MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Are you online for your license renewal?

Dear Colleagues:

Please be advised that on Feb. 13, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) mailed letters informing physicians who have not completed their online profiles that they must do so by April 1, 2008. Failure to do so will result in physicians not being able to renew their medical licenses.

Medical license renewal will begin sometime in mid-April, with a July 31 deadline. Physicians who have completed their required online profile will be able to electronically renew their medical licenses. Those who have not completed their profile will be prohibited from electronic license renewal until the profile is completed.

If you have not completed your profile, do not put it off any longer! The letter from IDFPR contains your login ID and password.

If you have questions, please visit ISMS online for profile completion tips and resources.

If you still have questions, member physicians may call ISMS at (800) 632-7478 or send an e-mail to have their questions answered. Please note that IDFPR requires physicians to complete their own profiles.

Thank you,

Saroja Bharati, MD
President, Chicago Medical Society
ON A THEME OF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND renewal, President Saroja Bharati, MD, led the CMS Council on Feb. 26, highlighting ways in which the Society is serving members and playing a strong role in the community. Featured speakers came as guests of Dr. Bharati.

U.S. ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL PREVIEWS MCC PROGRAM; JOINS CMS/ISMS
Midwest Clinical Conference (MCC) keynoter and Assistant Surgeon General James M. Galloway, MD, received a warm welcome and, upon Dr. Bharati’s request, applied to join CMS/ISMS. Dr. Galloway described “Build a Healthy Chicago” a public health initiative involving CMS, the AMA and the City of Chicago that was launched in February and will be the subject of Dr. Galloway’s MCC address. Dr. Galloway, who came to Chicago “to build synergies with organizations,” described the metrics (blood pressure, weight, screening, etc.) to be used in the new campaign. For more information, see the January issue of the Chicago Medicine newsletter.

ISMS PRESIDENT GIVES PERSPECTIVE
Rodney Osborn, MD, ISMS president, said the Society is poised to advance several key legislative proposals during the 2008 session. They include an extension of the Medical Practice Act, legislation to regulate retail health clinics, and legislation to restore balance between hospitals and medical staffs. Dr. Osborn predicted that some issues will emerge or reemerge in the coming session—licensure of lay midwives, expansion of state health
Councilors Drs. Philip Dray and Ann Marie Dunlap approach the microphone to comment on resolutions.

... programs, physician assistants seeking authority to prescribe Schedule II drugs, and removal of the limit on the number of PAs a physician can supervise. Other items forecast: mandated physician cultural competency continuing education, and efforts to weaken the statewide smoking ban.

CMS ALLIANCE TO SUPPORT MEDICAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Linda Izquierdo, president of the Illinois State Medical Society Alliance, and wife of Arled Izquierdo, MD, announced that a Chicago Medical Society Alliance affiliated with the ISMS Alliance is taking shape. She said the restarted local Alliance, two years in the making, will focus on membership recruitment and retention, aiming for true diversity. Alliance members are committed and knowledgeable, active in medical liability reform efforts, SGR advocacy, fundraising and community volunteering. A primary focus will be connecting electronically to the younger generation. The old CMS Alliance met last in the 1990s. Ms. Izquierdo was accompanied by Gail Kacich, board member of the AMA Alliance. Ms. Kacich described the Alliance’s role in membership recruitment and retention as well as reaching the younger generation.

PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS: AD HOC COMMITTEES

- The Senior Physicians Group is planning an educational event on “Aging of the Heart” for CMS members.
- The Women’s Forum is studying the interests and needs of CMS’ female members.
- The Young Physicians Committee is developing services based on the needs and interests of young physicians. A social/networking event is being planned for early spring.
- The Regional Patient Safety Simulation Center received additional funding of $50,000 from the Otho S.A. Sprague Foundation for further development.

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MEMBERSHIP REBOUNDS
Approximately 160 physicians have joined CMS through the Society’s recent recruitment letter campaign; and since June 2007, membership has increased by 801 physicians, reported Dr. Bharati. CMS is now focusing on members who have not renewed their memberships, while it prepares to launch a similar recruitment campaign at the hospital level. The year 2008 is the first in 10 years that CMS has increased membership in all categories, Dr. Bharati announced. ISMS complemented the recruitment letter campaign through staff and financial support.

