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With election season ramping up, the Clark County Medical Society prepares to fight for the interests of our physician's at the state legislature.

Also inside:

NAVIGATING NEW HOSPITAL REGULATIONS

CCMS President Dr. Joseph Adashek contends with new OR procedures impeding routine surgeries.

A TUBERCULOSIS FREE AMERICA

The Southern Nevada Health District calls for leaders to help end TB once and for all.

GOING FOR GOLD

CCMS Executive Director Alexandra P. Silver outlines the upcoming events that Clark County Medical Society Members are sure to win big at.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Working through the steps

By Joseph Adashek, MD, FACOG

2017-2018 CCMS President

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For this month's article I would like to focus on the state of healthcare for our inpatients and how difficult it is to practice medicine in the hospital.

In the past twenty years, providing care for our patients in the hospital has certainly become more difficult. It seems that many "safeguards" that are put in place do not provide more patient safety, but just add to the frustration of taking care of patients while in the hospital. When I ask hospital nursing staff why certain inane protocols are started, inevitably, the response is something such as: "patient safety". Next to "I'm just being the patient advocate", it is one of my favorite statements by nursing administrators.

As a high-risk obstetrician, the majority of my time is spent in labor and delivery. The only surgery that I perform while in labor and delivery is a Cesarean Section (C/S), typically in the Cesarean Section operating room.

Now I know that many of you will find this surprising, however -- believe it or not -- we never performed the wrong surgery while in the Cesarean Section room in labor and delivery. Since we only perform Cesarean Sections in that room and the patient is awake, it would be difficult to perform the wrong surgery. Also, and this is an important point, I don't know how to do anything else. The patient does not need to worry that I'm going to perform a below-the-knee amputation while lying there pregnant with her baby. Now I get that there are people that have surgery and end up having the wrong procedure or wrong site operated on while the patient is asleep. However, in the C/S room, the patient is laying there pregnant and awake with their obstetrician standing over them. What procedure could we possibly perform other than a Cesarean Section?

When we perform a scheduled Cesarean Section (CS), we perform it under a spinal anesthetic. What is different about this surgery is that a spinal anesthetic lowers the patient's blood pressure, which in turn decreases blood flow to the baby. We only have a short period of time after a spinal is placed before the blood flow to the baby can be negatively affected. If the blood flow is diminished long enough, the baby can suffer hypoxia/anoxia and then the baby can become acidotic. Therefore, we need to start the surgery as soon as possible and deliver the baby as quickly as possible before hypoxia may set in.

Now this is where "hospital safety" starts to become haywire. Each hospital in the valley now has rules that seem to have been put in place by an attorney somewhere without any thought to the amount of time that is being wasted before we can begin the surgery. Some of the hospitals now require the nurses to obtain fetal heart tones before the patient can be prepped and draped for surgery. Even though the baby has typically been monitored for the past few hours and nothing has changed, the nurses need to try and find the baby and monitor it for heart tones. Sometimes, there are twins or triplets or the patient is rather fluffy and this may take a few minutes. I have never heard of a time where this changes the management at all. If the fetal heart tones are slow, we are going to perform the C/S. If they are normal, we are going to perform a C/S. Why do something when the information changes nothing about the procedure? Does someone think that the baby is going to die

between the time it takes to bring the patient from her labor room to the C/S room? All this does is delay the time before we can start prepping and draping the patient.

At this point, each hospital now has their own set of rules. One hospital states that you need to use two preps. When I inquired as to why this is, I was told that the sales representative told them to do that. What would have happened if the sales rep had told them they need 5 preps? The nurse in charge told me that they have no choice but to listen to the sales representative's recommendations. I would like to be the sales representative in this case. There is one hospital in the city that has a rule that only a nurse can prep the patient. How is this possible? We are allowed to perform the surgery but now we are not allowed to clean the patient's skin? We are responsible if an infection occurs, however, we cannot prep our own patient? Who makes us these rules? Meanwhile, the nurse that preps the patient now has to gown and glove to prep the patient twice. This is the same nurse that has to count instruments with the OR tech, place the Foley catheter, call the other staff and perform the "time out". There are some hospitals that do not allow the doctor to count the instruments with the OR tech. So, even if the one and only nurse in the OR is busy, it has to be that nurse cannot be the doctor. Apparently, it takes a nursing skill to count to ten.

We now have to wait 3 minutes. Three minutes is a long time when you are wondering how the baby is doing.

Now the Foley catheter has to be placed and we finally get to drape the patient. We can finally get to call our all-important "time out". I understand the reason for the "time out". We do not want to do the wrong procedure in the Cesarean Section room. One of the hospitals makes the patient say that she is having a Cesarean Section performed on her and the surgeon has to ask the patient. This is just in case the patient does not know. This is done AFTER the patient is prepped and draped for her C/S.

The time out is not even done yet and there is more to do. Even though we are in the C/S room, we need to discuss the fire risk. I do not even know what numbers mean what in terms of a fire risk, however, I pretty much can guarantee that the chance of a fire is small and the fire risk has never changed. When would there be an increased fire risk for a Cesarean Section? Are we using a blow torch in our future?

The nurse now has to continue yelling her time out. Next comes the indications for the Cesarean Section; "This patient is a patient of Dr. Adashek. She is having a Cesarean

Section due to an active genital herpes outbreak. When she was 21 years old she had a wild night on Spring Break in Ft. Lauderdale. It was approximately after that when she found out she had genital herpes." Just curious; who came up with the idea that we need to discuss the patient's history in front of everyone in order to do the Cesarean Section? What difference does it make? Everyone there knows why we are doing the Cesarean Section. Again, this whole time, we still have no idea how this baby is doing.

No, we are not done yet. We need to discuss when the patient received antibiotics and which antibiotic she received. The patient now has to state her birth date out loud. Again, why is this? To make sure that we not performing the Cesarean Section on the wrong patient? She is awake and already told us her name and what she is having done.

Finally, everyone who is in the Cesarean Section room has to tell everyone else who they are and what they are doing there. I guess we have to do this in case there are any CIA operatives in the room. I am the one with scalpel in my hand. Why do I need to introduce myself to the patient that I have been seeing for the past 9 months? "Dr. Adashek, I am the surgeon." Sometimes, I need to operate on patients that are premature with known twins or triplets. In this case, there can be as many as 20 people in the room. Do you know how long it takes for that many people to introduce themselves and what they are doing there? I have had husbands say, "I'm the sperm donor. Can we start now?" After all of these steps, we can finally start our surgery. It is now time to HURRY and get the baby out since there has been so much time wasted doing the aforementioned items. I challenge you to find one obstetrician that did not deliver a baby by Cesarean Section that did not have a blue and depressed baby because this entire process took much too long.

All of the aforementioned steps have been added in the past ten years. This is the definition of good intentions gone awry. What is it going to be like in ten more years? Each hospital has continued to come up with something new to do after the spinal anesthetic and before we operate on these patients. We used to be able to walk into the Cesarean Section room, the patient had her spinal in place and she was prepped and draped by the OR tech. She was completely ready for her Cesarean Section. And, I know that you will find this hard to believe -- we never did the wrong surgery in the Cesarean Section room.

