Steve Dorman, MD, FACAAI. The Advocacy Council's Coding Consultant, Gary Gross, MD, FACAAI, will present a coding update. Warner Carr, MD, FACAAI, Advocacy Council Chair, will present "We Advocate - What are the Issues?" Matt Reiter, Principal at Capitol Associates, Inc. will wrap up with government / legislative updates.

Sunday afternoon from 3:00 – 4:30 pm, plan to attend the Ask the Expert session titled "A Progressive



J. Allen Meadows, MD

Practice." Attendees choose three out of six topics and spend 25 minutes discussing different topics/issues with these renowned leaders:

- Practice Start-up Travis Miller, MD, FACAAI
- Contract Reviewing Kay Tyler, BS, BA, MBA
- Building New Service Lines Maeve O'Connor, MD, FACAAI
- Partnering with NP/PAs in Advanced A/I Care J. Wesley Sublett, MD, MPH, FACAAI
- Financial Reports in A/I Care Steve Dorman, MD, FACAAI
- Bringing on Associates or Others Offering Partnership -Weily Soong, MD, FACAAI

Everyone should attend the College's Annual Business Meeting on Sunday afternoon; 4:30 - 5:30 pm. President Kathleen May, MD, FACAAI, will address the State of the College; many prestigious awards will be presented along with updates on the College's Foundation. Finally, Gailen Marshall, Jr., MD, PhD, FACAAI will be installed as 2023-24 ACAAI President.

What else is planned? Be sure to review the meeting program at https://annualmeeting.acaai.org/index.cfm for more details, registration and housing information. We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim!

### The Advocacy Council - ADVOCATING FOR ALLERGISTS AND THEIR PATIENTS.



# California dreaming... of the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting

### Attend the most highly anticipated allergy/immunology meeting of the year.

In just a few weeks, thousands of allergists and immunologists from around the world will gather for the ACAAI 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting – the premier A/I meeting of the year. And you can be a part of it!

Register now for the Annual Meeting, Nov. 9 – 13, in Anaheim, California. Our comprehensive, A/I-focused program is full of variety. Get your CME! ACAAI designated this live activity for a maximum of 28.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>. Register at annualmeeting.acaai.org/2023/attendees.cfm.

We've broken down the meeting day by day, with just a few highlights of many things you'll want to attend.

### Thursday, Nov. 9

An immersive, full-day program exploring mast cell diseases, anaphylaxis and the role of epinephrine. The day ends with exciting ProCon debates on Hereditary Alpha Tryptasemia as an underlying cause of protean manifestations and the role of mast cell activation in patients with POTS and Ehlers-Danlos.

### Friday, Nov. 10

Our popular Annual Literature Review never disappoints! Get a review of the most important, clinically focused literature in A/I published between November 2022 and October 2023, with emphasis on clinical relevance. Separate registration, in addition to meeting registration, is required to attend.

Attend our House of Delegates Town Hall Meeting for wine, cheese, and a review of important advocacy issues facing allergists/immunologist today.

Don't miss the fun-filled President's Welcome Reception Friday evening in the Grand Plaza of the convention center. Connect with friends and celebrate in true California style!

### Saturday, Nov. 11

Saturday begins with the meeting's Opening Session and Welcome Announcements from ACAAI President Kathleen R. May, MD, FACAAI and Annual Meeting Program Chair Jay A. Lieberman, MD, FACAAI. Following is the Presidential Plenary "Trending Topics in Allergy and Immunology," featuring the Bela Schick Lecture from David R. Stukus, MD, FACAAI.

Attend "7 for 11- Hot Topics on Pediatrics A&I." Seven presenters have only 11 minutes to deliver insightful information. This session is a joint presentation from ACAAI and AAP-SOAI.

Don't forget the 32nd annual FIT Bowl, our exciting FIT competition! Teams of allergists are asked serious (and not so serious) questions from an expert panel.

### Sunday, Nov. 12

The meeting continues Sunday with the plenary "The Buzz on Biologics: To Asthma and Beyond" featuring the Edward J. O'Connell Lecture, presented by John J. Oppenheimer, MD, FACAAI, who will explore the future of biologics for asthma.

Learn more about the Community Allergists Partnership in Education (CAPE), a new College program exploring medical education in community practices.

What's the state of the College? Attend the ACAAI Annual Business Meeting for a recap of the year as well as award presentations and the installation of the new ACAAI president.

### Monday, Nov. 13

Don't miss the plenary "Don't Be Scared of the Skin: Practical Pearls to Treat Urticaria and Atopic Dermatitis" on Monday morning.

Other Monday sessions include inborn errors of immunity, evolution in anaphylaxis and more.

### What else can you look forward to?

Check out the entire program at annualmeeting.acaai. org/2023/conference\_schedule\_cfm.

The meeting has programs for your entire team. Our Practice Management, Advanced Practice Health Care Providers and Allied Health Professionals Programs will help bring your team up to speed with best practices.

The exhibit hall will be bustling with companies waiting to discuss latest products; researchers are ready to present their abstracts; the Alliance will be hosting hospitality suites with fun and educational speakers; and more!

Attend in person in Anaheim OR participate at home with our Livestream Program (annualmeeting.acaai.org/2023/ livestream). Either way, you'll get information you can use right away in your practice.

Don't miss the opportunity to strengthen your skills. Register today!









### Focus on mast cell disease and anaphylaxis

What sets the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting apart? Many things - but our Thursday program stands out. Our full-day program on Nov. 9 focuses on mast cell disease and anaphylaxis. Make sure you include this program in your Annual Meeting plans. Separate registration is required.

