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American College of
Preventive Medicine

Who

we are...

*Leaders in Science, Practice, and
Policy of Preventive Medicine*





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What is Preventive Medicine?

Preventive Medicine is practiced by all physicians to keep their patients healthy. It is also a

unique medical specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). Preventive Medicine encompasses multiple “population-based” and clinical approaches to health care. Preventive Medicine, offering board certification in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine, Aerospace Medicine, and Occupational Medicine is defined by a set of core competencies including:

- Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- Management, Administration, and Policy
- Clinical Preventive Medicine
- Occupational and Environmental Health

What do Preventive Medicine physicians do?

Physicians board certified in Preventive Medicine hold a variety of positions, such as:

- Chief medical officers of private corporations
- Directors and program managers in federal/state/local health agencies
- Executives for multi-national NGOs
- Professors and department chairs at medical and public health colleges
- Prevention and quality specialists within health plans and other healthcare organizations

Career paths include:

- Public Health
- Managed Care
- Occupational Medicine
- Aerospace Medicine
- Clinical Medicine
- Informatics
- Policy Development
- Academic Medicine
- International Medicine
- Research

While Preventive Medicine physicians work in a variety of settings, they share the common goal of looking at systemic and population-based interventions to improve the health of individuals. For example, ACPM members assess the health status of various populations, including underserved/vulnerable populations, design systematic approaches to strengthen the delivery of preventive services, lead terrorism/disaster preparedness and response efforts for local communities and worksites, and identify and abate workplace hazards, to name just a few.



How does ACPM inform the field of Preventive Medicine?

American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) /

This rapidly growing, peer-reviewed journal, co-sponsored by ACPM, contains original research articles, reviews, and correspondence on all aspects of preventive medicine practice, teaching and research.

ACPM Headlines / This semi-monthly electronic newsletter highlights ACPM activities, reports on new preventive medicine research and health policy developments, and profiles ACPM member activities.

Time Tools / This exclusive ACPM product line offers clinical practitioners brief, yet authoritative guidance on today's most vexing health problems, emphasizing the preventive side of the continuum of care.

Medscape PiP / ACPM partners with Medscape to provide a monthly "Perspectives in Prevention" column addressing topics of concern to physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Website / ACPM's website, www.acpm.org, provides information on and access to:

- Evidence-based clinical and community preventive services
- Educational programs and meetings
- Continuing Medical Education/Maintenance of Certification opportunities
- ACPM policy positions and practice guidelines
- Legislative issues and ACPM advocacy
- Preventive Medicine Residency Programs
- Continuous feeds from Medscape's prevention web pages

How does ACPM advocate for Preventive Medicine?

ACPM advocates for public policies consistent with the scientific principles of the specialty of preventive medicine. ACPM is a vigorous proponent of prevention in the healthcare system and works actively on Capitol Hill, through its on-line grass roots advocacy tool, within the AMA House of Delegates, and as part of a broad range of coalitions promoting:

- Support of postgraduate training in preventive medicine
- Universal access to effective clinical preventive services
- Funding of the public health system
- Worksite disease prevention & health promotion
- Accountability of healthcare organizations for improving the health of populations
- Prevention research

How does ACPM promote graduate and continuing medical education for its members?

Preventive Medicine annual meeting series /

ACPM's annual meeting is the nation's premier medical professional meeting addressing issues in disease prevention and health promotion. The meeting focuses on six core areas:

- Clinical Preventive Medicine
- Quality Improvement
- Teaching Preventive Medicine
- Public Health
- Prevention Policy
- Career Development

Preventive Medicine Board Review Course |

ACPM's annual Review Course helps physicians prepare for the American Board of Preventive Medicine's certifying examination and provides an update and refresher in preventive medicine for physicians looking to maintain certification in the specialty. The Review Course covers the specialty areas:

- Public Health/General Preventive Medicine
- Occupational Medicine
- Aerospace Medicine

And the subspecialties:

- Medical Toxicology
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine

Continuing Medicine Education/Maintenance of Certification |

ACPM is an accredited provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME) and a leading provider of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit for Preventive Medicine physicians and other physicians. ACPM offers CME/MOC credits at both the *Preventive Medicine* annual meeting and the Preventive Medicine Board Review Course.

ACPM's CME/MOC Center, available online at ACPM's website, allows preventive medicine physicians to gain valuable knowledge and skills at a time and location convenient to them.

The CME/MOC Center showcases conference and slide presentations specially configured for web delivery. The Center also offers various webcasts and education modules, as well as other continuously updated educational content.



Graduate Medical Education |

ACPM provides robust support for graduate medical education (GME) in Preventive Medicine. ACPM's GME program includes an annual workshop for Preventive Medicine residency (PMR) directors, a PMR "How To" manual, a complete directory of PMR programs, and an in-service exam for residents to assess their training progress and gaps.

How does ACPM advance the science and practice of Preventive Medicine?

ACPM's members represent Preventive Medicine in the national and international arena, including on advisory panels, forums, and task forces, serving as a major source of expertise in disease prevention and health promotion.

ACPM works diligently to be the source of information, education and advocacy for preventive medicine and public health.



For more information on the American College of Preventive Medicine or for membership eligibility requirements, please visit www.acpm.org.

Established in 1954, the American College of Preventive Medicine is the national professional society for physicians committed to health promotion and disease prevention.

ACPM's members are engaged in Preventive Medicine practice, teaching, and research. Specialists in preventive medicine are uniquely trained in both clinical medicine and public health. ACPM members occupy leadership positions in:

- Federal, state and local public health agencies
- Primary care settings and healthcare delivery organizations
- Corporate worksites
- Research and academic institutions
- NGOs and global health organizations
- Military and other uniformed services



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