Next month, we will talk about the amount of mouse clicks the average physician has to click per day while working in the hospital.



CCMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Going for the Gold

By **Alexandra P. Silver**

Executive Director

Clark County Medical Society

When you were younger, did you ever dream of being an Olympic athlete? Do you remember of dreaming of going for the gold and wondering what it might be like to stand atop the podium, clenching gold hardware in your hand and seeing the American flag raise over-head as the National Anthem plays? I come from the generation where my Dorothy Hamill haircut rocked the playground and I believed in 'miracles'. Fiercely. Growing up in suburban NJ, just outside NYC, the 1980 Olympics and that US hockey win loomed larger than life. And, while I was dreaming of being the next Dorothy Hamill, many of you were dreaming of being the next Jonas Salk or Elizabeth Blackwell.

I don't even need to close my eyes and I can be immediately transported to my pediatrician Dr. Waldron's office. It is etched in my mind. The waiting room smelled of Lysol, with a fish tank built into the wooden paneled wall. The magazine rack was filled with "Highlights" to read. I didn't particularly like going to the doctor -- not because they weren't nice, but because at that age when I went it was usually to get a shot. Ouch! The lollipop was a nice treat but did not take away the pain.

Now, the sting of going to the doctor's office is different. As a mom of two, I often find myself at a doctor's office, and as the Executive Director of CCMS I always ask the physician if they are a member of CCMS. During these conversations, I have received a myriad of answers and I am pleased and proud to say a few of them have now joined our ranks. But, I wonder why not all doctors here in Clark County are not members of ours. Our team is working hard to spread the message of why it is so important for physicians to stand together to advocate for themselves and their patients. With many important issues facing Nevada physicians right now, it is imperative doctors have their voices heard. CCMS and NSMA are working specifically on behalf of doctors on issues like AB 474, the Cancer Registry, Reporting of Overdoes, or of course reimbursement rates. But in addition to our advocacy work we also have a political action committee called MedPAC, which you will be learning more about in the coming weeks. MedPAC is a forum for physicians and like-minded individuals to meet and interview candidates in elections here locally and statewide to determine who will receive the highly-sought after CCMS endorsement. Be

sure to answer the call and join MedPAC – if you don't like what is going on at the state legislature, this is the first step in ensuring your voices are heard.

Another program I am hoping you will participate in is our Adult MiniMED Internship, March 12 through March 21. This program gives physicians the opportunity to volunteer one day or half a day with key community stakeholders -- business leaders, legislators, community advocates and allies and CCMS partners, and CCMS sponsors to go behind the curtain and see first-hand how all of these changes to modern medicine and the practice affects physicians, patients, and the quality of care. At the end of the program on March 21, we will host a recognition dinner at Chef Gustav Mahler's Spiedini Ristorante at the JW Marriott in Summerlin for participants to share their insights. Please sign up to participate in this event to help us share the message of why it is important to protect physician's rights and preserve their special and privileged relationship with their patients.

Perhaps while I was skating on Edgemont pond back in Montclair New Jersey or the at the arena exploring my dream of becoming the next Dorothy Hamill, you were already playing doctor wearing a white bath robe to serve as your coat and a fisher price stethoscope around your neck. Perhaps, dreams come true and miracles do happen. As Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympics Games once said, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."

Together, we can improve the conditions in which you practice medicine here in our community. Please ask a friend or colleague to join us in our mission. We are more than discounts on insurance – we are your voice, your dreams, your purpose, and together we will achieve greatness.

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CCMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

A synopsis of the February 20th Executive Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Adashek at 6:06 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes: – by Dr. Adashek

- The Minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed.
- Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes (M/S approved: Reeves/Alexander)

Financial Report: (Fiscal Year 2017-18 – January 7-month aggregate) – by Dr. Kuhls

- General Revenue – \$246,698.55; Operating Expenses – \$277,293.30. Overall, fiscal year income exceeded expenses by - \$30,594.75. The bank balance for the end January 2018 was \$245,736.04.
- The board of trustees were informed that the recent Opioid Town hall on Dec. 5, 2017 made a net income of \$5,696.
- Motion to approve January 2018 financials (M/S approved: Reeves/Alexander)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Credentials: by Dr. Khavkin

- Physician: Roman Fajardo, MD, Fermin Leguen, MD, Ferenc Puskas, MD, Ksenia Stafeeva, MD, Andrew Kim, MD, Cassandra Sung, MD, Helga Pizio, MD, Olayinka Alonge, MD
- Motion made to approve credentials (M/S approved: Reeves/Jameson)

Medical School Reports:

TUNCOM by Dr. Dougherty

- Touro University Nevada matched 11 new residents at Valley Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas during the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Match Day. A total of 32 students were matched in a variety of specialties at hospitals and medical centers across the county. The remainder of the students will find out where they will begin their residences during the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) match week in March. The merge between AOA and ACGME is forthcoming; by 2020 there will no longer be an AOA.
- MGM has gifted Touro the opportunity to have another mobile clinic. More info to follow.

ROSEMAN by Dr. Penn

- Roseman Medical Group located near Spring Valley Hospital has hired their first physician in January. Thomas Hunt MD to assist in hiring additional Primary Care Doctors.

UNLV SOM by Dr. Michael Gardner

- UNLV SOM are in the process of recruiting their next class. There are 1,200 students and only 60 spots to fill.
- Other Reports:

SNHD: by Dr. Iser (report submitted)

- Influenza Update (Week 5, Jan. 28, 2018 – Feb. 3, 2018) –

During week 5, influenza activity continued to increase in the United States. Nevada was one of 43 states experiencing high influenza-like illness (ILI) activity. As of Feb. 3, 2018, a total of 959 confirmed cases of influenza and 22 deaths have been reported in Clark County. The proportion of emergency room visits for ILI increased from 5.1 percent in week 4 to 5.8 percent in week 5. Approximately 55 percent of area ER visits for ILI were children under 18 years of age. Up to date local flu information is available on the Health District's website at www.snhd.info/flustats. The Health District continues to encourage everyone 6 months and older to receive a flu vaccine if they have not already done so.