Learn from experts from the U.S. and abroad:

- Get the latest science in mast cell biology and its translation to clinical disease, mastocytosis classifications and the interplay of idiopathic anaphylaxis and mastocytosis.
- During the lunch presentation, get an update on alpha-gal allergy.
- Hear talks on anaphylaxis fatalities, risk-stratification, and the latest on therapeutic management.
- The day ends with our exciting ProCon Debate experts take sides on whether the associations of mast cell disease and hereditary alpha tryptasemia with protean manifestations such as POTS and Ehlers Danlos is real or not, and whether we should be suspecting these mast cell diseases in patients with various symptoms.

### ANNUAL MEETING ADVANTAGE

### Experience the ACAAI Annual Meeting from your home or office

If Anaheim isn't in your travel plans, you can still enjoy a robust Annual Meeting experience through our **Livestream Program**. Get the education you're looking for:

- Up to 28 CME credits.
- Live broadcast of speaker presentations from the Saturday, Sunday and Monday plenary and symposia sessions.
- Live broadcast of speakers and slides from Thursday's program "New Frontiers in Mast Cell Disease and Anaphylaxis" or Friday's Literature Review Sessions a separate purchase is required.
- Participation in question-and-answer sessions with faculty.
- Livestream viewing of the Opening Ceremonies and the College Business Meeting.
- Access to ePosters.

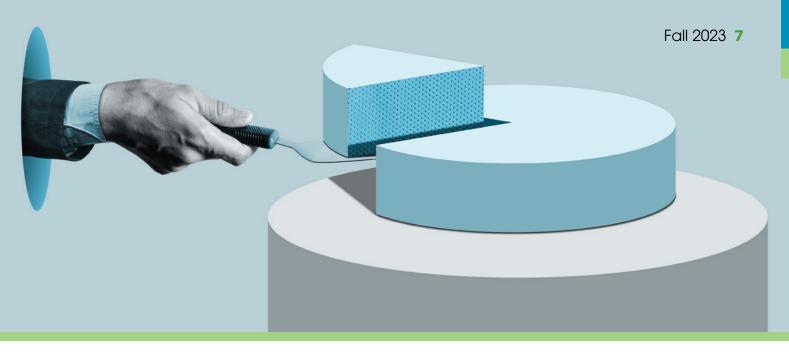
See which sessions will be streaming at annualmeeting.acaai. org/2023/livestream.

Before and during the Annual Meeting, **follow ACAAI on social media**. Catch the best pearls and tidbits from #ACAAI23! Keep up on Facebook, Threads and Twitter.

Once the Annual Meeting is over, you'll have **access on demand** to 60+ hours of presentations. Access the sessions

> from a desktop, tablet or mobile device anytime, anywhere - and earn credit.





### PRACTICE MANAGEMENT ADVANTAGE

# Allergists see slight increase in compensation in 2022

### Get the latest compensation data for allergists.

In 2022, allergist median non-academic compensation saw a tiny increase over 2021, while 2022 median academic compensation saw a larger bump. However, neither of these benchmarks rose as quickly as inflation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 6.5% from December of 2021 to December of 2022. And the two-year CPI increase (from 2020 to 2022) was 13.5%. Physician compensation in general, and specifically allergist compensation, are not keeping pace.

The College appreciates our partnership with MGMA, which enables us to collect and report allergy-specific provider compensation data. We are particularly grateful to allergy practices (and multi-specialty practices with allergists) that took the time to participate in the Provider Compensation survey and made it possible for the College to report this important information.

### Allergist/immunologist MGMA survey participation

Allergist/immunologist participation in the MGMA Provider Compensation Survey decreased 3% in 2023 but remained strong at more than 600 participants.

A total of 424 nonacademic allergists/immunologists participated in the 2023 survey (based on 2022 data), a slight decrease from 2022. Participation among academic allergists stayed about the same at 179. Additionally, allergists from *Continued on page 8* 

### Table A: MGMA Provider Compensation Survey Participation Allergist/Immunologist Counts by Report Year

Nonacademic	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Allergy/Immunology	372	391	354	370	418
Pediatrics: Allergy/Immunology	52	52	85	53	39
Total Nonacademic Allergy/Immunology	424	443	439	423	457
Academic	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Allergy/Immunology	121	97	96	103	68
Pediatrics: Allergy/Immunology	58	84	73	60	54
Total Academic Allergy/Immunology	179	181	169	163	122
Total Allergy/Immunology	603	624	608	586	579

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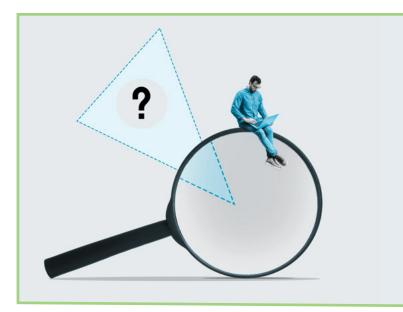
### PRACTICE MANAGEMENT ADVANTAGE (CONTINUED)

across the country participated in the survey this year, with a generally even mix across all four geographic sections (Eastern, Midwest, Southern and Western). (See Table A.)

For full-time physicians, the median nonacademic total compensation (including provider wages, bonus/ incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria and profit distributions) for 2022 was \$335,787 when allergy/ immunology (A/I) and pediatrics A/I were combined. This was a slight increase over 2021 and continued an upward trend from 2019 (which was pre-COVID). 2022 median work relative value units (wRVUs), which measure physician productivity, increased significantly over 2021, and represent a substantial increase over pre-COVID levels in 2019.

A new data point we're reporting this year for nonacademic allergists is the Compensation to wRVU ratio. This data is important to many employed allergists since it is common in compensation formulas. Note: this is NOT the same as dividing median total compensation by median wRVUs. Since there are different numbers of allergists reporting compensation and wRVUs, this is not an apples-to-apples comparison. For more information on the relationship between total compensation, wRVUs and the ratio of compensation to wRVUs, read MGMA's wRVU Guide (MGMA Compensation, Work RVUs and Compensation to Work RVUs Ratio Explained). Median academic total compensation for the combined A/I and pediatrics A/I in 2022 was \$204,631, an increase over both the prior year and 2019 (pre-COVID). Median academic wRVUs increased significantly from both the prior year and pre COVID-based levels in 2019. We are not reporting the Compensation to wRVU ratio for academic allergists because there is limited data for this statistic. (See Table B.)

