

## **INTERNAL MEDICINE MEETING 2015 MEDIA POLICY**

### **Press Badge Eligibility**

Press credentials are strictly limited to working journalists and will not be issued to supervisory, management, publishing, promotional, marketing, administrative, consulting, advertising, or public relations staff, or to industry analysts or organizations that produce Continuing Medical Education (CME) audio, visual, or print resources.

Press registrants must be affiliated with recognized subscription-based consumer or trade newspapers or magazines, broadcast media, or online media outlets that are editorially independent of advertising, sponsorship, and CME. Freelance journalists must show a letter of assignment from a recognized media outlet. Unassigned freelancers must show bylined articles from a recognized news organization for consideration. Business cards alone will not be accepted for media identification. **Photo ID must be shown when applying for or picking up press badges.**

ACP will not issue press credentials to publishers; representatives of marketing, advertising, public relations, or medical education companies; companies producing print or electronic materials for these purposes; or writers creating analyses or reports sold as a commodity to customers. Print publications with or without website components may not offer CME for information gathered at the ACP meeting. Dual-role publishers/editors may be admitted if bylined samples are shown.

**Journalists reporting for online media outlets** who wish to register as press must work for news making organizations that meet the following criteria:

- The website must provide original news coverage.
- Editorial content must be independent of advertising, sponsorship, and CME.
- Advertising on the website must be clearly identifiable as such.
- Any sponsors of the website must be clearly identified as such and should be multiple in number (no single-sponsored websites).
- Online media outlets that also provide CME must agree to use information gathered at the conference to post information or articles in their "news" section exclusively, without granting CME credit for that information. Violators of this policy will forfeit their right to attend ACP's annual meeting as press.

Press credentials are granted at the discretion of the ACP Public Relations Department/Press Office. Badges must be worn by all press registrants at all times and are not transferable. Press badges do not grant access to reserved courses (see below) and do not ensure access to an unreserved course that is filled to capacity.

### **Camera, Video, and Audio Taping Policy**

Videotaping is permitted at ACP news conferences. Videotaping, audio recording, and photography of educational sessions may be permitted with prior approval of, and a staff escort from, the ACP Public Relations Department/Press Office. **Recording of sound or images by any method, including cameras or cell phones, is prohibited in the Exhibit Hall.**

All members of a camera crew must be registered in the ACP Press Office. ACP reserves the right to audio or video reproduction of all presentations at Internal Medicine Meeting 2015.

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## **INTERNAL MEDICINE MEETING 2015 MEDIA POLICY, CONTINUED**

Permission is granted to individuals who wish to record (audio only) presentations solely for their personal use for story development.

No rebroadcast, resale, repurposing, or other distribution of ACP content is permitted without express written consent from ACP.

### **Interview Policy**

Reporters should refrain from asking questions during courses. Please approach faculty at the end of the course or ask Press Office staff to schedule an interview. Press Office staff will schedule all interviews with ACP officials. **Interviews of any kind, recorded or not, are prohibited in the Exhibit Hall.**

### **Herbert S. Waxman Clinical Skills Center**

**Press Office staff escort is required** for reporters to visit the Herbert S. Waxman Clinical Skills Center for demonstrations of the "hands-on" aspects of internal medicine. Photography and video may be permitted, but reporters must first ask for the subject's approval.

### **Access to Reserved Courses**

Courses that begin with RWS in the course code (RWS 008 for example) are reserved in advance and seating is limited. Please ask a member of the Public Relations Department about attending a reserved course.

### **Notes:**

- Acceptance of a press credential binds you to this media policy. ACP retains the right to revoke press badges at any time. Press registrants who attempt to sell advertising, subscriptions, or other services, or who survey any registrant, will immediately forfeit press credentials for this and subsequent meetings.
- The ACP Press Office will supply press registrants with phones and internet access, but computers and printers are not provided.
- Press registrants who are medical professionals may not claim CME credit for attendance.
- Views of Internal Medicine Meeting 2015 faculty are their own and not those of the American College of Physicians. Events may be held during Internal Medicine Meeting 2015 by groups unaffiliated with ACP.

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