- World TB Day – Every year on March 24 the health care community commemorates World TB Day to bring attention to a preventable disease that still impacts many people in the United States and around the world. This year's theme is "Wanted: Leaders for a TB-Free United States. We can make history. End TB." It is a call for health care partners to work together on a local, national, and international scale to eliminate the disease. Health care providers are instrumental in this process. For many patients, TB can present as a bad cold or respiratory infection that won't go away. Physicians should always consider the possibility of TB when examining a patient with an ongoing respiratory infection, especially if it is accompanied by a persistent cough, night sweats, loss of appetite, and fatigue. As the leading provider of TB services in Southern Nevada, the Health District's Tuberculosis Treatment and Control Clinic offers programs to ensure people with active TB disease are treated and that people who are exposed to TB are evaluated and treated, if appropriate, to prevent the further spread of the disease. The Health District's TB Clinic staff also work with health care partners to provide information and education on detection, treatment, and prevention. Providing education to both clients and medical providers is a fundamental component of TB control and a continuing priority for the Health District. Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports there were a total of 9,272 TB cases in 2016. This is a decrease from the number of cases reported in 2015 and the lowest case count on record in the United States. The number of cases in Clark County has declined as well, from 72 cases in 2015 to 47 cases in 2016. World TB Day is an opportunity to shine a light on this critical issue for one day a year. As health care professionals, we have a responsibility to incorporate TB awareness and education into our practice every day. Working together we can end TB. For more information about the Health District's TB Treatment and Control Clinic go to our website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/tb/index.php. For additional information on World TB Day 2018 visit the CDC site at www.cdc.gov/tb/worldtbdays/default.htm.

- Congenital Syphilis – In 2016, the number of congenital

- syphilis (CS) cases in the United States was the highest it's been since 1998, with a rate of 15.7 cases per 100,000 live births. This same year, Nevada ranked third for cases of CS, with a rate of 33.5 cases per 100,000 live births. The majority of these cases were reported in Clark County, with 11 cases in 2016 and an additional 18 in 2017. Congenital syphilis cases represent a sentinel event within the public health and health care systems. These cases signify opportunities missed at two levels: primary prevention among women of reproductive age and men who have sex with women, and prevention of mother-to-infant transmission among pregnant women who are already infected. The Health District is working with its state and community partners to address this issue by employing a variety of strategies. These include better understanding the current outbreak, addressing the breakdown in testing and prenatal care, and preventing primary cases of syphilis through enhanced prevention and treatment programs.

CCMS Alliance: by Jessica Kartzinel (report submitted)

- The Holiday Greeting Scholarship Project had the opportunity to award 7 nursing students.
- The annual Spring Fashion Show is held on Mar. 22 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The Alliance are still accepting silent auction donations.

AMA: by Dr. Jameson (report submitted)

- Proposed guidelines for safe and effective mobile health apps. In 2016 AMA adopted a wide-ranging set of policies for mhealth. In 2017 they were an estimated 318,000 mhealth apps with more than 200 added each day available to patients. The AMA House of delegates in 2017 directed the AMA to form a nonprofit composed of major players in healthcare and technology to set guidelines to assure quality safety and effectiveness of mobile health apps in the key areas of operability, privacy, security and content. Breaking news. In 2017 more than 30 organizations join together and many prominent leaders in medicine to create an organization called Xcertia. Recently in January 2018 the organization Xcertia released its first guidelines for medical health apps. The proposed guidelines, call for assessment in for vital areas: operability, privacy security and content.
- CHIP extension: February 9 the Senate and House of Representatives passed a Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 which Donald Trump signed into law. The continuing resolution addressed a broad range of health, supplemental spending, budget and tax matters. The AMA has fought hard for the CHIP extension. On February 8 they follow through with a letter urging the passage of this bill from our Executive Vice President and CEO James Madara. The bill included many things but so importantly provisions of interest to physicians included; the children's health insurance program extended for an additional four years beyond the previous six year extension, Emergency Medicaid funding was provided for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and supplemental disaster relief for areas recently affected by hurricanes and wildfires, also bipartisan agreement was reached on providing additional funds for the opioid crisis, to rebuild

and improve US Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics and for the national Institute of health.

- Gun violence: on February 15 after the Parkland, Florida shooting of 17 students and teachers the AMA put out a statement. Time to act. It went on to say that gun violence in America today is a public health crisis, one that requires a comprehensive and far-reaching solution. It stated that this is the determination of the AMA House of delegates. With more than 30,000 American men women and children dying from gun violence and firearm related accidents each year the time to act is now! The AMA more than ever before, believes American physicians must use their voice and their considerable political muscle to force lawmakers to examine this urgent health crises and take appropriate steps to address it. We are talking about a public health crisis that Congress has failed to address. This must end.

CHPR & Sub-Committees: by Dr. Burkhead

- **CME – Suicide Prevention | Jan. 23** - The CME on Suicide Prevention is on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Vegas PBS from 6-8:30PM was well attended; nearly 80 attendees. The event was in collaboration with the Nevada State Medical Association, Vegas PBS and Desert AHEC and Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. This event is offered 2 CME's. The event had a net income of more than \$5,000 plus.
- **Adult Mini Internship | Mar. 12-21, 2018 | Recognition Dinner – Mar. 21 at Speidini (JW Marriott)** - The adult mini internship is scheduled for Mar. 21-21, 2018 with the recognition dinner held the evening of Mar. 21 at Speidini located at JW Marriott. There are a handful of physician volunteers and interns signed up. Doctors were asked to sign up as there is still time left to volunteer.
- **CME – Physician Burnout | April 2018** - The event was tentatively scheduled for April 24 from 6-8pm. Upon checking with Vegas PBS' availability to host the event, CCMS was informed the studio will be closed from April 17-27 due to maintenance. The staff and Vegas PBS are working on other available dates. The course will hopefully qualify for meeting the ethics continuing medical education requirements of the NSBME. It has been confirmed that category 1 accreditation at no cost can be provided by HealthInsight (subject to their CME committee review and approval). Registration fee for CCMS members be lower than for nonmembers. A draft outline of topics, speakers, timelines, and experiences has been prepared. The intended audience includes physicians in training and primary care and specialist physicians delivering health care in high stress environments. Following opening remarks, the first speaker will present an overview of the identification, prevalence and impacts of physician burnout in small and large professional training and healthcare settings. Then individual and organizational interventions to reduce physician and staff burnout, depression, anxiety and suicide ideation will be reviewed and "practiced" in breakout sessions. An expert panel will address ethical considerations that can impact patients and clinicians such as privacy protection, shared decision making, referral for treatment, and informed consent. Interventions prioritizing joy in work

and “what matters” from resources including Institute for Healthcare Improvement and American Medical Association as well as video excerpts from online resources will be introduced. Breakout sessions practicing interventions including mindfulness, hypnosis, and non-denominational spirituality may be offered following the didactic presentations by invited experts including Tammie Roitman (hypnotherapist), Leanne Earnest RN, PhD (mindfulness), and Gard Jameson (spirituality). A systematic review of web-based tools and mobile applications to mitigate burnout, depression and suicidality among healthcare professionals may be presented by a medical student or resident in training based on published peer reviewed medical literature citations. Carry home handouts will include references and web links for ongoing use after completing the course. More info to follow.

