This year, the 2013 New England Regional SGIM Meeting will take place on Friday, March 8, 2013, at the historic Yale University School of Medicine campus. We are thrilled to bring the meeting back to Yale for the first time in many years and to offer our colleagues an event that highlights the collaborative efforts of thought leaders throughout the region.

These cooperative efforts will be clearly reflected in the content of the meeting. For example, regional program directors, the Connecticut American College of Physicians, and the New England Region have collaboratively developed a special faculty workshop series designed to help educators understand and implement new programmatic requirements for the competency-based evaluation of residents. These sessions will train attendees to effectively utilize milestones, entrustable professional activities, and narrative reports as required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Next Accreditation System.

Similarly, SGIM’s sister organization ACLGIM has partnered with us to host a career panel targeted at junior faculty looking for guidance on the appointment and promotion process. Trainees can look forward to a similar interdisciplinary panel that can offer guidance on selecting a career within general internal medicine.

New this year, the content of the regional meeting will also reflect a theme, similar to the national meeting. This year the meeting theme will be “The Art of Medicine,” defined both as 1) the artful implementation of the science of medicine and/or medical education and 2) the role that medical journalism, creative writing, and other written, visual, and musical arts play in health care, healing, and medical education.

We intend to make the meeting theme a palpable presence throughout the day; there will be chamber music during lunch, sessions dedicated to creative writing and medical journalism, a guided tour of the historic Yale Cushing/Whitney Medical Library and the famous Yale Cushing Center (aka “Brain Lab”), and a recurring focus on the art of diagnosis. Our plenary speaker this year, H. Gilbert Welch, MD, will echo this theme in his presentation regarding the phenomenon of overdiagnosis and unnecessary testing as we continue “making people sick in pursuit of health.” As always, the meeting will also feature peer-reviewed oral and poster presentations as well as workshops and symposia addressing a variety of topics relevant to the practice and teaching of general internal medicine.

If you live in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont but have never attended a regional meeting before, we guarantee this will be a high-yield complement to the national meeting that will be well worth your time. If you live outside of the New England region, consider joining us anyway! We look forward to seeing you this March in New Haven for this much-anticipated event!