



Year in Review
Peter Smith, M.D.

Medical Society Meeting Schedule

SB277 Passes Bill signed in Fort Collins

Report from the Anti-Polio Crusade
Janet Seeley, M.D., Ph.D.

Spring Meeting Photo Spread



Official Newsletter of the Larimer County Medical Society

Honker

Second Quarter: May-June 2013

Year in Review

Dr. Peter Smith, Past President

After over a year of planning, on May 15th the first major vote was held on the merger between Larimer County Medical Society and Weld Medical Society. The vote was unanimous in favor of the merger, largely thanks to hours of planning by the executive committees of the respective medical societies.

The history of the merger is worth some mention. The first discussions about a merger were held at the Colorado Medical Society Annual meeting in September 2011. At that time, a group of physicians from Greeley approached some physicians from Larimer. Over the next 18 months, a series of meetings were held regarding whether a merger was possible, whether it was in the best interests of the societies and how to work through the legal mumbo-jumbo. The major question presented to the group was why should there be a merger. The groups felt that in the past there had been clear distinctions between the communities. Most of the business west of Interstate 25 stayed west and the business on the east stayed in Weld. Over the past few years, those borders have essentially

dissolved and patients commonly travel between the communities for health care. Also, many physicians have consolidated into the two large employed groups in Northern Colorado. It was felt that keeping the physician community tightly connected would benefit the patients.

On multiple occasions, concerns were expressed. Would the society be too big? What would be the effect on membership? What about the financial impact? In the end, the feeling was that the physicians and the community of patients would be better off with one society. Colorado Medical Society and Council on Ethics and Judicial Affairs has not vocalized any concerns.

Over the past year, the bylaws have been rewritten to bring them in line with the recent updates of CMS bylaws. There has been a simplified definition of membership and the structure of the board has been determined. The process of the merger consisted of Weld Medical Society merging with Larimer County Medical Society, and LCMS changing its name to Northern Colorado Medical

Society. Weld will be dissolved and equivalent memberships transferred to Northern Colorado Medical Society. The May 15th vote was the first of two votes that are required to make these changes. The second vote will occur at the Annual meeting in December. The Colorado Medical Society House of Delegates will vote to recognize the merger, and reflect same in their bylaws districts.

The past year has been spent working on the merger. Now, the board is turning to the future. Goals include increasing membership. Currently University of Colorado Health covers the membership costs for the physicians in the Colorado Health Medical Group, in part because of discounts offered by COPIC insurance. Currently, a Banner physician may choose to use part of an education stipend to cover the costs. There has been a push to have Banner Health cover the membership cost for its employed physicians. We are seeing membership with Colorado Permanente Group as well.

Cont. on pg 2



Senate Bill 277 Prior Authorization Drug Benefits was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper on May 15th, at Poudre Valley Hospital. Senator Aguilar and Representative Ginal were sponsors of this bill. Representatives of LCMS and CMS were on hand for this event.

Review Cont.

In order to increase the membership, the medical society is working on demonstrating value to the members. Colorado Medical Society has been a highly active political group. They have been at the forefront of legislation to protect patients, such as the patient safety act. They have also worked hard to keep the malpractice environment in Colorado favorable toward physicians. The Colorado Medical Society has been actively discussing implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Members of both Larimer and Weld physician societies have been instrumental in forming policy of the Colorado Medical Society.

At the local level, physicians in Northern Colorado Medical Society are active in bringing CORHIO to Northern Colorado. CORHIO is the health information exchange which will allow easier sharing of patient information between providers active in their care. HealthTeamWorks has been active in Northern Colorado helping groups establish the patient

centered medical home. Recently, Colorado Medical Society provided DocBookMD, a HIPAA-compliant text messaging service, to medical society members. In addition, Dr. Jan Gillespie has launched a transitions of care program.

Overall it has been an exciting year for the medical society. As the delivery of health care changes over the next few years, the importance of a tight physician community cannot be overstated. Physicians are the advocate for the patients and the advocate for their colleagues. Ultimately, Northern Colorado Medical society will be a source of information, advocacy and camaraderie for physicians in Northern Colorado.

- Colleague,
- Stay in touch! Do you receive email from the medical society? If not, please help us improve communication by providing us a current email address and look for e-newsletters in your inbox.
- You may reply to LCMS by email barb@larimermedicalsociety.org
- Thank you.

