



Inspiring Vision: Shaping the future at the 2025 ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting

Allergists/immunologists from around the world will gather in Orlando for the ACAAI Annual Meeting - the premier A/I meeting of the year

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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President, American College of Allergy,
Asthma and Immunology*

Working together – and it pays off



I have been honored to serve as your ACAAI President this year. It's been a very busy but exciting time with the launching of new, valuable programs – and the continuation of many others – that benefit College members, the allergy/immunology specialty and of course the patients we serve. All of this is due to the hard work and commitment of our members, committees and staff. Here are some highlights of projects and programs.

Pathways to Practice (P2P)



There is a growing shortage of practicing allergists in the United States. To address this shortage P2P was developed with the goal to expand access to allergy and immunology care across the country by supporting fellows who are committed to entering community-based practice within the U.S. The program, funded by the College, will support the training of 16 allergy/immunology fellows through four competitive \$250,000 (two-year) grants awarded annually, beginning with fellowship positions starting in 2026.

Advocacy



We have an amazing Advocacy team working for the good of our members and patients and it's been a busy year. ACAAI and our Advocacy

Council have addressed many critical issues related to allergy care and allergists' practices.

One highlight was our **Strike Force's trip** to Washington, DC in May to meet with more than 25 Congressional offices and key committees with jurisdiction over our advocacy priorities. Meetings focused on Medicare payments to physicians, reducing administrative burdens from commercial payers, PBM reform and preserving NIH research funding.

The **Payer Education Campaign (PEC)** was launched this year to address issues with approvals of immunotherapy for our patients. We started by contacting Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to address the payment of dilutions. We also contacted the top 25 insurance carriers in the country, educating them about the immunotherapy process and urging them to stop burdensome and unreasonable requests for documentation of CPT 95165, 95115 and 95117.

We expanded and strengthened the College's **grassroots advocacy efforts** through the ACAAI House of Delegates. We now have actively engaged delegates in 38 states and six regional super-delegates who monitor state-based policy issues; work with the local, state and regional allergy societies to identify their priorities; and disseminate information about subsequent policy actions to key stakeholders.

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Advocating for allergists and their patients

J. Allen Meadows, MD, FAAAAI; Executive Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs

The College's 2025 Annual Meeting is jam-packed with programming for everyone! The Advocacy Council wants to be sure you're aware of its contributions to this important event.

Beginning Friday morning, Nov. 7, the **Practice Management Program** starts with the **2025 Allergy Coding Update** - presented by Gary N. Gross, MD, FAAAAI. He'll discuss the latest updates to ICD-10 and CPT codes, as well as ensuring complete documentation and billing for allergy-related diagnoses and treatments. Alnoor Malick, MD, FAAAAI, will follow with an interactive review of difficult coding cases.

Later in the morning, Melinda Rathkopf, MD, MBA, FAAAAI and Rob Ellis, CPA, will present **Metrics that Matter** - KPIs to RVUs. They will share key practice benchmarks plus the impact of RVU values on your productivity formula and/or your bottom line.

After lunch, J. Allen Meadows, MD, FAAAAI and J. Wesley Sublett, MD, MBA, FAAAAI will discuss **95165: Where are we now?** Drs. Meadows and Sublett will review patient cases and provide an update on the College's Payer Education Campaign. They'll provide guidance on documentation and how best to handle limits, audits, denials and appeals. You'll want to be sure to attend this informative Practice Management session.



Immediately following that session will be **Putting AI Into Practice**, with Nicole Chase, MD, FAAAAI and Sofija Volertas, MD. These two dynamic allergy AI experts will share how they are using artificial intelligence in practice and provide tips you can implement in your practice.

The Practice Management Program ends with **If You Build It, They Will Come**, a session that shows how to leverage marketing to help you thrive in a constantly changing world. Jonathan Olsen, DO, FAAAAI and Katie Crosby will share the latest marketing strategies to promote practice growth.

Late Friday afternoon, you won't want to miss the **House of Delegates' (HOD) Annual Town Hall Meeting**. After a brief business meeting, the HOD is presenting **Different Strategies to Benefit your Practice**. Matt Reiter of Capitol Associates will provide legislative updates and tips for advocating for your practice, your patients and yourself. Dr. Meadows will provide a detailed summary of the **Payer Education Campaign** and what you can do to help. Kathleen May, MD, will end the program with a discussion about the importance of **engaging your local/state allergy societies**.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, after the Opening Announcements, we are honored to have Congressman Dr. Robert Onder (R-MO) present, along with Drs. Jim Sublett, J. Wesley Sublett, and Travis Miller, MD, FAAAAI, **Advancing Public Health Through Advocacy**. We are hoping Dr. Onder will have time to hold side-bar conversations after the presentation.

Sunday morning, Nov. 9, Dr. Gary Gross, Dr. Travis Miller, and Matt Reiter will deliver a presentation on **Coding and Government Relations**. Drs. Gross and Miller will discuss new codes, changed codes, and how to effectively use them. Mr. Reiter will talk about current events and the impact they'll have on your practice.

Plan to spend some of your time at the Annual Meeting with us - the Advocacy Council.



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



Make the most of the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

In just a few weeks, thousands of allergists and immunologists from around the world will gather for the ACAAI 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting - the premier A/I meeting of the year. With so much planned, we've got tips so you can get the most out of the meeting.

Start here

Topping your "to do" list should be downloading the **Annual Meeting app**. Access the schedule 24/7, find your way around the convention center, search for specific speakers and exhibitors, and more! Download the app by searching for "ACAAI" in your app store. The 2025 app will be available a few days before the meeting begins.

Next up

If you haven't already, register for Thursday's program, **Spotlight on Allergic Conditions of the Skin**, and plan to arrive at the meeting a day early. The full-day program will

explore the latest advancements, diagnostic techniques and management strategies for allergic skin conditions.

Add these to your schedule

The meeting's plenaries spark transformative discussions on hot topics in allergy/immunology. Plan to attend the Presidential Plenary, **The Future of Allergy and Immunology Therapeutics: Looking Over the Horizon** on Saturday morning. Plenaries continue with **Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters Severe Asthma Update** on Sunday morning and **Drug Allergies Demystified: Practical Approaches for Accurate Diagnosis and Management** on Monday morning.

Every ACAAI Annual Meeting features **new sessions** that each address allergic and immunological conditions in new ways. This year, attend sessions on beta-lactam allergies, eosinophilic lung diseases, complexities of pediatric allergies, asthma mimickers, chronic cough and more.

Back by popular demand

There's a reason some sessions return year after year! Perennial favorites are back, including Friday's Literature Review (separate registration required); two **7 for 11 sessions** where presenters discuss seven allergy-related topics in just 11 minutes each; our **Jeopardy-style session** What's that Rash? plus our **allergy coding update** and **Ask the Experts** session on **social media for the allergist**. The **Practice Management Program** on Friday is a "must" for physicians and practice managers – sessions will address key challenges in allergy practice management, coding, and operational efficiency.

Working for you

The College is always working to meet our members' needs. Attend the **ACAAI House of Delegates (HOD) Town Hall Meeting** on Friday to learn how the HOD has been tackling important advocacy issues affecting allergy practice. Add the **ACAAI Annual Business Meeting** to your schedule on Sunday for an update on the state of the College, award presentations and more.

Take a tour

The Annual Meeting wouldn't be complete without a tour of the **exhibit hall!** Be sure to stop by the **College Resource Center** to learn about your member resources, and then continue your visit with the many companies ready to show you the latest allergy-related products and services. As you make the rounds, you can participate in the **Passport Contest**. The exhibit hall is also home to **ePosters** for a fresh look at A/I research.

