



## STAYING ENGAGED

### ***CMS launches Senior Physician Group***

THE CMS COUNCIL HAS PASSED A resolution calling for the establishment of a Senior Physician Group (SPG). Proposed by Joseph L. Murphy, MD, CMS past president and councilor from District 2, the resolution calls for the group to be composed of CMS senior physicians who are emeritus, retired or practicing physicians, age 60 and older.

SPG goals are for these physicians to become meaningfully involved in CMS, participating in such activities as physician recruitment, outreach, education and legislative endeavors. The new physician group will also seek to establish a beneficial

affiliation with both ISMS and the AMA, which already has its own senior physician group, of which Dr. Murphy is a current member.

Such affiliation will allow CMS senior physicians more opportunity to become involved in lobbying, and more access to CME travel programs, along with the chance to share their considerable expertise with their CMS colleagues. Dr. Murphy said he looks forward to collaborating with Highland Park physician Albert J. Miller, MD, who is a former chairman of the AMA Governing Council, and a member of the AMA's Senior Physician Group.

"Senior physicians want to stay engaged in

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## ISMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT

### ***CMS supports Graduate Medical Education payments***

PHYSICIANS FROM ACROSS THE STATE CONVERGED in Oak Brook April 19-22 to shape ISMS' stance on health care policy for the year ahead. Amid forums, caucuses and educational presentations, your Third District delegates contributed to the debate by sponsoring a number of resolutions (highlights appear on next page). In the annual changing of the guard,



Scott Warner, CMS

Discussing issues during the ISMS House of Delegates meeting in Oak Brook are Third District Delegates (from left): Drs. Saul Weiner, Ann Marie Dunlap and Shastri Swaminathan, CMS president.

outgoing ISMS President Peter E. Eupierre, MD, welcomed incoming President Rodney C. Osborn, MD, of Peoria. This year's

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medicine, and our new SPG will help them do just that," Dr. Murphy said.

Dr. Murphy also pointed out the CMS/SPG will be looking at ways to find reasonably priced malpractice insurance for those senior physicians who, for example, might want to volunteer just one day a week.

*For more information on the Chicago Medical Society Senior Physician Group, please contact Ted Kanellakes at (312) 670-2550.*

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Third District delegates Drs. Mitchell Glaser, Adrienne Fregia, and Helen Maciorowski participate in their caucus luncheon.

speakers included Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General, U.S. Congressman Jerry Weller (R-11), John Bachman, MD, Mayo Foundation Saunders Professor of Primary Care, Edmund Haislmaier, Heritage Foundation Fellow, and J. Edward Hill, MD, AMA Immediate Past President.

### ***CMS resolutions adopted at the HOD***

- **Support for Center for Health Policy and Law Comprised of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana**

Adopts policy to support, in principle, the development of a Center for Health Policy and Law comprised of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and other interested academic institutions, with representation of ISMS; reaffirms ISMS' health policy leadership role as an advocate for Illinois patients and physicians.

- **Medicare Reduction in Graduate Medical Education Payment**

Endorses and supports the position of the AAMC to recommend against any further reduction in Medicare financial support of graduate medical education; works with the Illinois Hospital Association and all Illinois hospitals with graduate med-



Dr. Edgar Borda summarizes CMS positions on resolutions as CMS President Dr. Shastri Swaminathan and President-elect Dr. Saroja Bharati follow proceedings.



Drs. Steven Malkin, Howard Axe, and ISMS President Peter Eupierre comment on the resolutions prior to debate at the ISMS HOD meeting.

ical education programs against any further reduction in Medicare financial support of graduate medical education; forwards this resolution to the AMA for activity on the national level.

- **Standard Health Care Benefit**

Supports the development in principle of a range



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## ISMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES *(continued from page 2)*



**Dr. Susan Kern** addresses the Third District caucus.



**Dr. Philip Dray** reports to the Third District.



**Dr. Peter Orris** states his position on a resolution.

Photos: Scott Warner, CMS

of standard health care benefit packages that are evidence-based, including preventive services and appropriate emergency services; forwards this resolution to the AMA for introduction and support at the national level; requests AMA or a consortium led by the AMA, to develop models of benefit packages that could serve as templates to guide insurers in designing health care benefits.

