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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Will financial crisis force health care reform?

Consumers, in general, are cutting back on spending, and as the financial crisis captures daily headlines, the once recession-proof health care market is also feeling some belt tightening.

Yes, disease and accidents will always strike regardless of the economy, but a recent *Wall Street Journal* article reports that 22% of 686 consumers polled said the economy was a major factor in their decision to visit the doctor less often, and 11% reported scaling back on prescriptions as a cost-savings measure.

What will the long-term effects on our patients' health be when short-term health maintenance cut-backs lead to later diagnoses and the development of minor issues into major health concerns? Such trends are on a crash course with the quality health care practices we have advanced over the years.

We physicians are also consumers in this upside-down economy. We, too, are concerned about family budgets, college tuition, debt, monthly bills and retirement. Our practices may also falter, and any existing financial problems will be exacerbated by reduced patient volume, reduced demand for preventive and elective procedures, and further cuts in reimbursement from government-funded programs, and longer payment cycles from self-pay patients.

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Michael Boros, CMS

Doc for a day

State Rep. Joseph Lyons dons a white coat for his CMS Legislative Mini-Internship at Amundsen School-Based Health Center. (See page 6.)

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The dollars promised for the financial bailout, along with campaign promises to reduce taxes, make the prospect of increased reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid appear slim, although both candidates have suggested they would shift the system away from the current model.

All of these factors will challenge our livelihood, but at the same time present us with an opportunity.

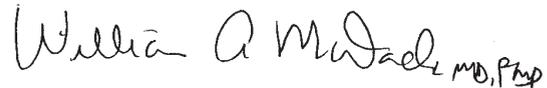
A recent op-ed piece in the *Chicago Tribune* by Ezekiel J. Emanuel, MD, Chair of the Department of Bioethics at The Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health, relayed the thoughts of Victor Fuchs, PhD, the "Dean of Health-care Economics." Dr. Fuchs, who is Professor of Economics and Health Research Policy at Stanford University, "has long maintained that we will get health-care reform only when there is a war, a depression or some other major civil unrest." Dr. Emanuel goes on to say that the financial crisis "may in fact make comprehensive health-care reform more politically feasible, indeed maybe even absolutely

necessary for fiscal stability."

If true, let us use our ingenuity and resources to bring about positive change.

In the true American spirit we will have voted our conscience on Nov. 4. No matter the election results, we must work with our legislators, advocate on behalf of patients, and bring our unique perspective to the new administration. We are the ones who live in the health care trenches, not the Washington politicians.

But we are effective only if we are organized and unified, not alone or divided. The Chicago Medical Society, ISMS, and AMA represent all physicians regardless of specialty. We're there as your advocate, but we need your support. Won't you join us?



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Policy begins at the grassroots level

ARE THERE ISSUES THAT YOU WANT ORGANIZED medicine to take a stand on? Something you wish to support or oppose?

Resolutions are a great way to make your voice heard.

CMS encourages members to introduce resolutions through their District councilors. They are the ones who represent you at the Society's quarterly Council meetings, the place where grassroots ideas take shape. Following discussion and sometimes spirited debate, resolutions may progress to the Illinois State Medical Society after gaining the Council's approval. At ISMS they are further hashed out. If approved, they may move up to the American Medical Association, where policies are implemented at the national level.

Keep in mind that timing is important. If you want your resolution to be considered at the AMA Annual House of Delegates in June, you should submit your resolution to CMS by early September of the preceding year. CMS will vote on the resolution in November and send it to ISMS before the winter deadline. The ISMS House of Delegates meets in April.

Care in researching and writing a resolution, with close attention to structural elements, is essential. CMS, ISMS, and AMA have guidelines for preparing resolutions; and they can be found on our web sites. (Upon request, CMS staff will research the policy positions of CMS, ISMS and AMA.)

After a resolution is submitted to CMS, the sponsor is advised to give testimony before a committee. The committee will then vote on whether to recommend, refer, or not adopt the resolution. The committee may make changes to improve the resolution's chance of passage before the Council or other voting body.

(One exception to this pathway involves emergency resolutions. These may be introduced on the Council floor and voted on without going to a committee.)

