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## Crossing the Bridge to Medical Liability Reform

With the fate of liability reform in the hands of the State Supreme Court and a ruling expected at any time, *Chicago Medicine* offers a look back at the long struggle for fairness in the judicial system, beginning on page 8. In the photo above, a CMS-sponsored rally for liability reform crosses over the Chicago River on its march through downtown on March 26, 2004.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Building bonds with teaching institutions*

Reaching out to the academic medical community and its leaders is one of the major initiatives of my presidency. Enabling organized medicine and academic medicine to help each other can only bring positive results for our entire profession and the pa-

tients we serve. Allow me to recap what we have accomplished so far in this area:

- Your Society hosted a Webinar for medical residency program directors on Feb. 19. The lunchtime program connected participants with Laurie S. Curtin, PhD, Director of the Match Poli-

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cy. Ms. Curtin discussed this year's Matching Agreement, including concerns raised by some medical educators. (Coverage will appear in our next issue.) Program directors have a profound influence on residents and their understanding of the professional world. If program directors see the benefit of belonging to organized medicine, they will project their enthusiasm to their junior colleagues.

- Last December, CMS and ISMS held an educational forum at the University Club of Chicago. The AMA's Paul Rockey, MD, Director of Graduate Medical Education, reviewed the AMA's influence on medical training and education. In a tour-de-force presentation, he covered GME financing, regulation, and health manpower issues of the future. Over 60 attended and offered ideas for future events; the above-mentioned Webinar was developed from these suggestions. This activity marked the first time in a long time that CMS reached out to convene leaders in academic medicine.

- We met recently with deans from several medical schools to discuss a new form of collaboration. So far, we have had discussions with John Lee, MD, of Loyola University, Joseph Flaherty, MD, of the University of Illinois, Karen J. Nichols, DO, of Midwestern University, Jeffrey Glassroth, MD, of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and Arthur Ross, MD, MBA, of the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Sciences. More meetings are scheduled.

- CMS and ISMS are encouraging the academic

community to participate in the governing bodies of both their organizations. Indeed, CMS has councilor and alternate councilor positions for each medical school, and we ask that the schools appoint physicians to serve in these leadership posts. The time commitment is minimal—attendance at four evening meetings per year.

- We are inviting medical schools to showcase their high-impact programs to area physicians at the CMS Annual Midwest Clinical Conference. The conference has been restructured to give schools influence over the choice of educational content and speakers. David Glick, MD, an academic anesthesiologist at the University of Chicago, is Chairman of this year's Conference. Ultimately, CMS would like for the Conference planning committee to consist of leaders from Chicago medical schools, and for meetings to rotate between academic campuses in the area.

From educational funding and training to medical liability and Medicare, there is a great deal of common interest between academicians and their private practice counterparts. We are making great strides to show this to all interested parties.



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### Parliamentary skills

CMS leaders participate in the Society's Annual Parliamentary Procedures Workshop conducted by parliamentarian Joan Bundley. The workshop is based on the Sturgis Rules of Order and is designed to help officers become active in their societies. CMS District and Council officers, Board members, executives, officers of specialty societies and hospital leadership can all benefit from the workshop.



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### Midwest Clinical Conference gets new date; Dr. Roizen will give keynote talk

THE CMS-SPONSORED MIDWEST CLINICAL Conference, originally scheduled for April 17-19, has been rescheduled for May 15-17 and will still be held at the University of Chicago campus. CMS apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this change. Former U. of C. professor, and award-winning author Michael Roizen, MD, will be keynote speaker. "Having the backing of the University of Chicago's ChicagoBiomedicine enterprise will provide us unprecedented academic support," said CMS President Dr. McDade. "We hope in the future the MCC will engage other academic medical venues to capitalize on the expertise of prominent Chicago physician-scientists."

### Society president outlines issues facing local docs

AN INTERVIEW WITH CMS PRESIDENT William A. McDade, MD, PhD, appeared in the January issue of *Chicago Hospital News*. He discussed the three biggest issues facing doctors in Chicago:

- The impact of the recession on health care resources, forcing many physicians and health care systems to reduce access for Medicare and Medicaid patients.
- The probable outcome of the LeBron vs. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital case.
- The changeover to electronic health records and the ensuing confusion and frustration.

