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News

June 2014 News

Goodbye Dave/ Hello Mayra

After 26 1/2 years of managing the Continuing Medical Education program for Southwestern Idaho Dave Mueller is riding off into the sunset. I must express my gratitude to the hundreds of physicians, administrators, managers, academicians, board members, and staff that have contributed to both my journey and the significant success story that is ACMEC. In 1987, I was hired by a committee representing the 447 physicians of Ada County and told to make ACMEC grow. Today, ACMEC is tracking the CME for almost 2,000 physicians throughout Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

I have truly been honored to be your CME Director. I can't think of another position where I could take a Nobel Laureate to search the dog kennels for a Drahthaar, help the president of the AMA get a new suit after his pants split, thaw a frozen arm in the morgue for a trauma class while an autopsy was being performed, have a conference call with C. Everett Koop, experience the thrill sitting in Dr. Jones Keigel's stimulation chair, and in general have an overall stimulating and engaging educational adventure. All while I sampled the coffee and donuts! What a gig!

Mayra Ruiz will be taking my place as the new ACMEC Director. She comes with academic credentials that are exceptional. I was a doctoral drop out, but Mayra will finish her doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC this year. She has worked at USC and currently UC Irvine in the part-time MBA program. Mayra brings a skills set on digital learning that will be necessary to fulfill the needs of our hospital partners and bring CME to every physician practice no matter what format they use. I envy Mayra for her youth and energy and I look forward to seeing what ACMEC will become in the next decade.

To the many, many, many friends and colleagues that have shared in my 26 1/2 years with ACMEC my sincerest of thanks. Look for me in the back row with the other retirees at some future CME conference.

Upcoming Conferences

July 19, 2014 IMA Annual Scientific Session in Boise, Held at the Boise Centre on the Grove, Please contact Erin Trimble erin@idmed.org

September 4 & 5, 2014 St. Luke's Pediatric Emergency Conference, "Pediatric Trauma", The Hunt Lodge, McCall, Idaho. For more information contact Karla Dickson, dicksoka@slhs.org and for information and to register: Regonline.com/2014PedsEDconference

Regularly Scheduled Conferences

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

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

CHEER - 1st Thursday, 8 am, Anderson Center, for more information: Karla Dickson, dicksoka@slhs.org

MATCH - 4th Thursday, 8am, Anderson Center, for more information: Karla Dickson, dicksoka@slhs.org

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

Brandon M. Brevig, DO, Jeremy R. Stoddart, MD, Nicholas Yokan, MD

Coming Events:

June 5th, 2014 HS Sports Physicals at Boise State University. Volunteer online at www.adamedicalsociety.org

June 24th, 2014 Welcome Reception for New Residents

July 20th, 2014 ACMS Breakfast at the IMA Annual Meeting

What's Ahead

July 2014

Summer Schedule, No Conferences

August 2014

Summer Schedule, No Conferences

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

Mohr's Musings...

After 25 years as the Physician Advisor of ACMEC Dr. John Mohr writes his last Musing.

My Mother Medicine

Everyone wishes for the best medical care for their loved ones. When asked by students and residents how a certain patient should be managed I often would reply, "What would you want if this were your mother?" That paradigm now seems passé!

Physicians are increasingly being asked to become bedside economists when making decisions regarding patient care. No longer are we to be merely the patient's advocate. We now have to factor in the cost to society of this or that treatment plan. Social justice has trumped individual patient advocacy. Medical guidelines and evidence based studies include cost benefit analyses and physicians will be asked by their specialty boards on their understanding of this. We are to practice parsimonious care. Electronic medical records will track outcomes and cost benefit analyses and reimbursement may depend on these analyses. Much of this seems to be a perverse form of rationing medical care!

I understand that resources are finite, but I would argue that society at large and not individual physicians should decide how to fairly distribute these resources. Will the physicians – patient relationship and the trust that is so necessary for care be further eroded if patients perceive physicians making decisions based on cost? Will lawsuits become more numerous because of failure to diagnose when a certain test was not ordered due to its cost?

When patients come to us and we ask, "How may I help?" they expect us to put aside our own selfinterest and advocate for them the plan of treatment best suited for their recovery and healing. "My mother medicine," has served us well. Let's not abandon it and lose that trust so vital for patient care.

John J. Mohr, MD

Weekly Conferences

June 2014 Conferences

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

- 4 Early Detection & Management of RA, Eric Palfreyman, MD
- 11 Cirrhosis Considerations for Primary Care, Derek Hayton, DO
- 18 Coronary Calcium Scoring, Matt Budoff, MD
- 25 Physician Burnout, Tait Shanafelt, MD

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

- 5 Curriculum of Inquiry Projects, Speaker TBA
- 12 Curriculum of Inquiry Projects, Speaker TBA
- 19 Curriculum of Inquiry Projects, Speaker TBA
- 26 Curriculum of Inquiry Projects, Speaker TBA

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

6 HIV in Pregnancy, Abigail Hoke, MD

13 Endoscopic Ultrasound, Akshay Gupta, MD

20 Sports Medicine: Pearls for the Primary Care Physician, Tobias Gopon, MD

27 Metal Artifact Reduction using CT in Spinal Implants, Christian Zimmerman, MD

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