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ACP Membership Benefits Assessment Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey - we have had a great response rate of 25% and will share the results with you in an upcoming **VeinLine** eNewsletter. The survey will be kept open until the end of April to gather more responses and to obtain a higher response rate. If you haven't completed the survey yet, ***we do want to hear from you.*** Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey which can be accessed [here](#). Thank you again for your ongoing support and participation.

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Phlebology Review Course: Online in 2010

The **2010 Phlebology Review Course** is available online, which provides you with the ability to study at your own pace at the location of your choice -- *without having to travel*. The course covers the anticipated topics of importance on the Board Certification Exam to be administered by the American Board of Phlebology next month. Please visit the [ACP Meetings Section](#) for additional course information. For registration details, [click here](#).

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Coding and Reimbursement: Insurance Policy Website Links

Insurers change policies all the time. To help ACP members stay current with the latest changes, the **Coding & Reimbursement Committee** has compiled a list of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance site links for your records. The document will be distributed via email in the next week. Since it is a working document, please submit additions, changes or adjustments as needed. We will be compiling more insurance policy links from other major insurers. If you have website links that you want to share, please submit them to membership@acpmail.org.

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Online Video Library

The ACP is proud to announce the **new Online Video Library** consisting of videos which, in the past, have only been available during the ACP Annual Congress. A total of twenty-six videos are organized into four different categories: Diagnosis and Evaluation, Treatment, Fundamental Principles of Phlebology, and Archives. A special thank you goes out to the following individuals who helped create this online library: Dr's. James Altizer, Daniel Eisen, Richard Vazquez, Robert Mueller, and William Torres. Please visit the [Education section of the website](#) to start viewing the library today. Comments or questions should be sent to ddeponzi@acpmail.org.

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Advancing Vein Care through Research

ACP's mission is to **Advance Vein Care**. With the help of the ACP Foundation, Jobst (BSN Medical), and the de Groot Fund, more than \$150,000.00 in funds are available for phlebology research. Visit the [ACP website](#) for grant details and application forms.

Did you have an idea for a compression study? Jobst (BSN Medical) and ACP have a grant available for that project. Visit the [ACP website](#) for details on this and other research grants.

Did you know that ACP gives In-Practice Grants for Phlebology Research?

Physicians who have a busy practice, but still have dreams of enhancing their academic and scientific sides, can do so with the help of ACP's In-Practice Grant. Some topics of study could be: foam sclerotherapy studies, compression stockings--post and pre treatment studies, or ultrasound guided treatments. Visit the [ACP website](#) for details on this and other research grants.

ACP recognizes Walter P. de Groot for his efforts advancing the specialty of phlebology. In his honor, several opportunities are available for young physicians, new to phlebology, to subsidize their education.

- **For US Physicians:** The de Groot Clinical Fellowship allows physicians to create a course of study that can include preceptorships, conferences, observerships or other training programs. For example, one de Groot Fellow used the money to travel to the UIP meeting in France, providing an opportunity to visit and connect with ACP members in France and Europe.

For details and applications, please visit the [ACP website](#).

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Online Abstract Database

Abstracts from past Annual Congresses (2004-2009) are available through an online database available **only** to ACP members. Search the database for specific terms such as keywords, titles or author names. You must be logged in to the Members Only Section of the website to view the full abstracts! [Search the database here](#).

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Preceptorship Program

Do you know of someone who is looking for more training in phlebology?

The ACP Phlebology Preceptorship Program has been designed to improve public health by facilitating the matching of healthcare providers with phlebologists so they can receive training in a clinical setting. The goal is to enhance the provider's knowledge in specific areas that the provider feels he/she needs. For more details, please visit the Education section of the ACP website under TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES or [click here](#).

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Looking for a Job, Services or Equipment?

Visit ACP's [Job Board](#) and [Classifieds Section](#). Have something to list? Please complete the form or email membership@acpmail.org!

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ACP and ABPh to Exhibit at IVC in May

The ACP will have a booth at the International Vein Congress (IVC) in Miami, FL from May 13-15, 2010. ACP staff will be available to discuss the benefits of membership and answer questions. Please stop by and introduce a colleague to the ACP.

The American Board of Phlebology is preparing for the 2011 phlebology board exam, to be administered by Pearson Vue from April 16-23, 2011 at test centers nationwide. Stop by the ABPh exhibit booth for more information on the exam and new application options. For further exam details, please visit the [ABPh website](#).

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ACP Foundation Update



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FOUNDATION

Thanks to the supporters of the ACP Foundation the following projects were funded this past year:

- ACP Phlebology Fellowship Training Program (UCSD)
- Professional Education (ACCME application process)
- Professional Education (Advanced Sclerotherapy Course – Las Vegas)
- Professional Education (ACP Annual Congress)
- Professional Education (HD Video Editing)
- Professional Education (Physicians in Training Scholarships to attend Congress)
- Professional Education (ACP Speakers Bureau)
- Research (Research in Practice, Research Trainee, & Junior Faculty)
- Research (Consensus Document on Foam Sclerotherapy)
- Public Education (Grants for Insurance Medical Directors to attend Congress)
- Professional Education (Hemodynamics Courses)
- Public Education (ACP Public Awareness Campaign)
- Professional Education (Leadership Development Training Programs)

For further information about the ACP Foundation, [visit their website](#).

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ACP Using Technology to Keep You Informed



Are you using Twitter? Then follow the ACP @Vein_Health.

Have you loaded the ACP Widget on your website?

The ACP widget is a user-friendly, citizen-centric social media enhanced widget surrounding vein care. This widget provides ACP members with an additional real-time knowledge base of information to share with patients and others interested in learning more about vein disease and vein treatment.

Benefits to the ACP **WIDGET**

(A widget is anything that can be embedded within a page of HTML, i.e. a web page.

A widget adds content to that page that is not static.)

- Allows patients and caregivers a chance to learn more about vein care, treatment options and industry news
- The widget is updated with timely and relevant ACP and Phlebology news
- The widget can be downloaded to your desktop and/or shared as a link across various channels (Facebook pages, Twitter, email, etc.)
- The widget will help members address new audiences and patient referrals with timely and important content patients seek
- A tool for members to utilize on their websites, enforcing the concerns and information surrounding vein care

To access the widget via a sharable [link](#).

To install the widget on [your desktop](#).

Questions? Contact [Linda Chreno](#).

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