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announcements & regular mail.*

A panoramic view of the Chicago skyline, featuring the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower) as the central focus. Other prominent buildings include the red Lurie Center and the white, classical-style building of the Illinois State Capitol. The foreground shows a line of green trees and a body of water, likely Lake Michigan.

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## DEBATING AND VOTING

### **Up next: ISMS Annual Meeting**

*Attention, delegates and alternates*

THIS COMING APRIL, THE ISMS HOUSE will debate and vote on resolutions to address a multitude of medical and health access issues in Illinois.

As part of the deliberative process, delegates will strengthen AMA-bound resolutions to give them a strong chance of passage and implementation.

In addition to shaping the ISMS and AMA policy agendas, resolutions can be catalysts for legislation or lead to advocacy with third-party payers, governmental agencies, or legislators.

The annual House of Delegates will run from April 24-26 in Oak Brook. If you are a CMS delegate or alternate, plan on making your voice heard.

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Shouting "Tort Reform Now!" physicians show their concern as they make their way through downtown Chicago in an historic CMS-sponsored rally on March 26, 2004. Courtesy, AMA, Ted Grudzinski, photographer

## Doctors await ruling on medical liability reform in Illinois

*As the medical community waits for the High Court to issue a ruling, CMS brings you a recap of the Society's reform advocacy.*

WITH THE FATE OF LIABILITY REFORM IN the hands of the State Supreme Court and a ruling expected at any time, *Chicago Medicine* offers a look back at the long struggle for fairness in the judicial system. As ISMS led the charge in Springfield, a surprising amount of activity took place locally. A groundswell movement forced the Democratic legislature to take notice, passing landmark legislation, which became law in August 2005.

Here is a timeline of events in Cook County and advocacy on physicians' behalf, beginning in 2002:

### November 2002

- CMS Council members, showing solidarity with their embattled colleagues, approve a landmark

emergency resolution to hold a medical liability protest in Chicago's Daley Plaza. The twin goals are to focus public attention on the seriousness of the medical liability crisis, particularly in obstetrics and trauma surgery, and to serve as a dress rehearsal for future marches in Springfield and Washington, DC.

### December 2002-May 2003

- Each newsletter and magazine promotes the rally, scheduled for May. Giving details on events and

*"Change in the medical liability system could dramatically affect access and affordability, taking millions of dollars out of health care and putting it into the hands of lawyers" --CMS PRESIDENT WILLIAM A. MCDADE, MD, PhD*

speaker line up, CMS publications urge doctors to bring their staff and ask their colleagues to participate. CMS runs testimonials from frontline doctors who are contemplating quitting medicine or leaving the state. The publications contain statistics, myth and fact sheets, talking points, and interviews.

- CMS organizers plan for thousands of rally participants, arriving in at least 60 buses from throughout the metropolitan area. Hospital and health care groups, doctors, nurses, office staff, patients, spouses and others are encouraged to attend. White coat and surgical scrubs is recommended attire. CMS invites the surrounding county medical societies of Lake, Kane, DuPage and Will-Grundy to participate. ISMS, AMA and the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council pledge their support.

- CMS, which is monitoring national tort reform legislation, announces that H.R. 5 (The HEALTH Act) passes in the House. Based on a proven reform system in place in California since 1975, it was introduced by Rep. Jim Greenwood (R-Pa.). CMS urges members to contact their senators to support S.B. 607, the Senate counterpart bill.

- CMS monitors the media coverage of the liability crisis. Columns and letters to the editor appear on the pages of local and national newspapers and in TV reports. Much of the controversy revolves around whether insurance companies are recovering prior losses with rate increases, whether state medical boards are failing to discipline serial medical offenders, and whether the legal system has failed to reduce out-of-control and inconsistent verdicts.

- *Chicago Medicine* reports that during the past 12 months the number of insurance companies providing professional liability insurance for physicians has declined significantly, now estimated to be about eight. Two years earlier, approximately 40 companies had provided professional liability insurance in Illinois. Illinois is beginning to experience growing symptoms of a medical liability crisis. Frivolous lawsuits and extreme jury awards have forced some physicians in Illinois to file for bankruptcy, move to other states, cease high-risk procedures, or even retire early.

