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What is a PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is a group of people who have similar views about government policy and who target their resources to support candidates who share their concerns. PACs are regulated by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and must file periodic reports with the FEC detailing both contributions received and contributions made to particular candidates. All contributions totaling more than \$200 annually are a matter of public record, as are the PAC's contributions to specific candidates.



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Why Does Internal Medicine Need a PAC?

Every day, elected officials in Washington make decisions that affect you and your patients. Reforming the Medicare physician payment system, expanding access to healthcare, and reducing regulatory hassles all pose significant challenges for the profession. To more effectively influence the development of federal healthcare policy on Capitol Hill, internists need to consolidate their political clout. That is why ACP Services created a political action committee—to help support the election of candidates who are sympathetic to the interests of internal medicine.

What is ACP Services PAC?

ACP Services PAC is the political action committee sponsored by the American College of Physicians Services, Inc. It is a voluntary, nonpartisan political organization established in 2004 to increase the participation of internists and internal medicine subspecialists in the electoral process and enable the specialty to play a more active role in the development of federal policy on healthcare.

How Does ACP Services PAC Work?

ACP Services PAC is administered by a board of directors consisting of politically active members of ACP Services. The PAC's board of directors researches and analyzes congressional candidates and determines who the PAC should support. ACP Services PAC targets its contributions to those candidates who are in a position to play a key role in the formulation of healthcare legislation and who have a track record of support on issues of concern to internists and their patients.

Contribution decisions are based on carefully developed guidelines for candidate support, designed to ensure that internists' contributions to the PAC are spent wisely. Primary factors determining whether a contribution is made to an incumbent, for example, are the position the candidate holds in the Congress, including committee assignments, and voting record. Political party affiliation is not a consideration. ACP Services PAC solicits recommendations from PAC members as part of its candidate selection process.

How Can ACP Services PAC Help Internal Medicine?

By coordinating and targeting individual member contributions, ACP Services PAC can:

- Improve the practice environment by working to elect candidates to federal office who understand and support the concerns of internists and their patients. With our input, members of Congress will be able to make more informed decisions.
- Increase the visibility and influence of internal medicine on Capitol Hill by making internists' views known during the election process.
- Educate members of Congress about the unique characteristics of the specialty of internal medicine and our commitment to improving the healthcare of all Americans.
- Promote internists' participation in the political process and increase their understanding of how the process works. By involving more internists and internal medicine subspecialists in the political process, ACP Services PAC enhances the grassroots participation of internists around the country who serve as “advocates” on behalf of the specialty by maintaining regular communication with their congressional representatives on issues important to internists and their patients.

Why Should I Join ACP Services PAC?

Consider the following reasons why you and other internists should support the PAC:

- **There is strength in numbers.** Participation in ACP Services PAC enables you to have a greater impact on the political process than you could have by acting alone. By pooling the contributions of individual internists and supporting candidates friendly to internal medicine, ACP Services PAC becomes a stronger and more effective force on behalf of internal medicine.

- **It's politically smart.** When you and your colleagues contribute to ACP Services PAC, your combined support serves as a constant reminder to members of Congress that the largest specialty of medicine is committed to political action across the country and to improving healthcare for all Americans.
- **You will be an active participant.** By joining ACP Services PAC, you will receive reports on the PAC's activities and legislative developments affecting internal medicine. You will also have the opportunity to represent the specialty at local fundraisers and meetings with congressional officials.
- **You will improve the future for Internal Medicine.** The specialty's future rests in large part in the hands of our nation's politicians. The decisions they make on healthcare will affect your ability to provide quality care to patients. With ACP Services PAC, you can help elect qualified men and women to make those critical decisions.

What Can I Do to Help?

Direct contributions to ACP Services PAC are the most convenient, effective means of assuring that internists and internal medicine subspecialists play a key role in the electoral process. Your financial contribution will be used to support candidates for federal office who understand and represent the concerns of practicing internists and their patients.

To become an annual member of the PAC, please complete the attached contribution form and return it with your **personal** check or credit card contribution to:

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