



Chapter News

Meet Dr. Scott D. Isaacs

President of the Georgia Chapter of AACE



The following interview with Scott D. Isaacs, MD, FACP, FACE, President of the Georgia chapter of AACE, is the fourth in a series of inter-

views featuring new leaders of the AACE chapters. Dr. Isaacs began his term as chapter president in March 2007.

FM: Please provide some background information about yourself, such as where you were born, where you attended school, and where you completed your training.

Dr. Isaacs: I was born in St. Petersburg, Florida. I went to college at Emory University and continued on at Emory for medical school, residency and fellowship. I remain on faculty at Emory as a clinical instructor of medicine.

FM: What made you decide to become an endocrinologist?

Dr. Isaacs: I decided to become an endocrinologist during the endocrinology rotation of my internship. I loved the science

of endocrinology, as well as the patients. It was very gratifying to be able to diagnose and treat patients and to actually see them get better. I felt that endocrinology was a field in which I could actually make a difference in patients' lives.

FM: How long have you been a member of AACE and what benefits of AACE membership do you find most important?

Dr. Isaacs: I've been a member of AACE since 1996. AACE participation has been very beneficial to me in keeping my clinical knowledge up to date. As a solo practitioner, AACE has also helped me with practice management issues. I have enjoyed going to the annual meetings and the thyroid ultrasound course was tremendously valuable. Another major benefit is our local AACE chapter meetings and the collegiality of the members.

FM: How many AACE members are there in the GA-AACE chapter?

Dr. Isaacs: The Georgia Chapter of AACE currently has 94 members.

FM: Please tell us some history about the GA-AACE chapter and what initially interested you in becoming involved in AACE chapter activities.

Dr. Isaacs: Several years ago, I met Dr. Hossein Gharib when he came to Atlanta to give a talk on thyroid disease. Dr. Gharib encouraged me to become involved with AACE. I took his advice and was glad I did.

FM: What initiatives or goals for the GA-AACE chapter do you plan to pursue as the new chapter president?

Dr. Isaacs: This year GA-AACE has a busy agenda. We have monthly chapter dinner meetings with a wonderful list of speakers, which were decided on by the membership. The annual meeting committee is working hard on our fourth annual meeting to be held in Atlanta. We are also planning the first PCP diabetes course to be held in the fall. We are working on a GA-AACE Web site as well.

FM: Describe one of your most memorable or rewarding career experiences.

Dr. Isaacs: Some of my most rewarding career experiences have been speaking to groups of patients like the national CUSH (Cushing's Understanding, Support and Help) meeting and the Atlanta Diabetes Expo. But I also find challenges and rewards every day in my practice. **FM**

Texas Chapter of AACE and the Texas Diabetes Council Host:

"An Update in Managing Diabetes in Texas: Getting to Target"

The Texas Chapter of AACE, in conjunction with the Texas Diabetes Council, held their first in a series of meetings targeted for primary care physicians and other health care professionals interested in diabetes management. The conference was held on May 5, 2007, at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Lance Sloan serves as the program chair for this series, while Dr. William C. Biggs served as the local Amarillo program chair. There were over 80 physicians and health care professionals in attendance.

The Texas Chapter of AACE and the Texas Diabetes Council would like to thank the following for their financial support of this educational activity: Abbott Laboratories, Amylin/Lilly Alliance, Merck & Company, Inc., Novo Nordisk, Pfizer Inc., sanofi-aventis, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. In addition to these corporate supporters, attendees were able to visit exhibits provided by: Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Animas Corporation, Auxilium, GlaxoSmithKline, LifeScan, Inc., Medtronic MiniMed, Merck & Company, Inc., Pfizer Inc., Reliant, sanofi-aventis, and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. **FM**

Publication News

Updated AACE Diabetes Road Maps Now Available

The updated AACE Road Maps to Achieve Glycemic Control in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus was recently published in the May/June 2007 issue of *Endocrine Practice*. The Road Maps were created as a resource for physicians in achieving hemoglobin A1c (A1C) glycemic goals as established by the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE). The Road Maps are also available on AACE Online at <http://www.aace.com/meetings/consensus/odimplementation/roadmap.pdf>.

AACE Diabetes Mellitus Management Clinical Practice Guidelines Supplement Published

The AACE Medical Guidelines for the Management of Diabetes Mellitus was recently published as a supplement to the May/June 2007 issue of *Endocrine Practice*. A copy of the guidelines is also included on a CD ROM mailed with the supplement issue. This version of the guidelines is an update to the diabetes guidelines published in the January/February 2002 Supplement 1 issue.

Letters from Members

We'd Like to Hear From You

AACE would like to offer members a way to communicate your opinions about articles published in *The First Messenger*, your ideas and concerns, and how AACE can better serve you and your patients. A "Letters from Members" column will be published regularly in upcoming issues for this purpose. Members are also encouraged to use this new column as a means to communicate any comments or concerns that may benefit the entire membership.

Members may also submit articles for possible inclusion in the newsletter. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication in a future issue of *The First Messenger*, please contact Lori Clawges, Director of Publications and Communications, for more information.

Letters may be submitted via e-mail to: lclawges@aace.com, or faxed to 904-353-8185, ATTN: Lori. Letters are also welcomed via mail: American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists,

ATTN: Lori Clawges, 245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32202, USA. We look forward to hearing from you!

NOTE: Submissions will be published dependent on review and approval from

the Editor. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity; however, we will make an effort not to alter your basic message. Upon publication, submissions will become the property of AACE. **FM**

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