

Guide for International Attendees

April 30-May 2
Boston MA





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Dear International Attendees:

Welcome to ACP's annual Internal Medicine Meeting 2015 in beautiful, historic Boston, Massachusetts. The year 2015 marks ACP's 100th anniversary, and a variety of special events at the meeting will honor this significant milestone! I hope you enjoy your time at Internal Medicine Meeting 2015, 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, information about the ACP meeting, and tips to get the most out of the Internal Medicine meeting.

Thank you for attending the meeting and for your membership in ACP.

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ACP Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer



For more information on Internal Medicine Meeting 2015, please visit im2015.acponline.org/for-meeting-attendees/meeting-faqs/

For more information on Travel to Boston, please visit www.bostonusa.com/acp/



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Special offerings for international attendees:

International Reception

The Westin Boston Waterfront • Harbor Ballroom • Thursday, April 30, 2015 • 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

The Westin Boston Waterfront • Harbor Ballroom II and III • Friday, May 1, 2015 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Ninth 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 Geriatrics: Care of the Elderly. 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. The Forum is open to international physicians; however, space is limited. To register for this event please visit <http://im2015.acponline.org/for-meeting-attendees/don-t-miss-these-special-events-internal-medicine-meeting-2015>.



The following courses will be held in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Emerging Infectious Diseases: An International Perspective from the MERS-CoV Experience

April 30, 2015 • 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Room 104

The Global Impact of Social Media on Clinical Practice

May 1, 2015 • 2:15 - 3:45 p.m., Room 104

Ebola and Other Recent Epidemics in the News

May 2, 2015 • 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., Room 156

The Update courses listed below will be simultaneously interpreted into Spanish.

All courses will be held in Ballroom East. Headsets will be available.

Friday, May 1, 2015

Update in Hospital Medicine, 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Update in Critical Care, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Update in Women's Health, 11:15-12:45 p.m.
Update in Cardiology, 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Update in Geriatric Medicine, 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Update in Nephrology, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Update in Infectious Diseases, 11:15-12:45 p.m.
Update in Pulmonary Medicine, 2:15-3:45 p.m.



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Tips to Get the Most Out of the Internal Medicine Meeting

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 im2015.acponline.org/educational-program/pre-session-courses.

Familiarize yourself with the various types of activities, whether they are educational activities, oral sessions, poster discussion sessions, etc.

Electronic handouts are available online at www.acponline.org/handouts/2015/.

If you are interested in tracks, e.g., breast, lung, etc., you can follow the program track on the **Internal Medicine Meeting app**.



Stop by the **ACP Membership Booth**, 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 - Hall AB.



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, April 30, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the **"Internal Medicine 2015 Highlights"** session, in which there will be a review of key presentations from the meeting on May 2, 2015, from 5:15-6:30 p.m.

Don't forget to complete the online form to obtain CME at im2015.acponline.org/educational-program/earn-cme-credit.

A transcript of your meeting participation is available online as a benefit of ACP membership.



