

The Impact of Rising Drug Costs on Patients: An ACP Perspective

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Who is ACP?

- ACP is the largest medical specialty organization and the second largest physician group in the United States.
- 141,000 members: internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students.
- IM physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness

Why is ACP part of CSRxP?

- In Washington, we engage in policy debates that are incredibly important, but the real world impact of these issues does not occur until many years later.
- But... high prescription drug prices are creating barriers to patients getting the care they need.
- ACP wants to work together to come up with common sense, private market solutions, to hit the trifecta – lower costs, improved access, and patient safety.

About me...

- Professor of Medicine and Chairman, Department of Medicine and Director, MU Center for Health Ethics at the University Of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia, Missouri.
- Practicing internal medicine and geriatrics specialist.
- And here is how the issue of high prescription drug prices has impacted my patients directly...