If you doubt the power of resolutions to make a difference, please note that many CMS and ISMS resolutions are now AMA policy, or were combined with other resolutions to form state or national initiatives. The following is a



CMS encourages members to introduce resolutions through their District councilors, who may bring them before the Society's quarterly Council meetings (as shown above), the place where grassroots ideas take shape. Following discussion, resolutions may progress to ISMS, where they will be further debated. If approved, resolutions may move up to the AMA, where policies are implemented at the national level.

snapshot of resolutions generated at CMS during the last few years. They are now ISMS and AMA policy, and both organizations have lobbied or taken action publicly on a number of them.

- Medicare Reduction in Graduate Medical Education Payment/The Preservation, Stability and Expansion of Full Funding for Graduate Medical Education
- Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect/Elder Mistreatment
- Reducing Trans Fats
- Noise Pollution
- Support of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Research
- Study of Universal Healthcare Systems
- Pharmacy Communications/Prescription Drug Monitoring
- Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
- Standard Health Care Benefit
- Toy Safety
- Medical Staff Autonomy
- Access to Hospital Records
- Positive Verification of Contact Lens Prescriptions
- Balance Billing
- Internet Child Pornography
- Timely Filing of Claims

If you have questions about submitting a resolution to CMS, please contact Liz Sidney at (312) 670-2550, ext. 335; or email esidneyd@cmsdocs.org.

Join a committee, serve your profession

Take a stand on legislation and policy matters affecting you and your practice. Share insight and ideas with your colleagues and people who make the decisions affecting your everyday life.

Each year the Chicago Medical Society Committee on Committees appoints members to CMS committees and recommends interested physicians to Illinois State Medical Society councils and committees. As in the past, we urge you to participate and invite you to volunteer right now for any committee you wish.

Every member is unique and each has a contribution to make. CMS and ISMS offer committee assignments for every interest—from professional liability insurance to public health to physician education. There are over 10 committees to choose from. CMS is one of the largest county medical societies in the United States. We have the numbers and the potential, but we need your active support to achieve success. *Together we will make a difference.*

Here's the procedure...

- Complete and return the form by **March 13, 2009**
- The Committee on Committees (COC) will meet to make appointments/recommendations at this time. The COC will also recommend nominees to ISMS councils and committees.
- Recommendations to ISMS councils and committees will be forwarded to ISMS.

Indicate your top three preferred committees individually for CMS and ISMS committees by inserting the numbers 1, 2, and 3 in the appropriate spaces.

CMS Committees

- _____ 113 Bylaws/Policy Review
- _____ 114 Continuing Medical Education
- _____ 123 Long-Range Planning
- _____ 128 Physicians Review (Peer Review)
- _____ 131 Resolutions Reference
- _____ 132 Subcommittee on Fee Mediation
- _____ 133 Subcommittee on Medical Practice
- _____ 134 Subcommittee on Joint Sponsorship
- _____ 140 Physician Advocacy
- _____ 145 Public Health
- _____ 147 Healthcare Economics
- _____ 148 Credentials/Elections
- _____ 149 Communications/Technology
- _____ 150 Membership/IMG

ISMS Councils and Committees

- _____ 302 Economics
- _____ 303 Education and Health Workforce
- _____ 305 Governmental Affairs
- _____ 306 Medical/Legal Council
- _____ 307 Membership and Advocacy
- _____ 320 Medical Service
- _____ 325 Communications
- _____ 329 Peer Review Appeals Committee
- _____ 332 Committee on CME Accreditation
- _____ 333 Committee on Drugs and Therapeutics
- _____ 361 Committee on CME Activities

Name _____

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Please fax this form no later than March 13, 2009
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Legislators, docs gain from CMS mini-internships

Photos: Michael Boros, CMS



State Rep. Joseph Lyons (center) puts on his medical gear for his CMS Legislative Mini-Internship Program at the Amundsen School-Based-Health Center. On hand to exchange ideas were Drs. Elizabet Feldman and Jose Elizondo.

Shadowing physicians gives insight into the issues

THE CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY ENCOURAGES you to spend a day with your legislators through our Legislative Mini-Internship Program.