- *Chicago Medicine* reports on a study that showed

*"Since the passage of the medical liability reform law, access to health care is widening and malpractice rates have decreased. Not only is competition among insurers increasing, but doctors are now returning to or deciding to remain in Illinois,"* —ISMIE CHAIR HAROLD L. JENSEN, MD.

in the medical malpractice line, that the percentage of claims with payments of \$1 million or more increased more than 600% from 1995 to 1998 as a result of lawsuits. CMS attacks key misconceptions circulating in the news, and presents facts that the public should know.

- A new Gallup poll shows that 72% of Americans support limiting the amount patients can be economically awarded for "pain and suffering." An overwhelming 74% consider the issue of medical liability insurance in health care to be a crisis or major problem.

- The AMA releases an analysis showing that Illinois, along with five other states, has joined the growing list of states where patient care is in jeopardy.

### *May 13, 2003*

- CMS holds one of the largest medical liability reform rallies in the U.S. with over 4,000 in attendance. At least 55 hospitals and other health care groups within and outside Cook County are represented. In a dramatic display of unity, participants wave placards asking "Who Will Deliver Your Baby?" and demanding "U.S. Senate Action Now."

- In the national media, a 12-page article in *Time* mentions the state of Illinois and the thousands of physicians who rallied here. The *Sun-Times* runs a photo and story about the rally along with an editorial in favor of caps. The *Daily Herald* takes a supportive position as well. The *Chicago Tribune* features a photo and caption, which is followed up by an angry letter from a physician demanding to know why the rally received scant coverage.

- In special issues devoted to the rally, *Chicago Medicine* thanks the thousands of physicians, nurses, and medical office staff who made time for the

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*"Illinois' liability climate has improved, but we definitely aren't out of the woods quite yet. The reform law has only been on the books for about three years and affects a small fraction of claims in the litigation pipelines. We need more time to allow lawsuit reforms to take root, especially considering OB/GYNs' improved attitudes and willingness to take on higher risk cases, as these survey findings show. We are only now beginning to experience the stabilization this law was intended to achieve."--OB/GYN CRISIS COALITION CO-CHAIR LEWIS BLUMENTHAL, MD*

march. The Society encourages members to get the public involved and put pressure on Senator Durbin with a personal note on their letterhead stating they want his support for S. 607, the Senate version of federal tort reform.

### March 2004

• CMS leads a march through Chicago's Loop to educate the public about the need for medical liability reform and access to care. More than 300 physicians, medical staff and patients participate. The event, preceded by a press conference, attracts significant media coverage and attention from legislators. A doctor who has given up her successful ob-gyn practice to return to her previous occupation as a pharmacist gives testimony. CMS physicians hold interviews with the news media, while CMS leaders conduct a leadership roundtable in conjunction with the Midwest Clinical Conference. The roundtable is devoted to forming an access to care action plan, and leaders agree to organize a coalition with the business and hospital communities.

• *Chicago Medicine* runs extensive coverage of the march and rally. It reports that several Illinois Senate Democrats made amendments to the ISMS' comprehensive medical litigation reform package. Among the proposals are provisions that would discourage frivolous lawsuits by strengthening the certificate of merit requirements, enhance medical discipline, increase expert witness qualifications, and relieve some of the financial burden.

• Both the *Chicago Tribune* and *Daily Herald* publish editorials supporting medical litigation reform. Articles appear in both those newspapers, as well as the *Sun-Times*, describing individual doctors who have left for other states or given up practice to enter other professions.

• CMS urges doctors and patients to contact Illinois legislators to urge them to support HB 6545 and SB 2777.

### August 2005

• Thanks to physicians across Illinois, led by ISMS, the General Assembly finally passes legislative reform (see box below).

**ILLINOIS 2005 MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM LAW**  
The General Assembly adopted these legal reforms to address the malpractice insurance crisis:

*The legislation provides for:*

#### JUDICIAL REFORMS

- \$500,000 cap on non-economic damage awards for physicians and \$1 million cap for hospitals. Firm cap, not indexed for inflation and no exceptions.
- Improvements to the affidavit of merit, requiring disclosure of consulting physicians' names, and that the physician be an expert in the area of medicine that is the subject of the lawsuit.
- Stronger standards for expert witnesses. Witnesses must be board-certified or board-eligible in the same specialty as the defendant. The expert must also devote a majority of time to the practice

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*"Thousands of physicians rallied in Chicago (on May 13, 2004) to protest skyrocketing medical-malpractice liability premiums. In Joliet last year three neurosurgeons stopped performing brain surgery. Head-trauma patients now need to be flown by helicopter to a center 45 miles away."*

**Time, June 9, 2003**

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- Physicians to say "I'm sorry" or other expressions of grief and apology without the statement being used against them.

