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Ada Canyon Medical Education Consortium

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## News

### December 2012 News

#### ACMEC IMA Remodel

As most of you know ACMEC rents office space from the Idaho Medical Association. The IMA is going to remodel their building and will be closed December 21-January 3. This closes the ACMEC office as well. This is a busy time of year for managing our database and trying to close out 2012 credits. We will be trying to set up home offices during this period to monitor phones and e-mails. There will be no access to faxes and only limited access to the database. If you have something to fax or have CME requests please send those prior to December 21st or after January 3rd. As of this printing all of the issues inherent to maintaining our technology during this interruption have not been resolved. We ask for your patience during this two week period. We will begin the process of compiling the yearly CME reports the week of January 7th so you can expect your yearly CME report sometime in January or February.

You can imagine our issue of boxing up years of records on top of our digital presence. We look forward to new carpet and paint in 2013.

#### Magic Valley Joins ACMEC

Beginning January 1, 2013 the Ada Canyon Medical Education Consortium will be joined by the medical staff of St. Luke's Magic Valley. ACMEC will begin broadcasting the Wednesday morning Grand Rounds held at St. Luke's Boise to Magic Valley, provide Category I credit to several offerings at St. Luke's Magic Valley that are currently provided and maintain the credit database for all their medical staff.

With the addition of the St. Luke's Magic Valley providers, ACMEC now will reflect the systems created by ACMEC's original founders, Saint Alphonsus and St. Luke's. This has been a long journey for ACMEC and its current business model looks well poised to support both systems into the ever evolving future of healthcare.

#### Upcoming Conferences

**1/17-20/2013** 36th Annual Hindson Winter Conference (Previously VA Winter Retreat) McCall  
Contact: Sandi Denson [allisandra.denson@va.gov](mailto:allisandra.denson@va.gov)

**2/21-24/2013** ACMS Winter Clinics, McCall  
Contact: Linda Jackson [director@adamedicalsociety.org](mailto:director@adamedicalsociety.org)

**5/17-19/2013** IAFP Conference, Boise  
Contact: Neva Santos [idahoafp@aol.com](mailto:idahoafp@aol.com)

**7/26-28/2013** IMA Annual Meeting, Sun Valley  
Contact: Erin Trimble [erin@idmed.org](mailto:erin@idmed.org)

## Regularly Scheduled Conferences

**Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. - Anderson Center**

**Wednesday, 12:15 p.m. - Winter Room**

**Friday, 8:00 a.m. - McCleary Auditorium**

### Other Regularly Scheduled Conferences

#### St Luke's RMC

Thoracic Tumor Board - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 a.m

Tumor Board - Tuesday, 12:00 noon

Breast Tumor Board - Thursday, 7 a.m.

MSTI Pediatric Tumor Board - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12 noon

CHEERS (Children's Hospital Education Enrichment Review) - 1st Thursday, 8 am

Anderson Center - Ada -2; MATCH 2nd Thursday, 8 am

#### Saint Alphonsus RMC - Nampa

Tumor Board- Tuesday, 12 noon

#### West Valley Medical Center

Tumor Board - Monday, 12:30 pm

#### Saint Alphonsus RMC - Boise

Tumor Board - Thursday, 12 noon

Breast Care Panel, Tuesday, 7:00 am

## ACMS Society News

### MEMBERSHIP:

#### New members:

Lindsey Foy, MD

Julie Gendler, MD

Lucinda Myers, MD

LR "Tres" Scherer, MD

Julie Shelton, MD

Michael B. Taylor, MD

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 12, 2012** - Legislative Night at the Red Lion Downtowner, 6:30 p.m.

## On The Lighter Side

### Great Truths About Growing Old

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answer, but no one bothers to ask you the questions.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

### The Four Stages of Life

- You believe in Santa Claus.
- You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- You are Santa Claus.
- You look like Santa Claus.

## What's Ahead

### January 2013

- 2 Epidemiology Update 2012, Chris Hahn, MD
- 4 Epidemiology Update 2012, Chris Hahn, MD
- 9 Alzheimer's Update, Troy Rohn, PhD
- 11 Trauma 2012, Bill Morgan, MD
- 16 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Speaker TBA
- 18 Critical Care Case Conference, Speaker TBA
- 23 TBA, Speaker TBA
- 25 TBA, Speaker TBA
- 30 TBA, Speaker TBA

(Wednesday, 8:00am/St. Luke's RMC; Wednesday, 12:15pm/Mercy Medical Center; Friday, 8:00am/Saint Alphonsus RMC)

## Mohr's Musings...

### Back to the Bedside

I recently had the opportunity of hearing physician, author Abraham Verghese speak. He extolled the virtues of the physical exam, the importance of bedside medicine and the laying on of hands. It seems that the pressures extant in medicine have shortened the time we spend at the bedside with patients. We miss important clues in our care in letting this happen.

Electronic medical records have made possible huge gains in data collection and storage but it has changed the way we approach patients. Even nursing has noticed this change. A great deal of time is now spent in data

entry and eye contact with patients is nearly impossible. Bedside rounds in residency training are often spent around a computer terminal reviewing lab and imaging studies and fewer seasoned clinicians are around to teach the nuances of the physical exam at the bedside. Doctor Verghese related that the "I patient" in the computer is doing just fine but that the "me patient" that's in the bed is wondering when their physician will see them.

For years patients have related in surveys that their main complaint is "my doctor doesn't listen to me". For various reasons physicians may find it difficult to put themselves in the patients situation and appreciate how the patient feels or relates to the interventions which we expose them to. Getting to know the patient maybe as difficult as containing medical costs but surely the lack of bedside time cannot be helping. Listening is a skill that can be honed but it's often difficult for physicians to remain silent.

One can all too easily become a master of technology rather than the patients advocate. Patients do not come to us merely to have their data processed. They come because they have a problem real or perceived. They want to be listened to in a compassionate, non-judgmental way. They want not to be abandoned during their time of need. We must elbow our way back to the bedside. There we will find a frightened human being not comforted by machines or fleeting interactions of the healthcare team. A machine cannot hold your patients hand, only you can do that.

John J. Mohr, MD

## Weekly Conferences

### December 2012 Conferences

#### **Anderson Center, St. Luke's RMC, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.**

5 Obstructive Sleep Apnea, William Thompson, MD

12 Venous Insufficiency and Diabetic Wounds, Warren Gude, MD

19 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Fetal Bradycardia: ACPR Surprise, Diana Alexander, MD;  
Ron Coen, MD

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#### **Winter Room, Saint Alphonsus RMC - Nampa, Wednesday 12:15 p.m.**

5 Obstructive Sleep Apnea, William Thompson, MD

12 Venous Insufficiency and Diabetic Wounds, Warren Gude, MD

19 Pulmonary Nodules: The Good, The Bad and The Unforgiven, Cary Jackson, MD

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#### **AW Horsley, VA Medical Center, Thursday 8:00 a.m.**

6 GI Topic - TBA, Michael Chang, MD

13 Seizure Emergencies, Robert Wechsler, MD

20 Prostate Cancer Update, Christopher Cost, MD

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#### **McCleary Auditorium, Saint Alphonsus RMC, Friday 8:00 a.m.**

7 Nephrology Update, Thomas Pintar, MD

14 Critical Care Case Conference, Jodie Donovan, MD

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