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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members only: Free programs will update you on today's issues



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CMS Council Chair, David Loiterman, MD, left, welcomes Steven Sauerberg, MD, Illinois Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate to the Sept. 9 Council Meeting. Jill Morgenthau, Illinois Democratic candidate for the sixth congressional district, also spoke. *For information on attending Council meetings, see page 4.*

I heartily encourage you to partake of the free legislative and professional programs offered to CMS members. For instance, ISMS is hosting the health care platforms of our 2008 presidential candidates on Thursday, Oct. 16. Top Illinois representatives of the Obama and McCain presidential campaigns will discuss their candidates' health

care stances and answer questions from the audience.

Representing the candidates are State Rep. Jim Durkin, the head of Senator McCain's Illinois campaign effort, and CMS/ISMS member Steven Ondra, MD, a Northwestern neurosurgeon and one of Senator Obama's closest health policy advisors.

Another benefit on tap is the ISMS/CMS forum for graduate medical education directors on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the University Club. Recognizing that one of the obstacles to recruitment is that so few program directors count themselves as CMS/ISMS members, we are offering them this forum to discuss new issues and trends in GME and how organized medicine in Illinois can better serve this segment.

We hope you take advantage of these valuable membership benefits; there will be more to come.

For information, please call Karen Clement at (800) 782-4767, ext. 2423; or karenclement@isms.org.

William A. McDade, MD, PhD

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President, Chicago Medical Society

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Guest candidates make election-year push

JILL MORGENTHALER, ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC candidate for the sixth congressional district, and Steven Sauerberg, MD, Illinois Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, spoke before the Sept. 9 Council meeting, held at Maggiano's Banquets. This was the second visit by each candidate to CMS recently. They spoke about their backgrounds and goals for health care and took questions from the audience.:

- Along with a military career that began in 1976, **Jill Morgenthaler** has 30 years' experience in the private sector and government. She served as Illinois' Homeland Security Advisor from 2005-2007, after leaving Argonne National Laboratory, where she worked in various capacities for 14 years. Ms. Morgenthaler has worked with doctors and suffered her own family health crises, experiences she believes help her to understand the problems facing many Americans. Ms. Morgenthaler pledged to focus on changes that would allow doctors to do their jobs, promising to encourage dialogue among insurers, patients, providers, and legislators.

- **Dr. Sauerberg**, a family physician from La-Grange, told physicians that they must match the donations the trial lawyers give to their professional organizations, in addition to aggressively supporting their colleagues who run for office. With so few doctors in Congress, it's imperative that physicians get involved if they want to be part of health care reform, he said. Dr. Sauerberg called the current system "fundamentally



Jill Morgenthaler, Illinois Democratic candidate for the sixth congressional district, greets students at the CMS Council meeting on Sept. 9. Ms. Morgenthaler told the Council about her goals for health care.

flawed," and believes that getting rid of defensive medicine is the way to go. He called for special health panels to decide malpractice cases and for "loser pays" to apply in cases that go to the state judicial system.

AMA OFFICIAL NAMED HONORARY CMS MEMBER
CMS awarded honorary membership status on Jeremy Lazarus, MD, a Colorado psychiatrist and speaker of the AMA House of Delegates.

A grateful Dr. Lazarus called it a "great, great humbling honor" and remarked how much he'd learned as an AMA Board member about respecting different points of view among his colleagues.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *(continued from page 2)*

Dr. Lazarus reviewed the AMA's agenda for the next year. Priorities include:

- Expanding membership through more services and advocacy.
- Lobbying for a better Medicare payment structure.
- Reforming the health system, particularly for those who are uninsured.
- Changing anti-trust laws so that physicians can integrate clinically.

A Chicago native, Dr. Lazarus attended Northwestern University and the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He was re-elected speaker of the AMA House of Delegates in June 2008, after having served as vice speaker from 2003 to 2007. He currently serves as chair of the AMA Board of Trustees Task Force on Quality, Safety and Electronic Health Records and as a member of the AMA-BOT Executive, Membership and Compensation committees. He is one of the AMA's chief spokespersons on the uninsured.