For comparison purposes, Medscape's 2022 allergist compensation data (reported in 2023) showed average



#### Table B: 2022 MGMA Provider Compensation Data Full-time Allergists/Immunologists

Nonacademic data	# Reporting	Combined A/I and Peds A/I
Median total compensation <sup>1</sup>	312	\$335,787
Median work RVUs <sup>2</sup>	203	4,924
Compensation to work RVU ratio	198	76.78
Academic data		
Median total compensation <sup>1</sup>	161	\$204,631
Median work RVUs <sup>2</sup>	55	2,970

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<sup>1</sup>Total compensation = provider wages, bonus/incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria and profit distributions.

<sup>2</sup>*RVUs* = relative value units. Work *RVUs* are a measure of physician productivity and are calculated by multiplying the number of services for each CPT code times the specific w*RVU* value for that code based on the CMS fee schedule.

#### Table C: Medscape Allergist/Immunologist Compensation Data<sup>1</sup> Full-time Allergists/Immunologists

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average A/I compensation	\$282,000	\$298,000	\$274,000	\$301,000	\$275,000
Approximate # reporting	100	131	179	175	193

<sup>1</sup>Medscape survey data for each year was reported in the following year. For example, the 2022 data shown here was reported in the 2023 Medscape survey. For employed physicians, compensation = salary + bonus + profit sharing. For self-employed physicians, compensation = earnings after taxes and deductible business expenses before income tax.

### PRACTICE ADVANTAGE (CONTINUED)

Nonacademic data	Combined A/I and Peds A/I		
	Physician-Owned	Hospital/ IDS Owned	
Median total compensation <sup>1</sup>	\$368,558	\$326,714	
# reporting	130	160	
Median work RVUs <sup>2</sup>	4,650	5,246	
# reporting	86	96	

### Table D: 2022 MGMA Provider Compensation Data – Full-time Allergists/Immunologists

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<sup>1</sup>Total compensation = provider wages, bonus/incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria and profit distributions.

<sup>2</sup>*RVUs* = relative value units. Work *RVUs* are a measure of physician productivity and are calculated by multiplying the number of services for each *CPT* code times the specific w*RVU* value for that code based on the *CMS* fee schedule.

#### Table E: 2022 MGMA Provider Placement Starting Salary Data Median Guaranteed Compensation – Combined A/I and Peds A/I

	# Reporting	Starting Salary			
Academic + Nonacademic	33	\$210,000			
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A/I compensation of \$282,000, with approximately 100 allergist participants. This was a 5.4% decrease from the prior year.

The number of allergists participating in the Medscape survey has declined year after year and is now at only 100, compared with a total of 603 for the MGMA survey. In addition, Medscape's survey does not break out academic vs. nonacademic compensation. Finally, the MGMA data shown is **median** compensation, compared with **average** compensation from Medscape; the median is typically a better representation for salary data. For all these reasons, it is difficult to rely on the Medscape compensation data. (See *Table C.*)

The Medscape survey did ask a new, interesting question, however: **how many hours per week do you work?** Allergists reported working the fewest hours of any specialty: 44.1 hours per week. Critical care and surgery topped the list at 57.7 and 57.4 hours, respectively.

MGMA reported 2022 A/I total compensation by ownership type for nonacademic practices. Median compensation for physician-owned practices dipped slightly to \$364,558 in 2022, after a large jump in 2021. Median compensation for hospital/integrated delivery system (IDS) -owned practices increased in 2022 to \$326,714. The 2022 median total compensation for physician-owned practices was 11.6% more than the median total compensation for hospital/IDS owned practices. In a reversal, wRVUs for hospital/IDS owned practices were 12.8% higher than wRVUs for physician-owned practices. That has never been the case before. (See Table D.) For practices planning to hire a new allergist this year, a total of 33 allergists reported starting salary guaranteed compensation data in MGMA's 2022 Provider Placement Starting Salary survey. (See Table E.)

Please help us continue to provide this important data for allergy and immunology practices by participating in MGMA's surveys in 2024. Participating practices get free, direct access to the survey results (versus the limited data we can report here), and all survey data is completely confidential and is never seen by any College member or staff. The Provider Compensation survey opens next January, and the Cost & Revenue survey opens in March. Participating in these surveys is easier than ever; simply upload your reports to MGMA and you're done! Watch your email and College Insider for announcements.



## Missed the research abstract deadline in July? Submit a late-breaking abstract

### Hurry! The deadline is Oct. 15.

Did you miss the deadline for research abstracts in July but have important research results that are now available? You may be able to submit a late-breaking abstract for the ACAAI 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting. The deadline is Oct. 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm central time. A very limited number of latebreaking abstracts will be accepted.

Late-breaking abstracts must:

- Feature innovative research results that weren't available by the July 10, 2023 abstract deadline.
- Contain primary data from groundbreaking laboratory studies or from novel or large clinical trials.

If accepted, late-breaking abstracts will be presented on a stage in the ePoster area of the convention center during morning and afternoon breaks. No other scientific sessions or abstracts will be presented during this time. In addition, late-breaking abstract presentations will be simulcast on multiple ePoster monitors to allow numerous attendees to see the data.