In separate news, Dr. Thomas Anderson, CMS treasurer, reported that with a conservative 2008 budget, CMS is on budget and ahead of last year’s figures. He also reported that the Budget Committee would meet again in April to examine the Society’s financial health.

COUNCIL CERTIFIES ELECTIONS
The Council certified the election of William N. Werner, MD, as CMS president-elect, and Robert W. Panton, MD, as CMS secretary.

COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW POLICIES
Noise Pollution
- Recognizes noise pollution as a public health hazard, with respect to hearing loss;
- Recommends action to increase awareness of the health risks of loud noise;
- Conveys this resolution to the ISMS and AMA for action.

SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE FOR THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES
- Requests ISMS to join CMS in formally stating to the Cook County Board of Commissioners (CCBC) that the current clinical budget cuts to the Cook County Bureau of Health Services (CCBHS) have seriously endangered the public health-care safety net and that additional budget cuts would further weaken and compromise the stability and function of the CCBHS to care for the uninsured patient population;
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UNIFORM EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS ACT
- Endorses the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act, which has been ratified by multiple states already;
- Introduces this model legislation to the Illinois State Medical Society for adoption and support to promote passage of such legislation in Illinois.

INCONSISTENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, HABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
- Supports in principle that insurance companies in Illinois provide habilitative services for children with developmental delays and other brain disorders;
- Relays this resolution to ISMS and the AMA for action.

Help minimize global warming
CMS requests that you turn off your lights on Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 p.m. as part of a global event in which cities across the world will voluntarily and safely turn out their lights for one hour to demonstrate concerns about climate change. The city of Chicago is the flagship U.S. city for Health Hour 2008, an initiative launched here in February by Mayor Richard M. Daley and Chicago business leaders.

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Imagine being seriously injured in an accident. You receive prompt, professional medical treatment that saves your life. Then, just as you’re on the brink of recovery, that treatment is taken away.

Prior to 2005, when medical lawsuit reforms became Illinois law, out-of-control liability premiums and jury awards had seriously injured our state’s health care system. This forced many doctors to cut back services, leave Illinois, or retire early. The result? Many patients could not access the care they desperately needed.

Since the reforms were enacted, we’ve begun a near-miraculous recovery. We’ve stemmed the flow of doctors leaving the state, assuring greater access to care for patients. We’ve reduced skyrocketing medical liability premiums that are ultimately passed on to employers, workers and their families in higher health insurance costs. In short, we’ve started to mend a medical liability system that was on the brink of collapse.

Now, trial lawyers want to overturn this fair, sensible—and necessary—reform and take us back to the dark days of excessive jury awards, higher medical liability premiums, escalating health care costs, and reduced access to care for patients.

Don’t let trial lawyers destroy the progress we’ve made on medical lawsuit reform. Let’s continue working to close the wounds, provide patients with the care they deserve, and keep physicians in Illinois.

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.REALITYMEDICINE.COM.
NEW BEGINNINGS

Physician spouses—join us on March 19 for the CMS Alliance

By Linda Izquierdo
President, Illinois State Medical Society Alliance

The Illinois State Medical Society Alliance is excited to forge a new partnership with Dr. Bharati and the Chicago Medical Society. Since our inception, our primary focus has been on community health education and legislative advocacy on behalf of physician spouses. Although our commitment remains the same, our role has expanded exponentially. On behalf of the 1300-plus Alliance members in Illinois, we understand:

- The challenges you face every day as a physician.
- The continuous hurdles flung at you by insurance companies and overzealous attorneys.
- Your concerns over the future of medicine.

Tort reform is the common goal of medical providers and will always be an uphill battle. As we have in the past, we will always stand by your side and answer your call when times are tough. Our support for the family of medicine does not stop here. Every year we raise over $30,000 to support our medical students.

In addition, Alliance members throughout Illinois contribute to IMPAC routinely when they pay their dues. The Alliance connects the Medical Society to its communities through outreach programs on tobacco, Internet safety, violence and health education. We teach children to make better choices. Our vast contributions to our communities cannot be fully described in the context of this article. However, our medical societies appreciate the positive light the Alliance reflects on their profession, and our community leaders look for that support year after year.

