

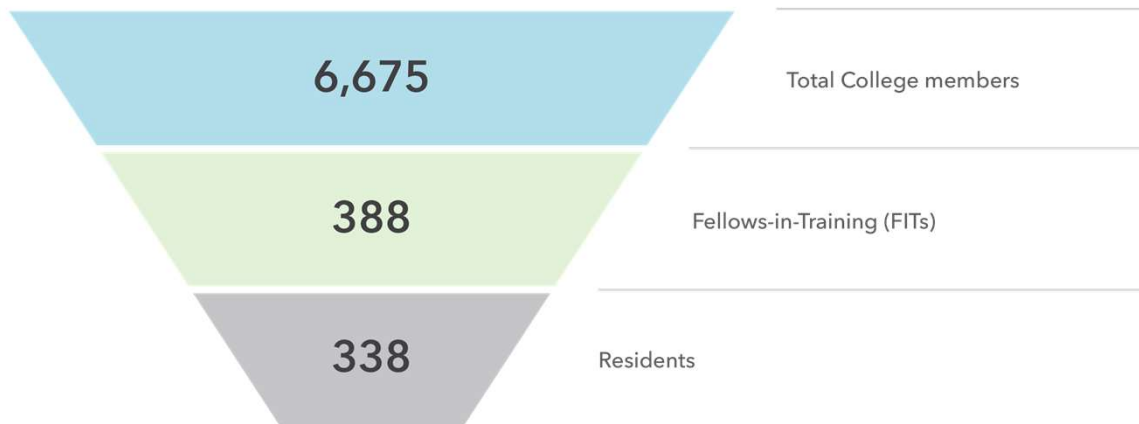
The College's commitment to training programs and FITs

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AAAAI President



The College

A group of like-minded allergists-immunologists who are dedicated to improving patient care in allergy, asthma and immunology through research, education and advocacy.



Do you have FITs that aren't currently College members?

Joining is easy – and even better, free for FITs!

- Visit college.acaai.org/fellow-in-training

Why join the College?

- Free and discounted resources, including board review tools, clinical webinars, videos, podcasts, and toolkits
- Subscriptions to *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*, AllergyWatch, College Insider and College Advantage
- Access to DocMatter, our secure online community for clinical discussions and networking
- Opportunities to get involved in the College
- Travel scholarships to the Annual Scientific Meeting
- Ability to apply for ACAAI and Foundation-provided grants



First- and Second-Year Dues-Paying Members

71%



Of graduated FITs continued their College memberships and paid their (discounted) first-year dues.

88%



Of recently-graduated FITs then continued their memberships for a second year.



FIT Representation

- Two FITs serve on the Board of Regents – **Kylie Jungles, MD**, senior FIT representative; and **Amber Hardeman, MD, MPH, MBA**, junior FIT representative.
- There are 10 regional FIT representatives.
- FITs play a vital role on College committees.



Dr. Kylie Jungles



Dr. Amber Hardeman



FIT Support

- Variety of Board review resources available.
- FIT programs at the Annual Meeting.
- More than 200 FIT Scholarships are provided for travel to the Annual Meeting each year.
- FIT column in College Advantage: Written by the senior FIT representative, it focuses on topics relevant to FITs.
- FIT and New Allergist Toolkit helps new allergists get started in practice.
- Patch Test Training Scholarships



Annual Meeting: Focusing on FITs

- **FIT educational sessions**
 - Designed specifically to address topics of relevance, including aspects of the transition to practice.
- **Meetings and Networking Events for FITs and Program Directors**
 - Presenters are often early-career allergists who share their valuable experiences.
- **FIT Bowl**
 - Teams test their knowledge, cleverness, ability to listen and quickly respond to questions in this fast-paced event.
- **Scholarly opportunities**
 - Research Abstracts and Medically Challenges Cases, ePoster presentations



Annual Clemens von Pirquet Awards – 2024 Recipients



Krishnan D. Chhiba, MD, PhD, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL – first place for the abstract “Transcriptomic Responses to Dietary Elimination in Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) Across Adult and Pediatric Populations.”



Phillip J. Link, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN – second place for the abstract “Characterization of Patients with Positive Anti-IgA Antibodies.”



Charlene M. Dunaway Altamirano, MD, PhD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA – third place for the abstract “Food Allergy in a Pediatric Cohort from Honduras: Relevance of Cross-reactive Carbohydrate Determinants.”



SPARK Program



- Developed to “spark” an interest in allergy/immunology for residents.
- \$1,500 is awarded to help cover expenses for three days at the Annual Meeting.
- Each SPARK awardee is paired with a mentor during the meeting and beyond: FITs are recruited to serve as mentors.
- 2024: There were 22 SPARK Awards.