Don't miss the Oct. 15 deadline! More criteria and submission details can be found at annualmeeting.acaai.org/2023/ latebreaking\_abracts\_info.cfm

### Closing out my presidential year...

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Are you interested in teaching and promoting our specialty more? I am pleased to announce the launch of the Community Allergists Partnership in Education program (CAPE), which is debuting at our Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaheim. This is my 2023 presidential initiative, and the start of a two-year project with incoming College President Gailen Marshall. Year one of this program focuses on teaching learners in the community practice, including an online "toolkit" for allergists who would like to establish such an opportunity in their offices. I've been inspired to create this set of tools and resources because of my own experience with teaching future physicians and allergists, and the knowledge that not all physicians have access to allergy-immunology education during their training. You can learn more at our CAPE symposium during Annual Meeting!

In closing, the College continues to implement tactics identified under our Vision Forward strategic plan, and we have worked in recent months to identify strategies for 2024 and beyond. As the word "vision" implies, the leadership of the College plans with an eye to the immediate future as well as to address the longer-term challenges and changes we foresee. We must all continue to adapt for the benefit of our patients and our specialty. I am gratified to leave the College in such a strong, forward-focused place nearing the end of my term, am humbled by the tremendous service of so many members and staff in the service of our specialty! And thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your president this past year. Proud Media Partner of American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Meeting 2023



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# Honoring outstanding achievers

The College is proud to announce this year's Annual Meeting plenaries and named lectures. The Bela Schick and Edward J. O'Connell lectures were named for leaders in allergy and immunology, and their presenters embody the achievements of the physicians for whom the lectures are named.

Attend the plenaries in person or as part of the Livestream program.

### Presidential Plenary - Trending Topics in Allergy and Immunology

This year's Presidential Plenary covers timely subjects in A/I today. Attend on **Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8:00 am**, following the Opening Ceremony.

- FDA Labeling Changes: Food Allergens for Skin Testing Jay E. Slater, MD
- Where Does ICS-SABA Fit in Asthma Management? Leonard B. Bacharier, MD, FACAAI
- Evolution in Anaphylaxis David B. K. Golden, MD, FACAAI
- Bela Schick Lecture
  Life Is Too Short To Drink
  Bad Wine

David R. Stukus, MD, FACAAI

The annual Bela Schick lecture is named in honor of one of medicine's most respected scientists. Bela Schick was born in Hungary, emigrated to the U.S. in 1923, and was a pediatrician at Mt. Sinai in New York for many years. He



David R. Stukus, MD

is best known for his work with Clemens von Pirquet on anaphylaxis and for the test he developed to assess immunity to diphtheria.

### Plenary - The Buzz on Biologics: To Asthma and Beyond

Speakers will provide current clinical data on biologics for conditions allergists/immunologists treat on a regular basis. Attend on **Sunday, Nov. 12 at 8:00 am**.

 Edward J. O'Connell Lecture Biologics for Asthma: 20 Years Since the First Approval and Where We Are Headed in 20 Years John J. Oppenheimer, MD, FACAAI

The annual Edward J. O'Connell Lecture Award honors the legacy of Dr. O'Connell, a past president of the College (1990-1991) and former Editor-in-



Chief of *Annals*, who was a caring, compassionate physician with a life-long passion for serving children. He was an adept educator and authored nearly one hundred original articles, along with many book chapters related to allergy and immunology.

- Biologics for Allergic Skin Conditions When and for Whom?
   Peck Y. Ong, MD, FACAAI
- Biologics for Food Allergies On the Precipice of a New Era?

Brian P. Vickery, MD

### Plenary - Don't Be Scared of the Skin: Practical Pearls to Treat Urticaria and Atopic Dermatitis

Get updates from the most recent guidelines and practice parameters related to allergic dermatologic diseases on Monday, Nov. 13 at 8:00 am.

- Updates on Urticaria Jonathan A. Bernstein, MD, FACAAI
- Managing Type 3 Angioedema Marc A. Riedl, MD, MS
- Updates in Therapeutic Strategies for Atopic Dermatitis Mark Boguniewicz, FACAAI

# Keeping up with best practices

Programs for staff - and allergists - help your team communicate effectively and stay up to date on coding, financial performance monitoring, therapies, and more.

When your team is in sync with best practices, optimum care for patients is sure to follow. The College's 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting, Nov. 9 - 13 in Anaheim, CA has programs for everyone in your practice.

The Practice Management Program on Nov. 10 covers practice management issues you and your staff deal with regularly. The full-day program is geared toward practice administrators, allergy physician leaders, FITs and new allergists, nurse managers and other staff. Session topics include:

- Coding.
- Effective communication between allergists and their team.
- Elements of change leadership.
- Emergency preparedness and disaster recovery.
- Financial performance monitoring.
- Remote patient monitoring.
- Revenue cycle management.

The Practice Management Program is included in the General Annual Meeting registration. No separate registration is required.

The **Advanced Practice Health Care Providers Course** on Nov. 10 is a perfect fit for nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other health care providers with extensive experience. Allergists would also benefit from attending!

This full-day course features:

- Approaching challenging cases.
- Biologic therapies.
- Immunodeficiencies encountered in allergy practices.
- Oral food challenges.

The Advanced Practice Program is included in the General Annual Meeting registration. No separate registration is required.

For **Allied Health Professionals**, Saturday, Nov. 11 is a full day of symposia and breakout sessions for registered and licensed practicing nurses, registered respiratory therapists, medical assistants and other allied health professionals. Sessions include:

- Immunotherapy.
- Breakout sessions on frequent procedures, chronic cough, life transitions with food allergy, hereditary angioedema.

The Allied Health Professionals Program is included in the General Annual Meeting registration. No separate registration is required.

Don't miss the opportunity to strengthen your staff's skills! Participants must be registered for the general meeting to attend these programs. Visit the Annual Meeting website for registration requirements at annualmeeting.acaai.org/attendees.cfm.

### California-style fun

### The Annual Meeting's social events take advantage of Anaheim's great weather and amp up competition among FITs

After a day of the Annual Meeting's immersive sessions, take a break and enjoy our social events. All meeting registrants are invited to attend.