- **Resident/Student Outreach** - The resident/student outreach committee did not have a meeting in February. However, at the last meeting in January, the committee discussed ways of engaging and involving residents and students more, work on the messaging for students to gain their interest and keep them involved such as extracurricular activities, social mixers and include a residents and students to attend the board meetings and have a vote. The resident/student outreach committee meetings are scheduled to meet the first Friday of the month at 3PM held at the CCMS office. The next meeting is March 2nd.
- **Member Recognition** - The board was encouraged to inform the staff when he/she or residents, physicians assistants and residents are being featured in the media, not only news stories but any major announcements or accomplishments that the staff can tout on social media channels, website, or County Line Newsletter. In addition, to like and interact with the CCMS Facebook Page, Twitter, Instagram accounts and to encourage their friends and colleagues to do the same. **Please send news clippings to communications@clarkcountymedical.org**

Membership: by Dr. Roth and Dr. Khavkin

- There are 2 organizations that were recommended by the Board to approve as an Member Benefit Affiliate (MBA):
Oculus Health
- Chronic Care Management Services to healthcare organizations of all shapes and sizes
- Motion to approve Oculus Health as an MBA (M/S: Roth/Hunt)
- Clark County Collection Services
- Debt collect services
- Motion to approve Clark County Collection Services as an MBA (M/S: Roth/Kuhls)
- Dr. Khavkin emphasized that CCMS must really look for more products/services like discounts to shows and restaurants. Dr. Khavkin will be meeting with the Chicago Medical Society and will find out what they have to offer their members. He also recommends for CCMS to have a mobile app that will provide a list of our benefits.

MedPAC: by Dr. Shelin

- The board was informed that it is Election Time, therefore MedPAC begins. The board discussed the processes and procedures such as meeting/interviewing/endorsing candidates, involvement, time commitment, etc. of the PAC. The board was also informed of the MedPAC Bylaws: The board of directors shall consist of eleven (11) members. Four (4) members shall be named by the CCMS Board of Trustees; there (3) members: one (1) CCMS Alliance, one (1) NEMPAC and one (1) highest ranking NSMA Officer from the South, and four (4) members shall be elected from the general membership at large. An email to past MedPAC members to renew their membership are in the process. The Board will appoint the four trustees at the next board meeting.

Bylaws: by Dr. McHale

- The committee met on Jan. 31 and reviewed each of the membership categories. Some categories were changed to match those of the AMA, WCMS and NSMA Bylaws as closely as possible. The categories did not define dues only at the discretion of the board. Items that were included were having one resident/fellow and one medical student whom are elected by their peers to serve a one-year term on the Board and having voting privileges, Ex-officio positions: Nevada State Health Officer, CCMS & NSMA Executive Director, and a section for Member Benefit Affiliates. Once the track changes are complete, it will be shared with board for review.

Building: by Dr. Alexander

- The committee are continuing to work on getting more proposals for more lighting, landscaping and fencing around the building. As well as moving the garbage to a different location of the parking lot and/or putting an enclosure to keep homeless people from accessing it. A meeting to discuss these is forthcoming. More to follow.

NSMA: by C. O'Mara (report submitted)

- Save the Date! Annual meeting is September 28-30, 2018 at Green Valley Ranch in Henderson. CCMS will have over 30 delegates and many more alternates.
- Opioid update: BME meeting 021518 has two objectives: 1) making recommendations to BOP for clarification regulations and 2) considering discipline regulations. The Opioid workgroup will be meeting every other week for the next ten weeks. The Governor's Accountability meeting 021618 was cancelled; New Date to be determined. The Board of Pharmacy hearing to get approval to move forward with clarification regulations of sections 51-57 of AB474 set for March 7 at Reno.
- Renewals are on-going. All invoices were completed – County Societies are making calls, etc. Link to renew on NVdoctors.org.
- LTP and Membership committee is considering an alternative payment structures for groups and year over year agreements.
- NSMA is hiring! Interviewing in Las Vegas and Reno.

Delegate: by Dr. Reeves (report submitted)

- The board was encouraged to sign up as a Delegate. If the board signs up, it will nearly fill the estimated 30 slots.
- On Feb. 8 a conference call with Dr. Tom Killeen and Catherine O'Mara discussed coordination activities between the WCMS and CCMS delegation on policy and resolution priorities and meeting schedules.
- It was recommended to hold meetings and conference calls with CCMS Delegates in March, April, May, July, and August. In August, the delegates hope to finalize resolutions for distribution and consideration before the September NSMA meeting.

Government: by Drs. Burkhead & Shelin (report submitted)

- Dr. Burkhead and Alexandra Silver represented CCMS at the NSBME Opioid Workgroup on Feb. 15.
- MedPAC is starting to solicit members for the 2018 election season, the CCMS Board will need to appoint 4 MedPAC members to the MedPAC Board. MedPAC and NEMPAC will be working closely together to identify candidates to interview and possibly endorse.

President: by Dr. Adashek

- Attending WCMS Installation Dinner on Jan. 13. CCMS was presented an award in honor of the physicians who helped during the tragic event on Oct. 1, 2017.
- Continuing to seek landscaping proposals to make the organization better and safer.
- Working on increasing membership with Dr. Khavkin;
- The President expressed his concern of Trustees who have not been attending the board meetings and the importance of attending the meetings in person.

Executive Director: by A. Silver (report submitted)

- Southwest Medical has agreed to Sponsor the Town hall w/ the LV Medical District on the 27th. Dr. Adashek and Dr. Doubrava will both be speaking at this event.
- Southwest Medical has agreed to be the presenting sponsor on the New CCMS Resident and Medical Students initiative for 10k. This represents brand new revenue for CCMS and will cover existing program such as CME's and educational, community type programs when offering these events for free for medical students and residents. It will also, cover new programming for this segment of our membership. CCMS is exploring additional sponsors for these programs as well.
- Southwest Medical has agreed to be the presenting sponsor for the Resident Job Fair.
- New York Life has agreed to be a sponsor for the Adult Mini Internship
- A card on behalf of CCMS team and BOT was sent to the Broward County Medical Assoc. in sympathy over mass school shooting at Parkland High, Florida last week.
- CCMS is hiring a Membership Associate.
- Thank you to Drs. Havin and Senator Dr. Hardy for putting on the CME on AB_474 on Feb. 17. Thank you also to Dr. Roth for underwriting this event.
- The team is currently working on the new website and database system.
- Submit nominations for the 2018 Harold Lee Feikes Award

Recipient. Nominations are due February 27th.

- The CCMS team is in the process of streamlining activities. Creating policies and procedures to ensure CCMS is working effectively and efficiently and working to maximize revenue.
- Wet N Wild has agreed to come on a second tier MBA. Wet n wild will do a CCMS day at Wet n Wild and will offer discounted season passes. Stay tuned for more details. CCMS are in conversations and negotiations for additional MBA's and 2nd tier MBA's.
- A special shout-out to Josh for taking CCMS' social media to the next level. The board was encouraged to follow CCMS on Facebook, twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Also, to have their practices do the same.
- Preparations are well under way for the 2018 Installation Dinner honoring Dr. Jeffrey Roth at the Hard Rock Hotel. A discounted room rate is available. Sponsorships are available. Any inquiries to reach out to Alex. Also, any partners, vendors or companies the board may think want to support CCMS to please send introductions.

New Business

The board discussed ways to attract new members of larger groups, including possible membership discounts for entire group participation. It was also discussed that making the same discounts available to individual members for prepayment of multiple years or auto-pay could help to retain current members.