In matching legislators and civic leaders with physicians for one day, non-physicians can learn about the realities of medicine, and draw their own conclusions about the complexities of the profession. The project also acquaints CMS members with legislative responsibilities while helping legislators to understand the impact of legislation on health care.

The first program of the fall season paired State Rep. Joseph Lyons with Jose Elizondo, MD, and Elizabeth Feldman, MD. The “training” took place at the Amundsen School-Based Health Center, a partnership between Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center and Amundsen High School.

Both physicians told Representative Lyons about the effects of legislation on both the Center and on doctors in general, as well as the successes and barriers they experience. They offered a comprehensive view of school-based health care as Representative Lyons met with medical staff, school leaders and student groups.

Activities also included a tour, precept session, and one-on-one meetings with school representatives.

Also this September, State Rep. Louis Lang shadowed Jose Velasco, MD, at Rush North Shore Medical Center. The day included a tour of the

surgery department, a laparoscopic gastrectomy and cholecystectomy, and a second tour featuring other hospital departments.

“Our program provides a unique platform for CMS members to address health care issues and provide legislators and civic leaders new perspectives within the health care system,” said CMS President William A. McDade, MD, PhD. “The program opens opportunities to create a future physician resource for the legislators and civic leaders on health policy issues, helping to set the stage for a healthier tomorrow.”

If you would like to participate in a Mini-Internship Program or would like more information, please contact Michael Boros at (312) 670-2550, ext. 326; or email mboros@cmsdocs.org.

Mini-internship benefits

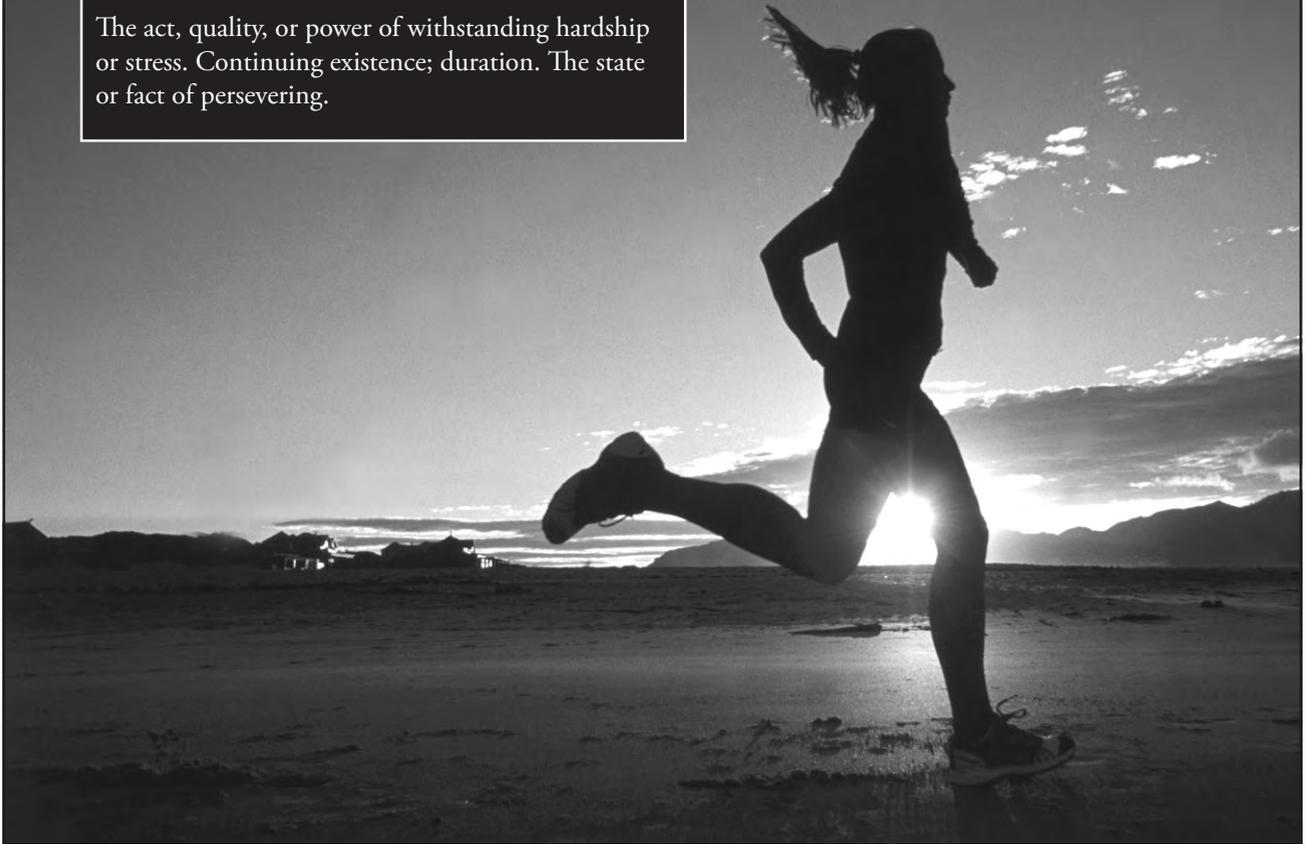
- Allows legislators to personally witness a physician’s practice routine.
- Creates a future physician resource for legislators/civic leaders on health policy issues.
- Informs legislators of the problems and challenges in health care delivery.
- Addresses questions legislators may have.
- Counters inaccurate preconceptions legislators may have regarding health care delivery.