CANDIDATES NAMED TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following individuals were approved to serve on the Nominating Committee, which meets on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Anne E. Hong, MD	District 7
Raghu R. Vollala, MD	District 7
Adrienne L. Fregia, MD	District 8
Robert C. Kaiser, MD	District 8
Christine P. Bishof, MD	District 5
Hans C. Arora	Student District

Current Nominating Committee members include:

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CMS President William McDade, MD, right, presents honorary CMS membership on AMA Speaker of the House, Jeremy Lazarus, MD, during the Council meeting.

COUNCIL APPROVES POLICY ON ATTENDING SOCIETY MEETINGS

In accordance with the CMS Bylaws and *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, the Council adopted the following policy statement clarifying the ability of members to attend Society meetings:

"If a member in good standing wishes to attend a Council, Board or Executive Committee meeting, he/she must contact the respective presiding officer in advance of the meeting and request the ability to attend. That member will not have the ability to speak at the meeting nor can they vote as a participant of the meeting. The presiding officer may call upon such a guest and grant the ability to respond to questions put to them by duly participating members of that meeting."

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Leaders for the 2008-2009 are:

William N. Werner, MD, *Chairman of the Board*
 Kuhn Hong, MD, *Vice Chairman of the Board*
 Thomas M. Anderson, MD, *Treasurer*
 Saroja Bharati, MD,

Member of the Board to the Executive Committee

WANTED: A FULL DELEGATION TO ISMS

The Society urges a full CMS delegation at the ISMS House of Delegates meetings. Delegates and alternates are being asked to make early arrangements and confirm them with staff.

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ISMS President Shastri Swaminathan, MD, reported on the Society's recent activities on behalf of organized medicine.

GOING GREEN AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS

As part of the Society's "Go Green" campaign, the Membership Department has collected approximately 3,000 email addresses. This information will help CMS improve communications with the membership.

LONGTIME COUNCIL MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

CMS recognized Council members for their years of service to the Society. The following physicians were honored this year:

Five years of service

Hector O. Bustamante, MD
Philip B. Dray, MD
John N. Kiriklakakis, MD

Ten years of service

Edgar A. Borda, MD
Elpidio Y. Koa, MD
Michael Okunieff, MD

Twenty years of service

Kenneth J. Printen, MD
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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT CONTINUES ADVOCACY

Dr. Saroja Bharati has continued her activities on the Society's behalf this summer. She partici-

pated in the following events: Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Law & Policy Center; Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Healthcare & Wellness Committee Meeting; and the Building a Healthier Chicago, Nutrition Conference Planning Meeting.

ISMS ADVOCATING ON YOUR BEHALF

ISMS President Shastri Swaminathan, MD, provided the following update:

- ISMS was extremely active in reaching out to the Illinois Congressional delegation, urging representatives to roll back the SGR cuts. Organized medicine had a great victory and physicians should be proud that the coalition of medical societies (led by the AMA) overcame Washington gridlock to enact legislation. Future efforts must be directed toward scrapping the SGR. ISMS stands ready to assist AMA in this important policy priority.
- ISMS has prepared an Rx for Good Health handout for patients, encouraging them to form partnerships with their doctors.
- ISMS and CMS are hosting an inaugural program for graduate medical education directors on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the University Club. An expert speaker will discuss new issues and trends in GME, and a roundtable forum for participants will address how organized medicine in Illinois can better serve them.
- The General Assembly approved legislation that began as a CMS resolution from District 6 to establish a Health Policy Center based at the University of Illinois. In mid-August, Governor Blagojevich issued an amendatory veto of this legislation—and called for changes that would require UIC to consult with and seek the participation of all other public universities and would add four additional members to the advisory panel implementing the law. ISMS remains hopeful that the veto can be addressed during the General Assembly's upcoming post-election veto session, and that this important bill can become law.

ISMS ASKED TO STUDY REDUCING MEMBERSHIP DUES

Would reducing dues or adding new membership categories result in additional CMS members? After studying the Society's membership categories and dues structure, the Membership Com-

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mittee and Council voted to ask the ISMS leadership to look into this possibility. ISMS will be asked to create a Membership Presidential Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the multi-faceted issue of reducing membership dues as a way to grow the membership.

RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED

- **Liability Requirements by the Hospital Administration**—CMS reaffirmed existing policy supporting the right of physicians to determine whether to carry liability insurance and at limits they choose.
- **Establishing a CMS Senior Physicians Group Section (SPGS)**—The Council voted to forward this initiative to the Long-Range Planning Committee to study the feasibility of establishing within CMS sections that would represent various blocks such as young, women, and senior physicians.
- **Encouraging “Green” Initiatives**—The Council

voted to encourage green initiatives within the state of Illinois and further encourage comprehensive efforts to teach children how to live on a planet with finite resources; to support efforts to encourage companies, manufacturers, and public school systems to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and recycle materials and resources; and to support the Illinois delegation in bringing a similar resolution to the AMA's annual meeting.



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Remaining Workshops: **Wednesday, Oct. 22:** Oak Lawn Hilton at 10 am to 12 pm
Friday, Nov. 7: Lutheran General Hospital at 2 pm to 4 pm
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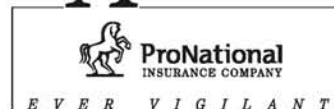
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Liability reform law under siege: fate in hands of court

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO ILLINOIS' comprehensive and landmark 2005 medical liability reform law continues and the statute's fate is now in the hands of the Illinois Supreme Court. The latest attacks to the law came in the form of legal briefs from the anti-reform camp. Trial attorney and related legal groups offered their arguments for why the liability reforms should be overturned. The parties supporting the law (including ISMS and the AMA) are now given a final chance to respond to the trial lawyers with our own set of briefs, for what could be the last step before the Supreme Court sets a date for oral arguments to occur.

The earliest oral arguments could possibly be slated is October, but it is conceivable arguments may not be scheduled until some time in 2009. Procedurally the high court has wide discretion for scheduling such matters.

As we watch the challenge proceed in the courts, ISMS strives to keep the spotlight shining on why the reform law is so important for Illinois. In partnership with ISMIE Mutual, ISMS has been busy with the *Reality Medicine* education initiative. The following represents a sampling of what we've done lately to keep our message before the public.

- In August, Illinoisans attending the State Fair received a dose of *Reality Medicine* at the ISMS/ISMIE booth. Fairgoers received information about medical liability reform and helpful summer health items.
- During the Labor Day holiday weekend a small plane carried a large banner message calling to *Keep Doctors in Illinois* over the Chicago lakefront. Hundreds of thousands of people saw this important message.
- ISMS President Shastri Swaminathan, MD, took on the president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) during two summertime debates on WLS and WBBM radio. Dr. Swaminathan delivered the facts for why keeping medical liability reform is a must for Illinois. You can listen to both debates online at www.isms.org.
- *Keep Doctors in Illinois* billboards began appearing throughout Illinois over the summer. Several

of the billboards can be found in the Chicagoland region at high traffic/visibility areas.

- *Reality Medicine* "Radio Check-Ups" continue to play on Chicago airwaves. The informative radio spots link important health issues to medical liability reform.
- ISMS members received special "Rx style" pads with tear away sheets carrying the medical liability reform message.

All Illinois physicians should be involved in the effort to maintain public support for our medical liability reform law. More information and educational resources can always be found at www.RealityMedicine.com.

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7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Presentation

There is no registration fee for this event and all Illinois women physicians are welcome to attend. To RSVP for the Chicago forum, please call (800) 782-4767, ext. 6440, or e-mail maszinski@isms.org before Nov. 14.

Speaker Sandra Burke, PhD, will provide a general overview on drug-eluting stents used for the prevention of restenosis, and will also discuss the *Go Red for Women* program. Her talk will place particular emphasis on some of the statistics and key issues associated with cardiovascular disease, the number one killer of women in America.

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HEALTHCARE NIGHT



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CMS provided the physicians' group with attention grabbing two-sided signs that read "Keep Doctors in Illinois" on one side and "Go Sox" on the other.



Complimentary scoreboard messages twice announced the attendance of the CMS Young Physicians Group and the CMS Medical Student District, shown waving their two-sided doctor/Sox signs for the ballpark crowd.



Guests and their families enjoyed free gifts from CMS event sponsors.



Students brought their dates.

CMS Young Physicians Group scores at Sox game

THE NEWLY FORMED YOUNG PHYSICIANS Group got off to a winning start at U.S. Cellular Field on Sept. 5. The first outing of this ad hoc committee, billed as "Healthcare Night," was sold out as CMS' youngest members came to see the White Sox play against the Anaheim Angels. And the complimentary social/networking event drew more than 90 students and young doctors, some of whom brought spouses, children and nonmember young physicians as guests.

