

# Guide for International Attendees

March 30-April 1, 2017  
San Diego, California





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Dear International Attendees:

Welcome to the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2017 in scenic and sunny San Diego, California. I hope you enjoy your time at the meeting, as it provides you with multiple opportunities to refresh your internal medicine knowledge, sharpen your practice management skills, and network with colleagues from around the world.

This guide provides useful information for travel to the United States and tips to get the most out of the Internal Medicine Meeting.

Thank you for attending the meeting and for your membership in ACP. If you are not an ACP member, I encourage you to stop by the Resource Center to learn more about the benefits of becoming a member. The Resource Center also has information about ACP's wide variety of valuable products and services to assist you.

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For more information on Internal Medicine Meeting 2017, please visit  
[im2017.acponline.org](http://im2017.acponline.org)

For more information on travel to San Diego, CA, please visit  
[www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org)



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### Special offerings for international attendees:

#### International Reception

Marriott Marquis, San Diego Marina • San Diego Ballroom • Thursday, March 30, 2017 • 8:00-9:30 p.m.

International attendees and their guests are invited to socialize and network with leaders from ACP and internal medicine societies from around the world.

#### International Forum: Reducing Overuse and Misuse: High Value Care and Choosing Wisely

Convention Center • Room 6C • Friday, March 31, 2017 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Eleventh Annual ACP International Forum will provide an opportunity for ACP leaders and leaders of internal medicine from around the world to discuss an important topic of interest to all internists. The topic of the forum will be "Reducing Overuse and Misuse: High Value Care and Choosing Wisely." A moderator will lead a panel of four to six international physicians in commenting on key questions pertaining to the Forum's theme, followed by a discussion by all attendees. Please note that space is limited. To register for this event, please visit [im2017.acponline.org/special-events](http://im2017.acponline.org/special-events).



The following courses, sponsored by the ACP International Council, will be held in the San Diego Convention Center.

#### Project ECHO: Linking Rural and Underserved Populations to Improve Care for Patients with Hepatitis C

March 31, 2017 • 9:30-10:30 a.m. • Room 8

#### An International Perspective on Management of Diabetes and Obesity

March 31, 2017 • 2:15-3:45 p.m. • Room 6A

#### Dementia: An International Challenge for Internal Medicine Physicians Now and Beyond

April 1, 2017 • 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Room 6C





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### Tips to Get the Most Out of the Internal Medicine Meeting

#### Immediately After You Register:

**Review the meeting program** as early as possible and **register for ticketed sessions**—onsite availability for certain sessions will be extremely limited.

**Review the list of Pre-Courses** available on Tuesday and Wednesday, and register for any that interest you. Pre-Course information can be found at [im2017.acponline.org/educational-program/pre-session-courses](http://im2017.acponline.org/educational-program/pre-session-courses).

Contact the ACP International Programs department at [internationaloffice@acponline.org](mailto:internationaloffice@acponline.org) if you require a letter for your visa application.

#### Before the Meeting:

Familiarize yourself with the various types of activities, whether they are educational activities, oral sessions, poster discussion sessions, etc. Download the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2017 app (available in February). The app will include the full listing of sessions and events, allowing you to build a personal schedule for the meeting.



Electronic handouts will be available online at [www.acponline.org/handouts/2017](http://www.acponline.org/handouts/2017).

#### At the Meeting:

Stop by the **ACP Resource Center**, located in the exhibit hall, to learn more about the benefits of membership and other ACP resources, as well as eligibility for ACP Fellowship.

**Complimentary boxed lunches** are provided Thursday and Friday in the exhibit hall in addition to daily morning and afternoon refreshment

breaks (10:30-11:15 a.m. - coffee break; 12:45-2:15 p.m. - lunch; 3:45-4:30 p.m. - afternoon refreshment break).



A rich roster of events, programs, and ancillary events are offered throughout the meeting for **medical students, resident/fellows, and early career physicians**. Be sure to visit the Hospitality Area in the Convention Center.

**Visit the Herbert S. Waxman Clinical Skills Center**, which offers a dynamic collection of educational activities that provide hands-on learning and interactive self-study. You must register for the Clinical Skills Center activities in advance—there will be no onsite registration. Registration is free to attendees but is limited to one ticket per activity with a maximum of five tickets per attendee. Hours of operation are Thursday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, March 31, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the **"Internal Medicine 2017 Highlights"** session, in which there will be a review of key presentations from the meeting on April 1, 2017, from 5:15-6:30 p.m.

#### After The Meeting:

**Don't forget to complete the online form to obtain CME** at [im2017.acponline.org/educational-program/earn-cme-credit](http://im2017.acponline.org/educational-program/earn-cme-credit).

Electronic certificates of attendance will be available after the meeting. You will receive an e-mail communication following the meeting outlining the additional steps to obtain your certificate. Inquiries related to your certificate can be directed to [internationaloffice@acponline.org](mailto:internationaloffice@acponline.org).