Mini-Internship participant State Rep. Louis Lang (right) tours Rush North Shore Medical Center with Jose Velasco, MD.

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AMA President Dr. Nancy Nielsen addressed the Chicago Association for Business Economics on Health Care Reform on Oct. 22. To view the AMA proposal, visit VoiceForTheUninsured.org.

Photo: Illinois State Medical Society



Northwestern Neurosurgeon Dr. Steve Ondra, one of Barack Obama's closest health policy advisors, presented Mr. Obama's health care platform at ISMS on Oct. 16.

Photo: Illinois State Medical Society



State Rep. Jim Durkin, head of John McCain's Illinois campaign effort, presented the nominee's health care platform at the Oct. 16 ISMS program.

CMS OFFERINGS

We're reaching out to medical staff leaders, academic physicians

THE NEWLY FORMED COUNCIL ON MEDICAL Staff Leadership encourages physicians to attend its next program on Dec. 6, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Maggiano's Banquets in Chicago.

Attorney Richard King will give an update on medical liability reform, addressing the pending Illinois Supreme Court case, *Lebron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital*. He will review the ramifications of the Court's decision on the 2005 reforms passed by the General Assembly. Mr. King, who is vice president and general legal counsel for the Illinois State Medical Society, will also outline the defense team's strategy.

The Council on Medical Staff Leadership was formed to meet the growing demands on medical staff leaders. The Council serves medical staff presidents, president-elects, secretaries, and other physician leaders.

For more information, please contact Megan Whalen at CMS at (312) 670-2550, ext. 332; or e-mail mwhalen@cmsdocs.org.

ISMS and CMS host 'must-attend' event for residency program directors

ISMS AND CMS are hosting a meeting for all Illinois residency program directors and physicians interested in medical education issues. The event will be held Saturday morning (8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.), Dec. 6, at the University Club of Chicago. Paul Rockey, MD, Director of the AMA Division of Graduate Medical Education, will keynote the event and discuss the following GME topics:

- **Funding:** *What does it really cost and who should pay for it?*
- **Location:** *Where does residency training happen? Where should it?*
- **Flexibility:** *What should change to meet Illinoisans' needs?*
- **Morale:** *Can we enhance the morale of residents, faculty and practicing physicians?*

After Dr. Rockey's remarks, ISMS and CMS leadership will direct a town hall forum to discuss organized medicine's role in medical education.

To register for the meeting, please call (800) 782-4767, ext. 2423; or e-mail karenclement@isms.org.

Soon to be announced: CMS leadership slate for '09-'10

The CMS Nominating Committee met on Oct. 19 to nominate the leadership slate for 2009-2010. Nominations will be announced at the Nov. 4 Council meeting and the names will be published in the upcoming issue of *Chicago Medicine*.

