TERRY MASON, MD, CHICAGO’S NEW health commissioner, made a guest appearance at the CMS Council meeting Sept. 19 to underscore the need for continued collaboration between the CDPH and CMS, particularly in educating doctors how to respond to a potential avian flu pandemic. In calling preparedness planning the most challenging issue facing public health, Dr. Mason described what the city, state, and federal response would be in the event of a bird flu outbreak in Chicago. He stressed the importance of early and aggressive vaccine and quarantine. While the city had little funding for emergency programs prior to 9/11, today CDPH has a budget of $18 million and a staff of eight devoted to disasters and emerging threats, he said. In the course of five years, planning has evolved from bioterrorism preparedness to include all types of hazards.

**More on Dr. Mason**

Chicago Medicine editors met recently with Dr. Mason to hear his plans for making Chicago a fitter city and to learn how local physicians can better participate. Read our interview in the next quarterly issue of Chicago Medicine magazine.

**Retail health clinics resolution adopted**

The CMS Council met on Sept. 19. Among the highlights was the passage of an emergency resolution on health clinics. The language calls for:

- All patients to be referred back to their primary care physicians.
- Follow-up care to be recommended to all patients, using similar guidelines/policies that exist for emergency care at hospitals and health-care centers.
- All patients to be given a written copy of all procedures performed, treatment and recommendations given at the clinics.
- A regulatory entity to be formed immediately to monitor the availability of physician-consultants; conflict of interest issues; policies for follow-up on results of diagnostic procedures and laboratory tests; drug
usage; continuity of care; and appropriate collaboration and oversight by physicians.

This resolution gives official Council endorsement for the work already begun between CMS leadership and Walgreens, as well as Take Care representatives. The language is intended as a basic road map to be expanded or refined as needed.

The Council approved other resolutions:

- "I'M SORRY"
  - Supports a full-disclosure policy and endorses "I'm Sorry" legislation (735 ILCS 5/8-1901) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-1901) for responding to medical errors and granting legal protection to physicians from their apologies being used against them in court.
  - Acknowledges full-disclosure policies as a useful adjunct for helping to ease the medical liability crisis.
  - Requests the CMS Executive Committee to study and report back in order to coordinate CMS policy with the ISMS position on full disclosure.
  - Communicates this policy to county medical societies, the Chicago and Illinois Bar Associations, and the Illinois Hospital Association, etc., for their support in implementing risk management teams to educate doctors and hospitals on using the "I'm Sorry" approach with patients and their families.

- HEALTHY EATING IN SCHOOLS
  - Supports rules providing for healthy eating in both public and private schools, modeled after legislation in Maine.
  - Endorses the introduction of a similar resolution at the Illinois State Medical Society so that legislation can be enacted statewide for the benefit of all Illinois' children.

- CLIMATE CHANGE
  - 1) Urges all physicians to learn more about the changes due to global warming; 2) urges both public and private sectors in the U.S. to advance policies that reduce reliance on fossil fuels and promote clean and safe alternative energy technologies; 3) urges the U.S. President to take steps to curb greenhouse emissions and to work with other nations to address the dangers of global climate change through binding reduction targets for emissions; and 4) organizes a physician task force to investigate global warming issues and propose programs and policies for action. These recommendations were adopted at the ISMS and AMA.

- PHYSICIAN SUICIDE
  - Calls for the publication of educational articles on physician suicide in Chicago Medicine.

- Board retreat highlights
  - Trustees and guests discussed efforts to recruit and retain students and residents. It was agreed that CMS student and resident sections should hold regional meetings for students and offer mentorship opportunities. Aman Ali, MD, was named interim chair of the Residents Section. Discussion revolved around getting professors and program directors to join CMS because students will follow their leaders' example. The retreat was held in July.
  - A two-day MCC will be held in March with a different focus and new topics.

- Bylaws changes submitted for review
  - The Bylaws Committee recommended changes to the Bylaws and Policy Manual. Councilors will vote on them in November.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7.
CMS making hospital rounds

CMS STAFF VISITED FIVE AREA DOCTORS’ lounges in October to greet physicians and provide information about our services. The scheduled trips include St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Thorek Hospital, Evanston Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, and the Swedish Covenant Hospital quarterly staff meeting. The visit to Swedish Covenant on Oct. 24 included a five-minute presentation on “Securing Med Mal Coverage Following Non-renewal or Declination.”

If you would like CMS to schedule a visit at your hospital or would like more information, please call Dana Lucas at (312) 329-7327; or dlucas@cmsdocs.org.

CMS study to examine medication non-compliance among elderly

THE CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY IS sponsoring a study that will look at a possible relationship between Medicare Part D coverage and medication non-compliance among senior citizens. The study is being funded through a grant from the Washington Square Foundation.

We ask for the help of physicians and other health professionals in locating:

- Seniors no longer taking their medications.
- Seniors no longer taking their medications regularly.
- Seniors suffering symptoms that indicate possible medication non-compliance.

Subjects will be interviewed in-depth to learn the etiology of their non-compliance and how long they have not been taking their medications as directed. Study results may indicate needed areas of improvement in the Medicare Part D program to better serve the population.

While other recent studies have published national survey results on Part D, none of them have been specific to Cook County or to Illinois. No study has interviewed seniors. We believe that these corrections in study design will give Cook County’s physicians and their patients a better understanding of ways to work with the new Medicare program.

If you wish to participate in the survey, or have patients who would like to discuss their experiences with Part D, contact Sara Lieber, research project manager, at the Chicago Medical Society (312) 670-2550; or slieber@cmsdocs.org.

