

ABOUT THE SOCIETY:

The Czech Society of Internal Medicine (Česká internistická společnost, ČIS) is an association of approximately 1,800 physicians and other specialists in internal medicine and its sub-disciplines, who are aware of the usefulness of broad-based education and training that enables them to adopt a comprehensive insight into the patient's condition. Members include professional staff from both hospital wards and specialists from outpatient clinics. The latter represent a numerous group, for which ČIS has set up, as a part of its structure, the Working Group of Outpatient Internists. In its work, the committee aims at forming the current concept of development of internal medicine, at defending the professional interests of specialists in the field, organising specialised events that serve post-graduate education in the form of Internal Medicine Days and Internal Medicine Congresses, and providing for the publication of the journal *Vnitřní lékařství* ("Internal Medicine") - the specialised periodical of, jointly, the Czech and Slovak Societies of Internal Medicine.

Our discipline - internal medicine - must also be integrated into international organisations like ISIM (International Society of Internal Medicine) and EFIM (European Federation of Internal Medicine), and deepen its international cooperation with its foreign counterparts (the Polish, German and Hungarian societies for internal medicine, the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Internal Medicine) including the organisation of reciprocal events. There is already very close cooperation between ČIS and the Slovak Society of Internal Medicine.

Colleagues interested in membership should fill in the electronic application available on the ČIS website. Membership fees are a mere 200 Czech crowns annually. Most events are financed from resources gained by the Society through its activities.

Our aim is for the discipline of internal medicine to find its clearly defined place within our transforming health care system.

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