### **President's Welcome Reception**

We've got a one-of-a-kind California experience planned for the President's Welcome Reception on Friday, Nov. 10 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Anaheim Convention Center's outdoor Grand Plaza. Stroll the beautiful surroundings that feature a cascading water fountain, walking paths and palm trees. Join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, photo ops and camaraderie.

### **FIT Bowl**

Who will be this year's FIT Bowl champions? Teams of Fellows-in-Training compete for the trophy at Saturday evening's FIT Bowl competition. Competitors are asked serious (and not so serious) questions by an expert panel. Who will answer correctly to win? It's an exciting evening full of competition. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar at this fast-paced, dynamic event at 5:45 pm on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel.

# Celebrating our award recipients

The College is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2023 awards for their contributions to the College and the allergy/immunology specialty. Honorees will be recognized at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12, during the College's Annual Scientific Meeting.

### **Distinguished Fellow**

**David B. Engler, MD, FACAAI** is in private practice at Houston Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Houston, Texas.

**David B. K. Golden, MDCM, FACAAI** is Associate Professor of Medicine and a teaching clinician at the Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

### International Distinguished Fellow

**Stephen R. Durham, MD** is Clinical Lead for allergy services, head of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College, London, England.

### Distinguished Service Awards Mary Carol Badat, MAdED is

ACAAI's Senior Director for Education Solutions and has been with the College since 2014.

**Gregory E. Lund** is the Principal of Lund Resource Group, LLC and serves as a Strategic Partner for Advocate Development. He has served as a board member of The Allergists Foundation.



Dr. David B. Engler



Dr. David B. K. Golden



Dr. Stephen R. Durham



Gregory E. Lund



Dr. Aikaterini Anagnostou



Linda Cullison



Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is currently President of the World Allergy Organization. At Ohio State, Dr. Martin previously served as the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, the Designated Institutional Official, and the Associate Medical Director of University Hospital. He was ACAAI President in 2015- 2016.

### Woman in Allergy Award

Aikaterini Anagnostou, MD, MSc, PhD, FACAAI is Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She is on the Editorial Board of Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

### Education Council Award Gerald B. Lee, MD, FACAAI is

Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine in the Allergy and Immunology Division at Emory University School of Medicine. He is the Program Director of the Emory allergy/ immunology fellowship and a thread director for the Emory immunology preclinical curriculum. He has had multiple ACAAI leadership roles in education including past Chair of the ACAAI Accreditation and Certification Committee, Editor-in-Chief of the ACAAI Review for the Allergy & Immunology Boards and the AIM Self-Assessment question bank, Assistant Editor for Allergy Watch, and co-host of the AllergyTalk podcast.

### Executive Medical Director Award

**Linda Cullison** is ACAAI Director of Corporate Relations and has been with the College since 2007.

Mary Carol Badat

Dr. Bryan L. Martin

Dr. Gerald B. Lee



## And the winner is...

### Dr. Gary N. Gross is the recipient of the 2023 Gold Headed Cane Award

The Gold Headed Cane Award is given annually to a College Fellow who has demonstrated the highest standards of scientific excellence and integrity. This year, College Fellows selected Gary N. Gross, MD, FACAAI. The award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Announcements during the ACAAI 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 11.

### Biography provided by Dr. Gross

"Our specialty has been a major part of my life for the past 50 years. After completing my fellowship in Denver in 1974, I returned to Dallas where I was "the allergist and asthma specialist" in the Pulmonary Disease Section of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. In addition to teaching responsibilities, I investigated immune defense mechanisms of the lung. Our multiple publications during those years gave me better insight into how to critically review scientific articles. The final publication I had as a full-time faculty member related to a new medication to treat asthmatics. This paper also marked my transition to full-time private practice with an emphasis on clinical research. Ultimately, I became interested in billing and coding in addition to pharmaceutical research.

After becoming a Fellow of the College in 1986, my participation in other activities of our specialty expanded. In 1991 I was given the opportunity to serve as a representative to the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (JCAAI). I had the chance to learn about the socio-economic aspects of our specialty. That education was further enhanced and formalized when I was asked to serve as the Executive Vice President of JCAAI. In that capacity I had the opportunity to represent our specialty to Medicare, commercial insurance companies, and the AMA committees responsible for deciding on CPT codes and payments. It was during this time that I found myself as one of two doctors representing the specialty of allergy before the USP committee to determine the revision of sterile compounding that we now know as chapter 797. In that capacity I was able to influence the guidelines released in December 2007 that provided specific regulations for immunotherapy and vial preparation. This "carve out" of the broader sterile medication guidelines allows practicing allergists to continue to formulate patient vials as we have done for years.



Dr. Gary N. Gross

During my years of service for JCAAI and subsequently ACAAI's Advocacy Council, I served as a CPT Advisor and answered hundreds of emails from our members regarding coding. I have also had the opportunity to present coding workshops at various locations and to give annual reviews of coding guidelines at our national meetings.

The specialty of allergy and immunology allows us to expand our horizons. In addition to the rewards of patient care and the lasting friendships we develop with our patients and their families, we can extend our reach into teaching younger physicians and helping mold the ethical and quality values we hold important. One may also decide to branch out into clinical research and socio-economic areas as I have done. Through serving on College committees, working with JCAAI, and attending annual meetings, my life has been enriched with friendships and opportunities that have made the practice of allergy a rewarding and gratifying part of my life. Thanks to my mentors, colleagues, and friends who have made this journey possible."



### FELLOW-IN-TRAINING ADVANTAGE

By Brent Griffin, MD, MPH, senior FIT representative

# Looking back and looking forward

I can't believe nearly a whole year has gone by since we all met in Louisville! Whether you are in the middle of training, or just starting out, it's safe to say life can move very quickly. I am very excited for the College's upcoming 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaheim, California. The theme of this year's meeting is "Embracing the Evolution of Patient Care." I am especially looking forward to the FIT Section programming, including the FIT Business Meeting.