2024 Scholarships and Awards

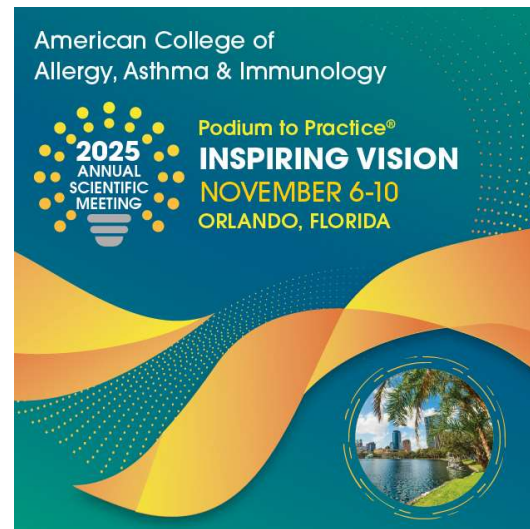
Information on **2025 travel scholarships** and awards will be available in the spring.

Look for emails and stay tuned to our weekly e-newsletter (College Insider) and our print newsletter (College Advantage) for details.



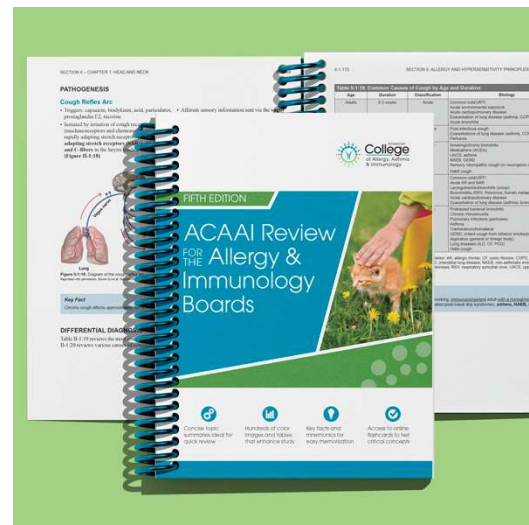
2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

- **Nov. 6 – 10 in Orlando, Florida**
- Programs and workshops to enhance skills, plus a special track and activities just for FITs.
- Prime opportunities to network and interact with colleagues.
- 306 FITs attended the 2024 meeting in Boston.



Board Review Resources

- **New! ACAAI Board Review Book, 5th Ed.**
 - Available in print and online (over 500 pages).
 - Revamped content to align ABAI Blueprint
 - Key facts, tables, images, mnemonics
 - More than 600 eFlashcards
- **AIM Self-Assessment Volumes 1 & 2:**
 - More than 100 cased-based study questions per volume
 - Includes rationales and references

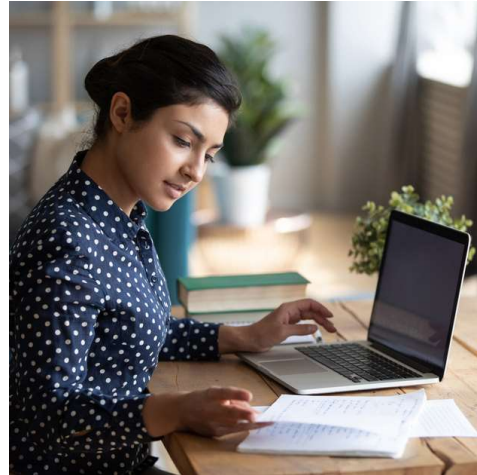


education.acaaai.org/FITresources



More Board Review Resources

- **FIT Board Review Corner** has hundreds of study questions covering A/I textbook content.
- **Joint Board Review Course Online**
 - Semi-annual, 30+ hours of content
 - 64 video lectures, intensive practice questions



The College's CLC – education that's easy to access

- The **College Learning Connection** features more than 600 hours of instruction!
- Most content is **FREE** for College members.
- Online toolkits, webinars, AllergyTalk podcasts, microlearning, interactive eParameters and eYardsticks.
- Access anytime, anywhere at **education.acaai.org**.

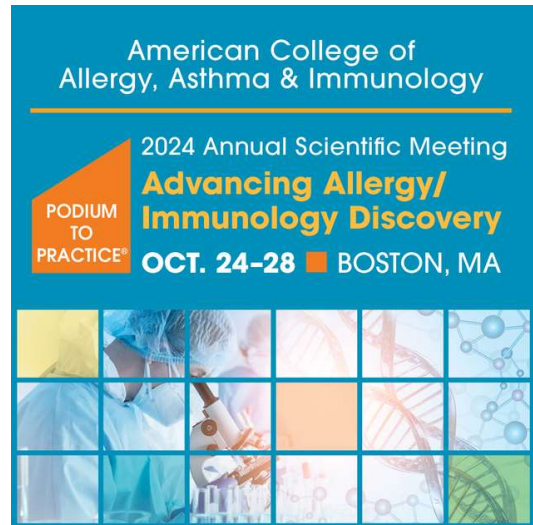


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Annual Scientific Meeting On Demand

- If you attended the 2024 meeting in Boston or via the Livestream program, access to On Demand content (up to 60 CME hours) is free.
- Those who didn't attend can purchase On Demand packages.
- Go to education.acaai.org/ondemand.



