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## News

### October 2014 News

#### Weekly Grand Rounds Available via WebEx

As was announced in last month's newsletter, ACMEC recently launched online viewing of Grand Rounds via WebEx. Providers can access the meetings on any computer during the live broadcasts, which we hope will allow more of you to participate in a complimentary, convenient fashion when you are unable to attend in person. Attendance is monitored and CME is tracked in the usual way by ACMEC staff for all ACMEC members. Non-ACMEC members will receive certificates of attendance to attest to their participation. Regardless of membership status, in order to ensure your attendance is properly recorded, please include your full name, credential, and email when logging in, and confirm your hospital affiliation/practice name with ACMEC staff using the chat function in WebEx.

For updated login information and simple instructions for connecting, please go to the Monthly Calendar or Weekly Conferences section of our website at [www.acmec.org](http://www.acmec.org).

#### AAFP Prescribed CME Credit for Boise VA Medical Center Grand Rounds

ACMEC is pleased to announce that Grand Rounds at the Boise VA Medical Center have been approved for American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Prescribed CME credit. This designation is in addition to the AMA Category 1 CME credits already provided through ACMEC. Tracking for all Boise VA Medical Center providers and activities is managed via the VA Talent Management System (TMS).

The Boise VA Medical Center Grand Rounds became the fourth ACMEC activity to be approved for AAFP Prescribed CME credit. Grand Rounds at both St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus, as well as the annual ACMS Winter Clinics, are all certified to provide these credits. These activities are tracked in the ACMEC database for members requesting AAFP credits and appear on their transcripts.

Please contact [acmec@acmec.org](mailto:acmec@acmec.org) if you have any questions regarding AAFP Prescribed CME credit.

#### Feedback Requested: ACMEC Website

In the coming months, the ACMEC website will be getting a facelift. In addition to updating the look and feel

of it, we hope to be able to add helpful tools, resources and information to make the site as relevant and useful as possible to meet the needs of our members and community partners. With this in mind, we'd like to invite the community to submit feedback on the current website and suggestions to help shape the new one. These can include new content, helpful links, samples for accreditation requirements, or input on ease of navigation.

Please email feedback and suggestions to [mayra@acmec.org](mailto:mayra@acmec.org) by October 31st. Thanks in advance for your input!

## Upcoming Conferences

### **October 4, 2014:** 2nd Annual Spine Care Conference

Information and online registration at [http://www.stlukesonline.org/classes\\_and\\_events/boise\\_and\\_meridian/medical\\_professionals/spinecare.php](http://www.stlukesonline.org/classes_and_events/boise_and_meridian/medical_professionals/spinecare.php)

For questions, email [graypat@slhs.org](mailto:graypat@slhs.org)

### **November 6-8, 2014:** Ski and Mountain Trauma Conference

Information and online registration at [www.cvent.com/events/ski-and-mountain-trauma-conference](http://www.cvent.com/events/ski-and-mountain-trauma-conference)

### **January 15-18, 2015:** 38th Annual Hindson Winter Conference

Information and online registration at [www.hindsonfoundation.com/WinterConference](http://www.hindsonfoundation.com/WinterConference)

For questions, email [contact@hindsonfoundation.com](mailto:contact@hindsonfoundation.com)

### **February 19-22, 2015:** Ada County Medical Society Winter Clinics

For questions, email [director@adamedicalsociety.org](mailto:director@adamedicalsociety.org)

## Regularly Scheduled Conferences

### St Luke's Regional Medical Center

#### **General Tumor Board**

Thursday, 12 noon

#### **Thoracic Tumor Board**

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.

#### **Breast Tumor Board**

Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

#### **G.I. Tumor Board**

3rd Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

For location, contact Barbara Kisse: [kisseeb@slhs.org](mailto:kisseeb@slhs.org)

#### **Pediatric Tumor Board**

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12 noon

#### **CHEER**

1st Thursday, 8:00 a.m., Anderson Center

For more information, contact Karla Dickson: [dicksoka@slhs.org](mailto:dicksoka@slhs.org)

#### **MATCH**

4th Thursday, 8:00 a.m., Anderson Center

For more information, contact Karla Dickson: [dicksoka@slhs.org](mailto:dicksoka@slhs.org)

### Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center - Boise

#### **Tumor Board**

Thursday, 12 noon

**Breast Care Panel**

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.

**Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center - Nampa**

**Tumor Clinic**

Tuesday, 12:00 noon

**Breast Care Panel**

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.

**West Valley Medical Center**

**Tumor Board**

Monday, 12:30 p.m.

