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**JOSEPH J. FINS, MD, TO BECOME LOCAL GOVERNOR
FOR NATIONAL DOCTORS' GROUP**

Will Represent Downstate Internists for the American College of Physicians

NEW YORK, March 19, 2007 - Joseph J. Fins, MD, FACP, a local internist, will become Governor of the New York Downstate Region I of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the national organization of internists, during Internal Medicine 2007 - ACP's annual scientific meeting in San Diego, April 19-21.

A resident of **Manhattan**, Dr. Fins is Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Medical College of Cornell University where he serves as Professor of Medicine, Professor of Public Health, and Professor of Medicine in Psychiatry. **He also serves as Director of Medical Ethics at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center and is a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Rockefeller University.** He is currently serving as Governor-elect in transition to the Governor position. ACP Governors are elected by local ACP members and serve four-year terms. Working with a local council, they supervise ACP chapter activities, appoint members to local committees, and preside at regional meetings. They also represent members by serving on the ACP Board of Governors.

The American College of Physicians (www.acponline.org) is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 120,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Internists specialize in the prevention, detection, and treatment of illness in adults.

Dr. Fins is a graduate of **Wesleyan University (BA, 1982) and Cornell University Medical College (MD, 1986)**. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He is board-

certified in internal medicine and has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP) since 1995. FACP is an honorary designation that recognizes ongoing individual service and contributions to the practice of medicine.

The American College of Physicians was founded in 1915 to promote the science and practice of medicine. In 1998 it merged with the American Society of Internal Medicine, which was established in 1956 to study economic aspects of medicine. ACP works to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

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