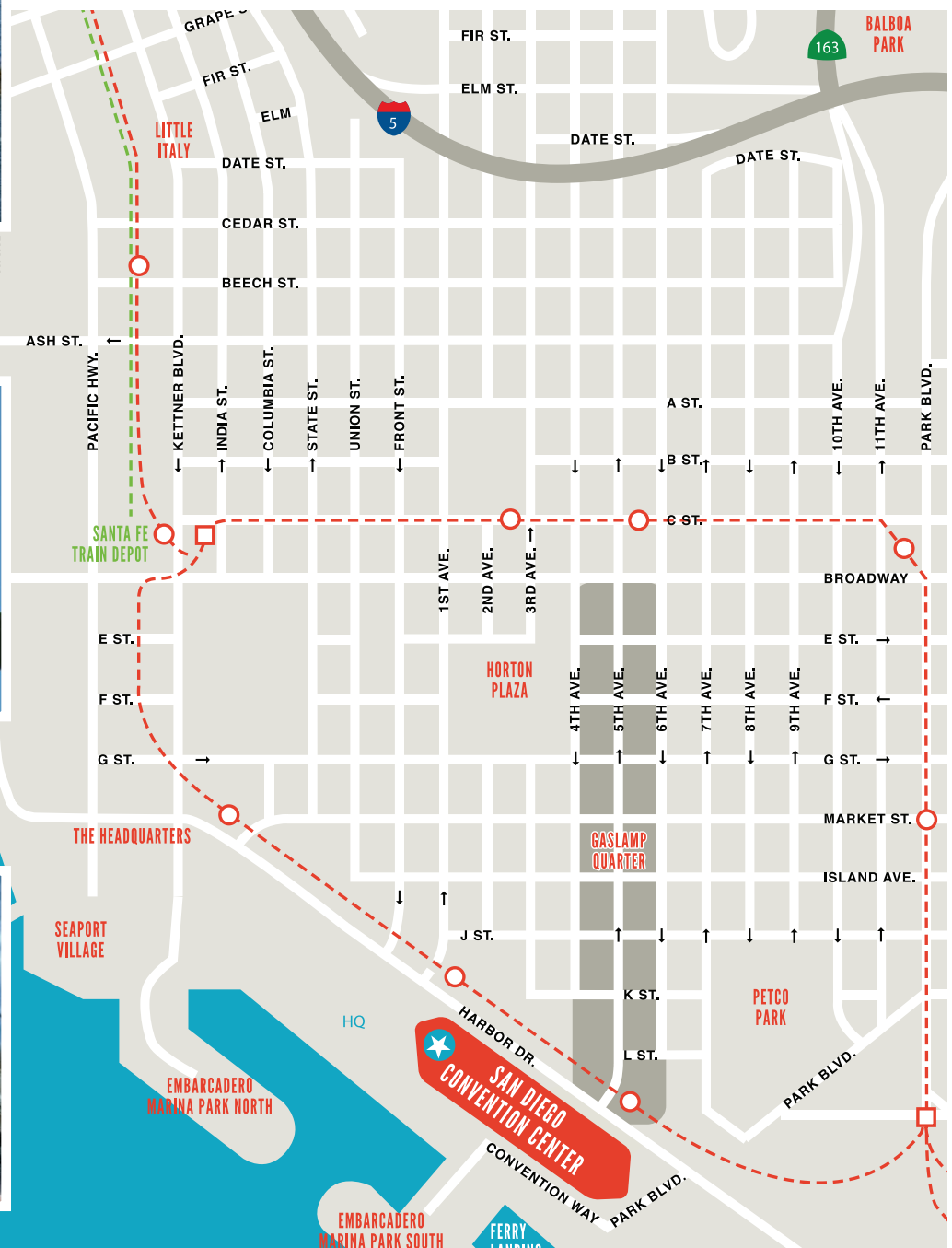


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## Visitor's Information

Schedule time for fun and leisure, especially before or after the meeting. San Diego, CA, is one of the most vibrant cities in the world. The city is home to a variety of beautiful beaches, national treasures, and historic landmarks. All around the city you will find neighborhoods bustling with cafes, restaurants, and cultural attractions for visitors of all ages and interests.

Visit [im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing](http://im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing) for more information.





## Useful Information for Travel to the United States

### Telephones

All US phone numbers are composed of 10 digits. To call the United States from abroad, you need to dial the international code 00 + the US country code 1 (or +1). To call abroad from the United States, dial 00, followed by the country code, the city code (if applicable), and the number required.

### Internet

In many hotels and public spaces, such as airports, restaurants, service stations, and shopping centers, there are duly indicated “wireless” or “Wi-Fi” zones, where it is possible to obtain wireless Internet access.

Free wireless Internet is available in meeting rooms and lobbies at the Convention Center.

### Currency and Exchange

The official currency of the United States is the US dollar. One dollar is divided into 100 cents. There are four coins: 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), and 25 cents (quarter). Dollar bills can be distinguished by their different values: 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollars. Currency can be exchanged in banks and exchange bureaus and may be withdrawn from automatic teller machines (ATMs).

In the United States, the most commonly used credit cards are Visa, American Express, and Master Card. In the event of loss or theft, contact:

**Visa:** 1.800.VISA.911 (1.800.847.2911)  
(US toll-free number)

**MasterCard:** 1.800.MASTERCARD (627.8372)  
(US toll-free) or +1.636.722.7111

**American Express:** 1.800.528.4800 (US toll-free) or +1.905.474.0870

### Tipping

Tipping in the United States is customary. Adding 10-20% to the amount is regular practice in taxis, restaurants, and bars.

### Transportation

**Shuttles:** Complimentary shuttle service is provided for all participants to and from the San Diego Convention Center and official convention hotels. This is an important reason to reserve your hotel through ACP. The shuttle times and pickup locations can be found at [im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing](http://im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing). Please note, there is no mid-day service.

**Taxis:** Taxi service is available from the San Diego International Airport to downtown. Approximate fare to a downtown destination, which includes all area hotels, is approximately \$25.00 to \$35.00.

For more information on getting around San Diego, please visit: [im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing](http://im2017.acponline.org/travel-housing).

### Time Zone

San Diego CA is in the Pacific US time zone, EST (GMT - 7 hours).

### Electricity

Electric power is standardized in all states across the United States. It is set at 110 volts and 60 cycles. 220-volt power is used in homes only for large appliances like stoves, water heaters, and clothes dryers. If you bring any electrical appliance to the United States, you may need an adaptor to fit the electrical receptacles.