## ACMS Society News

**New Members**

Jonathan Calder, MD

James Earl, MD

Jeremy Handy, MD

Aaron Hougham, MD

Dustin Judd, MD

Christopher Keller, MD

Frank MacDonald, MD

Jonathan Miller, MD

David Riss, MD

Travis Williams, DO

Todd Zeigler, MD

**Activities**

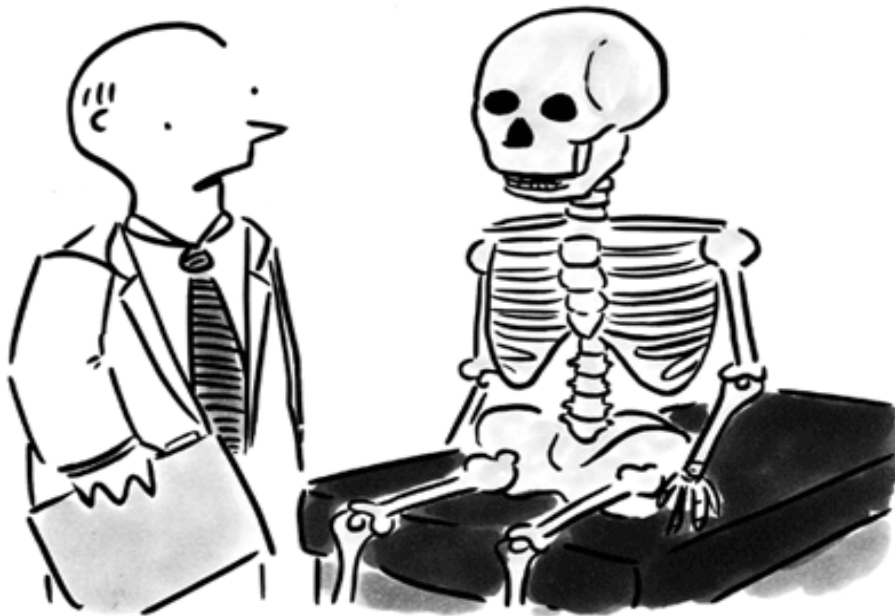
For details and registration contact, [director@adamedicalsociety.org](mailto:director@adamedicalsociety.org)

**November 7, 2014:** New Physicians Dinner & Annual Meeting at the Riverside Hotel

**November 19, 2014:** Physician / Legislator Meeting (location TBD)

**December 2, 2014:** Winter Garden a'Glow at the Idaho Botanical Garden

## On The Lighter Side



"Still, let's do an x-ray just to be sure."

## What's Ahead

### November 2014

**5 Acute and Chronic Sinus Disease**

Peter Killian, MD

**7 TBD**

Richard Lochhead, MD

**12 Advances in the Conservative Treatment of Lower Back Pain: Physiatrist's View**

**14 Diabetes in Special Populations**

Julie Foote, MD

**19 St. Luke's Children's Hospital Grand Rounds - Child Predators: Motives, Opportunity and Protection of Our Children**

Amy Barton, MD

**21 The Wet and Dry of Hyponatremia**

Thomas Pintar, MD

**26 Neuroimaging and Intervention in the Acute Stroke Patient**

Anthony Giaque, MD

**28 NO CONFERENCE**

### December 2014

**3 When is a Patient Dead?**

Rev. Alex Chamberlain and John Jambura, MD

**5 When is a Patient Dead?**

Rev. Alex Chamberlain and Kevin Clifford, MD

**10 Surgical Oncology**

Speaker TBD

**12 Palliative Care for Primary Care**

Kevin Clifford, MD

**17 St. Luke's Children's Hospital Grand Rounds - Case Management**

Greg Janos, MD

## 19 New Concepts in Prevention and Treatment of Late-life Depression

Abhilash Desai, MD

24 NO CONFERENCE

26 NO CONFERENCE

31 NO CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.: St. Luke's RMC | Friday, 8:00 a.m.: Saint Alphonsus RMC

## Guest Columnist

### Review of the ACCME Annual Report on State of CME

By Mayra Ruiz

*Director, Ada Canyon Medical Education Consortium*

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) released their 2013 Annual Report this summer. The report includes statistical information collected from accredited continuing medical education (CME) providers, including ACMEC, to showcase the scope of the accreditation system and help highlight current industry trends.