Don't forget these

Connect with other meeting attendees at our social events - the **President's Welcome Reception** on Friday evening and the **FIT Bowl** on Saturday evening.

Non-CME Corporate Forums are scheduled before sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and after sessions Thursday-Sunday evenings. And don't forget **Product Theaters** in the exhibit hall Friday-Sunday

We can't wait to see you in Orlando!



Can't attend the ACAAI 2025 Annual Meeting in person? Try our Livestream Program

If traveling to Orlando isn't an option, you can have a robust learning experience via our Livestream Program. You'll have live access to all the Saturday, Sunday and Monday plenaries and symposia using any device. The Thursday Program, Spotlight on Allergic Conditions of the Skin, and Friday's Literature Review are also available via livestream for an extra fee.

Here is what to expect:

- Up to 28 CME credits based on participation in the Livestream Program.
- Live broadcast of speakers and slides from the Saturday, Sunday and Monday plenary and symposia sessions.
- Participation in question-and-answer sessions with faculty.
- Livestream viewing of the Opening Announcements and Gold Headed Cane Award and the College Business Meeting.
- 24/7 access to ePosters.

See which sessions will be streaming at annualmeeting.acaa.org/2025/livestream.

Get the education you're looking for from the convenience of your home or office!





2024 Allergist compensation keeps pace with inflation

For the third year in a row, we have good news for allergists! Allergist median total compensation for both academic and non-academic allergists saw increases in 2024 over the prior year. In addition, median total compensation for allergists in 2024 largely kept pace with the 2.9% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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 remained strong in 2025.

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

Non-academic	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Allergy/Immunology	396	413	372	391	354
Pediatrics: Allergy/Immunology	62	62	52	52	85
Total Non-academic Allergy/Immunology	458	475	424	443	439
Academic	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Allergy/Immunology	128	135	121	97	96
Pediatrics: Allergy/Immunology	95	70	58	84	73
Total Academic Allergy/Immunology	223	205	179	181	169
Total Allergy/Immunology	681	680	603	624	608

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Compensation data was collected for a total of 681 allergists/immunologists, making it the most robust compensation data set available for our specialty.

A total of 458 non-academic allergists/immunologists participated in the 2025 survey (based on 2024 data), a slight decrease from 2024. Participation among academic allergists increased 8.8% to the highest amount ever: 223. Additionally, allergists from across the country participated in the survey this year, with a generally representative mix across all four geographic sections (Eastern, Midwest, Southern and Western).

For full-time physicians, the median non-academic total compensation (including provider wages, bonus/incentive payments, research stipends, honoraria and profit distributions) for 2024 was \$361,593 when allergy/immunology (A/I) and pediatrics A/I were combined. This was an increase over 2023 and continued an upward trend from pre-COVID 2019. Median work relative value units (wRVUs), which measure physician productivity, increased slightly in 2024 to 4,798, which represents a substantial increase over pre-COVID levels in 2019.

Two years ago, we began reporting a new data point for non-academic allergists: the Compensation to wRVU ratio. In 2024, this number declined to \$72.69, a decrease over the two prior years. 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, we encourage you to explore the College's RVU toolkit at college.acaai.org/rvutoolkit.

Median academic total compensation for the combined A/I and pediatrics A/I in 2024 was \$235,749, the highest we've ever reported and a double-digit increase over the prior

year. Median academic wRVUs of 2,685 was a double-digit drop from the prior year - but note wRVU data was only collected for 38 academic allergists. We are not reporting the compensation to wRVU ratio for academic allergists because there is limited data for this statistic.

MGMA reported 2024 A/I total compensation by ownership type for non-academic practices, and we've observed some interesting trends over the last few years. Median compensation for physician-owned practices dipped for the third consecutive year to \$344,002 in 2024. Median compensation for

practices owned by a hospital/integrated delivery system (IDS), however, has dramatically increased over the past several years to \$376,399 in 2024.

Key takeaway: For the first time since we've reported this data, hospital/IDS-owned practices earned more than physician-owned practices - a 9.4% difference. Historically, median compensation for physician-owned practices has consistently exceeded that for hospital/IDS-owned practices

Table B: 2024 MGMA Provider Compensation Data Full-time Allergists/Immunologists

Non-academic data	# Reporting	Combined A/I and Peds A/I
Median total compensation ¹	342	\$361,593
Median work RVUs ²	220	4,798
Compensation to work RVU ratio	226	\$72.69
Academic data		
Median total compensation ¹	177	\$235,749
Median work RVUs ²	38	2,685

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

²RVUs = 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 wRVU value for that code based on the CMS fee schedule.

Table C: 2024 MGMA Provider Compensation Data – Full-time Allergists/Immunologists

Non-academic data	Combined A/I and Peds A/I	
	Physician-Owned	Hospital/ IDS Owned
Median total compensation ¹	\$344,002	\$376,399
# reporting	114	184
Median work RVUs ²	4,241	4,994
# reporting	72	121

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Table D: 2024 MGMA Provider Placement Starting Salary Data Median Guaranteed Compensation – Combined A/I and Peds A/I

	# Reporting	Starting Salary
Academic + Non-academic	28	\$250,000

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by double digits. However, over the past few years the gap increasingly narrowed – until it finally reversed in 2024.

Another key takeaway: for the third year in a row, wRVUs for hospital/IDS-owned practices significantly exceeded wRVUs for physician-owned practices - with the gap continuing to grow. In 2024 the difference was 17.8%. This is a reversal of the previous several years, when physician-

owned practices solidly outperformed on this measure. This trend is not just in allergy/immunology; 2024 median wRVUs for primary care and surgical specialists in hospital/ system-owned practices also exceeded their counterparts in physician-owned practices.

An additional interesting observation: for the past four years, the reported number of allergists working for hospital/IDS-owned practices has exceeded the reported number of allergists working for physician-owned practices. This is consistent with the overall trend of increased employment among allergists.

Finally, we've seen a third ownership category over the past few years: Other Majority Owner, which includes allergists employed by an insurance company, HMO, the government,

private equity, or a university/medical school. In that category, there were 44 allergists, or 13% of those reporting, in 2024.

For practices planning to hire a new allergist this year, a total of 28 allergists reported 2024 starting salary guaranteed compensation data in MGMA's Provider Placement Starting Salary survey. Of those reporting, 17 were non-academic allergists and 11 were academic allergists.



Please help us continue to provide this important data by participating in MGMA's surveys in 2026.

Participating practices get free, direct access to the survey results (vs. the limited data we can report here), and all survey data is completely confidential. The surveys open next January and participating is easier than ever; simply upload your reports to MGMA and you're done!

"The process was very easy. I

downloaded a couple of reports from Quickbooks, removed the physician's name from the report, and emailed the report to the MGMA team," said Jean Owen, MBA, Vice Chair of the Practice Management Committee.

Watch your email and College Insider for survey announcements in January.



The latest clinical guidance from the College

Clinical guidance from the College comes in several types and often takes the form of guidelines or practice parameters developed in collaboration with other professional societies. Various evidence-based approaches are used in developing and updating these guidelines. Following are some highlights of recently published or “in progress” guidance documents.

Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters (JTFFP)

The JTFFP is composed of members of ACAAI and AAAAI. The Joint Task Force develops and updates clinical guidelines on a wide range of conditions treated by allergists/immunologists. New or updated guidelines are published alternately in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology* or in *JACI in Practice*. Several new or updated parameters are currently in the early stages of development on subjects ranging from food allergy to insect venom. Parameters that have neared completion and are expected to be published soon include:

- The Severe Asthma GRADE project is expected to be published at the end of 2025/beginning of 2026 in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*.
- The updated Immunotherapy Practice Parameter also is due to be published in late 2025/early 2026.
- The new Inborn Errors of Immunity parameter is expected to be published soon, and was developed with support from the Clinical Immunology Society.

Learn more about these JTFFP Practice Parameters at the ACAAI Annual Meeting during sessions on Sunday and Monday.

Other College guidelines

When needed, College experts develop evidence-based guidance, sometimes with other organizations. In the past year, two such documents were published:

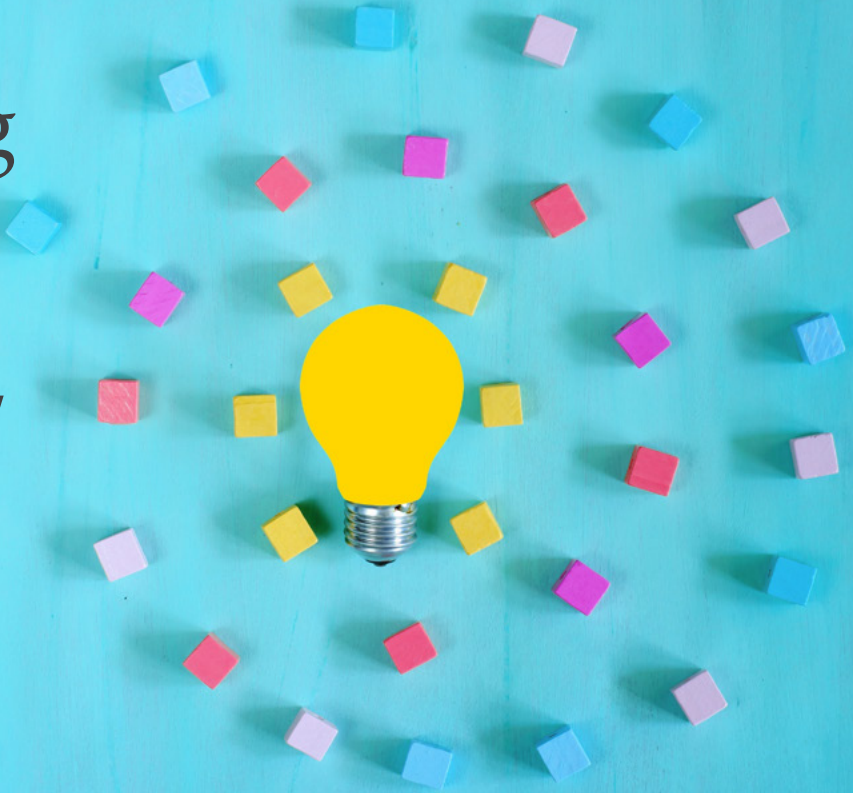
- Guidance for the evaluation by payors of claims submitted using Current Procedural Terminology codes 95165, 95115, and 95117
- Recommendations on use of live vaccines in patients receiving dupilimab

International guidelines

The College frequently is invited to participate in work groups and task forces developing various international guidelines through World Allergy Organization, The Global Allergy and Asthma Network and others.

Annual Meeting plenaries explore the scope of allergy/immunology

Plenaries include the Bela Schick and Edward J. O'Connell named lectures



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 - The Future of Allergy and Immunology Therapeutics: Looking Over the Horizon

This session will discuss what will propel allergy/immunology diagnostically and therapeutically over the next 30 years. Attend on **Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 am ET.**

- **The Monoclonals: What Have We Learned and Where Are We Going?**
Thomas B. Casale, MD, FAAAAI
- **Small Molecules: What Makes Them "Small" and Why Is That Important? What Can We Expect?**
Raffi Tachdjian, MD, MPH, FAAAAI
- **CRISPR, mRNA and Beyond!**
Jonathan Phillips, PhD
- **As an Allergist, Why Is This Important?**
James M. Tracy, DO, FAAAAI

Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters Severe Asthma Update

This session will provide an update on the latest data from the severe asthma practice parameter. Attend **Sunday, Nov. 9 at 8:00 am ET.**

- **Patient Values and Preference**
Flavia Hoyte, MD, FAAAAI
- **Long Term Risks of Oral Steroids**
John J. Oppenheimer, MD, FAAAAI
- **Edward J. O'Connell Lecture**

Biologics

Giselle S. Mosnaim, MD, MS, FAAAAI

Dr. Mosnaim is an allergist/immunologist in the Division of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Medicine at NorthShore University HealthSystem. She

is also a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. The annual Edward J. O'Connell Lecture Award honors the legacy of Dr. O'Connell, a past president of the College (1990-1991),



who was a compassionate physician with a life-long passion for serving children. He was an adept educator and authored nearly 100 original articles, along with many book chapters related to allergy and immunology.

- **Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors - What Are They, and What Are They Causing?**

Kimberly G. Blumenthal, MD, MSc, FAAAAI

- **Drug Allergies Demystified: Practical Approaches for Accurate Diagnosis and Management**

Discussion will include the latest diagnostic tools, interpreting allergy testing results and evidence-based strategies for managing common and complex drug reactions. Attend **Monday, Nov. 10 at 8:00 am ET.**

- **Nuts and Bolts: Practicalities of Drug Allergy Evaluations in the Office**

Allison C. Ramsey, MD, FAAAAI

- **Spectrum of and Novel Treatments for Delayed Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Jason Trubiano, PhD

- **Practical Approaches to Adverse Reactions to Biological and Monoclonal Agents**

Mariana C. Castells, MD, PhD, FAAAAI

- **Bela Schick Lecture From Buzzwords to Bedside: Making Sense of AI in Clinical Medicine**

Rohit K. Katial, MD, FAAAAI

Dr. Katial is Center for Clinical Immunology Director at National Jewish Health in

Denver, Colorado. The annual Bela Schick lecture is named in honor of one of medicine's most respected scientists. Bela Schick emigrated to the U.S. from Hungary in 1923. He was a pediatrician at Mt. Sinai in New York for many years and was best known for his work with Clemens von Pirquet on anaphylaxis and for the test he developed to assess immunity to diphtheria.



Don't forget the fun!

After a day of the Annual Meeting's immersive sessions, take a break and enjoy our social events.



Welcome to Orlando!

What's Florida known for? Its vibrant citrus fruit, the wonders of the Everglades, beautiful beaches, iconic cities like Orlando and Miami, and so much more. We'll be celebrating all of it – and you can, too – at the President's Welcome Reception on Friday night at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Hotel. Enjoy appetizers and drinks from 6:00 – 7:30 pm and a fun start to the 2025 ACAAI Annual Meeting.

International attendees – stop by the table outside of the reception's ballroom to get a warm welcome from members of the International Committee and meet other attendees from across the globe.



Cheer on the champions

Join the excitement of friendly competition at the FIT Bowl™ on Saturday evening! Cheer on teams from around the country who will tap their knowledge and answer questions in allergy/immunology, medicine, history, geography and more. Who will be the champions? Find out at the FIT Bowl™, our fast-paced, dynamic event at 5:45 pm on Saturday evening. Enjoy appetizers and an open bar in the Orange County Convention Center's Valencia Ballroom.