Future BOT Meeting

CCMS Board of Trustees Meeting – March 20, 2018 | 6PM | CCMS Office

Adjournment: 8:19pm



CCMS ALLIANCE

2017-2018 CCMSA Co-Presidents



Alexia Crowley



Jessica L. Kartzinel

The Clark County Medical Society Alliance is counting down the days to our 2018 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon!!

It will take place on Thursday, March 22nd at the Four Seasons beginning at 10:30am. It begins with an amazing silent auction and beautiful luncheon. Proceeds raised will benefit UMC Pediatrics in collaboration with the Nevada Medical Center. A live auction will be followed by a fashion show by the iconic Diane V on Furstenberg (DVF).

We are still collecting silent auction items and ads for our program book. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit:

<http://fashionshow187787.auction-bid.org>

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNLV AMSA Receives Accreditation

The UNLV School of Medicine American Medical Student Association is proud to report to you that earlier today on Wednesday February 21st, 2018 the national AMSA team in Washington D.C. has approved UNLVSoM AMSA past its preliminary chapter accreditation as a recognized AMSA chapter. UNLVSoM AMSA is now an official Medical School chapter in the United States.



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To purchase tickets or pursue sponsorship opportunities: <http://fashionshow187787.auction-bid.org>



SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATE

Wanted: Leaders for a TB-Free United States.

Joseph P. Iser, M.D., DrPH, MSc
Chief Health Officer, SNHD
Member since 2013

Every year on March 24 the health care community commemorates World TB Day to bring attention to a preventable disease that still impacts many people in the United States and around the world. This year's theme is "Wanted: Leaders for a TB-Free United States. We can make history. End TB." It is a call for health care partners to work together on a local, national, and international scale to eliminate the disease.

Health care providers are instrumental in this process. For many patients, TB can present as a bad cold or respiratory infection that won't go away. Physicians should always consider the possibility of TB when examining a patient with an ongoing respiratory infection, especially if it is accompanied by a persistent cough, night sweats, loss of appetite, and fatigue.

The risk of a missed diagnosis of TB disease can have widespread public health consequences. One case of active disease can result in a large-scale contact investigation that can sometimes impact hundreds of people in the community.

When initiating a contact investigation, the Southern Nevada Health District follows guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Investigating potential contacts of active TB patients to identify and treat those identified with latent TB infection (LTBI) is a proven strategy for the control and elimination of TB.

As the leading provider of TB services in Southern Nevada, the Health District's Tuberculosis Treatment and Control Clinic offers programs to ensure people with active TB disease are treated and that people who are exposed to TB are evaluated and treated, if appropriate, to prevent the further spread of the disease. In addition to testing and treatment, clinic staff members provide specialized case management services to assure that patients with active and suspect TB disease receive individualized patient care. Directly observed therapy (DOT) is a standard of care to promote adherence and completion of TB treatment, and it is offered to active and suspect TB patients.

The Health District's TB Clinic staff also work with health care partners to provide information and education on detection, treatment, and prevention. Providing education to both clients and medical providers is a fundamental component of TB control and a continuing priority for the Health District.

The TB program is committed to quality improvement. To this end, the program conducts evaluations of its clinical activities to promote and improve the outcome of treating clients until cured. Staff conduct weekly case reviews using a multi-disciplinary team consisting of TB clinic nurses, TB nurse case managers, medical providers, and disease investigation and intervention specialists. Quarterly TB cohort reviews are conducted to evaluate the delivery of care to patients and improve patient outcomes. The cohort review process analyzes treatment outcomes of every TB case to assist with ongoing quality improvement efforts. Nationwide, the CDC reports there were a total of 9,272 TB cases in 2016. This is a decrease from the number of cases reported in 2015 and the lowest case count on record in the United States. The number of cases in Clark County has declined as well, from 72 cases in 2015 to 47 cases in 2016.

World TB Day is an opportunity to shine a light on this critical issue for one day a year. As health care professionals, we have a responsibility to incorporate TB awareness and education into our practice every day. Working together we can end TB.

For more information about the Health District's TB Treatment and Control Clinic go to our website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/tb/index.php. For additional information on World TB Day 2018 visit the CDC site at www.cdc.gov/tb/worldtbdays/default.htm.



MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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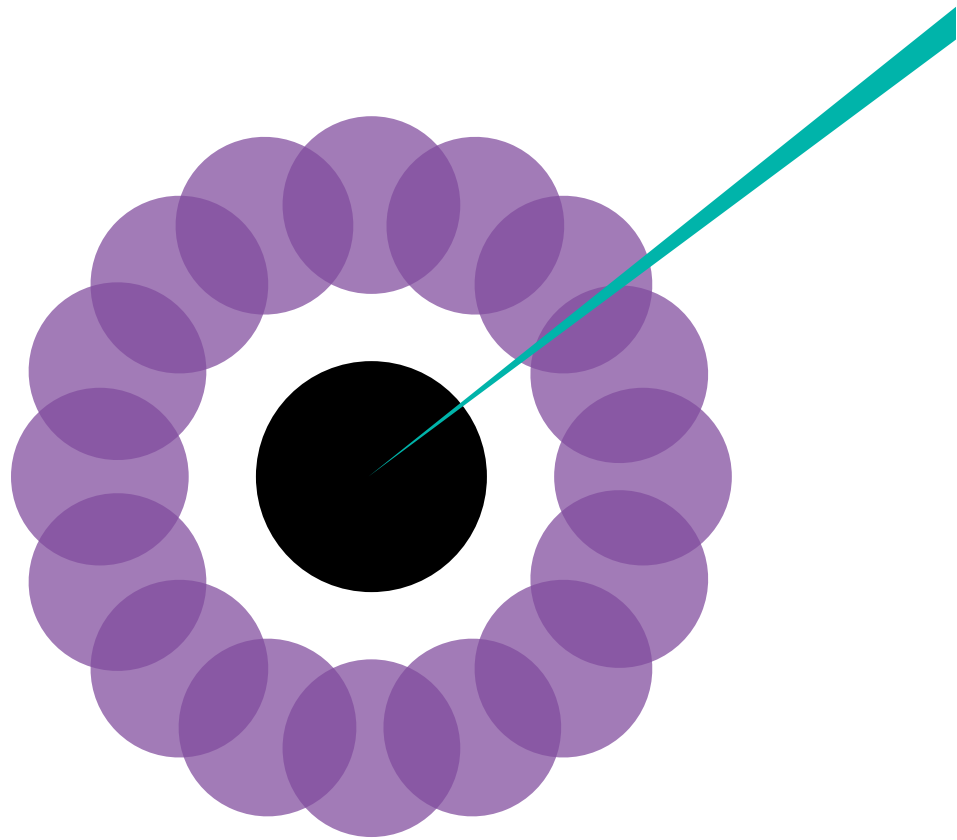
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MEET THE NEW FACE OF HEALTH CARE

Town Hall Highlights the Importance of Medical Education

The Clark County Medical Society and the Las Vegas Medical District presented “Meet the New Face of Health Care in Southern Nevada”, a public town hall event on February 27 featuring presentations from Mayor Carolyn Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Lois Tarkanian, and Clark County Medical Society President Dr. Joseph Adashek.