CMS staff placed two complimentary scoreboard messages acknowledging the attendance of the CMS Young Physicians Group and the CMS Medical Student District. Staff also provided two-sided signs that grabbed spectators' interest. They read "Go Sox" and "Keep Doctors in Illinois."

For information on upcoming events for the Young Physicians Group, contact Jennifer Cox at (312) 670-2550, ext. 324, or jcox@cmsdocs.org.



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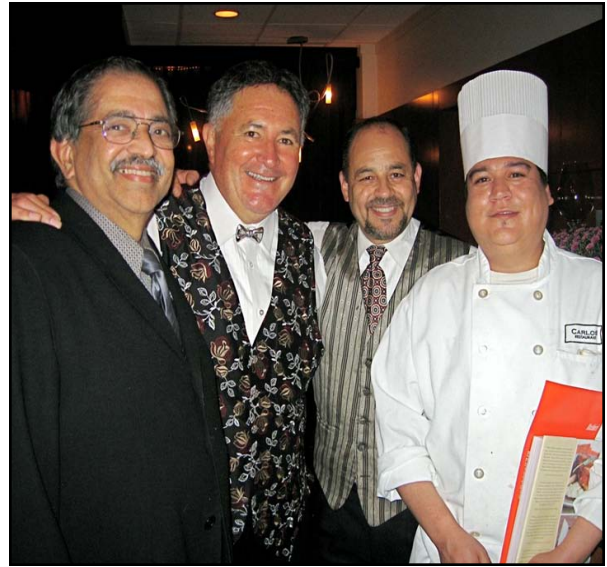
OUT AND ABOUT



Rush University was one of the summer stops where local leaders of organized medicine reached out to students and residents. From left: Akash Garg, vice-chair, CMS Medical Student District; Dr. William McDade, CMS president; Dr. Shastri Swaminathan, ISMS president; and Neal Patel, co-chair, CMS Medical Student District.

Organized medicine makes "rounds"

CMS and ISMS leaders reached out to students and residents this summer, informing them of the benefits of organized medicine. Making the rounds at luncheon lectures and orientations were CMS President William A. McDade, MD, PhD, and ISMS President Shastri Swaminathan, MD. Events took place at Rosalind Franklin University—Chicago Medical School, University of Illinois at Chicago, Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Chicago, Loyola University, Northwestern University, and Rush University.



ChicaGourmets fete at Carlos'

CMS member M. R. Jayasanker, MD, left, enjoys an after-dinner get-together on Sept. 14, with restaurateur Carlos Nieto at his award-winning namesake eatery in Highland Park. Also shown are Luis Saucedo, head server, and Chef Ramiro Velasquez. See page 15 for upcoming ChicaGourmets events. (All CMS members receive free membership in ChicaGourmets, which is endorsed by the CMS Service Bureau.)



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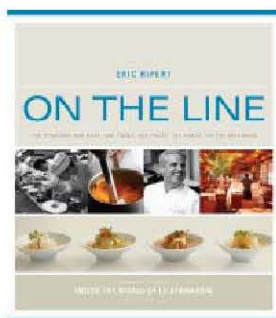
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Moët Nectar Imperial

Monkfish - Whole roast monkfish with chanterelles served with herb macaroni and garlic
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FDA approves 2008-2009 flu vaccines

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The six vaccines and their manufacturers are: CSL Limited, Afluria; GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals; Fluarix; ID Biomedical Corporation of Quebec, FluLaval; MedImmune Vaccines Inc., FluMist; Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Limited, Fluvirin; and Sanofi Pasteur Inc., Fluzone. Approval information and specific indications can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/flu/flu2008.htm>.

The FDA changed all three strains for this year's influenza vaccine—an unusual occurrence, as usually only one or two strains are updated from year to year. A list of the strains included in the 2008-

2009 vaccine can be found at the above email address. Of note, two of the three strains recommended for the U.S. this year are now in use for the Southern Hemisphere's 2008 influenza season, which is currently underway.

Each year, experts from the FDA, World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other institutions, study virus samples and patterns collected throughout the year from around the world in an effort to identify strains that may cause the most illness in the upcoming season.

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

October 19

Nominating Committee Meeting
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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

October 22

OSHA Training Workshop
Oak Lawn Hilton
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 25

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