Career preparation for FITs

Kylie Jungles MD, Senior FIT Representative



Over the past year, one of the primary goals of the FIT Committee was to develop career preparation resources for FITs. From podcasts to webinars and lectures, we've been teaming up with experts to explore the topic of career navigation for early-career allergists.

We collaborated with AllergyTalk to create two podcast episodes to help FITs navigate the job search process. Dr. Melinda Rathkopf, ACAAI Practice Management Committee Chair, joined us to talk about everything from deciding on a practice setting to negotiating your first contract. Be sure to check out those episodes on Spotify, Podbean, the College Learning Connection or wherever you stream your favorite AllergyTalk podcasts!

This summer, we hosted a FIT career webinar, "**Landing the Job After Fellowship Training.**" The webinar featured

FITs who have recently graduated from fellowship and are working in both academics and private practice. Listen to the webinar to learn more about various practice settings and the job search timeline during fellowship. Find the recorded webinar in the FIT and News Allergists toolkit here: college.acaaai.org/practice-management.

For more job search resources, read the article that appeared in the summer New Allergists newsletter at college.acaaai.org/seeking-your-first-or-a-new-position/.

We will cap off our FIT career resources at this year's ACAAI Annual Meeting, which will be Nov. 6-10 in Orlando, Florida. The **FIT section** of the meeting will take place on Friday evening, Nov. 7. This year's meeting will feature a presentation from Dr. Travis Miller, Chair of the ACAAI Advocacy Council, on contract negotiations and career planning. Dr. Marissa Love, Vice Chair of the New Allergists Committee, will speak on how to stay involved with the College and the New Allergists Committee after fellowship. During the FIT section you'll also be able to **vote for the future Junior FIT Representative to the ACAAI Board of Regents**. We look forward to meeting you in Orlando and welcoming our new FIT members!

Honoring excellence

We are proud to recognize the following members for their contributions to the College and the allergy/immunology specialty.



The College is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2025 awards. Honorees will be recognized at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9, during the College's Annual Scientific Meeting.

Distinguished Fellow Awards

This year's Distinguished Fellow Awards are presented to James T. Li, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, of Rochester, Minnesota and Stephen A. Tilles, MD, FAAAAI, of Seattle, Washington. This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions and commitment in the United States or Canada on behalf of the specialty of allergy.

International Distinguished Fellow Award

The recipient of this year's International Distinguished Fellow Award is Mário Morais-Almeida, MD, of Lisbon, Portugal. This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions and commitment on behalf of allergy in the recipient's respective country.

Distinguished Service Awards

This year's Distinguished Service Awards are presented to James M. Quinn, MD, FAAAAI, of San Antonio, Texas, M. Razi Rafeeq, MD, FAAAAI, of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Jennifer Pfeifer, MBA, CMPE, of Arlington Heights, Illinois. This award is



Dr. James T. Li



Dr. Stephen A. Tilles



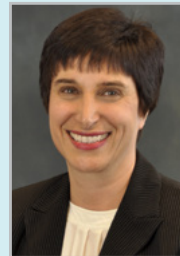
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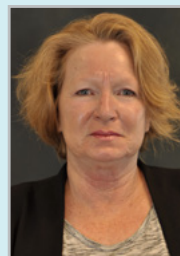
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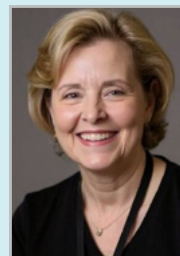
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Dr. Anne K. Ellis



Maureen Knight



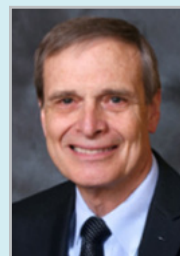
Dr. Charlotte Cunningham-Rundles



Dr. Stephen Durham



Dr. Jonathan Silverberg



Dr. Jerald Koepke

given in recognition of tireless efforts, dedication and enthusiasm on behalf of the College.

Woman in Allergy Award

The recipient of this year's Woman in Allergy Award is Anne K. Ellis, MD, FAAAAI, of Ontario, Canada. This annual award honors an individual who has advanced the role of women in medicine or made a significant contribution to the specialty.

Executive Medical Director Award

The College honors Maureen Knight, of Arlington Heights, Illinois who is ACAAI Annual Meeting Manager. This award is in recognition of her outstanding dedication and her effective management of the Annual Meeting program each year.

Annals Distinguished Author Awards

Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology recognizes Charlotte Cunningham-Rundles, MD, PhD, Stephen Durham, MD, FRCP, and Jonathan Silverberg, MD, PhD, MPH, for their contributions to the fields of allergy, asthma and immunology.

Education Council Award

This year's Education Council Award recipient is Jerald Koepke, MD, ACAAI Emeritus Fellow. This award honors an individual that has made a demonstrable impact on advancing training and professional education in the field of allergy and immunology.

Join the Alliance for fun, informative events in Orlando

The ACAAI Alliance Hospitality Suite Committee has a variety of activities planned for the College's Annual Meeting in Orlando. The hospitality suite will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 - 10:30 am in the Orchid Room (4th Floor) of the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

The following special presentations are scheduled during the Hospitality Suites:

On Friday, Nov. 7, join the Alliance for a charcuterie board presentation from the Executive Chef at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. The chef will showcase the finer details of food prep and display, such as best pairings, ideal food temperatures, and the wide variety of options available.

The food theme continues on Saturday, Nov. 8, with a presentation and chocolate tasting from an expert at the

Chocolate Museum and Café in Orlando. Learn about cacao, the origins of chocolate and how it is made. And, of course, enjoy a sampling of award-winning chocolates.

On Sunday, ACAAI Fellow Dr. William E. Berger will discuss his recently released book, "Allergy for Dummies." The book covers all aspects of allergic conditions - triggers, symptoms, management and prevention. Dr. Berger will expand on his writing and publication journey.

Spouses/significant others are invited to attend Alliance events in Orlando as part of their registration fee. All Fellow-in-Training (FIT) spouses/significant others receive free guest registration when FITs register them for the meeting.



Unlock the full value of your Annual Meeting registration: Access 50+ hours of on-demand content & CME credits

Extend your experience at ACAAI 2025 long after the meeting concludes with our On Demand Annual Meeting session recordings. You can get an additional 50+ hours of content and the opportunity to earn CME credits, all at no extra cost as part of your meeting registration.

Our On Demand Annual Meeting recordings give you the flexibility to catch up on anything you may have missed or revisit specific sessions that piqued your interest. From plenaries to symposia to general sessions, all of the recorded content is available for you to access whenever and wherever it's most convenient.

50+ hours of cutting-edge content

With more than 50 hours of high-quality, evidence-based allergy content, the On-Demand Library is packed with information on the latest clinical advancements, emerging therapies and best practices in patient care. Each session's Podium to Practice® takeaways provide actionable knowledge that you can apply in your daily practice.

A free perk with your meeting registration

On Demand Annual Meeting content is completely free for all registered attendees. It's a fantastic way to extend the value of your meeting registration.

How to access

On Demand access opens a few weeks after the ACAAI Annual Meeting ends. Accessing the content is easy. Simply log in to the College Learning Connection (education.acaa.org). Under "Courses in Progress," click on "On Demand ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting." You'll find sessions organized by day, morning and afternoon sessions. With the intuitive interface, you can quickly find exactly what you're looking for and start learning immediately.



Don't miss out – extend your learning and maximize the value of your meeting registration today!