### ● **Support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Research**

Initiates or supports allowing medical examiners and coroners to take tissue samples, to the extent permissible by law, for research purposes from infants who have died suddenly and unexpectedly with consent of the responsible adult if the tissue is not likely to result in any visible disfigurement; brings a similar resolution to the AMA's next annual meeting.

### ● **Reducing Trans Fats**

Strengthens language in ISMS policies on nutrition calling for the Society to encourage and promote the reduction of trans fats in the American diet in order to maintain good health and lower the incidence of coronary artery disease; issues a statement encouraging and promoting the reduction of trans fats in the American diet; brings a similar resolution to the AMA's next annual meeting.

### ● **Toy Safety**

Supports legislation that would strengthen the

national toy safety guidelines, encourages manufacturers to more closely regulate the design and sale of their products, and further expands educational campaigns to raise awareness among parents; forwards this resolution to the AMA to initiate or support national legislation aimed at improving safety; requests the AMA to adopt policy calling for improved toy safety guidelines as well as encouraging manufacturers to more closely regulate the design and sale of their products and further expand educational campaigns to raise awareness among parents.

### ● **Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect**

Adopts policy that recognizes elder abuse and maltreatment in nursing homes as a continuing problem, and that further supports comprehensive steps to reduce its incidence; supports passage of legislation that would help prevent elder abuse in nursing homes and gives consumers more information to guide nursing home placement; brings a similar resolution to the AMA's next annual meeting.

### ● **Reasonable Delay in CME Completion**

Requests the IDFPR to work with ISMS to spell out viable alternatives to non-renewal status, including inactive status; provides a directory of free in-state CME resources, particularly for doctors unable to travel, to include journals and Internet courses, among others, so they can comply with Illinois law.

## 2007 OSHA Training Workshops

OSHA requires annual training for all healthcare workers with potential occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens. Attend the two-hour training course, update your exposure control plan and satisfy most of your yearly OSHA regulations! All seminars are taught by specialists in exposure control. The course is designed for clinicians and their staff. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify the requirements of OSHA standards including blood-borne pathogens.
- Explain how the standards apply to them.
- Discuss and select safer needle devices.
- Identify safety and health hazards at their facility.

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### OSHA DATES & LOCATIONS

(FOR LOCATION AND DIRECTION INFORMATION VISIT: [WWW.CMSDOCS.ORG](http://WWW.CMSDOCS.ORG))

- ◆ Wednesday, May 23: Chicago Medical Society Building (Downtown), 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 13: Oak Lawn Hilton, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Sept. 13: Rush North Shore Medical Center, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 21: Chicago Medical Society Building (Downtown), 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 10: Oak Lawn Hilton, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 26: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, Nov. 7: Chicago Medical Society Building (Downtown), 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Registration Fee (CMS member or staff person): \$59 – TWO HOUR Update*

\* Student materials & an exposure control plan are included with the registration fee.

*Questions? Call Eloia Rubio at (312) 670-2550, ext. 338*

## AMA UPDATE

### **Mark your calendar: AMA HOD around the corner**

MANY ILLINOIS RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING those sponsored by CMS members, are bound for the AMA House of Delegates meeting in June. Their journey attests that a county medical society can help shape and influence the national health care agenda and the medical profession's stand on emerging health care issues.

Adding to the local perspective is the fact that former CMS member and Chicago native, Ronald M. Davis, MD, will be inaugurated as 162nd president, replacing outgoing President William G. Pledsted III, MD.

Major topics this year include human rights, Medicare Advantage, physician health, the physician quality reporting initiative, women physicians' congress, and health information technology.

*The annual meeting is scheduled June 23-27 at the Chicago Hilton Hotel.*

### **CMS executive director accepts new position**

CMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAMES R. TARRANT will be leaving the Society June 3 to serve as executive director of the Michigan-based Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.

Mr. Tarrant has been with CMS for nearly nine years; he oversaw a period of retrenchment and reorganization within the Society. During his tenure, CMS changed its tax status, became increasingly politically active, formed an insurance agency, led two successful rallies, and formed a patient safety simulation center. Interacting with legislators and leaders within the health care community, Mr. Tarrant increased the Society's visibility during a time of declining membership in organized medicine and physician apathy.