Drs. Doubrava, Atkinson, and Adashek were among the presenters

The event highlighted the role played by new and expanded medical education programs in developing qualified health care professionals in Southern Nevada, which has faced a shortage of doctors for a number of years.

“We’re excited to let the public know of the many ways we are all working together to address the shortage of medical professionals in Clark County,” said Alexandra P. Silver, Executive Director of the Clark County Medical Society. “The medical schools in Las Vegas have been working incredibly hard to develop innovative programs to train new physicians, and I think that this event is a great opportunity for the public to see what is going on behind the scenes.”



Dr. Fildes representing the UNLV School of Medicine



The event drew over 200 attendees

The event, which was sponsored by Southwest Medical Associates, featured presentations from UNLV Provost Diane Z. Chase, Valley Hospital’s Director of Pharmacy Cynthia Derouin, and UMC Chief of Trauma Dr. John Fildes. The town hall had over 200 attendees, and was broadcast live on KCLV Channel 2.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello County Line Readers, Nice to Meet You!

By Josh MacEachern

*Communications & Marketing Coordinator
Clark County Medical Society*

Hello County Line readers! Some of you I've already met in person, but for others allow me to introduce myself -- my name is Josh, and I'm very excited to be the new Communications & Marketing Coordinator for the Clark County Medical Society!

First a little background; I'm a native Las Vegas, born and raised. I did move away for a while to complete my undergraduate studies at the University of Nevada, Reno campus (sorry Rebels fan), where I majored in Strategic Communications with a minor in Business Administration.

After moving back to Las Vegas I worked for a while with a media production company doing graphic design and commercial production, as well as a traditional public relations company, before working a couple years as a freelance graphic designer and media consultant.

I hope to bring this variety of experience to bear on the unique opportunities CCMS has to become more connected with our community, and our doctors. I believe that the sky is truly the limit when it comes to our medical society's future -- not only in increased membership, but in increased member benefits and community awareness of our mission to advocate for doctors here in Southern Nevada.

In my free time, I volunteer with the Las Vegas Celtic Society, a 501(c3) non-profit dedicated to promoting Celtic culture in Southern Nevada through events and education, most notably our Las Vegas Highland Games, a two-day festival every April that had 11,000 attendees last year. I also enjoy walking my dog, and playing bagpipes -- yes bagpipes -- with the local Las Vegas Pipe Band.

You may have noticed some subtle changes over the past few weeks, from redesigned and more engaged social media accounts to the new look of the County Line Magazine -- that's right, we're a magazine, not just a newsletter! I aim to continue to help CCMS reach our full potential by engaging with our doctors and the community at large through all forms of communications.

Lastly, keep in mind that I'm here to help you as a member



Alex said that I couldn't get away with mentioning the bagpiping without a picture, and she's the boss, so here you go.

of CCMS. If you or your practice has any achievement or accomplishments that you want to share with our membership, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at josh.maceachern@clarkcountymedical.org -- we want everyone to know what our members are up to!

In closing, it's a pleasure to be working with CCMS, and I'm incredibly excited for our future as a society.



Join Clark County Medical Society's mission to serve the needs of physicians and their patients with responsibility and integrity.

Become a Clark County Medical Society Member today, and join 1500 other physician's who enjoy the benefits of advocacy and continuing education that membership provides.

Contact us today at info@clarkcountymedical.org

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Drs. George Alexander, Howard Baron, and Souzan El-Eid



Dr. George Alexander, MD
Trustee
Clark County Medical Society
Member Since 1997

CCMS: Tell us how you first got involved with CCMS?

Dr. Alexander: I have been an AMA member since medical school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. When I began private practice in Las Vegas, I wanted to continue to participate in organized medicine but more on a community level. I joined CCMS in 1997 and became active in several of our committees working alongside many dedicated doctors. I really enjoy the camaraderie.

CCMS: What do you find most rewarding and challenging about being involved with CCMS?

Dr. Alexander: After approximately two decades of CCMS membership, numerous committee involvements, and serving as president of CCMS, the most rewarding part has been participating in the teamwork, and experiencing the dedication our members have to raising the bar of health care in Clark County.

CCMS: If you could change one thing about CCMS what would it be?

Dr. Alexander: I'm actually quite pleased with the hard work, efforts, and results that CCMS brings to our community. If I had a "magic wand" and could change one thing, it would be that all doctors in Southern Nevada would be members.

CCMS: What might someone be surprised to know about you?

Dr. Alexander: I was awarded a scholarship with the U.S. Air Force for my medical school education at Georgetown, then served here at Nellis Air Force Base. In 1994, I was asked to assist with the opening of a new hospital at Nellis AFB at what is now known as Mike O'Callaghan Medical Center. We received JCAHO approval with commendation at our first review. I'm very proud of what we accomplished, in addition to being chosen as honorary commander of the Nellis Support Team.

CCMS: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Dr. Alexander: I'm an automotive enthusiast. I have enjoyed attending the Monaco Grand Prix Formula 1 race with friends in Monte Carlo and the Long Beach Grand Prix in California. I fully restored my actual college car, a 1968 Triumph Spitfire. I enjoy driving my 1989 Corvette that I've had since new and my current Z06. My other passion is reading, and I read 3-4 hours per day.

CCMS: If Hollywood came calling and wanted to do the story of your life, what actor/actress would play you?

Dr. Alexander: Steve McQueen -- I like the way he drives!



Dr. Howard Baron, MD
Trustee
Clark County Medical Society
Member Since 1993

CCMS: Tell us how you first got involved with CCMS?

Dr. Baron: Dr. Ron Kline was incoming president at the time and asked me to serve on a committee so I could become eligible to serve as a board member. That was in about 2004, but I became a CCMS member as soon as I moved to Nevada in 1993.

CCMS: What do you find most rewarding and challenging about being involved with CCMS?

Dr. Baron: It is rewarding working with a group of physicians who are so dedicated to making health care better in our city and state, and who in my opinion exemplify the high quality of care available here in Southern Nevada. The biggest challenge is, like everyone else, finding enough time to devote to meetings, projects, and all of the communication surrounding our participation in local and statewide issues.

CCMS: If you could change one thing about CCMS what would it be?

Dr. Baron: I would want to capture most if not all of the Clark County physicians as members. Even those who choose to be less involved need to join so that their voice becomes stronger when it comes time to engage legislators or public officials on patient and physician issues we all face daily.

CCMS: What might someone be surprised to know about you?

Dr. Baron: I am a huge Vegas Golden Knights fan! I am at almost every game and have enjoyed the emotional lift it gives me to attend games and cheer for our home team!

CCMS: What do you like to do in your spare time?

