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News

October 2013 News

American Hospital Association Looks at CME Value

Continuing medical education provides support for continuous improvement and learning to help physicians address the gaps in their professional practice. Many hospitals, as part of their offerings for physicians, have long sponsored CME-granting continuing education programs. Participation in CME helps physicians meet requirements for maintenance of licensure, maintenance of specialty board certification, credentialing, membership in professional societies, and other professional privileges. More than 2,000 accredited CME providers offer over 125,000 activities to more than 20 million physicians ranging from live meetings and regularly scheduled series such as grand rounds, to performance improvement projects and medical journals. Hospitals make up a large proportion of the CME-granting programs with over 35% of the activities and 37% of the credit hours offered in 2012. In addition, hospitals account for nearly 90% of the activities and credit hours offered on a local level, reaching 3.2 million physicians and nearly 2 million non-physician providers.

The AHA's Physician Leadership Forum, in its 2012 report *Lifelong Learning: Physician Competency Development* identified two key domains where gaps were evident between the competencies expected of physicians in practice and those displayed - system-based practice and communication skills. As recommended in the report, development of the competencies is an ongoing process and should be approached over a lifetime. As with all medical education, mastery of the competencies is a continuous process. System-based practice and practice-based learning, for example, lend themselves to emphasis during and following residency training through CME. However, in 2012, hospital-based CME-granting activities were still primarily didactic sessions with less than two percent of activities in the areas of performance improvement and practice-based learning where the need for both hospitals and physicians exists. The reasons for this gap are unclear and need to be explored.

CME also offers an opportunity for rapid response to closing these competency gaps for practicing physicians. Several case examples highlighted in the report have shown success in linking CME with hospital quality improvement projects, changing physician performance using performance measurement data, and partnering with community organizations to develop CME around local health priorities.

The rapid changes in the health care delivery system will require physicians and hospitals to partner to transform the delivery model; CME provides an opportunity to use an existing mechanism to enhance and

strengthen that partnership. However, more work is needed to increase the availability, use, and ease of granting CME credit for those projects that are most useful to fostering this collaboration between physicians and hospitals. By focusing CME opportunities on the gaps in creating streamlined and cohesive health care, it can be used to improve performance and align the delivery system.

Elisa Arespachoga

Director, Physician Leadership Form - American Hospital Association

Upcoming Conferences

November 7-9, 2013 Ski and Mountain Trauma Conference, Contact Laurel York Odell
lyorkodell@gmail.com

January 16-19, 2014 37th Annual Hindson Winter Conference, Contact Sandi Denson
allisandra.denson@va.gov

February 20-23, 2014 Ada County Medical Society Winter Clinics, Contact Linda Jackson
director@adamedicalsociety.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

Annual Meeting and New Physicians Dinner

November 1, 2013 at the Boise Riverside Hotel

Winter Garden a'Glow
December 3, 2013 at the Idaho Botanical Garden

Legislative Night
November 21 at Boise Lion Hotel Boise Downtownter

55th Annual Winter Clinics
February 20-23, 2014 at the Shore Lodge, McCall

MEMBERSHIP:

New members

Laura Lindsey, DO
Shane Marshall, DO
Jeremy Monroe, DO
Dana Ostermiller, MD
Brandon Taylor, DO
Sara Thomson, MD
Cyrus Vania, DO
Nathan Ward, DO

What's Ahead

November 2013

1 Atrial Frustration 2013, Peter Kudenchuk, MD
6 Cervical Cancer Screening: Trends & Changes, Amy Cooper, MD
8 Electrolyte Abnormalities, Thomas Pintar, MD
13 Skinny on Bariatric Surgery, Robert Korn, MD
15 ADHD 201: Synthesis of Science & Art, Christopher Streeter, MD
20 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, Laparoscopic Surgery in Children, Ellen Reynolds, MD
22 TBA, Speaker TBA
27 NO CONFERENCE
29 NO CONFERENCE

December 2013

4 A Case of Misophonia, JoAnn Campbell, MD
6 Cognitive Resilience: Lessons from a Memory Clinic, Abhilash Desai, MD
11 Update on Gout, Svetlana Meier, MD
13 TBA, Speaker TBA
18 St. Luke's Children's, Grand Rounds, Small Bowel Syndrome, Tyler Burpee, MD
20 TBA, Speaker TBA
25 NO CONFERENCE
27 NO CONFERENCE

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

Mohr's Musings...

Molly

We lost a good friend today, Molly, a Griffon pointer. She was 13 years old... nearly blind and going deaf. Her hips were arthritic preventing her from getting in and out of the pickup. My daughter picked her out of the litter and raised \$200 toward her purchase.

As a clumsy pup she was pointing pheasant wings on the end of a fishing rod, fetching balls until exhaustion set in. She seldom barked except when overly excited. She never met a human she didn't like. She hollowed out a favorite sleeping place under a grape vine in the summer to stay cool. She attacked water sprinklers with vigor. Once on the farm in Nebraska she got "skunked", her first and last time. Her daily two mile walk was the highlight as she aged, leash in her teeth ready to go as if to say "What's taking you so long?" After the kids left home she became our surrogate child, spoiled and doted upon. Her final ride in the pickup, nose in the air was something to behold.

Someone once said that "To a dog every man is a Napoleon, hence the popularity of dogs." I don't think she thought I was a Napoleon but she did want to please. Perhaps we become too attached to our pets but then how could she turn a dark day into a sunshine day. Many studies have confirmed the health benefits of being a pet owner to which I concur.

We will miss her. It will be awhile before I get another dog. Molly was special.

John J. Mohr, MD

Weekly Conferences

October 2013 Conferences

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

- 2 Importance of Early Diagnosis in Pancreatic Cancer, Joshua Barton, MD
- 9 Sexual Assault, Ashley King, MD
- 16 St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Grand Rounds, ADHD 201: Synthesis of Science and Art, Christopher Streeter, MD
- 23 Eating Disorders, Julie O'Toole, MD
- 30 Burkholder Lectureship in Oncology, Health Disparities Solution, Thomas LaVeist, PhD

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

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- 9 Sexual Assault, Ashley King, MD
- 16 ADHD 201: Synthesis of Science and Art, Christopher Streeter, MD
- 23 Eating Disorders, Julie O'Toole, MD
- 30 Metabolic Syndrome, Allen Rader, MD

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

- 3 Atypical Chest Masses, Steve Jones, MD
- 10 Total Ankle Reconstruction, Christopher Hirose, MD
- 17 How to Give Feedback, Somnath Mookherjee, MD
- 24 Low Back Pain, Lynnsey Stewart, MD

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

- 4 Diabetes from the Perspective of a Foot & Ankle Orthopaedist, Christopher Hirose, MD
- 11 TBA
- 18 Sleeping Pills, Rory Ramsey, MD

25 What is FACE? Facial Rejuvenation for Primary Care, Mark Wigod, MD

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