#### **MEDICAL DISCIPLINE**

- Medical Disciplinary Board expanded from nine to eleven members. Four members must be members of the public.
- Doubles the number of IDFPR investigators. Extends the statute of limitations from five to ten years for IDFPR to investigate allegations of a pattern of practice.
- IDFPR disciplinary fine increased to \$10,000 maximum.
- Good faith immunity for persons reporting to peer review committees alleged violations of Medical Practice Act.
- Internet profiling of physicians' professional credentials, and disciplinary and medical litigation histories.

#### **INSURANCE REGULATION REFORM**

- More power for the Division of Insurance to call hearings to determine whether rates are excessive or inadequate. Hearings are to be held at the request of 1% of insureds within a specialty, or at the request of 25 insureds (whichever is greater). Department will call for a hearing when an increase is over 6%.
- Encourages insurers to offer policies with deductibles and premium discounts for risk management programs.
- Requires submissions of claims statistics and other data to the DOI. All information will be made available to the public.

#### **JANUARY 2006**

- Beginning this year, three cases are filed with the intent of overturning reforms—LeBron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital; Alexander v. Nacopoulos, et al; and Zago v. Resurrection Medical Center, et al.

The cases collectively wind through the legal system in 2007, and are the impetus for a Cook County Circuit Court ruling.

#### **November 2007**

- Cook County Circuit Court Judge Diane Larsen rules that the 2005 medical liability law violates the separation of powers. In other words, the portion of the statute that limits pain and suffering awards would take power away from juries to decide the amount patients could receive. Judge Larsen rules that the entire law, not just the portion on caps, should be revoked. The ruling repeats Illinois history.

#### **MAY 2008**

- ISMS and the AMA file an amicus brief asking the Illinois Supreme Court to uphold the state's 2005 medical lawsuit reform and overturn the Cook County Circuit Court's November 2007 decision declaring it unconstitutional. The brief's central argument states that Illinois' reforms are clearly constitutional and were deliberately crafted by the Illinois General Assembly to counter two previous unconstitutional findings by the Court.

#### **November 2008**

- The Illinois Supreme Court hears oral arguments on *Lebron v. Gottlieb Memorial Hospital* to determine whether the medical liability reform law is constitutional. Theodore B. Olson, former U.S. Solicitor General and constitutional scholar, represents the legal team defending the 2005 reform law.

#### **Medical Liability Reform Update**

NO EXACT TIMETABLE IS IN PLACE FOR WHEN the court is expected to deliver a decision and an announcement can come at any time. To read more about the challenge, visit [www.realitymedicine.com](http://www.realitymedicine.com). Once an outcome to the case is known, physicians with an e-mail on file at ISMS will receive an alert. If you are an ISMS member and don't receive e-mail communications from the Society, send a note to [communications@isms.org](mailto:communications@isms.org) and asked to be included on future electronic communications.



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## New Illinois health laws in place

FIVE NEW HEALTH LAWS TOOK EFFECT JAN. 1, 2009. The laws will expand the definition of "serious mental illness" to include eating disorders; increase awareness for women's heart disease; increase the privacy for genetic testing results; expand instruction for students' chronic health conditions; and require defibrillators at outdoor fitness facilities.

### *Insurance coverage for eating disorders*

According to the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, 3% of young women have an eating disorder. Now, because of House Bill 1432, sponsored by State Rep. Fred Crespo and State Sen. John Cullerton, the legal definition of "serious mental illness" will be expanded to include the eating disorders anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. This will allow people with those specific illnesses to obtain related insurance coverage. Other illnesses already included in the "serious mental illness" definition include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and panic disorder.

### *February is now Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month*

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. House Bill 5596, sponsored by State Rep. Elizabeth Coulson and State Sen. Pamela Althoff, designates the month of February as Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month in an effort to increase awareness of the cardiovascular risks women face.

### *New privacy protections for genetic testing*

Genetic testing has afforded many people the opportunity to learn their level of risk for certain illnesses. However, that awareness can bring about concern for patient privacy in the workplace. Under Senate Bill 2399, sponsored by State Sen. Terry Link and State Rep. Kathleen Ryg, employers will be prohibited from discriminating against employees based on results from genetic testing. The bill also requires that the use of genetic testing information by employers, employment agencies, labor organizations, and licensing agencies be consistent with federal law.