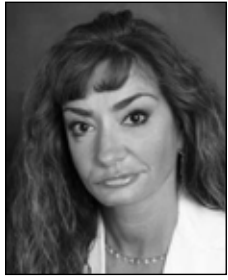
Dr. Baron: Besides attending and watching Knights' games, I like to read for fun and hang out with my family.

CCMS: If you were not a physician what would you be?

Dr. Baron: Stand-up comedian.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Drs. George Alexander, Howard Baron, and Souzan El-Eid



Dr. Souzan El-Eid, MD

Past President

Clark County Medical Society

Member Since 2009

CCMS: Tell us how you first got involved with CCMS?

Dr. El-Eid: I started my own private practice in Las Vegas in June of 2009, and looked for the local medical society. That same year I joined and participated in committees to stay involved.

CCMS: What do you find most rewarding and challenging about being involved with CCMS?

Dr. El-Eid: Rewarding things would be the collegiality, facing similar government and insurance companies' demands as my colleagues, and the benefits of being a member of CCMS. Being elected as the president in 2016 was the most

rewarding by far. Some of the biggest challenges are the time limitations for being more involved.

CCMS: If you could change one thing about CCMS what would it be?

Dr. El-Eid: The website!

CCMS: What might someone be surprised to know about you?

Dr. El-Eid: I'm actually shy and quiet by nature.

CCMS: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Dr. El-Eid: Exercise and travel to sunny beaches!

CCMS: If Hollywood came calling and wanted to do the story of your life, what actor/actress would play you?

Dr. El-Eid: Penelope Cruz!

SPRING VALLEY HOSPITAL RECEIVES GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL

(Las Vegas, NV, February 20, 2018) -- Spring Valley Hospital earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Core Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement after undergoing a rigorous on-site review in December 2017. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Spring Valley Hospital performs more orthopedic surgeries – which includes total knee replacements, total hip replacements, shoulder, elbow and spine surgery – than any other hospital in Las Vegas, according to Leonard Freehof, CEO/Managing Director of the hospital. “Our key priorities are the patient experience and outcomes. Most of our patients are hospitalized for two days, so our staff focuses on education, physical therapy and pain management to help our patients prepare first for surgery, and then for home.

As part of the on-site review, The Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with national disease-specific care standards as well as with total hip and total knee-specific requirements. Spring Valley Hospital provided information on five measures of evidenced-based medicine including deep vein thrombosis; mobility within six hours of surgery; patient experience; and patient education before and during hospitalization. To better assist patients, the orthopedics

team offers an additional Joint Camp during hospitalization, inviting all orthopedic patients to participate in a group physical therapy session before leaving the hospital to address any additional concerns.



“We are pleased to receive this Certification from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation,” said Freehof. “Our goal is to provide our patients with the highest level of care so they can recover quickly and resume their daily living activities.”



MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

Raise Your Concerns This Election Season as a Member of MedPAC

It's election season in Nevada, and with the March deadline for filing rapidly approaching it is more important than every for medical professionals to band together and make sure their voices are heard at the state legislature.

Most doctors in the valley, whether they are members of the Clark County Medical Society or not, know of the tireless work that our organization does to represent the interests of health care professionals in Las Vegas. We strive not only to provide benefits to our members and connect them to the community, but also to help voice their concerns on the many issues facing their individual practices – things like changes to opioid prescribing practices and raising of Medicaid rates.

MedPAC, a Clark County political action committee dedicated to working to elect candidates that will represent the concerns of physicians, is seeking members for the next

two years. Pro-medicine candidates are already seeking MedPAC's support, and members of MedPAC will play a vital role in ensuring that the practice of medicine in Las Vegas remains at the highest possible quality not only for patients, but for practitioners as well.

Take a seat at the table when MedPAC interviews candidates, and help advise them on candidate endorsements and contributions. You do not have to be a CCMS member to be a member of MedPAC, but you do need to be a member of MedPAC if you want to help fight for the rights of physicians at the state legislature.

If you would like to learn more about MedPAC, or register as a member, please contact the Clark County Medical Society at info@clarkcountymedical.org -- from all your fellow supporters of the practice of medicine, thank you for your support!

“You do not have to be a CCMS member to be a member of MedPAC, but you do need to be a member of MedPAC if you want to help fight for the rights of physicians at the state legislature.”

THE WINGED HEART AWARDS

CCMS Looks to Community for Nominations



The Clark County Medical Society is proud to once again present the Winged Heart Awards in special recognition of nurses, non-profits, and now first responders.

The awards, which will be presented at the CCMS Installation Dinner on June 2, are based on nominations from the community at large.

For the first time in the history of the Winged Heart Awards, a first responder category has been added to recognize the brave service of police, fire, and emergency medical personnel.

The nurse category will return to recognize the exceptional service of nursing staff in Las Vegas. The non-profit category seeks to highlight a local non-profit organization related to medicine, or promoting wellness in the community.

Nominations can be submitted through the Winged Heart Awards website at www.wingedheartawards.org, and are open until May 1st.

For more information regarding the awards, contact CCMS at communications@clarkcountymedical.org.

IMPLEMENTING AB 474

Free CME Event Outlines Difficult New Regulations



Dr. Weldon “Don” Havins explains AB 474

The Clark County Medical Society provided a free Continuing Medical Education program to its members on Saturday, February 17 at the CCMS Offices. The program, which focused on the new mandates regarding Assembly Bill 474, outlined practical guidelines for complying with the legislation.

Dr. Weldon “Don” Havins and Senator Dr. Joseph Hardy were the main speakers at the event, which drew over 30 CCMS members that morning. Discussions included the list of new requirements of informed consent for controlled substances prescribed for the treatment of pain, as well as options for treating substance abuse disorders.

“These educational events are an important part of what we offer to our members,” Alexandra P. Silver, Executive Director of the Clark County Medical Society said. “As laws change and new requirements are mandated, it’s vital that our doctors know what steps they need to take to best treat their patients. We offered the program for free so that our members could get the maximum possible benefit.”

The event lasted two hours, with attendees receiving credit at the end of the presentation. Dr. Havins and Senator Dr. Hardy hope to offer more of these kinds of events in the future. Special thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Roth for sponsoring the event.

SOUTHERN NEVADA DOCTORS, THANK YOU.



TO OUR DOCTORS:

March 30 is National Doctor's Day

We at the Clark County Medical Society work every day to support doctors for a simple reason: we know how much they matter to our community.

Our doctors are there when we first open our eyes and enter this world. They treat us when we are ill or injured as we navigate our day-to-day lives, and when the time comes, help us pass on with dignity. They dedicate their lives to helping others, and through that dedication we all enjoy longer and happier lives.

Their commitment to preserving life has never been more obvious than during the tragic events of October 1, 2017. During that horrific night, over 800 people were transported with gunshot wounds to nearby hospitals. Many doctors that work in trauma know that one or two of these kinds of cases can be incredibly difficult to manage, with the idea of treating over 800 absolutely impossible.