Somewhat bittersweet, the Annual Meeting also marks the end of the business year for the FIT Section, and therefore, the end of my term as your FIT representative. The two years I have spent in the FIT Section have been extremely helpful to me. I have met so many amazing colleagues within the organization and learned a great deal. I know that the section will be in great hands under the leadership of Dr. Vinh Nguyen, who will assume the role of Senior FIT Representative after a new Junior FIT Representative is elected at the FIT Business Meeting. I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to my colleagues in the FIT Section, but especially the panel of regional FIT representatives; these members are the "first-line" contact for Fellows-in-Training and serve an integral role in communicating the needs of our members in addition to contributing to the FIT Board Review Corner.

### Rawaa K. Alnabulsi, MD

International member, Northeast region (New York) State of New York

### **Matthew Norris, MD**

Northeast region (Mid-Atlantic) PA, NJ, DE, DC, VA, MD, WV

### Giulia Martone, MD

Northeast region (New England) VT, CT, RI, MA, NH, ME **Mechelle Miller, MD** Southwest region OK, AR, TX, NM

Sana Habib, MD, MD Central region CO, KS, MO

**Jessica Plager, MD** East Central region KY, TN

**Brynne Underwood, MD** Upper Midwest region IL, WI, MI, IN, OH

Edsel M. Abud, MD, PhD West region CA, AZ, AK, HI, NV

**Isma Shah, MD** North Central region ND, MN, WY, NE, IA

**William "Brad" Fancher, MD** Southeast region NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, LA, MS

**Gabriel Mendoza, MD** West region UT, OR, ID, WA, MT

In addition to the fine work the aforementioned members have completed for the FIT Board Review Corner, the section has been active in many other activities, including supporting the College's efforts to recruit and support residents and medical students interested in the field of allergy and immunology. The SPARK program is flourishing, and FIT volunteer mentors are being paired with resident physicians and medical students who expressed interest in the specialty. The SPARK program represents an excellent opportunity for Fellows-in-Training to provide mentorship and advocate for the A/I specialty to future colleagues. I highly encourage you to consider applying to be a SPARK mentor next year.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the College's Fellows-in-Training Section, including how to be involved or suggestions for improvement, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or contact your local regional FIT representative. The contact information for FIT section leadership is accessible from the College's member website.

I wish you all the best and I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim!



Brent Griffin, MD, MPH

### COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE

# Meet your ACAAI 2023-24 candidates for election

During the 2023 Annual Business Meeting, our current president-elect will become the College's president. ACAAI Fellows will elect a president-elect, vice president and treasurer for one-year terms. They will also elect three regents for three-year terms to succeed Joseph P. Forester, DO, FACAAI, Maureen M. Petersen, MD, FACAAI and David R. Stukus, MD, FACAAI. We believe the nominees proposed by the Nominating Council embody the philosophy of their predecessors, whose combined efforts have made the College the success it is today. The Board of Regents recommends your support for the following slate:

### Gailen D. Marshall, Jr., MD, PhD, FACAAI President

Jackson, Mississippi

Current academic/ professional positions: The R. Faser Triplett Sr, MD, Chair of Allergy and Immunology; Executive Director of the Mississippi Clinical Research and Trials Center; Medical Director for the Clinical



Research Support Program; Vice Chairman of Research, Department of Medicine; Director, Division of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology, Department of Medicine and Professor of Population Health Sciences, all at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in

Jackson, Mississippi

"I am both humbled and honored to service as President of the College. I pledge to use whatever influence and insight I might have or gain to lead our organization in its mission to advance knowledge, advocate for the highest standards of care for our patients and provide resources to ensure the highest possible level of success and support for our members. This is an extremely exciting time to be an allergist-immunologist. New technology-based therapies abound. The need for our services continues to expand as we discover new opportunities, new manifestations of diseases and expanding appreciation for the expertise we possess. I am committed to representing our entire membership and look forward to input about what is (and is not) useful to you as a member, how we can improve our performance and things we might be able to do to help you and your practice achieve the highest standard of excellence."

### **James Tracy, DO, FACAAI**

#### Omaha, Nebraska **President-elect**

Current academic/professional positions: Private practice in Omaha, Nebraska with Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates, P.C. Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska



Dr. James Tracy



Dr. Aikaterini Anagnostou



Dr. Cherie Zachary



Dr. Kelly M. Maples

Dr. Mervat Nassef

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the members of ACAAI. As the past chairman for the Advocacy Council, ACAAI Treasurer and more recently as Vice President, I worked vigilantly to maintain the visibility and strength of our College as a servant leader to our members, our communities and or course to our patients. As we move into 2024, it is my goal ACAAI President-elect to continue supporting the needs of the practicing allergist as well as the allergist educator, both informally and in the formal academic teaching arena consistent with recent presidential initiatives. Just as we have persevered through recent years, what we have learned about ourselves, our profession and our College will, in the end, be what makes us better stewards of our chosen profession and the patients we serve. Serving our patients, their families, our College, and our specialty should be our goal. To that end, we each need to endeavor to 'find our own voice,' and add that voice to the chorus of growth and change, making the world a better and healthier place to live."

### Meet your candidates for election... (Continued from page 16)

### **Cherie Zachary, MD, FACAAI**

Bloomington, Minnesota **Vice President** 

Current academic/professional positions: Private practice in Eagan, Minnesota

"It is an honor to work with the leadership of the ACAAI on behalf of the practicing allergist and our patients."

### Kelly M. Maples, MD, FACAAI

Norfolk, Virginia Treasurer

Current academic/professional positions: Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, Department of Allergy and Immunology, Eastern Virginia Medical School; Pediatric Allergist and Immunologist, Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters

"I value my ACAAI membership very much and am honored to have the opportunity to serve our members on the Executive Committee. My goal is to help create solutions to address the needs of allergists practicing in our ever-changing health care environment."