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Joseph Harrington, PhD, assistant commissioner, Chicago Dept. of Public Health, spoke to the committee about increased specialty care for an aging population. The AMA's Amber Ryan and Richard Yoast, MD, also spoke about the AMA's "Healthier Life Steps" program.

Building a Healthier Chicago

James Galloway, MD, U.S. Assistant Surgeon General, (left) discusses the objectives for the "Building a Healthier Chicago" initiative (see ad below) during the CMS Public Health Committee meeting on Oct. 22, as committee chairman Hugo A. Alvarez, MD, (above, left) and members Alfonso Mejia, MD, and Raj B. Lal, MD, listen.

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- 1 Community Engagement for Health
- 2 Promoting Wellness in the Workplace
- 3 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for Children and Adolescents

Building a Healthier Chicago (BHC) is a coalition of local and national stakeholders working to strengthen partners' efforts to promote the health of Chicago residents and employees. Founding partners include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Region V, the City of Chicago Department of Public Health, and the American Medical Association. Through partner collaboration, BHC promotes, coordinates, and tracks the adoption of optimal programs, practices, policies, and supportive environments throughout the worksites, schools, health care organizations, faith-based organizations, parks, and neighborhoods of Chicago.

Website: www.healthierchicago.org

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ISMS and AMA convince BCBSI to reverse course on onerous contract changes

AFTER WEEKS OF DISCUSSION, ISMS AND THE AMA have successfully persuaded Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois to alter contracting changes that were being instituted under the guise of the Thomas-Love class action settlement. Several of the policy changes floated were wholly unrelated to the Thomas-Love case and would have imposed unnecessary administrative burdens on physicians.

To summarize some of the key changes that came about from the ISMS/AMA/BCBSI discussions:

- BCBSI had proposed requiring physicians to notify patients in writing of *any* referral made to an out-of-network provider. This would have obliged physicians to know the network status of all physicians to whom they refer, creating a severe administrative hassle. In response to ISMS and AMA concern, BCBSI will now require patient notification in writing *only when* physicians refer to a facility in which they have an ownership interest.
- BCBSI had attempted to add authorizing language to allow the insurer to obtain patient lab test results. This could have heaped yet another administrative burden on physicians. At ISMS and AMA's request, BCBSI clarified its intent to obtain test results *directly from the lab* and not from physicians; however, the Blues will need physicians' approval to obtain such lab results. This authorization has been added to the contract.
- The BCBSI proposal appeared to indicate the insurer could terminate a physician's contract if there was even a minor administrative sanction or reprimand by a PRO or hospital medical staff. This language was very broad and would have

given BCBSI enormous latitude in terminating contracts. At ISMS and the AMA's request, BCBSI clarified the language – noting instead that it could immediately terminate contracts only when there is action taken against a physician's license or an imminent threat to patient health and safety.

- BCBSI sought to require 30 days' advance notification from physicians of *any* change in address or employment status, rather than the current standard to notify within 30 days. This provision has been removed.
- At ISMS/AMA urging, BCBSI agreed to put the provider manual online since it will now be considered part of the provider contract.

Getting BCBSI to make these changes represents a **big win for Illinois doctors**. When talking to colleagues, be sure to promote ISMS and AMA advocacy and our effectiveness in convincing BCBSI to lessen the burden on physicians.

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Interim Meeting around corner

FOLLOWING THE NOV. 4 COUNCIL MEETING, CMS leaders headed to the AMA Interim Meeting in Orlando, Florida, to deliver the Illinois message.

Since 2002, the Interim Meeting has focused on advocacy in the public, private and legislative arenas. Delegates are responsible for developing strategies to influence those who make decisions that directly affect physician practice. Typical areas of interest include payment for services, funding and regulation of education and research, and access to and delivery of medical care.

Delegates and alternates are a key source of information on activities, programs and policies of the AMA. They serve as a direct contact for individual members who wish to communicate with the AMA and contribute to the formulation of policy. They also identify situations that might be addressed through policy implementation.

The state delegation is made up of 16 delegates, 16 alternates, and one regional student delegate.