CMS Member Services Director Ted Kanellakes will serve as interim executive director.

A search committee has been formed to review applications for a new CMS executive director.

**Hospital liaisons needed  
for legislative breakfasts and more.  
For information, please contact:  
Ted Kanellakes (312) 670-2550.**

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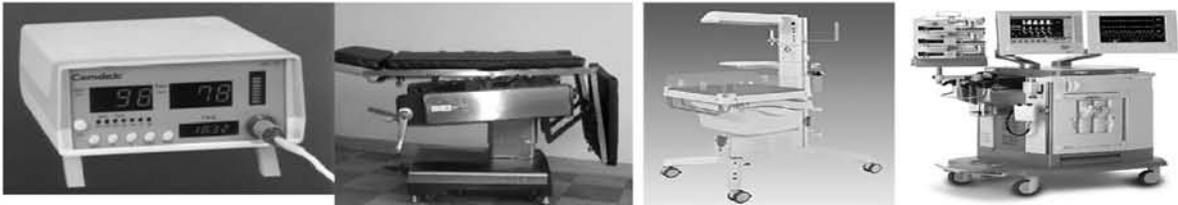
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The center will serve as a training facility where healthcare professionals can learn and maintain clinical skills. It will serve all area hospitals and healthcare professionals, i.e., physicians, nurses, therapists and EMTs, for training and emergency preparedness.

We are also urging our members to please contact their hospitals and inquire about donations— anything and everything will be appreciated.

*For a complete list of items to donate please contact:  
Michael Boros at 312-329-7326 or [mboros@cmsdocs.org](mailto:mboros@cmsdocs.org)*



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## SERVING YOU

### ***New project coordinator joins CMS***



**Boros**

CMS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT of Michael Boros as Project Coordinator.

Michael brings to the position a strong emphasis on marketing, which he will use to advance the Regional Patient Simulation Center Project. His duties include developing marketing strategy, obtaining medical equipment, and coordinating the technical setup, as well as networking with doctors and local politicians to bring recognition to the Center.

In other responsibilities, Michael is setting up classes on food-borne illnesses to educate the medical community and working to obtain additional grants to expand programs and services to CMS members.

Michael obtained his undergraduate BA in history at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. His work on Kenoshan history has been published in the *Kenosha Evening News* and Kenosha Velodrome Association.

He is currently enrolled at Roosevelt University in Chicago, obtaining an MS in integrated marketing communications.

He looks forward to having a positive impact and working with everyone on the Simulation Project and the Chicago Medical Society team.

*Michael can be reached at: (312) 670-2550, ext 362, or [mboros@cmsdocs.org](mailto:mboros@cmsdocs.org)*

## ***Cook County shuts down computer referral system***

THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF HEALTH Services is suspending the use of a referral system that had helped thousands of needy patients get specialized medical services at Cook County. The sophisticated computer referral system had allowed private clinics to refer patients to Stroger Hospital's specialty clinics. Based on information from the private physicians, the system had approved patient appointments and ranked them in order of urgency.

But due to budget cuts, patients from private clinics now must go to a single county walk-in clinic near Stroger to get referrals. (The walk-in clinic reduced its hours by almost one-third earlier this year.)

Members of the medical community are alarmed.

As reported in the *Chicago Tribune*, some say the new arrangement, in addition to aggravating already long waits, will force patients into consultations with County doctors who have no knowl-

edge of their medical histories and who will need to reorder tests. According to CMS member Lee Francis, MD, the health bureau "will incur the expense of hundreds if not thousands of additional ambulatory visits."

Critics see it as a way to cut access to the specialty clinics.

The announcement follows the recent decision to close more than a dozen County-run clinics, seven of which closed in April.

### ***Physicians took greatest hit***

AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE *DAILY Southtown* reported that doctors and nurses make up 47 percent of the known cuts at the Cook County health bureau. According to information obtained, the final budget eliminated 260 doctors and residents and 230 nurses and certified nursing assistants. The cuts don't include physicians and nurses working in administrative posts.



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2. Enter email address and create password
3. Describe your work setting
4. Select categories of interest

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- Natural / Man-made events
- Infectious disease
- Vaccine-preventable diseases
- Environmental health
- Chronic disease

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- 🔔 No cost to user
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