Practice Management 101

More than 20 toolkits with vital resources for allergists.

- **FIT and New Allergist Toolkit** – provides all the resources needed to get started in practice, plus help choosing and negotiating FITs first positions allergists.
- **Relative Value Unit (RVU) Toolkit** – demystifies this complicated topic – especially important for FITs negotiating new contracts.
- **Other toolkits** on coding, allergen extract mixing, prior authorizations and more.

college.acaai.org/practice-management



Community Grant Program

- Awarded 25 grants (\$400,000) since the program began in 2021.
- Planning Grants: Up to \$10,000 for 12 months.
- Implementation Grants: Up to \$25,000 for 12 – 24 months.
- Letters of Inquiry due Feb. 17, 2025.

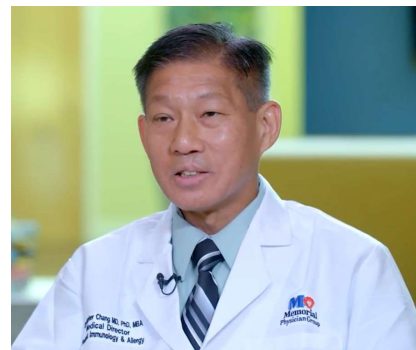


Visit college.acaai.org/grants to learn more



Program Directors (GME) Committee

- Supports and responds to the needs of training programs and FITs.
- Strengthens the relationship between training programs, FITs and the College.
- Focuses on emergent needs of new practitioners.
- Expands outreach to residents.



Dr. Christopher Chang,
Committee Chair



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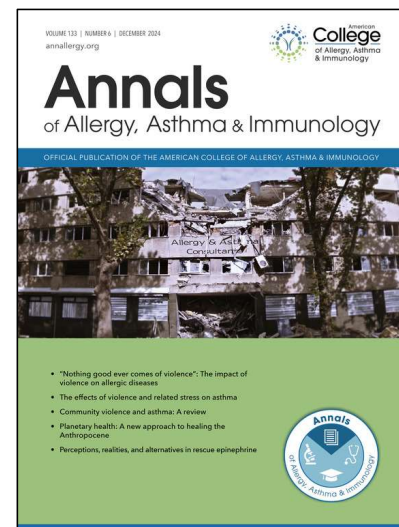
The Committee oversees:

- SPARK Program
- Patch Test Training Scholarship Program
- AIM Self-Assessment Program
- ACAAI Review for the Allergy & Immunology Boards



Annals FIT Award

- Recognizes the best article in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology* published by a FIT.
- FITs who publish the best article (original research or review) in *Annals* will receive a cash award of up to \$2,500.
- Program Directors can nominate worthy FITs.
- Details coming soon about the 2025 award.



Partnership Programs



- Pairs FITs, medical students, residents and fellows with opportunities to learn in real-world, allergy office settings.
- Learn more at education.acaai.org/CAPE



- Brings together academic and community allergist to conduct practice-based translational research.
- Eight Letters of Intent were submitted for this program's first year.
- Learn more at college.acaai.org/get-involved/ca2per_program



Career Resources

Career Center – post an open position or look for career opportunities (jobs.acaai.org).

Job Fair – held each year at the ACAAI Annual Meeting.

Resolve – professional services for physicians on employment contracts, including navigating and negotiating salary and benefits. College members receive a discount! (resolve.com/pricing/acaai)

MGMA Survey - The College partners with MGMA to collect allergy-specific compensation data – including breakouts for academic vs. community practice data. Please complete the survey. FITs regularly ask the College for compensation data! Get the survey link via College emails or Insider newsletter.

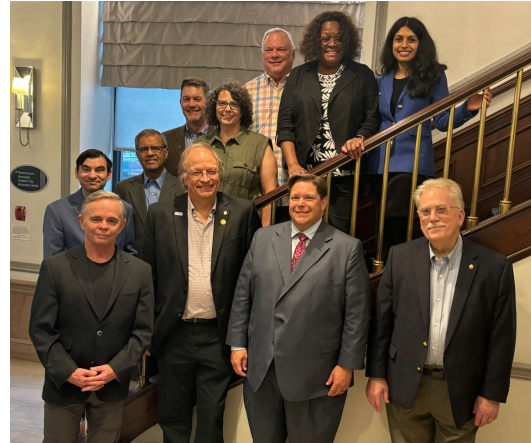


We're working for you

The College and Advocacy Council advocate for the practicing allergist on critical issues affecting our specialty:

- Medicare reimbursement
- 95165 issues
- Prior authorization burdens
- Inhaler price issues
- Narrow networks/Step therapy

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



2024 Strike Force in Washington, DC



How YOU can get involved

- If you are not already a member, join the College at college.acaai.org/join.
- Apply to join the Program Directors (GME) Committee.
- Get involved in any of the College's other committees.
- Express interest in serving on the Nominating Council (always includes one PD).
- Propose topics and present or moderate Annual Meeting sessions.



The College is focused on your needs

We are proud to be a full partner in bringing this meeting and today's sessions to you.