### Aikaterini Anagnostou, MD, MSc, PhD, FACAAI

Regent Houston, Texas

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Current academic/professional positions: Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine. Member of the Editorial Board of Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

"Our field has seen tremendous progress over the last few years in cutting-edge research and, as a clinical researcher, I appreciate the ACAAI's work in embracing new developments and striving to make them available to our patient populations. I am honored to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated, creative and enthusiastic leadership group."

### Brian T. Kelly, MD, FACAAI Regent

Omaha, Nebraska

Current academic/professional positions: Private practice, Midwest Allergy and Asthma, Omaha, Nebraska

"I am honored to be selected to work on the ACAAI Board of Regents. While on the Board, I will work diligently and thoughtfully to support the allergist/immunologist, and advocate for our patients."

### **Mervat Nassef, MD, FACAAI** Regent

New York, New York

Current academic/professional positions: Professor of Pediatrics, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY; Associate Attending in Pediatrics, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York

"I am very humbled to be nominated to the ACAAI Board. I appreciate the opportunity to work with the ACAAI leadership to further the College's mission to advance the practice of allergy and immunology for the benefit of our patients."

### Thinking ahead to the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting

The College is accepting session and presentation proposals for the ACAAI 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting. We're looking for session ideas that echo the 2024 theme "Advancing Allergy/Immunology Discovery" and that will stimulate

discussion and challenge mindsets. Find out more and submit your ideas at annualmeeting.acaai.org/2024/proposal submission.cfm. The submission deadline is Dec. 11, 2023.

### American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

### CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

2024 Annual Scientific Meeting **Advancing Allergy/ Immunology Discovery** PODIUM **PRACTICE®** OCT. 24-28 🖶 BOSTON, MA



### COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE

# Meet our 2023 Community Grant recipients!

The Allergists' Foundation continues to provide College members with a unique opportunity to find creative solutions for challenges related to allergy care within their communities through the Community Grant Program. We are pleased to announce the next round of grantees and their outstanding projects that have been selected for funding in 2023.



Alan Baptist, MD, FACAAI will conduct a qualitative research project utilizing focus groups and survey data to better understand patient and provider perspectives on unanswered questions in mild asthma (i.e., care goals, side effects, financial issues, etc.). The project aims to assist primary care providers and asthma

specialists in diagnostic, treatment, and monitoring areas of primary importance, and to inform future asthma guidelines.



### Krishan Chhiba, MD, PhD (FIT Member)

will develop and pilot a high-quality training on the immediate management of anaphylaxis for use in community settings. The modular training curriculum will be based on case simulation to improve the management of anaphylaxis and enable care providers to identify and

resolve latent safety threats. The intervention will help to normalize the debriefing practice and further facilitate communication for a team-based approach to management of anaphylaxis.



**Michael Dicello, MD** will lead a project to explore the employment of artificial intelligence (AI) as a clinical tool to ease the administrative burden associated with prescribing therapies and completing prior authorizations. His project seeks to leverage a natural language generative AI model to efficiently handle administrative tasks that

significantly drain clinical resources. The project's end goal is to inspire a paradigm shift in how health care is administered, making it more efficient and patient-focused by using AI to absorb repetitious, tedious tasks.



### Kamran Imam, MD (FIT Member) will embark on a retrospective study to determine the prevalence of atopic diseases among American Indian/Native Alaskans (AI/NA) in the local urban indigenous population of San Diego. Since most prior studies have focused on health care disparities between ethnic minorities

and the general population, this project will generate much needed data on allergic diseases in the AI/NA population.



**Matthew McCulloch, MD** has designed a project to study the relationship between poor indoor air quality (IAQ) and asthma. The project will use indoor air quality sensors placed in the homes of children with asthma to generate reliable and descriptive IAQ data over an extended time. The data will be coupled with home

environment and asthma control survey data to identify potential sources of indoor air pollution and its association with asthma disease status.

### Andrea Pappalardo, MD, FACAAI will devise a community



engagement strategy to facilitate schoolbased asthma management (and establishment of stock inhaler programs) in rural schools so school staff are prepared to respond to asthma emergencies and connect children to guideline-based care. She will engage with key informants from various governmental, advocacy,

community, and professional organizations that regularly interface with rural schools on health-related concerns. She will also seek the help of the Center for Rural Health in the Illinois Department of Public Health and the University of Illinois' Rural Health programs.

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EDUCATION ADVANTAGE

## Don't miss these Learning Opportunities on the College Learning Connection

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There is always something new to learn on the College Learning Connection (CLC)! The College is continuously developing and launching new and engaging learning opportunities for your professional education benefit. Visit the College Learning Connection today by going to education.acaai.org or clicking on Professional Education on the College member website to see what we have for you. Here is just a snapshot of the many educational programs you can find on the CLC.

### ACAAI Annual Meeting On Demand

Every year after the College's Annual Meeting, we launch the On Demand courses, which are derived from the live programming at the meeting. If you attended the meeting via livestream or in person, you can catch sessions you may have missed. You can even see sessions you attended in person and receive additional credit for your On Demand participation. Enrollment in the On Demand content is a free benefit of your livestream or in-person Annual Meeting registration. If you didn't attend the meeting live or online, you can still reap the benefits of the meeting by purchasing access to the On Demand sessions to keep you up to date on the latest in allergy, asthma and immunology medicine from the Annual Meeting! To learn more, go to education.acaai.org/ondemand.

### MicroCME

Do you want to benefit from the Annual Meeting content, but don't have the time to dedicate to the full On Demand courses? Then our MicroCME courses may fit the bill. Each year, a team of your peers reviews the College's Annual Meeting content and selects the most interesting and timely presentations for your benefit. These cover a broad range of topics and are right-sized for your busy schedule – usually between 15 and 30 minutes. These courses are offered for free to College members at education.acaai.org/microcme.