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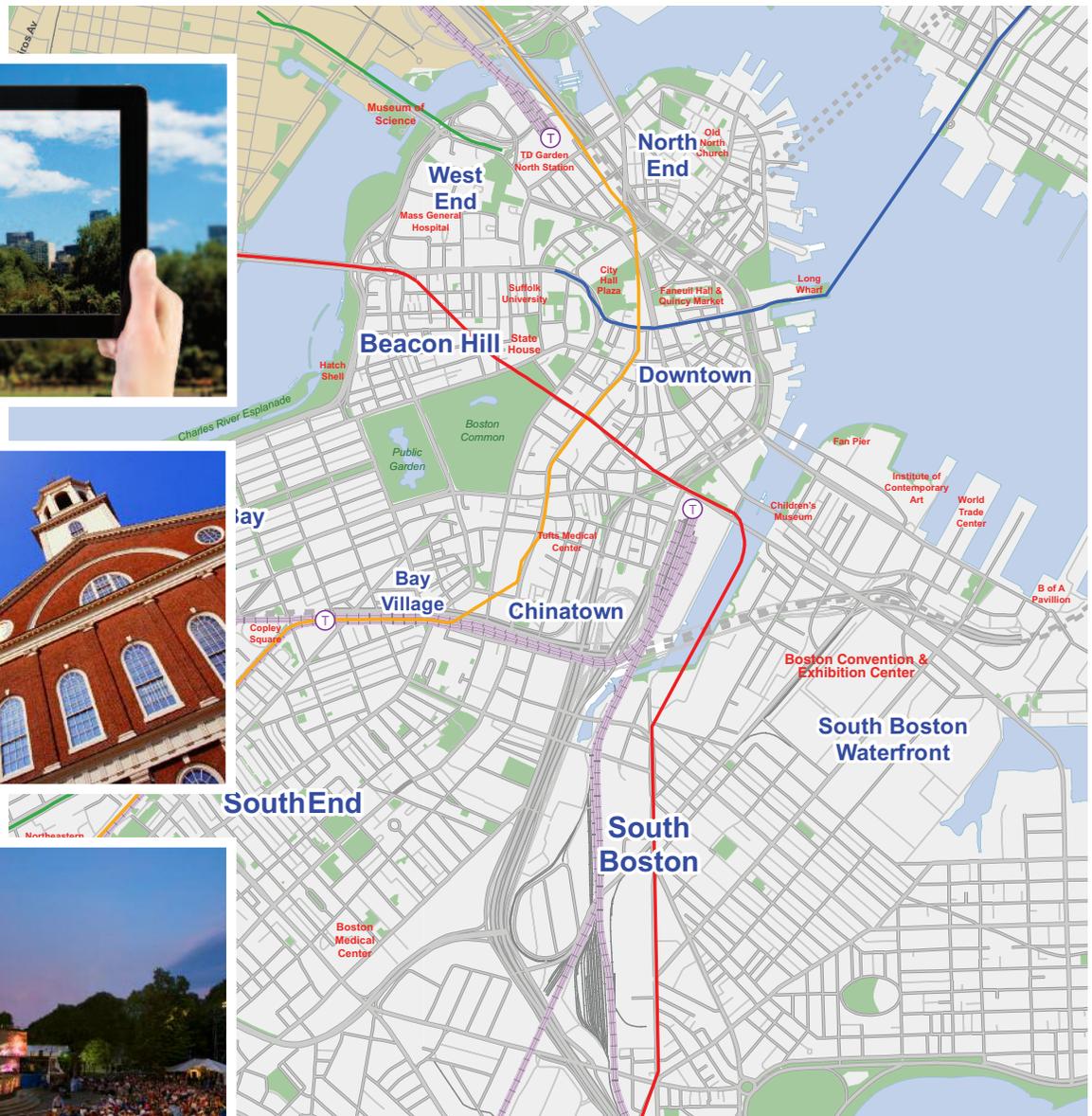
Electronic certificates of attendance will be available after the meeting. You will receive an e-mail communication following the meeting outlining the additional steps to obtain your certificate. Inquiries related to your certificate can be directed to internationaloffice@acponline.org.

Schedule time for fun and leisure, especially before or after the meeting. Boston is one of the most vibrant cities in the world. Visit www.bostonusa.com/acp-/ for more information.

ACP's Centennial Celebration Celebrate 100 Years with ACP!

Centennial 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the American College of Physicians. The College is planning a variety of special centennial-related events to celebrate the occasion—we invite you to be a part of the jubilation.

Link to a list of exciting promotions and events highlighting the 100th anniversary celebration: <http://im2015.acponline.org/for-meeting-attendees/centennial-events>.





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Useful Information for Travel to the United States

Telephones

All US phone numbers are composed of 10 digits. To call US from abroad, you need to dial the international code 00 + US country code 1 (or +1). To call abroad from US, 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, convention halls, 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 anywhere in the Convention Center. Just open your wireless network connection on any device and click on "BCEC Wireless Network".

Currency and exchange

The official currency of the United States is the US dollar. 1 dollar is divided into 100 cents. There are four coins: 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), 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 (ATM).

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 15-20% 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 Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) and participating hotels. The shuttle times and pick up locations can be found at im2015.acponline.org/travel-housing/. Please note, there is no mid-day service.

Taxis: Taxi service is available from the Boston International Airport to downtown. Approximate fare to a downtown destination, which includes all area hotels, is approximately \$25.00 to \$45.00.

For more information on getting around Boston, please visit: im2015.acponline.org/travel-housing/getting-around-boston.

Time zone

Boston is in the Eastern US time zone, EST (GMT - 5 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 as well as a converter to convert the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts.