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LCMS Awards First Scholarship

A scholarship in memory of 2009 LCMS President Dr. Michael Wiggins has been awarded. Loveland High School graduate (2005), University of Colorado grad, and currently fourth-year medical student at Rocky Vista University of Osteopathic Medicine, Kenton Asche, was the recipient of \$5,000. Mrs. Jackie Wiggins attended LCMS Annual Meeting to publicly award the scholarship. Mr. Asche

spoke of his admiration for Dr. Wiggins, his family physician, who “took an interest in my curiosity about medicine as a career.” He continued, “In my young eyes, his professional and caring personality exemplified what kind of physician and person I aspired to be.”

Criteria for scholarship: The Michael P. Wiggins Memorial Scholarship Fund will be set up and will distribute \$5,000 each year for five years. Criteria are:

1. Applicant must be a graduate of a Larimer County High School, or if home schooled, graduated while living in Larimer County.
2. Applicant must be accepted to a medical or osteopathic medical school, and/or currently attending medical school.
3. Applications must be received by July 1st of the year in which the funds will be distributed.

LCMS Executive Committee will screen the applicants for selection with a preference towards a primary care provider.



Mrs Jackie Wiggins, Kenton Asche – recipient, Dr. Peter Smith – LCMS President



Presidential Perspective

Christie Reimer, M.D.

I just returned from the American Medical Association's National Advocacy Conference. I feel honored to have been able to attend as a representative of the physicians of Larimer County and our patients.

Each time I visit Washington, DC I become more enamored; this place is amazing – the history, the architecture, the energy. We had such a beautiful sunny day to walk on the mall and take it all in. I am always fascinated by the magnitude of what is happening around me. As I look around I wonder who is in the escorted SUV with black windows, and how what he or she is working on may impact history. I take pictures of our group as we are escorted to the very same place where the State of the Union address will occur later that night. I get excited when we see recognizable lawmakers on the Hill. Someone in our delegation may even have called me a “groupie.” The experience is motivating. And it is clearly such an important time to be motivated and to witness and participate in discussions about how healthcare is delivered in the United States. We all recognize that how we care for patients will look different even a few years from now.

In the recent past we have heard a lot about accountable care organizations, patient-centered medical homes, bundled payments, and even the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. This year speakers are sharing real-life stories about these models and how the value of healthcare can be maximized. Highlights included hearing directly from the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about her vision of healthcare delivery models. Chuck Todd, a well-known political correspondent, gave an interesting account of how politicians and voters continue to become increasingly partisan, and how that affects lawmaking.

Most importantly, though, we visited with our Congressmen, Senators Bennett and Udall, and Representative Polis. We shared real life stories about our patients in Northern Colorado, and focused on three “asks”:

1. Repealing the SGR (sustainable growth rate) formula. It seems like everyone on Washington understands that the instability surrounding the potentially huge cuts in payments to physicians is not consistent with a functional healthcare system, and they all seem committed to working on a fix. It also seems like we have heard this before... Our representative shared that he has signed on as a co-sponsor to a bipartisan bill that would lead to permanent repeal. We heard consistent language from both parties about supporting models of care that optimize cost and quality. We shared stories about how Colorado doctors are “doing our part” in moving the system forward. And we learned that, although the crisis is not expected to last long, there is consensus that the 2% sequestration is likely to occur in March.

2. Firearm Safety: We shared that the CMS is supportive of Governor Hickenlooper's proposal to strengthen the mental healthcare system, and that we hope that physicians can participate in discussions about how we can prevent firearm violence. We Coloradoans are particularly aware of the recent tragedies.

3. Prescription Drug Abuse: Sadly our state has the second highest rate of prescription drug abuse in the country. We committed to helping address this problem while also making sure that our patients get appropriate treatment for pain.

On my cab ride back to the airport my driver shared his story: He became a U.S. citizen only before the most recent presidential election, so that was his first opportunity to vote. During the election he was visiting his 87-year-old mother in his home country of Nigeria. There he travelled to the embassy and waited seven hours to cast his vote. “I would not miss that opportunity for anything.” I am reminded about the opportunity that we have to participate in the process in our country, and give input to our leaders. I agree with what I heard Dr. Ami Bera, a newly-elected Representative and physician from California say, “Physicians should be leading these discussions [about healthcare reform].” We are uniquely in the position to understand how our patients are affected. I hope we all take that opportunity.