History has proven that a strong collaboration between medical societies and their respective alliances provides strong support for membership and shared goals. However, the success of this new venture will hinge on your support.

The time has come to fill a void that will significantly impact the work we do. A void, when filled, will make a dramatic difference and give a tremendous boost to fundraising, community education and legislative advocacy.

The Alliance looks forward to many years of collaboration with the Chicago Medical Society. I am available to answer any questions if you contact me at: wildcourt@aol.com.

On March 19, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., all Chicago-area physician spouses are invited to join and form the Chicago Medical Society Alliance. Physicians are asked to encourage their spouses to meet at the Chicago Medical Society Headquarters, 515 N. Dearborn St., and be part of the campaign to launch a new Alliance. Both the ISMS Alliance and the AMA Alliance will provide support and resources every step of the way, assuring that the “Family of Medicine” continues to grow and thrive right here in Chicago!

Transplant patient update

CMS is happy to report that Dr. Walter Jay Miller III is progressing well after liver transplant surgery at UCLA Medical Center last December. Dr. Miller is the son of longtime CMS member and surgeon Walter J. Miller, MD, of Oak Brook. In relaying the news, the Miller family also wishes to thank donors for their generous contributions toward covering the cost of Dr. Miller’s operation and post transplant care.

For those who wish to make a contribution to the cost of Dr. Miller’s care, donations may be made by credit card, phone, or check. To pay online, go to www.transplantfund.org/Restricted/patient-detail.cfm?pat_id=2202. To make monthly recurring contributions, go to www.transplantfund.org/contributions; or call the National Transplant Assistance Fund at (800) 642-8399. Send checks to NTAF, 150 N. Radnor Chester Rd., Suite #F-120, Radnor, PA 19087. Be sure to write “in honor of Walter J. Miller” on the memo line.
Who Should Attend the Conference?

ALL PHYSICIAN INCLUDING:
Internists,
Family Practitioners,
Cardiologists,
Oncologists,
Anesthesiologists,
Gynecologists,
Pediatricians,
Surgeons,
Hospitalists,
Residents,
Medical Students
and more!

Early Bird Fees!
$295 Members /
$395 Nonmembers
Full Conference Fee
Includes:
Daily breakfast, lunch
for Thursday and Friday
and a complimentary
dessert reception.

Benefits of attending on March 27-29:

LOCATION:
Doubletree Hotel - Oak Brook
1909 Spring Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523   www.doubletree.com

• CME: Earn up to 20 CME credits & meet your IL relicensure requirements due in July of 2008!

• Opportunities: Network with elite speakers and your colleagues from Chicago’s leading medical institutions; learn from regional and national healthcare vendors.

• Convenient Schedule: Thursday (March 27) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday (March 28) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday (March 29) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Perks: Early Bird package fee includes daily breakfast and lunch and a dessert reception on Friday. Parking is Free!

• Topics Include: Hypertension; Cardiovascular Disease; Diabetes; Robotic Surgery; Family Practice Updates; Women’s Health; Men’s Health; Allergy & Sinus; Internal Medicine; Tele-Medicine; Practice Management Topics; Medical-Legal and additional exciting advancements in medicine!

The Chicago Medical Society is a fully accredited CME provider.

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Or for more information visit:
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Each year the Chicago Medical Society joins forces to develop and present MCC, with up to 50 specialty societies and outstanding speakers from Chicago’s leading medical institutions including: The Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Loyola University Medical Center, Rush University Medical Center, The University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago and Chicago Medical School.

Program Agenda - Thursday, March 27, 2008

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Breakfast and Exhibits  0.5 hour session

General CME Breakfast: “CHAMP: Building a Healthy Chicago.”
Morning Keynote Speaker: James M. Galloway, MD, Assistant Surgeon General,
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Moderator: Saroja Bharati, MD, President, Chicago Medical Society, Director, Maurice Lev Congenital Heart and Conduction System Center, Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital and
Christ Medical Center; Professor of Pathology, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-01: Latest Trends in Surgical Treatments for Obesity
- Course B-01: Understanding Headache and Gender
- Course C-01: New Strategy in Hospital Antibiotic Management Programs
- Course D-01: Ethical Considerations in End-of-Life Care

