

# ACGIM

## *Leaders in General Internal Medicine*

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **What is ACGIM?**

ACGIM is an organization of leaders of General Internal Medicine which next year celebrate its tenth year. The organization's purpose is to provide professional development through leadership and management training for leaders of General Internal Medicine and to provide forums in which to exchange information.

#### **Is ACGIM just for Chiefs of General Internal Medicine?**

Absolutely not! While originally consisting primarily of chiefs and division directors, the association has evolved to the primary purpose of serving the many leaders who are General Internists.

#### **What kind of leaders, who are not chiefs, are benefiting from membership of ACGIM?**

We have many. These include leaders of hospitalist, clinical, research and, educational programs.

#### **What does membership to ACGIM offer to these leaders?**

As a member of ACGIM, you are part of a national network of GIM leaders who regularly communicate through list serves, networking opportunities, and leadership training programs. In addition, ACGIM offers a website with its resources such as past survey data, announcement of position openings, funding opportunities, and research awards. The organization also publishes a quarterly leadership newsletter. ACGIM has opportunities for mentoring programs for individual leaders, and a site visit program that can help enhance the work of Divisions of General Medicine.

#### **What are those meetings?**

ACGIM hosts two meetings per year that offer training in administration, management and leadership. The Chief's Summit held every December in Scottsdale, Arizona. The two-day meeting brings in national experts to discuss pertinent topics. Prior topics have included:

- Understanding Care Transitions As A Process
- The Patient-Centered Medical Home In An Academic Internal Medicine Practice
- Interventions To Improve Patient Safety During Transitions

Each spring, ACGIM hosts the Leon Hess Leadership and Management Institute, which is held immediately prior to the spring annual SGIM meeting. This offers an unparalleled opportunity to network with a community of leaders devoted to GIM.

<http://www.acgim.org> for more information