Impossible or not, our doctors, nurses, and first responders answered the call. Their incredible effort and dedication to the preservation of human life saved hundreds of lives that night -- the lives of our neighbors, our family members, and our friends, saved by complete strangers who worked days at a time to answer the call.

This March 30 is National Doctor's Day, but one day on the calendar doesn't seem like enough to truly express our gratitude as a community. That's why at the Clark County Medical Society, we aim to serve the physicians that treat this city every day -- through advocacy, education, and involving them in the community they care with events and outreach.

Take the time on March 30 to reach out and thank the doctors in your for their efforts not only in times of tragedy, but for all the times that they have made a difference our lives.

From all of us here at the Clark County Medical Society, and Southern Nevada as a whole, thank you for your dedicated service to caring for the health of our community.



Clark County Medical Society
Be a Part of the Solution | Be a Delegate
 2018 NSMA Annual Meeting | September 28-30, 2018 | Las Vegas
 Green Valley Ranch | 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway | Henderson, NV 89052

TAKE A SEAT ...

“Be the Voice” for fellow physicians at the 2018 NSMA Annual Meeting

Strong Leadership is needed – and it is needed NOW. Be a part of the solution!

Be the voice for your fellow physicians and medical community!

Sign up to be a CCMS Delegate today! Here’s how it works:

If I sign up as a delegate, what happens next? Does it cost anything?

- As a CCMS Delegate you will attend three (3) required preparatory meetings prior to the annual meeting to discuss resolutions to submit to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting. Meetings are July 17, Aug. 21, and Sept. 18, 2018 and are held at the CCMS Office immediately following the CCMS Board of Trustees meetings at 7:15 pm.
- Delegates must attend the 2018 NSMA Annual Meeting from Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30, 2018 in Las Vegas held at Green Valley Ranch, located at 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway, Henderson, NV 89052
- CCMS Delegates are reimbursed for the meeting registration. Reimbursement Fee to be determined.

What is a resolution?

- Resolutions determine the Association’s policies and priorities.
- Example resolutions are available online at the CCMS Website at www.clarkcountymedical.org (Any CCMS member can submit a resolution to the delegation committee)

Can I attend the annual meeting if I am not a delegate?

YES, you can and you should for the following reasons...

- 1) Network with people who coordinate efforts for all legislative medicine-related issues dealing with tort reform and regulatory issues that affect physicians every day.
- 2) Voice your opinions and give valuable input as to the mission and purpose of our organization.
- 3) Exchange ideas with physicians from throughout the state about many topics from problems with hospitals or insurance companies, to public health issues.

How does the society determine the number of county delegate seats?

- Each county society is allotted one (1) seat per every 20 members
- CCMS is entitled to approximately 30+ representatives in the House of Delegates—the final numbers of seats are determined by NSMA 45 days preceding the annual session.

SIGN ME UP AS A CCMS DELEGATE TODAY!

Complete form below and fax to 702.739.6345 or email Janice Poblete at janice.poblete@clarkcountymedical.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CCMS & NSMA

March 6

NSMA Public Health Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

March 8

CCMS Student & Resident Committee Meeting
3:00-4:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

CCMS Government Affairs Committee Meeting
5:30-6:30p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

NSMA Government Affairs Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

March 12

CCMS Adult MiniMED Internship Begins

NSMA Medical Practice Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

March 13

CCMS Community Health & Public Relations Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

NSMA Internal Affairs Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

March 20

CCMS Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

March 21

CCMS Adult MiniMED Internship Ends

Adult MiniMED Internship Recognition Dinner
6:00-8:00p.m. | Spiedini Ristorante, JW Marriott

March 28

NSMA Alt. Council/Finance Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

March 30

CCMS Student & Resident Committee Meeting
3:00-4:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

April 2

NSMA Public Health Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

April 9

NSMA Medical Practice Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

April 10

CCMS Community Health & Public Relations Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

NSMA Internal Affairs Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

April 11

CCMS Membership Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

April 12

CCMS Government Affairs Committee Meeting
5:30-6:30p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

NSMA Government Affairs Committee Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd.

April 17

CCMS Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | CCMS Offices 2590 E Russell Rd

April 25

NSMA Finance Meeting
6:00-7:00p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

May 1

CME: Physician Burnout
Location TBD

June 2

CCMS Board Installation Dinner
6:00-9:00p.m. | Hard Rock Hotel & Casino



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GIVING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

Volunteer for the Adult MiniMED Internship March 12-21

It's that time of year again! As we move from winter to spring, the Clark County Medical Society is hitting the ground running for our 2018 Adult MiniMED Internship, which will take place from March 12 to March 21, ending with a recognition dinner at Spiedini on March 21.

For those of you unfamiliar with the program, our MiniMED Internship occurs twice every year -- once in the spring for adult business leaders, community stakeholders, and politicians, and again in the fall for high school students. The "interns" are then paired with practicing physicians, who they shadow for a full or half day to learn more about the day-to-day challenges of delivering quality health care.

With the adult internship, our goal is to offer insight into the professional lives of physicians, and to expand perspectives on health care issues between the medical community and community leaders. The knowledge and awareness gained from this exchange gives business leaders, legislators, and the media valuable experiences to draw upon when reporting and/or making business and policy decisions regarding health care.

We hope that as a member of CCMS, you will consider volunteering some of your time to this program. It is not too late -- please fill out the application on the following page, and send it via email to communications@clarkcountymedical.org.

With the election season in full swing, it is more important than ever that the people our physicians care for have a complete understanding of the things that make practicing medicine in Southern Nevada unique, rewarding, or even at times challenging, so that we as Las Vegas can take care of the doctors who take care of us.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

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APPLICATION

2018 Mini-Internship Program March 12-21

You are a... PHYSICIAN INTERN

To be completed by **PHYSICIAN OR INTERN** - Please print or type
Please remember that an **accurate, complete, and legible** application form is vital for us to contact you.

Name		Title	
Company Name			
Address		City	St Zip
Website		Email	
Phone	Mobile	Fax	

PHYSICIAN ONLY:

Please indicate your available schedule and location

INTERN ONLY:

Please select your preferred date(s) & time(s) You may choose more than one (1)

Schedules: AM = 9:00am-12:00pm | PM = 1:00pm-5:00pm | (Full Day (FD)) 9:00am-5:00pm

Monday March 12	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> FD	Office Address:	Monday March 12	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> FD
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PHYSICIAN ONLY:

The location where you will be practicing, do they require a copy of the intern's most recent TB test and/or Chest X-ray? YES NO

INTERN ONLY:

Please select three (3) preferred specialties
Please note, we cannot guarantee that you will be matched with your preferred specialties

To be completed by **PHYSICIAN OR INTERN** - Please indicate your attendance
Recognition Dinner Dinner | Spiedini Ristorante | JW Marriott
Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018 | 6pm

- Yes, I will attend the Recognition Dinner
 Regrets, I am unable to attend the Recognition Dinner

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Admin | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Surgery |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic Radiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurology | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonology |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Med | <input type="checkbox"/> Ob-Gyn | <input type="checkbox"/> Urology |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hematology/Oncology | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopaedic | |
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