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Intermission and Exhibits

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  General CME Luncheon: “Nitric Oxide as a Unique Signaling Molecule in Biology.”
Keynote Speaker: Louis Ignarro, PhD, Nobel Laureate
Moderator: Saroja Bharati, MD, President, Chicago Medical Society

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Q & A

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-02: Strategies for Managing Womens’ Health- Part I
- Course B-02: Pediatrics I: Advances in Stem Cell Transplantation
- Course C-02: Understanding Humanitarian Relief Via Tele-Medicine
- Course D-02: Medical-Legal: Navigating the Physician/Patient Relationship

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-03: Gaining New Insights Into AIDS/HIV
- Course B-03: Evolving Trends in Patient Safety Simulation and Anesthesia
- Course C-03: Primary Considerations in Adult Oncology
- Course D-03: Understanding Medicare 2008: Quality Assurance Update & Case Studies

Program Agenda - Friday, March 28, 2008

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast and Exhibits

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-04: Considerations for Depression and COPD (Family Practice)
- Course B-04: Managing and Treating Allergy and Asthma
- Course C-04: New Developments in Obesity in Children
- Course D-04: Allied Health: Scope of Practice Changes

Morning Keynote Speaker:
Rodney C. Osborn, MD, President, ISMS
Moderator: Saroja Bharati, MD, President, Chicago Medical Society
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-05: Advancements in Robotic Surgery
- Course B-05: Exploring Concepts in Global Health
- Course C-05: Current Perspectives in Pulmonary/Critical Care
- Course D-05: Identifying Pay-for-Performance Initiatives

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Intermission and Exhibits

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. General CME Luncheon
   Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Congressman Danny K. Davis
   Moderator: Saroja Bharati, MD, President, Chicago Medical Society

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Public Service Award Presentation

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-06: Clinical Updates in Hypertension
- Course B-06: Pediatrics I: Updating the Pediatric Physician
- Course C-06: Surgical Treatments in Colorectal Cancer
- Course D-06: Complying with OSHA 2008: The Big Picture

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10 minute intermission.

- Course A-07: Evolving Strategies for Cardiovascular Disease and Osteoporosis
- Course B-07: Pediatrics II: Revisiting Autism and Allergy/Asthma
- Course C-07: Current Initiatives on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diabetes
- Course D-07: Strategies for Managing Women's Health – Part II

Program Agenda - Saturday, March 29, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-08: Diagnosing and Managing Thrombosis
- Course B-08: Update: Primary Care in Psychiatry: ADD/Chemical Dependency
- Course C-08: Reviewing Concepts in Organ Transplantation
- Course D-08: Medical-Legal: Navigating the Physician/Patient Relationship (repeat of D-02)

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The following 2.0 hour sessions run concurrently and will include a 10-minute intermission.

- Course A-09: Health Interventions in Geriatric Care and Alzheimer’s
- Course B-09: Clinical Considerations in Common Sleep Disorders
- Course C-09: Reviewing Diabetes and Coronary Heart Disease
- Course D-09: Contract Negotiations (Non-CME)

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Medical Student Session (Non-CME)

Note: Speakers are subject to change; for speaker, disclosure and course updates visit our website.
**CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY**

2008 Midwest Clinical Conference (MCC)  
March 27-29 at Doubletree Hotel – Oak Brook  
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Midwest Clinical Conference educational courses are designed for medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, medical and osteopathic students, physician assistants, and medical office staff. **Medical students, residents and fellows-in-training may register onsite for no charge.** Discounted or no-charge registrants must show proof of resident or student status. The three-day conference fee includes complimentary breakfast and lunch for Thursday and Friday and also a dessert reception.

It is the goal of the Chicago Medical Society to accommodate all registrants in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need any of the services identified in the ADA, please notify the Chicago Medical Society, in writing, by February 29, 2008. The mailing address is: 515 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60610 – Attn: Education Dept.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**
- Check or money order (enclosed)
- Master Card
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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:**

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Check one of the applicable registration fees listed above. Questions? 312-670-2550

$ _________ Total Amount Enclosed (total check or credit card payment) Fax: 312-670-3646

**Note:** In the event of unforeseeable circumstances, the Chicago Medical Society reserves the right to reschedule, revise or cancel the courses listed on this form.