DAPOL: the tool transforming how we manage drug allergies

Managing drug allergies requires careful, informed decisions grounded in reliable clinical guidance. Whether evaluating a patient's reported reaction, planning a desensitization, or reviewing diagnostic options, allergists need quick access to standardized protocols they can trust. Enter the **Drug Allergy Protocol Online Library (DAPOL)**, the game-changing resource redefining how allergists and other health care practitioners manage drug allergies. Find DAPOL at education.acaaai.org/drugallergyprotocol.

Launched in October 2024, DAPOL is a robust, intuitive, and practice-ready digital toolkit designed to help allergists and other health care providers navigate the intricacies of drug allergy care with confidence. Built by allergists for allergists, DAPOL consolidates protocol templates, evidence-based references, and step-by-step clinical guidance into a centralized, user-friendly platform.

The initial release focused on antibiotics, offering easy access to protocols covering penicillins, cephalosporins, carbapenems, macrolides, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, and more. With clearly structured tables and intuitive interactive features, the platform enables clinicians to quickly locate drug-specific reactivity data and identify appropriate management pathways, especially when navigating desensitization or hypersensitivity reactions.

The creation of DAPOL was a collaborative effort within the College. This initiative was jointly led by the Clinical Programs, Patient Safety and Quality (CPPSQ) Committee and the Drug Allergy Committee, two groups whose combined expertise brought the library to life. Special recognition is due to Mary Hudelson, MD, past Chair of the CPPSQ Committee who initially conceived and proposed this idea, and to the committee Co-chairs, Mariana C. Castells, MD, PhD, and Joel S. Klein, MD, whose leadership and clinical insight have shaped the vision and structure of DAPOL.

DAPOL is a valuable tool for improving patient safety, supporting accurate diagnosis, and enabling personalized treatment. The allergists who volunteered their time to build and review this content have created a tremendous resource that ensures clinicians have immediate access to trustworthy, real-world protocols at the point of care.

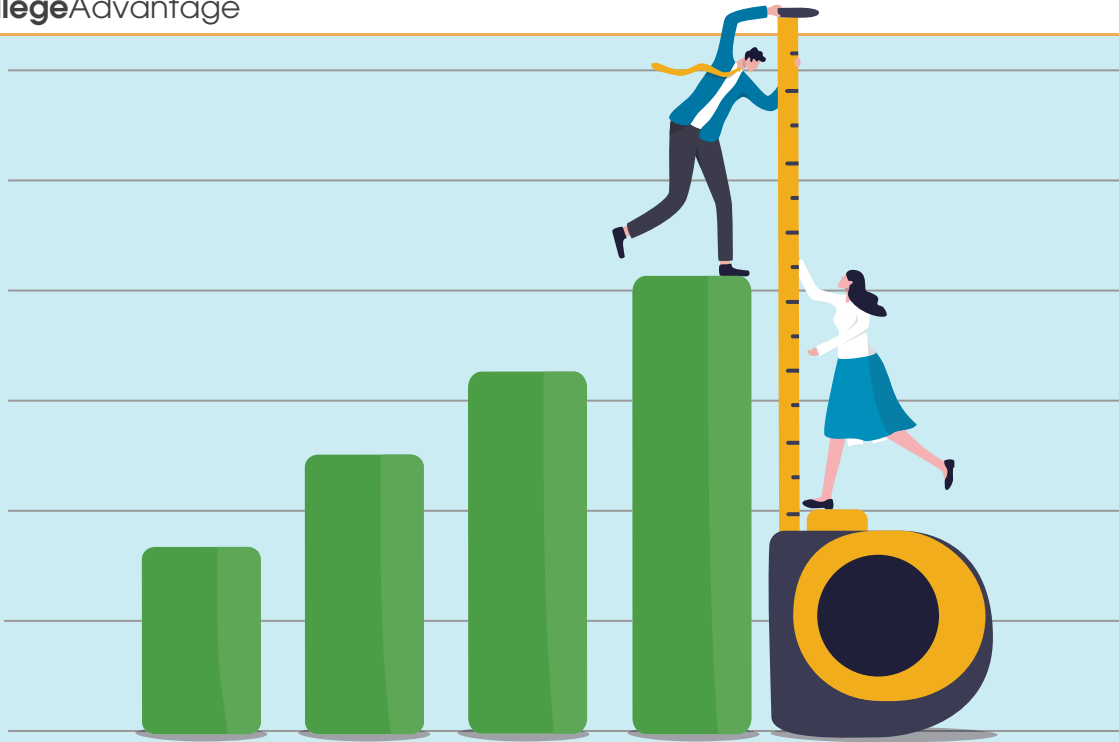
The next chapter of DAPOL is a new section on chemotherapeutic agents, which is set to launch by early 2026. This addition will further expand the scope and relevance of the library, offering timely support for an increasingly complex area of allergy practice.

For those attending the Annual Meeting, make sure to take advantage of the drug allergy-focused sessions. Some of which include:

- Plenary: Drug Allergies Demystified: Practical Approaches for Accurate Diagnosis and Management
- Practical Approaches to Drug Hypersensitivity: Managing Diverse Populations and Real-World Challenges
- Beta-lactam Allergies: More Than Penicillin
- Contact Dermatitis and Drug Allergy - part of the Thursday Program
- Literature Review - drug allergy articles are part of the content to be reviewed

The future of drug allergy care is here and it's just a click away at education.acaaai.org/drugallergyprotocol.





Enhance your practice with eYardsticks: interactive learning tools for allergists

In the ever-evolving field of allergy and immunology, staying current with the latest guidelines, treatment protocols, and practice parameters is essential for delivering the highest standard of patient care. To support allergists in integrating evidence-based best practices into their clinical work, the College has developed **eYardsticks** - interactive tools designed to bring the latest clinical guidelines directly to your point of practice. Your College membership provides **free access** to these invaluable resources at education.aaaai.org/eparameters.

What are eYardsticks?

eYardsticks are interactive modules and tools that make current best practices from published **Practice Parameters** and **Yardsticks** easily accessible and applicable in real time. These tools are specifically designed for allergists to use both **as a resource for learning** and **as a point-of-care reference**.

Rather than simply presenting guidelines as static documents, eYardsticks turn these critical resources into interactive, easy-to-navigate tools that help you implement evidence-based strategies instantly in your practice.

Key features of eYardsticks

- 1 Point-of-care accessibility**
The standout feature of eYardsticks is their **design for point-of-care use**. These tools are optimized

for allergists to quickly access while interacting with patients. Whether on your computer, tablet, or smartphone, you can pull up relevant guidelines in seconds, making it easier to **consult best practices in real time**, as you prepare or during patient consultations.

- 2 User-friendly navigation**
The tools are designed with **intuitive navigation** to ensure you can find the information you need quickly. Our eYardsticks present the essential data in **digestible, interactive formats**, allowing you to access guidelines with just a few clicks.
- 3 Evidence-based learning and practice**
eYardsticks are grounded in the most current **Practice Parameters** and **Yardsticks**, making them a reliable, evidence-based resource directly applicable to real-world clinical settings.
- 4 Interactive learning**
eYardsticks offer an engaging, **interactive learning experience** that goes beyond just reading.

Start using eYardsticks today - and take your allergy practice to the next level by integrating the latest, evidence-based guidelines into your daily work with ease.

Meet your ACAAI 2025-26 candidates for election

During the 2025 Annual Business Meeting, our current President-elect, Cherie Zachary, MD, FAAAAI 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 Jeremy S. Katcher, MD, FAAAAI, Travis A. Miller, MD, FAAAAI, and Meagan Shepherd, MD, FAAAAI.

