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*Serving Our Patients and Profession: A Centennial History of the American College of Physicians (1915-2015)* chronicles the environment and events that have shaped—and continue to shape—the College into the professional society it is today. The photographs on the cover illustrate a few of the College’s changes in education, patient care, diversity of our members and the patients they serve, and professionalism over the past century. 

**Top:** The 28th Annual Session, held in Chicago, Illinois, in 1947. 

**Lower left:** Ryan D. Mire, MD, FACP, with a patient in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2010 (photograph by Sharon Anchel). 

**Lower right:** At the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2011 in San Diego, California, one of the College’s Herbert S. Waxman Clinical Skills Center faculty members, Dr. Hamid Shokoohi (far right), demonstrates ultrasonography techniques, with standardized patient Susan Conley (on table), to three meeting attendees (from left to right): Drs. Huma (Younas) Khan, Faisal R. Khan, and Sunil Juthan (photograph by Kevin Berne).
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We would also like to thank the many ACP staff not listed as formal reviewers for their very helpful and timely suggestions on the chapter manuscripts as they were assembled.

We look forward to thanking you personally and hope to see you in Boston for the Centennial Celebration.

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Preface

I

n 2011 the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians (ACP), then chaired by Robert (Robin) G. Luke, decided the College would publish an ACP centennial history in 2015 as a component of its 100th anniversary celebration. The 4 previously published histories of ACP written by College leaders—Drs. Morgan, Piersol, Rosenow, and Moser—covered 1915 to 1986. A timely 75-year historical article, authored by College archivist Bernice Lemley, was published in Annals of Internal Medicine in 1990, and the history of the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) by Drs. Felch and Greene was published in 1981. Since these publications, much has happened to expand membership, scope of activities, and influence of ACP.

To fill the recorded gap between 1990 and 2015, we began working more than 2 years ago to collect facts, photos, and stories about key events in the life of ACP, primarily focusing on the last 3 decades. To decide, among many possibilities, what topics to cover, we asked for guidance from College members, governance (current and past), and ACP staff, through formal surveys conducted by the College Research Center, ably directed by Arlene Weissman. The surveys provided a rich list of topics and commentaries about historically important events in the life of the College and allowed us to create a table of contents based on this information. We then recruited knowledgeable and capable authors for each chapter. As they delved into topics, authors often went back to records of the early periods of the College to understand just when and why things happened and how ACP’s history unfolded. As we worked, we repeatedly asked ourselves, why is a College history important? We believe that it is important to preserve an accurate historical record of the organization for its members and future leaders; to meet the social responsibilities of a nonprofit; and to acknowledge the patients, staff, members, leaders, and a host of others on whose shoulders the College now stands.

This book has been a formidable undertaking, especially documenting what has happened at ACP and the environmental context in which events occurred. Written as stories, each chapter is designed to be read independently. It is not possible to thank everyone who contributed their time and talent to this book, so we offer our heartfelt thanks and apologies to those we inadvertently omitted in thanking. We particularly thank the authors, who devoted many hours to research and writing, and the College staff (some of whom were also authors) who were very helpful in providing their knowledge of key events and in accessing departmental records. Steven E. Weinberger, the College Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President, Wayne Bylsma, Chief Operating Officer, and Helene Hopkins, Senior Executive Assistant, provided project support from the Executive Office, adding resources when needed and reviewing all the chapter manuscripts. Eric Greenberg, the Director of the College Archives, was immensely helpful in locating historical information, such as committee, council, and board records and historical photos. Jennifer Kearney-Strouse, ACP Internist/ACP Hospitalist Executive Editor, provided very timely editorial support. Diane Scott-Lichter, ACP Publisher, who joined the College midway through the project, provided expert advice and a steady hand. As attention was particularly focused on the years from 1986 to 2015, we were fortunate to have the engagement of many experienced College leaders and experts outside the College who freely informed our work through interviews and as reviewers of the draft chapter manuscripts. Thomas V. Hartman, who previously headed the books publishing program at ACP and is now a senior editor at John Wiley and Sons, provided developmental guid-
ance early in the project. We are also extremely grateful for the expert services of Mary Beth Murphy, the Centennial Project developmental editor, and Kathleen Nolan, our professional research associate.

Editing this book has been instructive, as a history should be. It has been an honor and privilege for us to guide the writing of this centennial history. As ACP looks to the next 100 years, we hope that this endeavor will inspire the College to encourage historical scholarship, to secure and maintain its historical records, and to plan for timely additions to its official published histories.

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