**Online Registration:** www.cmsdocs.org

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**2008 MIDWEST CLINICAL CONFERENCE:**

Select a course from each time block below:

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (0.5 hr. general breakfast session)
  - Breakfast Keynote: James M. Galloway, MD, Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, on “CHAMP: Building a Healthy Chicago.”
- 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (2.0 hrs.)
  - A-01: Obesity & Surgery
  - B-01: Headache & Gender
  - C-01: Latest in Hospital Antibiotic Mgmt. Programs
  - D-01: Ethics: End of Life
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (1.0 hr. general lunch session)
  - E-01: Luncheon Keynote: Louis Ignarro, PhD, Nobel Laureate, on “Nitric Oxide as a Unique Signaling Molecule in Biology.”
  - A-02: Women’s Health - Part I
  - B-02: Pediatrics: Stem Cell Transplantation
  - C-02: Tele-Medicine & Humanitarian Relief
  - D-02: Medical-Legal Session

- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (2.0 hrs.)
  - A-03: AIDS/HIV Update
  - B-03: Patient Safety Simulation & Anesthesia
  - C-03: Cancer in Adults
  - D-03: Medicare 2008

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28 (cont.)**

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (2.0 hrs.)
  - A-05: Robotic Surgery
  - B-05: Global Health
  - C-05: Pulmonary Critical Care
  - D-05: Pay-for-Performance
  - E-02: Luncheon Keynote: Congressman Danny K. Davis followed by CMS Public Service Award Presentation
  - A-06: Hypertension Update
  - B-06: Pediatric Update Part I
  - C-06: Update in Colorectal Surgery
  - D-06: OSHA 2008: The Big Picture
  - A-07: Internal Medicine Update: Cardiovascular Disease & Osteoporosis
  - B-07: Pediatric Update - Part II: Autism & Allergy/Asthma
  - C-07: Advances in Diabetes
  - D-07: Women’s Health - Part II

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (2.0 hrs.)
  - B-08: Psychiatry Update for Primary Care
  - C-08: Organ Transplantation
  - D-08: Medical-Legal Session

- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2.0 hrs.)
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  - E-03: Medical Student Session

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YOUR ELECTED COUNTY DELEGATES WILL meet April 10-13 at the ISMS House of Delegates (HOD) in Oak Brook to set a course for the future. As in previous years, CMS is contributing to the body of resolutions up for debate, with new ones that recently passed through the CMS Council. In previous years, CMS resolutions have become official ISMS policy and traveled on to the AMA for adoption. For example, in 2007 CMS sponsored resolutions on reducing trans fats, graduate medical education, SIDS research, and standard health benefits. All were incorporated into AMA policy. Their success shows that the voice of a single CMS member can resonate beyond the county medical society. A resolution’s journey is testament to the democratic political process and power of organized medicine.

Among the highlights of the HOD meeting will be:
- Sessions on covering the uninsured, pay-for-performance, and DVT Screening.
- Former U.S. House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert will address the IMPAC $500 Club, and ISMS’ legal expert and advocate on the constitutionality of tort reform, Ted Olson, will be featured at the ISMIE Mutual annual luncheon event.
- A vendors’ fair.

CMS Resolutions Go to ISMS
To Restore Checks and Balances in the Federal and State Governments
(Original author: B.H. Gerald Rogers, MD)
- Requests ISMS to study and research mechanisms to achieve a balance of professions in the legislature, and asks that AMA research and take action on this issue as well.

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Internet Prescribing
(Original author: Saroja Bharati, MD)
- Requests the ISMS to adopt AMA policy on Internet prescribing across state lines and support the work of the AMA with state societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards; requests the AMA to reaffirm its commitment to working with state societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards and others in endorsing or developing model state legislation to establish limitations on Internet prescribing.

Study of Universal Healthcare Systems
- Requests ISMS to support policy that healthcare must continue as a priority item of funding at the national, state, and local level; requests that ISMS recognize the need and engage in more detailed study of aspects of national universal healthcare coverage systems including but not limited to funding sources, payment models, overhead level and physician education in Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, and other appropriate industrialized nations; requests ISMS to recognize that as our healthcare delivery system evolves, direct, meaningful and obligatory physician input is essential and must be present at every level of de-
bate; asks ISMS to affirm that the private practice of medicine be permitted as the U.S. healthcare delivery system evolves; asks that ISMS forward this resolution to the AMA for adoption of similar policy; and requests the ISMS report back to CMS on this resolution’s progress.

