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News

November 2012 News

Abraham Verghese, M.D. in Boise

Physician Abraham Verghese will speak at the Morrison Center on November 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Abraham Verghese is Professor for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School and Senior Associate Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. He is the internationally recognized author of two memoirs, and the novel Cutting for Stone. Verghese pursued a medical education in Africa and India before selecting a residency program in Johnson City, Tennessee. The focus of his writing and work is to explore the importance of bedside medicine and the value of physical examination in a technology driven field. We have tried for years so get Dr. Verghese to Boise and we are pleased the medical community will have an opportunity to hear him speak.

Tickets can be purchased at the Morrison Center Box Office or online at www.idahotickets.com.

Fewer State CME Providers

The industry continues a slide of accredited state level CME providers such as ACMEC. According to ACCME in 2011 there were 1392 providers down from 1586 in 2007. Along with this reduction is a drop of available CME credits of about 14%. Many reasons account for the perfect storm that led to this reduction. The pull out of financial support from industry, an economic downturn and the significant increase in oversight by ACCME. Of note is the 2011 data shows 79% of CME activities attended by 80% of physician participants and 75% on non-physician participants were not commercially supported. ACCME seems to be pushing providers to move away from courses and into performance improvement. Dr. Kopelow, CEO of ACCME, points out that there is a need to produce CME that provides practice based learning that measures improvements in competency, performance and patient outcomes. Few providers will argue this view as a goal but the reality of few resources and more regulation is not an environment for change. In 2011 out of 130,000 CME activities in the US only 252 were accredited Performance Activities.

Upcoming Conferences

1/17-20/2013 36th Annual Hindson Winter Conference (Previously VA Winter Retreat) McCall

Contact: Sandi Denson allisandra.denson@va.gov

2/21-24/2013 ACMS Winter Clinics, McCall

Contact: Linda Jackson director@adamedicalsociety.org

5/17-19/2013 IAFP Conference, Boise

Contact: Neva Santos idahoafp@aol.com

7/26-28/2013 IMA Annual Meeting, Sun Valley

Contact: Erin Trimble 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: Alia Breon, MD

Christopher Hammerle, MD

Nathan Hirsch, MD

Eric Kraska, MD

Thomas Pintar, MD

Nathan Stillwagon, MD

Roger Turcotte, MD

Coire Weathers, MD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Call 336.2930 for information and to RSVP

Winter Garden A Glow - Thursday, November 29, 2012

ACMS Legislative Night - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

On The Lighter Side

How to Tell the Sex of a Fly

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he responded. "Oh, killing any?" she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females" he replied. Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "Three were on the beer can and two were on the phone".

What's Ahead

December 2012

5 Obstructive Sleep Apnea, William Thompson, MD

7 TBA, Speaker TBA

12 Venous Insufficiency & Diabetic Wounds, Warren Gude, MD

14 TBA, Speaker TBA

19 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Fetal Bradycardia: A CPR Surprise, Diana Alexander, MD

19 Pulmonary Nodules: The Good, The Bad, The Unforgiven, Cary Jackson, MD (St. Al's/Nampa)

21 NO CONFERENCE

26 NO CONFERENCE

28 NO CONFERENCE

January 2013

2 Epidemiology Update 2012, Chris Hahn, MD

4 Epidemiology Update 2012, Chris Hahn, MD

9 TBA, Speaker TBA

11 TBA, Speaker TBA

16 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Speaker TBA

18 TBA, 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...

"My Mother Medicine"

Growing up in a large family my mother was the self appointed nurse and doctor. If you had a cold the Vick's Vaporub was sure to follow; cuts and scratches got iodine, vomiting and diarrhea got hot broth. The sublingual

mercury thermometer determined if you went to school.

When students and residents would ask me what treatment plan to pursue with a particular patient my answer included a question, "What would you do for your mother"? Now that paradigm seems somewhat obsolete. Physicians are now focused on evidence based medicine and cost containment. They are being asked to be bedside economists and practice parsimonious care; and to virtually ignore the fact that each patient is unique and different in the way illness affects them. No longer do we dare to treat patients without regard to cost. Many medical decisions are now out of physicians hands. Prior authorization is necessary for many diagnostic studies, medications and interventions; all of which are driven by cost. Even the electronic medical record has a hot button that guarantees certain wording which ensures payment. Now I to realize the importance of being aware of the cost of medical care because physicians do control a large percentage of the dollars spent on it. But our focus should be on what is best for our patients. When you or your loved one is the patient you will want your physician to practice "My Mother Medicine".

John J. Mohr, M.D.

Weekly Conferences

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

- 7 PSA Prostate Cancer Screening in Controversy, Todd Waldmann, MD
- 14 Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults, Stephen Montamat, MD
- 21 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Pediatric Concussions, Kurt Nilsson, MD
- 28 Clostridium difficile, Brian McCullough, PharmD

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

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

- 1 TBA
- 8 TBA
- 15 TBA
- 22 NO CONFERENCE
- 29 TBA

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

- 2 Palliative Care, Peter Kozisek, MD
- 9 Gynecological Cancer Screening, G. Patrick Connor, MD
- 16 Cardiovascular Structure Defects, Steven Writer, MD
- 23 NO CONFERENCE
- 30 Hypothermia, Eric Johnson, MD

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