LARIMER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

*Locations and meeting dates are subject to change.
LCMS BOD meetings will begin at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.
Membership Meetings for General Membership are highlighted.
CMS BOD & AMA Meeting dates are informational only.*

2013 Calendar, LCMS, CMS and AMA

January

- 16 LCMS Board of Directors Biaggi's Centerra, Loveland
18 CMS Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. – CMS Offices, Denver

February

- 11-13 AMA Nat'l Advocacy Conference, Washington DC

March

- 13 LCMS Board of Directors Biaggi's, Centerra, Loveland
15 CMS Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. – CMS Offices, Denver

April

- 17 Spring Meeting with WCMS, 6:15 p.m., Embassy Suites Loveland

May

- 3 CMS Board of Directors, Sonnenalp Resort, Vail
3-5 CMS Spring Conference (Fri-Su) Sonnenalp Resort, Vail
15 LCMS Board of Directors Biaggi's, Centerra, Loveland

June

July

- 10 LCMS Board of Directors Biaggi's, Centerra, Loveland
12 CMS Board of Directors, 1:00 p.m. – CMS Offices, Denver

August

- 28 LCMS Board of Directors Biaggi's, Centerra, Loveland

September

- 20 CMS Board of Directors, Vail Marriott
20-22 CMS Annual Meeting (Fri-Su), Vail Marriott

Watch for more dates after September

Welcome New January 2013 Members

Michael A Martucci, MD
Allergy & Immunology
Northern Colorado Allergy &
Asthma Clinic
2121 E Harmony Rd #350

Kevin T O'Connell, MD
Occupational Medicine
4674 Snow Mesa Drive #200
CHMG Occupational Health
Services

Fall 2012 Graduate Student
Member interns with Poudre
Valley Hospital, Family Practice
Residency Program:

Breanna R Berry, DO
Harrison Davis Blanton, MD
Joshua A Dekker, MD
Elizabeth E Hauslein, MD
Shannon E Jantz, MD
Joshua Steven Rusk, MD

Suggestions or comments?
Call Executive Director Barb
Brown at (970) 674-7512 or e-mail
barb@larimermedicalsociety.org.

2012 Annual Meeting



2012 LCMS Physician of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Janet Seeley. At the Annual Meeting, Dr. Smith noted Dr. Seeley's knowledge of current issues in healthcare, her passion for community work, and involvement with her physician colleagues with regard to public policy in Larimer County, State and National level. She recently completed the Advanced Physician Leadership Program through the Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership. Janet Seeley, MD, PhD, was recently appointed to the Touchstone Partners board of directors. And recently, she traveled on a Rotary Club trip to India.



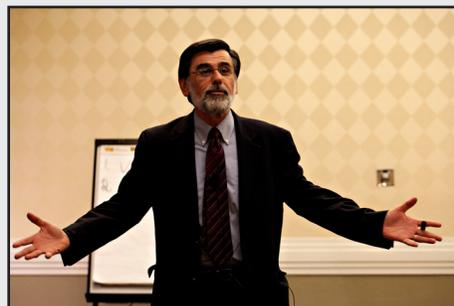
Dr Jan Kief, CMS President, speaks



Annual Meeting speaker Joe Gagen, Dr Christie Reimer and Weld Past President Dr Rick Budensiek



Christie Reimer MD takes the podium as LCMS President



Joe Gagen gives a lively talk at Annual Meeting on The Rules and Realities of Physician Engagement



Colo Med Society General Counsel Susan Koontz with new CMS staff member Chris McGowne, Program Manager

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Join us for 2013 Register now for the Colorado Medical Society Spring Conference!

**May 3 through May 5, 2013
Sonnenalp Resort, Vail**

Up to date information for your use as well as opportunity for dialog with CMS staff and your Colorado physician colleagues. For last May's meeting, Vail was a vision of springtime in the Rockies. Please make plans to attend.