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:



President

Cherie Y. Zachary, MD, FAAAAI
Eagan, Minnesota

President-elect, ACAAI Board of Regents; Chair, Licensure Committee of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice; retired allergist/immunologist after 34 years of practice

"It is an honor to work with the leadership of ACAAI on behalf of the practicing allergist and our patients. As President, I look forward to helping shape the future of our specialty in support of our members and the well-being of our patients."



President-elect

David R. Stukus, MD, FAAAAI
Columbus, Ohio

Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio; Director, Food Allergy Treatment Center, Division of

Allergy and Immunology at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and Chair of the ACAAI Education Council

"ACAAI has always been a nimble and fast-moving organization, which is necessary in dealing with the many challenges we face in health care. I'm proud to serve in leadership to help support allergists/immunologists and our patients in any way possible."



Vice President

Maureen M. Petersen, MD, FAAAAI
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology and Medical Director, Pediatric Allergy & Immunology at UNC School of

Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"I'm honored to help advance the College's mission for our specialty at such a pivotal time. By supporting clinical excellence, fostering innovation, and mentoring the next generation, we ensure a vibrant future for allergy and immunology. I look forward to working alongside dedicated colleagues to strengthen our community and elevate the care we provide our patients."



Treasurer

Melinda Rathkopf, MD, MBA, FAAAAI
Atlanta, Georgia

Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia; Medical Director, Allergy, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

"I'm honored to be nominated as Treasurer of the ACAAI Board of Regents. Building on the College's legacy of excellence, I'm committed to thoughtful financial stewardship that supports innovation, strengthens advocacy, and advances our specialty. Together, we can ensure a sustainable future that empowers allergists/immunologists and enhances the lives of those we serve. I look forward to this opportunity."



Regent
Christopher Chang, MD, PhD, MBA, FAAAAI
 Hollywood, Florida

Division Chief of Immunology, Allergy and Pediatric Rheumatology, and Medical Director, Pediatric Research, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital,

Hollywood, FL; Allergy Immunology Fellowship Program Director, Memorial Healthcare System, Hollywood, FL; President-elect, Broward County Medical Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL

"I am honored to have been nominated to the ACAAI Board of Regents. I am excited for the opportunity to work with the wonderful people at ACAAI to fulfill the organization's mission of championing patient care through clinical endeavors, research and education. I am looking forward to supporting the ACAAI membership in tackling the challenges and exciting advances in our field.



Regent
Mitchell H. Grayson, MD, FAAAAI
 Columbus, Ohio

Grant Morrow, III, MD Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Ohio State

University College of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio; Editor-in-Chief, *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*

"As the Editor-in-Chief of *Annals* I have continuously worked to enhance the practice of allergy and clinical immunology for the benefit of our patients. I am truly honored and delighted to be nominated to the Board of Regents, where I look forward to working with ACAAI leadership in further advancing the mission of patient care and education, research, and advocacy."



Regent
Jay A. Lieberman, MD, FAAAAI
 Memphis, Tennessee

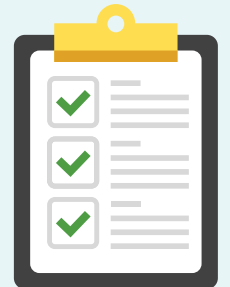
Professor of Pediatrics and Program Director, Allergy & Immunology Fellowship Program, University of Tennessee Health Science Center; Physician, LeBonheur Children's

Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee

"I am humbled and honored in being nominated to be a part of the Board. I have always found my work with the ACAAI to be rewarding and truly look forward to continuing this work to help ACAAI leadership serve and improve the practice of allergy and the lives of our patients."

Annals debuts "10 ways to improve..." series

Last spring, *Annals of Allergy Asthma & Immunology* debuted the new "10 ways to improve..." series. Written by members of ACAAI committees, the articles consist of 10 short bullet points about a specific clinical topic relevant to committees' purposes. The content of the articles is useful at the point of care.

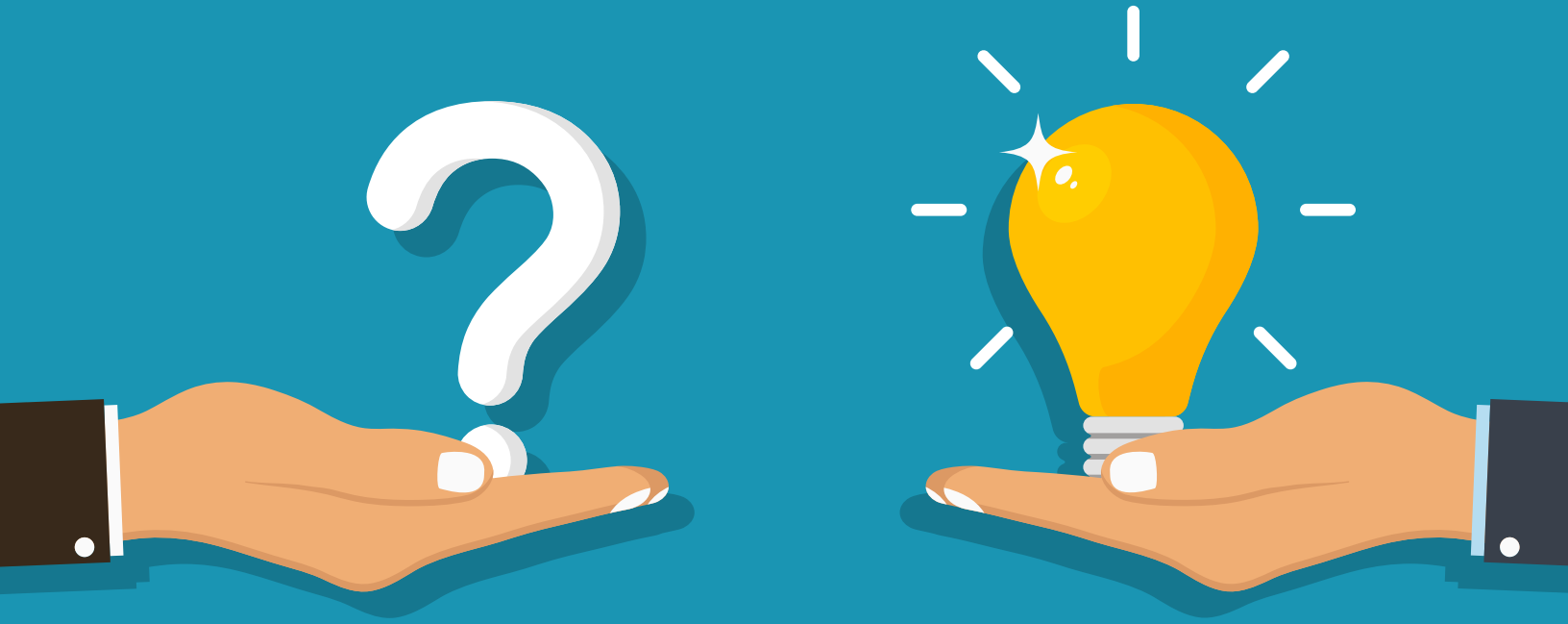


"The idea of these articles is based loosely on the "Choosing Wisely" campaign," said Mitchell Grayson, MD, FAAAAI, Editor-in-Chief of *Annals*. "These short articles cover the conditions allergists treat and outline 10 items that each committee feels a provider should know and that will improve the care provided to patients."