The Interim Meeting runs from Nov. 8-11, and will be covered in an upcoming issue of *Chicago Medicine*.

AMA testifies for joint contracting

THE AMA IS URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT to ease rules and regulations that discourage physicians from engaging in joint contracting with insurance companies.

Testifying before the House Committee on Small Business, William Hazel, Jr., MD, Secretary of the AMA Board of Trustees, explained that the Federal Trade Commission antitrust guidelines have not kept pace with changes in the marketplace and that current policies hinder the ability of physicians to collaborate and participate in the “full spectrum of health care initiatives.”

He told Congress that “the FTC guidelines and advisory opinions to date require a level of financial investment that is impractical for physicians in solo and small group practices—about 75 percent of physicians in the market.”

Dr. Hazel gave examples of how joint contracting would benefit both physicians and third-party payers:

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AMA establishes scholarship fund to honor Dr. Davis



AMA's immediate past president Dr. Ron Davis was president of the CMS student Branch during his years in Chicago.

THE DR. RONALD M. DAVIS Preventive Medicine Residency Scholarship fund has been established at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Dr. Davis, a U-M graduate who became president of the American Medical Association in June 2007, is also the chair of the Preventive Medicine Residency Program and an adjunct professor of epidemiology at SPH, and director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at Henry Ford Health System. Dr. Davis, 52, was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He has kept a touching blog of his struggle against the particularly aggressive disease, which is available at <http://www.carepages.com>.

The new scholarship challenge will support physician graduate students pursuing an MPH, based on merit or need. The current President's Donor Challenge will match donations to the scholarship fund \$1

for \$2 until Dec. 31, or until the fund is expended.

"The University of Michigan's Preventive Medicine Residency Program provides a stellar experience for physicians to learn the principles of health promotion and disease prevention and how to practice population-based medicine in the public and private sectors," Dr. Davis said. "I'm honored to be linked to the Davis Preventive Medicine Residency Scholarship, and I urge those dedicated to a stronger public health infrastructure to contribute to it."

After graduating from U-M with a degree in zoology, Dr. Davis went on to the University of Chicago to earn a master's in public policy studies and an MD from the Pritzker School of Medicine in 1983. During his medical student years in Chicago, he began his involvement in organized medicine by serving as president of the CMS Student Branch.

For more information about the scholarship and ways to contribute, please see:

<http://www.sph.umich.edu/alumni/giving.html>.

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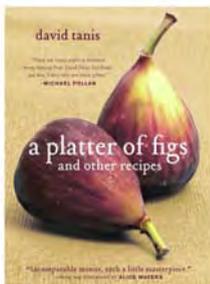
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2008 James Beard Award Winner Chef Carrie Nahabedian

PLATTER OF FIGS DINNER

Wines selected by Michael Nahabedian

TO START

- Pumpkin Soup "Tagine"
- Spiced Olives
- Berber Pizza

FIRST COURSE

- "Green" Cannelloni, Italian Braising Greens, Warm Ricotta Cheese, Crisp Artichokes and Fennel

SECOND COURSE

- Hearts of Romaine, *La Quercia* Prosciutto "Americano" and Shaved *Montelerraina* Cheese with Roasted Peppers, Crisp Capers and Spanish White Anchovy

THIRD COURSE

- Roasted Quail, Grilled Treviso Radicchio and *Anson Mills* Soft Corn Polenta with Parsnips "Epiphany Style"

DESSERT AND COFFEE

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November 19

Executive Committee Meeting
Chicago Medical Society (4th Floor)
8 - 9 a.m.

November 19

Chicago Geriatric Society Meeting
Maggiano's Banquets
6 - 9 p.m.

December 6

CMS/ISMS Residency Directors Meeting
University Club of Chicago
8 - 11:30 a.m.

December 6

Council on Medical Staff Leadership
Maggiano's Banquets
9 - 10:30 a.m.

December 10

Executive Committee Meeting
Chicago Medical Society (4th Floor)
3 - 4 p.m.

December 10

Board of Trustees Meeting
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4 - 5 p.m.

December 10

CMS Holiday Reception
Maggiano's Banquets
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