More information at www.CMS.org

University of Colorado Health and CanDo Expand to Address Health Disparities Among Larimer County Latinos

Deirdre Sullivan, Community Health Educator, CanDo

University of Colorado Health North, CanDo, the Coalition for Activity and Nutrition to Defeat Obesity and the Vida Sana coalition have partnered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Health Disparities (OHD) to address chronic disease among low income and Latino community members living in north Fort Collins.

CanDo has been working for more than eight years to increase community capacity for addressing healthy eating and physical activity in schools, worksites, food environments, city planning processes and more. In this time, the coalition has noted the need to prioritize efforts among disparately affected community members which validated by state and national data as well as requests from the community. For example, childhood obesity rates among Hispanic/Latino youth are nearly twice that of the rate among all

Colorado children (13% versus 24%) and Colorado Hispanic/Latinos rank worse in every category of health and risk behaviors for chronic diseases.

OHD funding will support ongoing efforts of the Vida Sana to promote healthy eating and physical activity opportunities among north Fort Collins community members. This includes expanded access to culturally relevant recreation services at Northside Aztlan Community Center, the placement of neighborhood based promotoras, or community health workers, who will work with their neighbors on accessing services for healthy eating, physical activity, diabetes prevention and education, cancer screening and detection and other critical preventative health services; creating a network of culturally responsive healthcare and service providers; and increasing Hispanic/Latino engagement in school wellness

and city planning policy endeavors that impact health.

According to Edgar Dominguez, Health Equity Coordinator for UCH and the Vida Sana project director, "This funding provides a great opportunity to take the coalition's work to the next level and really make a dent in addressing health disparities in our community. Fort Collins continually ranks as one of the 'healthiest' cities but there are many people here who, because of their race, ethnicity, income level, neighborhood and other situations are falling through the cracks and suffering greatly because of preventable diseases like diabetes and heart disease."

For information about how you can connect your patients to Vida Sana's program, participate in their network of services or just learn more about the coalition, please contact Edgar Dominguez at esd1@pvhs.org or 955-7519.

Merger Updates

Your board and officers have worked throughout 2012 planning for a merger of Weld and Larimer Medical Societies. Our work has determined that Weld will merge with Larimer, and Larimer will change its name to Northern Colorado Medical Society. The first steps of this process will be a resolution discussed at March 2013 board of directors, and along with Weld board, present to the general membership a formal vote for this first reading at our Spring Membership Meeting April 17, 2013, at Embassy Suites Loveland.

Kaiser-Permanente offers special screening of Weight of the Nation

During January and February, special screenings were held of The Weight of the Nation. This documentary is part of a public education initiative addressing the national obesity epidemic and proposing solutions that communities can put into practice. It is a presentation of HBO and the Institute of Medicine, in association with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health, and in partnership with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and Kaiser Permanente. Should you have interest in the HBO series and/or wish to create additional opportunities for screening, contact Barb Brown with LCMS or Mary.j.atchison@kp.org

Thank You to

Dr. Smith

A big thank you to Dr. Peter Smith for steering LCMS through 2012 while serving as our President. A reluctant leader when Dr. Bob Benz nominated him, Pete took on historical events with LCMS. He was eager to collaborate with Weld regarding a merger of the two medical societies. This meant extra time and effort steering through pages of proposed legal documents and meetings with the bylaws committee. As President, Pete oriented a new Executive Director at the start of his term, and worked all year with Barb to accomplish the goals of the society and meet the needs of the Board. He awarded a first-ever scholarship, beheld the largest fire in our county's history, at the same time the Affordable Care Act was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Thank you Dr. Smith!!

CORHIO

The Colorado Regional Health Information Organization is dedicated to improving health care quality for all Coloradans through health information exchange (HIE). As the state-designated entity for HIE, CORHIO collaborates with health care stakeholders including physicians, hospitals, clinics, public health, long-term care, laboratories, health plans and patients to improve care collaboration through secure systems and processes for sharing clinical information. CORHIO is a not-for-profit supported in large part by grants, including awards from the Colorado Health Foundation and from federal ARRA HITECH funds. CORHIO's technical infrastructure is built on industry-leading HIE technology developed and maintained by Medicity.

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- Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 17, 2013, 6:15 P.M.
EMBASSY SUITES LOVELAND
ACA UPDATE WITH SPEAKERS
DETAILED MERGER UPDATE

For More Information Visit: larimermedicalsociety.org

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