The Food Allergy Committee debuted the series in the May issue with "10 Ways to Improve Your Management of Food Allergy." Find it at [annallergy.org/article/S1081-1206\(25\)00041-9/fulltext](http://annallergy.org/article/S1081-1206(25)00041-9/fulltext).

In June, the ACAAI Infectious Diseases and International Travel Committee wrote "10 Ways to Improve Emergency Preparedness for Allergic Patients While Flying." Find it at [annallergy.org/article/S1081-1206\(25\)00318-7/fulltext](http://annallergy.org/article/S1081-1206(25)00318-7/fulltext).

Look for more "10 ways..." articles in upcoming issues of *Annals* for quick ideas on clinical topics.



Community Grant Program recipients present research findings at Annual Meeting

The Allergists' Foundation's Community Grant Program supports research focused on strengthening access to care, improving patient outcomes, and addressing health disparities. Since its establishment in 2021, the program has awarded nearly half a million dollars to practicing allergists advancing community-driven allergy care across the nation.

At the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, six grant recipients will present their findings as eposters. Learn more about their invaluable projects below.



Alan Baptist, MD, MPH, FAAAAI - Ann Arbor, MI
Treatment for Mild Asthma: What Matters to Providers

This project explores how physicians manage mild asthma, with a focus on identifying differences in treatment between specialists and generalists and across different training levels.



Toan Do, MD - San Diego, CA
Leveraging Machine Learning to Differentiate Subtypes of Angioedema

This project investigates how artificial intelligence may assist in differentiating between HAE types I and II from mast-cell mediated angioedema to improve diagnostic accuracy.



Nerissa D'Silva, MD - Galveston, TX
Global Search Engine Powered by Artificial Intelligence to Improve Management of Food Allergies and Intolerances

This qualitative study examines how allergists use patient-facing resources and their perspectives on the utility and limitations of AI-powered food search tools. It also explores how these platforms may influence the management of food allergies.

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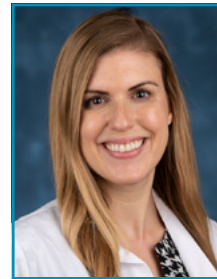
Andrea Pappalardo, MD, FAAAAI - Chicago, IL
Asthma in Chicago Public Schools: A Data-driven Approach to Implementation of Stock Inhaler Programming

This study assesses asthma rates across Chicago Public Schools in the context of a stock inhaler pilot program to help identify priority areas for public health interventions.



Benjamin Stewart-Bates, DO - Durham, NC
A National Registry for Female Carriers of Chronic Granulomatous Disease: An Update

This project focuses on the development of a registry to improve the understanding and management of X-linked Chronic Granulomatous Disease carriers, potentially leading to increased awareness and systematic monitoring.



Jing Yi Sun, MD, Kelly Colas, DO, PhD and Gabriel Mendoza, MD - Seattle, WA
Food Insecurity Screening and Support for Pediatric Allergy Patients in the Seattle Area

This project aims to develop a practical model for community allergists to identify food allergy patients who are at risk for food insecurity and to provide interventions that address these patients' unique challenges in gaining access to nutritious foods.

Want to learn more? Visit the ePoster presentations at the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL, to meet the authors. **Have a project idea you'd like to get funded?** Applications for the 2026 Community Grant Program opens this fall. Learn more at college.acaaai.org/grants.

College campaign on Type 2 inflammation wins coveted awards

ACAAI received two highly regarded awards for public information campaigns for "Understanding the Type 2 Inflammation Connection." This campaign and accompanying microsite are geared to primary care physicians as well as patients/parents dealing with conditions associated with type 2 inflammation. Find the microsite at acaai.org/health-care-providers-type2-connection/.



In July, the College received a National Health Information Award in the video category for the two animated videos within the campaign - The Adult Journey to EoE and The Child Journey to EoE. Find these on the College's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@allergists/videos.

In September, the College received a Publicity Club of Chicago Golden Trumpet Award for the entire campaign. In the city that serves as the hub of influential medical organizations as well as being the headquarters of prominent national health care PR agencies, this award places our campaign as a standout among many projects of national reach and significance.

Several leading experts on this topic from the College developed the educational content for the campaign

microsite, including: Michael Blaiss, MD; Justin Greiwe, MD; Todd Mahr, MD; Maureen Petersen, MD; Benjamin Prince, MD; Jonathan Spergel, MD; and J. Wesley Sublett, MD. Staff from the ACAAI communications and education teams planned and led the project in collaboration with Public Communications Inc.

This campaign was supported by Sanofi and Regeneron.



Working together – and it pays off *...continued from page 2*

Other advocacy issues we've worked on include opposing NIH cuts and defunding of the National Asthma Control Program; providing feedback on MVP/MIPS improvement; urging CMS to redefine the definition of a dose to match the CPT definition; supporting the Epipen Act and the PAVE Act; and supporting the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2025. The list goes on and on – and the important work of the Advocacy Council will continue in 2026. See more advocacy efforts at college.acaaai.org/advocacy/advocacy-alerts/.



and Optimizing Schedules. Find them at education.acaaai.org/aomodules.

Coming soon – the Employed Allergist toolkit will include resources and information to improve practice for employed allergists.

Community and Academic Partnership in Education and Research

Education



The College provides outstanding educational opportunities through the **College Learning Connection (CLC)**, and many of them are at no charge for members. New CLC offerings include 27 new MicroCME modules, our Food Allergy eYardstick and our first ever Patient Guide to the Food Allergy eYardstick. We launched an online Patch Testing Toolkit and the comprehensive online Drug Protocol Library. Subscribers to the CLC have reached almost 14,000, and last year the College provided CME credit to 3,000+ participants of the ABAI's MOC CAP program. Visit the CLC at education.acaaai.org.

Practice Management



We have expanded our **practice management resources** and tailored our offerings to distinct member groups with their unique needs in mind. We added four new prior authorization appeal letters (AYVAKIT/Mast Cell Disease, Neffy/Anaphylaxis, SMART/Asthma and Xolair/Food Allergy) to our Prior Authorization Toolkit. Our Perfecting Practice webinars have covered important topics related to billing and coding, augmented intelligence, and physician payment/reimbursement. Listen to these at education.acaaai.org/pmwebinars.

In addition, our Practice Management and FIT Committees collaborated on a two-part AllergyTalk podcast to help graduating FITs navigate their job search process, including important considerations for contract negotiation and choosing the right practice and career path. More FIT resources are in the Fit and New Allergist Toolkit.

Several Allergy Office Educational Modules have been updated: Billing Biologics, Staffing for Efficiency,



The first recipients of **The Community and Academic Partnership in Education and Research (CA²PER)**, were selected - Wanda

Phipatanakul, MD, MS, FAAAAI and Jordan E. Scott, MD. Their project is "Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Predict Side Effects and Treatment Outcomes in Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) for Patients With Food Allergies." We will be awarding another \$100,000 in grant funding in 2026. Letters of Inquiry are due by January 15, 2026. Visit college.acaaai.org/CA2PER to learn more.

Public Resources



To keep the public armed with factual information about allergic conditions, we have created or updated our online patient brochures, the ACAAI.org public website, and videos on the College's YouTube channel. In addition, the College contributes information to media stories and members are often interviewed for media articles. We push out information to patients where they are and encourage you to include our content in your communications with patients.

The Allergists' Foundation



The Allergists' Foundation Community Grant Program inspires practicing allergists to develop creative solutions for challenges related to allergy care within their communities. In 2025, six outstanding projects were selected for funding. Read about them on pages 19-20.