Support for Independent Governance for the Cook County Bureau of Health Services
(Original authors: Ann Marie Dunlap, MD, Peter Orris, MD, and Philip Dray, MD)

- Requests the ISMS to join the CMS in formally stating to the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the current clinical budget cuts to the CCBHS have seriously endangered the public health-care safety net and that additional budget cuts would further weaken and compromise the stability and function of the CCBHS to care for the uninsured patient population; asks that ISMS join the CMS in supporting the recommendations contained in the CCBHS Review Committee’s October 2007 Report; that the ISMS join with the CMS in reviewing the details of the CCBHS model from the research arm of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems Institute for the purpose of advocating for such a model before appropriate government bodies including the CCBC and the Illinois State Legislature; and ask the ISMS to submit a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates requesting that the AMA Board of Trustees refer the issue of independent governance of public hospitals to the appropriate AMA Council for review and referral to the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for consideration as a possible accreditation standard for public hospitals.

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Question: What is the one yearly event where you can earn no-cost CME, network with colleagues, hear from prominent policy makers and get involved in the only organization representing all Illinois doctors? Of course it is the 2008 ISMS Annual Meeting! Here’s a quick preview of the events open to ISMS and CMS members. For more information, contact Judy Fitzgerald, (312) 782-1654, ext. 2384, judyfitzgerald@isms.org

- The keynote leadership address from Pat Price, president of The Price Group, is sure to inspire with her remarks on Leading the ISMS for a Healthy Future. Friday, April 11, 9:15-10:00 a.m.

- IMPAC’s $500 Club Breakfast will feature insights from former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert. All IMPAC $500 Club members are welcome to attend with one non-physician guest. Not a $500 Club member? Join today! Saturday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 a.m.

- Legislative policy experts panel discussion will focus on Confronting the Issue of Covering Illinois’ Medically Uninsured. Saturday, April 12, 9-10:00 a.m.

- The educational session Deep Vein Thrombosis: Understanding the Risk features prominent expert Joseph Caprini, MD, and will be followed by an optional DVT risk assessment for all meeting attendees. Saturday, April 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (screening runs from 11:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.)

- An ISMIE Mutual-supported luncheon will feature an update on the challenge to Illinois medical liability reforms by Mr. Theodore Olson, former U.S. Solicitor General and prominent constitutional law scholar. Saturday, April 12, noon-1:00 p.m.

- ISMS annual vendor fair featuring representatives from a spectrum of companies providing the latest information and services essential for running a medical practice. Saturday, April 12, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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- The educational session Pay for Performance: What Every Doctor Needs to Know will feature remarks from Mary Hoppa, MD, MBA. Breakfast included!
  Sunday, April 13, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

All activities will occur at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Hotel located at 3500 Midwest Road in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Question: What is your medical society doing for doctors in Springfield in 2008?

The General Assembly is back in session and ISMS is backing several key legislative proposals. The ISMS agenda will:

- **Extend the Medical Practice Act** – The General Assembly passed a two-year extension in 2006. ISMS is now seeking a full 10-year extension with only the most minimal changes to the current Act. (HB 4504 & SB 2179)
- **Regulate retail health clinics** – ISMS’ bill would instill patient safety safeguards and raise the standard of care for patients utilizing retail health clinics. (HB 5372)
- **Restore balance between hospitals and medical staffs** – ISMS is seeking to preserve the independence of medical staffs so that they can continue to do their work—providing quality health care to patients. Our bill delineates the minimum set of self-governance attributes of a hospital medical staff and would codify the rights of a medical staff. (HB 5193)
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to keynote exclusive event for IMPAC $500 Club members.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 12, 2008, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort in Oak Brook

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Senior actions
Members of the Senior Physicians Group, a CMS ad hoc committee, met recently for a planning session. Shown, from left: Drs. Kenneth Printen, Raj Lal, Joseph Murphy, chairman, George Farah, and M. Anita Johnson. Dr. Farah has written an article for the upcoming issue of Chicago Medicine magazine discussing his retirement activities, including painting.

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