### AIM Self-Assessment, Volumes One and Two

The College has developed and updated these detailed selfassessment modules that are designed to help you obtain new knowledge or reaffirm existing knowledge. They are also designed to help you evaluate and maintain your clinical competence. Together, the two volumes consist of more than 200 case-based questions with detailed discussions and linked references. Both volumes are offered at a discount to College members and at a significant discount for College member Fellows-in-Training to assist in their preparation for the board examination. Learn more at education.acaai.org/ aimselfassessment and education.acaai.org/aimvol2.

Your professional development is important! The College is at work every day to offer you the best in CME opportunities. Make sure you check out what is open to you today and keep looking as we develop even more. Don't miss out! PRACTICE MANAGEMENT ADVANTAGE

# Exclusive USP 797 resources for College members

### The implementation date is Nov. 1, 2023

As the leader in practice management and advocacy resources for allergy practices, the College has what you need to implement the new USP 797 rule! The USP 797 implementation date is Nov. 1, 2023. Get started now, so your practice will be ready!

### Try these resources:

- Our new exclusive, easy-to-read summary of the Allergy Extract exception is just four pages and has everything you need to know. Find it at college.acaai.org/cae-summary.
- Our Allergen Extract Mixing Toolkit includes our summary of the rule, instructions, staff competency assessments, our extract preparation instruction guide, checklists and links to our recent webinar, extract mixing quiz and discounted testing supplies. Find it at college.acaai.org/toolkits/ allergen-extract-mixing toolkit.
- Our new recorded webinar Practical Implementation of the USP 797 Rule explains the USP requirements for allergists and is available for you and your staff to watch anytime. Find it at education.acaai.org/USP797RULE.

College members can get everything needed for testing (supplies, incubation and results for the media fill test and gloved fingertip-thumb test) at a 15% discount! Get the details at college.acaai.org/resource/ usp-compliant-testing-supplies/.

### Community Grant recipients... (Continued from page 18)



Nerissa D'Silva, MD will implement a pilot to assess and test the effectiveness of new technology to improve the management of food allergies in marginalized communities across the state of Texas. The digital tool is designed to aid patients and their families in finding and shopping for food to meet their dietary needs while helping them

avoid allergic reactions. The online platform will also support allergists' delivery of patient care and allow dieticians to identify patients' individual food allergies and sensitivities to develop personalized diets around them.

"The seven projects selected for Foundation grants represent a wide variety of ways to improve the care of allergies and asthma in our communities," said David Engler, MD, MBA, FACAAI, President of the Allergists' Foundation. "We hope the projects, and those supported by the Foundation in previous years, will serve as an inspiration for others to think creatively and apply for a Community Grant next year."

Nearly \$100,000 in grants will be awarded this year. The Community Grant Program is possible through donations from members of the College and generous support by GSK.

Do you have a project idea you'd like to have funded? Visit college.acaai.org/grants to learn more or email us at foundation@acaai.org.

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### EDUCATION ADVANTAGE

# Happy Birthday: Annals Turns 80!

Step back into a time when we were in the middle of the second World War, the Pentagon building had just been completed after 16 months of construction, rationing began in the U.S. due to shortages, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was first formed, steel pennies were created and put into circulation due to the copper shortage, the Jefferson Memorial was dedicated, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra ruled the airwaves.<sup>1</sup>

The year was 1943, and in the summer of that year, the *Annals of Allergy* began publication by the American

College of Allergists. In 2023, Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology is celebrating 80 years of this ground-breaking publication.

In 1943, single copies of Annals were \$1.50, and an annual subscription cost \$6.00. The first issue's Table of Contents featured such articles as:

- Army Allergy. Report on Allergy Clinics in the Fourth Service Command
- Possible Etiology of Appendicitis
- De-allergization Versus Hyposensitization
- Some of the Factors to be Considered in the Etiology of Bronchial Asthma
- Vernal Conjunctivitis (Spring or Vernal Catarrh)
- Empirical Formula, Structural Formula, and Molecular Weight of the Major Antigen in Crude Ragweed Pollen Extract
- Molds and Their Relation to Allergy
- Editorial: Why a College?
- The American College of Allergists: Aims and Purposes of the College, Excerpts from By-Laws, College News
- Suggestions and New Procedures: Practical Suggestions for Cleaning and Sterilizing New and Used Glassware for Allergenic Extracts

Also listed were Abstracts, Questions and Answers, Bibliography and Book Reviews.

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Today we have 49 editorial board members; an Editorin-Chief, Mitchell H. Grayson, MD, FACAAI; Senior Executive Editor, Donald Y.M. Leung, MD, PhD, FACAAI; Executive Editor John Oppenheimer, MD, FACAAI; Deputy Editor Jonathan M. Spergel, MD, PhD, FACAAI; Senior Associate Editor Matthew Greenhawt, MD, FACAAI; Associate Editors Larry Borish, MD, FACAAI; Anna Nowak-Wegrzyn, MD, PhD, FACAAI; Marcus S. Shaker, MD, FACAAI; David R. Stukus, MD, FACAAI; Jay Lieberman, MD,

FACAAI; Francesca Levi-Schaffer, PharmD, PhD, FRCP (Hon); and Biostatistics Editor Melissa Moore-Clingenpeel, MAS.

Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology is now published monthly, as the "Official Publication of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology."

In a series of special editorials throughout its 80th year of publication, the editors of *Annals* will look back at what was current in the allergy, immunology and asthma professions in that first year of publication, compare and contrast the practice of allergy/immunology then and now, and attempt to predict where we might be headed in the future.

1. List of 1943 Major News Events in History, thepeoplehistory. com/1943.html

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There were 23 editorial board members; an Editor-in-Chief,

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