### *Teacher training on chronic health conditions*

Under Senate Bill 2685, sponsored by State Sen. William Delgado and State Rep. Tom Cross, Teachers' Institutes will be required to add instruction on

### **AMA claims victory with record-breaking settlement in case against insurer**

THE AMA, ALONG WITH THE MEDICAL Society of the State of New York and the Missouri State Medical Association, claimed victory with the settlement agreement reached recently in the lawsuit against UnitedHealth Group. The \$350 million settlement marks the largest monetary settlement of a class action lawsuit against a single health insurer in the United States.

"By using a flawed database to determine reimbursement rates for out-of-network care, insurers have increased profits at the expense of patients and physicians," said AMA President Nancy H. Nielsen, MD, PhD. "By agreeing to the settlement, UnitedHealth Group has recognized the importance of restoring its relationship with patients and physicians by ending use of a rigged database."

To learn more about the settlement and view a summary of the case against United, go to [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org).

chronic health conditions prevalent amongst students to their list of discussed issues, starting with the 2009-2010 school year. Teachers' Institutes are training workshops which school districts conduct under the guidance of the Regional Superintendent.

### *Rashidi Wheeler law*

House Bill 1279, sponsored by State Rep. Daniel Burke and State Sen. Martin Sandoval, requires outdoor physical fitness and sports facilities to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site. This bill is known as the R.A.W. Initiative and was named after Northwestern University football player Rashidi Wheeler, who died during practice in 2001. After a review of the tragic incident, it was determined that an on-site AED could have saved Wheeler's life.

### **New workers' compensation fee schedule**

THE 2009 ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION fee schedule has increased 5.37% over 2008 rates. The schedule is determined by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. The Commission accepted several pro-physician ISMS recommendations when formulating the revised payment schedule. To access the new schedule, visit <http://iwcc.ingenixonline.com/download.asp>.

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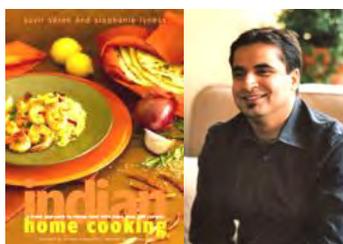
## **Passage to India**

Ranjana Bhargava Indian Cooking School  
6730 South Euclid Ave, Chicago  
(Parking permit provided by Ranjana)

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

**10 A.M. Optional Lecture,  
Demonstration and Book Signing**  
(Book available for purchase separately)

**Noon Luncheon**



**SUVIR SARAN**

Suvir Saran is the author of two widely acclaimed cookbooks, *American Masala: 125 New Classics From My Home Kitchen* and *Indian Home Cooking*. Establishing new standards for Indian food in America, Saran and tandoor master Hemant Mathur create the authentic flavors of Indian home cooking at their highly touted restaurant Dévi in New York City. He is Chairman, Asian Culinary Studies for the World Cuisines Council at The Culinary Institute of America, and teaches all over the U.S. and beyond. When he is not traveling, Saran enjoys working on his 68-acre farm in upstate New York. For more information, please visit [www.suvir.com](http://www.suvir.com)

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[www.indiancookingclass.com](http://www.indiancookingclass.com) 773-355-9559

### **Reception and Luncheon Menu**

#### **APPETIZERS**

- Masala chai (infused tea)
- Palak Pakori (fresh spinach fritters)
- Samosa (flaky pastry fried with potato filling)

#### **LUNCH Served with Wine**

- Cucumber Raita (yogurt relish)
- Green Chutney
- Tamarind Chutney
- Chole (chick peas in a nutty sauce)
- Baigan Kaa Bhartaa (braised eggplant with onions & tomatoes)
- Dum Aloo (potatoes in a yogurt-tomato creamy sauce)
- Puri (fried whole wheat bread)
- Pulao (rice with fragrant spices and peas)

#### **DESSERT**

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### March 18

Executive Committee Meeting  
Chicago Medical Society (4th Floor)  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### March 18

ISMS Executive Committee Meeting  
Illinois State Medical Society  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### April 1

District Election Report Deadline

### April 15

Executive Committee Meeting  
Chicago Medical Society (4th Floor)  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### April 15

Board of Trustees Meeting  
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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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### April 24-26

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