Happy Holidays:
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THE JOY OF PUTTERRING

CMS golf outing suits docs to a tee

Record-breaking attendance requires two golf courses

DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER, IT WAS AN afternoon of fun and camaraderie, followed by a relaxing dinner, for participants of the CMS 8th Annual Golf Outing, Sept. 13.

To accommodate the 92 golfers and their guests, CMS reserved space at two courses: Ruffled Feathers and Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, both in Lemont. Golfers competed for over $3,000 in cash and prizes, which ranged from a weekend stay at the Hyatt Regency Chicago to a $150 gift certificate at the Blue Water Grill restaurant.

At Ruffled Feathers, the team including Drs. Sharad Khandelwal (District 5 trustee) and Birinder Marwah won first place. Cog Hill winners included CMS President Dr. Shastri Swaminathan. Drs. Chatri Vanagasem and Chad Spangler snagged prizes as well.

But, there was more. At the end of the games, all participants received a raffle ticket, giving everyone, not just the skilled golfers, a chance to win.

Raffle prizes included: $100 gift certificate to Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants; three Laerdal Simman clocks; deluxe poker sets; $150 gift certificate to Blue Water Grill Restaurant; ball pick ups; golf towels; one night stay at the Chicago Drake Hotel; two nights’ deluxe stay at the Hyatt Regency Chicago; wine tour package at Sam’s Wine and Spirits; multi-purpose tools; DVD player/ recorder.

This year’s sponsors were the CMS Insurance Agency, ProAssurance, National City, and Physicians’ Benefits Trust.
Health issue: Grass-fed vs. grain-fed

When television newsman, documentary producer and conservationist Bill Kurtis, center, discussed the health benefits of grass-fed beef, Drs. Zofia Szymanska, left, and Monique Anawis came to take notes and ask questions. Mr. Kurtis, who raises grass-fed cattle on his 10,000-acre Kansas ranch, spoke at Roosevelt University on Sept. 16, in a program sponsored by the Chicago Medical Society, ChicaGourmets, and the Culinary Historians of Chicago.
RESOURCES

Conference to address health care reform, clinical ethics

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND THE MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics will host a forum this fall designed to inform physicians about new directions and policy options the nation faces.

The Conference on Health Care Reform, scheduled for Nov. 10-11, will include speakers such as Harvard University’s Nancy Kane, who will speak about the status of new state-sponsored universal health-care initiatives in Maine and Massachusetts, Princeton University’s health economist Uwe Reinhardt, and legal expert Richard Epstein from the University of Chicago—all of whom will debate the merits of a more inclusive and fair health-care system.

The second day will be devoted to clinical ethics. The MacLean Center Conference is free, but registration is required and attendance will be limited to the first 300 registrants.

Registration information and conference logistics are available at http://medicine.uchicago.edu/centers/ccme/events.htm. For additional information, e-mail Lindsay Owens at lowens@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu.

Federal program encourages adoption of health IT

THE ILLINOIS FOUNDATION FOR QUALITY Health Care is working with 225 physician practices across the state to help them prepare for and implement EHRs in their offices. As the Medicare-contracted quality improvement organization for Illinois, the IFQHC hosts seminars, connects participants with vendors, and helps set up timelines for EHR implementation.

The organization meets one-on-one with the practices and offers contact resources and literature. The ultimate goal, says Beth Hackman, MBA, vice-president of the IFQHC, is tailoring an EHR according to each participating practice’s specific needs. IFQHC will be working with these 225 offices until summer 2008.

Although recruitment is closed, physicians wishing to learn more about EHRs and implementation can visit www.ifqhc.org for resources and information.

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*APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED AND SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE NOV. 15.

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Web: www.cityofchicago.org/aging
E-mail: aging@cityofchicago.org

City Hall, Room 100
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL 60602
312-744-1535

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2019 W. Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
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3160 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60618
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6117 S. Kedzie
Chicago, IL 60629
312-745-3360

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1767 E. 79th St.
Chicago, IL 60612
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Area 13 Age Options, the suburban Area Agency on Aging
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Oak Park, IL 60301-1055
Web: www.ageoptions.org
708-383-0258
1-800-699-9043 (suburban Cook County only)
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E-mail: Jon.Lavin@ageoptions.org

139: Catholic Charities
Northwest Senior Services Program
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Arlington Heights, IL 60005
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Evanston, IL 60202
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1001 Rohlwing Rd.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
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143: Seniors Assistance Center
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7774 W. Irving Park Rd.
Norridge, IL 60706
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144: West Suburban Senior Services
Serving Leyden, North Proviso (less Brookfield & LaGrange Park) Townships
439 Bohland Ave.
Bellwood, IL 60104
708-547-5600

145: Oak Park Township Senior Services
Serving Oak Park & River Forest Townships
418 S. Oak Park Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60302
708-383-8060

146: Berwyn Cicero Council on Aging
Serving Berwyn & Cicero Townships
7222 W. Cermak Rd.
North Riverside, IL 60546
708-863-3552

147: Southwest Suburban Center on Aging
Serving Lyons & Riverside Townships and Villages of Brookfield & LaGrange Park
111 W. Harris Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525
708-354-1323

148: Stickney Township Office on Aging
Serving Stickney Township
7745 S. Leamington
Burbank, IL 60459
708-636-8850

149: PLOWS (Palos, Lemont, Orland & Worth) Council on Aging
Serving Palos, Lemont, Orland & Worth Townships
7808 College Drive, 5 East
Palos Heights, IL 60463
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150: South Suburban Senior Services of Catholic Charities
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