As we enter the last year of the College's three-year Vision Forward strategic plan in 2026, I am pleased to report that we are on track to meet all our goals. This year's Annual Meeting theme "Inspiring Vision" applies not only to the meeting, but also to our future strategic planning as we address short- and long-term needs and challenges.

ACAAI international speaker program spreads knowledge in the field

Each year, the College supports travel for one or more experts to speak at numerous international allergy/immunology meetings. During these meetings, our speakers present the latest information on a variety of important topics in the field. This program allows the College to support our peers around the world, to provide insights from U.S. practice to others, and to learn about research, trends and allergy practices in other parts of the world.

So far in 2025, our speakers have delivered scientific presentations at the following international meetings:

- XIII Georgian Congress on Allergy - Tbilisi, Georgia (David Stukus, MD)
- Sister Society Symposium at European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology - Glasgow, Scotland (Todd Mahr, MD; Gailen Marshall, MD; Cherie Zachary, MD)
- Philippine Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology - Manila (Niraj Patel, MD)
- World Allergy Training School - Tbilisi, Georgia (David Stukus, MD)

- World Allergy Training School - Azerbaijan (Mervat Nassef, MD)

Coming up this fall:

- Sister Society Symposium at Asian Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology - Jakarta, Indonesia (James Tracy, DO; Jeremy Katcher, MD; Cherie Zachary, MD)
- Brazilian Association of Allergy/Immunology - Goiania, Brazil (Vinh Nguyen, MD)
- Hong Kong Allergy Convention (Joseph Forester, MD)
- World Allergy Training School - Arusha, Tanzania (James Tracy, DO)

The 2026 travel schedule will be finalized at the end of this year from applications submitted over the summer. In addition, the World Allergy Training School program is a collaboration between ACAAI and the World Allergy Organization that works with emerging societies in various regions. In May 2026, individual countries' allergy/immunology societies will be invited to apply for College speaker support in 2027.

The College appreciates the time and dedication of our speakers who make the journey to far corners of the world, as well as the enormous hospitality of the host organizations in other countries, both of which are so important to the success of this program.



Drs. Todd Mahr, Gailen Marshall and Cherie Zachary attend the 2025 EAACI meeting in Glasgow, Scotland

Dr. Richard W. Weber to be awarded the 2025 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 Richard W. Weber, MD, FAAAAI. The award will be presented during the Opening Announcements at the AAAAAI 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Biography provided by Dr. Weber

"I am sincerely honored to receive the AAAAAI 2025 Gold Headed Cane Award. I have been a Fellow of the College since 1983. My 40 years of College activity have been filled with reward and a strong sense of connection. My mentors are many who are Gold Headed Cane recipients. I am grateful for their kindness and guidance.

I received my medical degree from the University of Wisconsin- Madison in 1969, with internship at Brooke Army Medical Center (AMC), San Antonio, Texas (1969-70). My internal medicine residency was at Tripler AMC in Honolulu, Hawaii from 1973-76, and my allergy/immunology fellowship at Fitzsimons AMC, Aurora, Colorado under the excellent Dr. Hal Nelson (1976-78). Fitzsimons was linked to the University of Colorado and National Jewish Health (NJH) programs with Fellows-in-Training (FITs) rotating through all three facilities. I retired from active patient care in 2018 and am Professor Emeritus at NJH.

I served in the U.S. Army for 23 years. I received three Army Commendation medals, a Legion of Merit medal, and a Meritorious Service medal. I was the Allergy/Immunology Consultant for the U.S. Army and Department of Defense. At Fitzsimons, I was Training Director for the Allergy/Clinical Immunology Fellowship Program (1986-89) and Co-director (1991-93). I was Co-training Director for the University of Michigan program (1989-91). At NJH, I was Training Director

(2001-04) and Associate Director (2004-12). I was Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Science Center. As Training Director, I trained 48 FITs. As Associate Director, I was involved with another 32.

With the College I served as Secretary (1987-88), Vice-President (2010-11), President-elect (2011-12), and President (2012-13). I was on the Board of Regents (1998-2001 and 2010-15) and Executive Committee (1999-2001 and 2010-2015). I served as AAAAAI Foundation President (2016-20). I have been a member of more than 20 committees, including: Aerobiology (Chair, 1985-98, 2002-10); Scientific Council (1988-98, 2001-10); Recertification (Chair, 1994-2001, Vice-Chair, 2001-5); FIT Bowl Planning (1991-2025); Annual Meeting Program (2001-05, 2010-16); and Annual Meeting Abstract Review (1995-98, 2001-05, 2009-25).

From 1992-1995, I worked with Dr. Peter Boggs on Satellite Literature Review and Satellite Journal Club. I was involved with the inception of the FIT Bowl and continue on its planning committee. I gave the Bela Schick lecture in 2002, received the Distinguished Fellow Award in 2003, Distinguished Service Award in 2008, and Service Excellence Award for being cover editor of Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology from 2000-2015.

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American College of Allergy Asthma & Immunology
Gold Headed Cane
Lifetime Achievement Award

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I participated on the Communication Council of the World Allergy Organization (WAO). This involved conferences in Mexico, Republic of China, Taiwan, UAE, India, Bangladesh and Poland. I interacted with the EAACI with meetings in Geneva, Milan and Vilnius.

I served on committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER): Allergenic Products Advisory Committee (2011-2015) and Pulmonary & Allergy Drug Advisory Committee (2015-2019). I also served on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Allergy and Clinical Immunology Subcommittee Center Grant Application Review in 1988.

In 1999, I was on the American Lung Association Research Grant Application Review Committee. I've had Visiting Professorships in 12 stateside institutions, as well as Kuwait and Germany (1987-2017). I've authored or co-authored more than 275 articles and 35 book chapters and continue with writing and editing.

I've had a full and rewarding medical career, filled with exceptional exposures, opportunities, and people. I am thankful for the opportunity to have met a number of extraordinary clinicians and academicians. I've learned a great deal, and hope that I've been successfully able to share this knowledge with others."



New resource page on the College member website

The College has recently made it easier to find the latest information on respiratory disease outbreaks and recommended vaccines, curated from authoritative medical and scientific sources.

Visit the Outbreak and Vaccine Resource Center on the College member website homepage (college.acaa.org). You'll find up-to-date, curated links and references for:

- **Outbreak information & monitoring**
 - Reporting and surveillance of respiratory illness outbreaks and trends
 - Links to CDC's weekly surveillance and Morbidity and Mortality Reports
 - Outbreak monitoring tools from AAFP, AMA, HHS, WHO, various state public health agencies, and others
 - The latest guidance regarding specific illnesses
- **Vaccine recommendations**
 - Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults are provided. The AAP schedule now differs from the CDC schedule.

- Actions and decisions of HHS, CDC and ACIP are monitored, and background is provided on actions and decisions from these federal agencies/committees regarding changes to vaccine recommendations.

- **Vaccine safety communications**

This section is regularly updated and includes resources from AAP, CDC, AMA, WHO, and others.

- Resources are provided for understanding and addressing vaccine hesitancy among patients and caregivers.

Getting Started

1. Go to college.acaa.org.
2. For the **Outbreak and Vaccine Resource Center**, see the featured item on the College homepage.

We've got your back.

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- To address commercial insurance carrier issues
- To oppose cuts to NIH research grants



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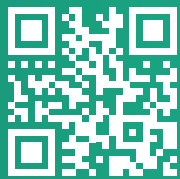


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