In 2013, there were 1,950 accredited CME providers who offered more than 138,000 educational activities, comprising more than one million hours of instruction. These CME activities educated more than 24 million learners, including physicians and other healthcare professionals. For its part, ACMEC accredited approximately 113 activities, which included conferences, Grand Rounds, tumor boards, and other regularly scheduled meetings. Total physician participation in these activities was approximately 12,100, while the total participation of other healthcare professionals was around 11,800. All together, these activities and attendance accounted for approximately 1,600 Category 1 CME hours of instruction and more than 14,000 credits for providers throughout Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

ACCME noted that while the number of accredited providers has declined over the years, the number of activities and hours of instruction have increased since 2010. Additionally, while the number of physician participants has remained fairly stable, the number of non-physician participants has grown steadily. These trends are in line with what ACMEC has experienced over the same timeframe.

The report also includes analysis exploring participation by CME activity type. In 2013, accredited CME providers offered a diverse range of activities, from national conferences to online education to individualized learning projects. Analysis of the data showed a growth in participation in individualized, self-directed CME such as internet searching, learning and enduring materials, as well as performance improvement CME. While a majority of the activities ACMEC accredits are live courses, meetings and regularly scheduled series, we have seen a slight increase in requests for approval of online learning modules and performance improvement CME supporting maintenance of certification (MOC) and organizational strategic initiatives.

In terms of funding, the report shows that CME is a \$2.5 billion industry, with 13% of that coming from advertising and exhibits, 26% from commercial support, and 61% from other sources including registration fees, government grants and allocations from parent companies. In 2013, the average provider income was \$1.3 million. ACCME also noted that income from other sources has increased steadily since 2005, with an average yearly increase of 6%. By comparison, 100% of ACMEC's \$325,000 annual budget comes from other sources including consortium member allocations, CME application fees, and medical staff dues.

While total commercial support from industry still came in around \$660 million in 2013, a majority of CME activities (83%) produced by accredited providers did not receive commercial support. The percentage of activities receiving commercial support has decreased 3% since 2010. Keeping in line with a majority of our colleagues, ACMEC does not receive commercial support from industry to finance its operations or support speaker participation.

The final area of emphasis in the report focuses on outcomes of CME activities. Accreditation criteria

requires providers to determine desired outcomes, design activities to support them, and assess participants for changes in competence (teaching participants strategies for translating new knowledge into action), performance (changing and improving what participants actually do in practice) and changes in patient outcomes. The data showed that accredited CME providers, including ACMEC, are successfully achieving ACCME's expectations in this area.

We hope this review of the ACCME 2013 Annual Report and ACMEC's activities provides some helpful insight and information.

To view the full report, go to [www.accme.org/news-publications/publications/annual-report-data/accme-annual-report-2013](http://www.accme.org/news-publications/publications/annual-report-data/accme-annual-report-2013)

## Weekly Conferences

### October 2014

**St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Anderson Center, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.**

**1 Update: Perspectives on Health Care Reform**

David Pate, MD, JD

**8 Common Hand and Wrist Problems**

Jeffrey Boyer, MD

**15 St. Luke's Children's Hospital Grand Rounds - Pediatric Neurosurgery: Pearls for Primary Care**

Bruce Cherny, MD

**22 EMTALA Education**

Rebecca O'Neill, JD

**29 Medicaid Drug Use**

Tami Eide, PharmD

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

**2 Pulmonary Hypertension 2014**

Paula Carvalho, MD

**9 Lipid Management 2014**

Johannes Veldhuis, MD

**16 Non-VA Resources for Veterans**

John Lassere, MD

**23 Evaluation of Back Pain**

Robin DeLeon, MD

**30 TBD**

Brook Watts, MD

**Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, McCleary Auditorium, Friday 8:00 a.m.**

**3 High-Risk Pregnancies: Common Medical Conditions Addressed by Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialists**

James Betoni, DO

**10 Serotonin Syndrome: Myths and Realities**

Rex Lott, PharmD

**17 Stop the Bleeding**

Brian Reynolds, MD

**24 Concussion Update**

Jennifer Southard, MD

**31 Retina Emergencies**

James Earl, MD

To view Grand Rounds remotely via WebEx:

1. Go to [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com)
2. Select **Join** (top right corner of screen)
3. Enter **Meeting Number 194 458 532** for Wednesday morning Grand Rounds at St. Luke's or **733 632 463** for Friday morning Grand Rounds at Saint Alphonsus, along with your name and email address.
4. Audio will come through the computer so be sure your speakers are turned on.
5. If you are using a mobile device you may want to download the WebEx App.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at [acmec@acmec.org](mailto:acmec@acmec.org).

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