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 and CMS

July

- 10** LCMS Board of Directors (W) Biaggi's
Centerra, Loveland
- 12** CMS Board of Directors (F)
1:00 p.m. – CMS Offices

August

- 28** LCMS Board of Directors (W) Biaggi's
Centerra, Loveland

September

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

October

- 2** Legislative Night (W)

November

- 6** LCMS Board of Directors (W) Biaggi's
Centerra, Loveland
- 8** CMS Board of Directors (F)
1:00 p.m. – CMS Offices

December

- 4** Annual Membership Meeting (W)
6:15 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Marriott, Fort Collins

March 2014

- 17-19** National Advocacy Conference
Washington, D.C.

Welcome New Spring 2013 Members

Daniel W Giles, MD

1236 E Elizabeth Street #3
Fort Collins, CO 80524
Internal Medicine, 2012
w/No Co Hospitalists

Sharon Montes, MD

3850 N Grant Ave
Loveland, CO 80538
Family Medicine, Cert 1990
w/Colo Health Medical Group,
Urgent Care

Alexander N Myers, MD

1236 E Elizabeth Street #3
Fort Collins, CO 80524
Internal Medicine, 2012, pending cert
w/No Co Hospitalists

William H Sammond, MD

2695 Rocky Mountain Ave #150
Fort Collins, CO 80538
Cardiovascular Disease, 1987
w/Heart Center of the Rockies CHMG
practice location Fort Morgan,
Colorado

Tracey L Stefanon, DO

2695 Rocky Mountain Avenue, #200
Loveland, CO 80528
Occupational Medicine, 1/2010
w/ CHMG, Occ Health Svcs

John A Ullrich, MD

2695 Rocky Mountain Avenue, #200
Loveland, CO 80538
Surgery, 2006; Cert 2008

Angela S Walter, MD

4901 Thompson Pkwy
Loveland, CO 80534
Family Medicine, Cert 2003

Membership Transfer from Boulder County Medical Society:

Thomas Higgins, MD
2711 Lake Hollow Rd
Berthoud, CO 80513
Internal Medicine, Endocrinology

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

Spring Education Meeting



Dr.'s Holland Reimer and Cawley



Dr.'s Carroll and Schutte



Speaker Dr. Mark Levine

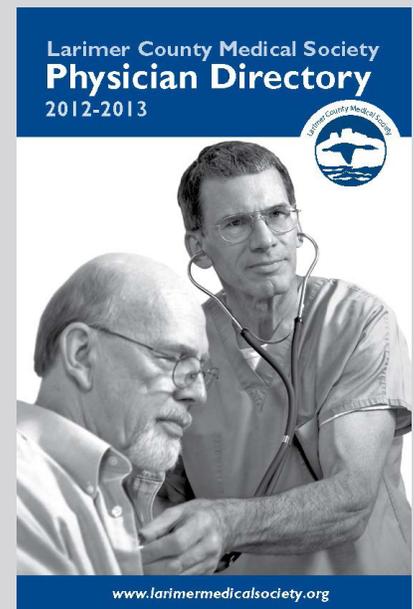


Dr. John Cawley at podium

In Memory of Dr. Robert Brockmann

Larimer and Weld Medical Societies mourn the loss of a vibrant and vocal member of the Colorado Medical Society community. Dr. Robert Brockmann, age 55, passed away at his home on May 10th, 2013 of a cardiac event. He had a presence in Northern Colorado working as a hospitalist at both McKee Medical Center and North Colorado Medical Center recently. Dr. Richard Budensiek, Weld Medical Society leader and president elect of Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, will assume the role of President of CAFPP upon the loss of Dr. Brockmann, who was serving as president of CAFPP at the time of his death.

The Larimer County Medical Society Physician Directory is available for distribution. A supply will be delivered to the medical facilities, physician offices, chamber of commerce and board of realtors offices. Let Barb or Nan know if you need additional copies.



Spring Education Meeting, cont.



Our financial solutions keep you out of Jeopardy.

Patient care is your mission. And keeping your practice in top financial health is necessary to fulfill it.

COPIC Financial Service Group brings an in-depth understanding to find the right insurance and financial planning products and services for doctors and health care organizations. These personal and business products not only help protect your practice now, they help to ensure a strong future for you and your staff.

Experienced and resourceful, our professionals research the industry to find the best possible coverages and precisely tailor them to your unique needs. COPIC Financial facilitates the process from beginning to end, making sure you receive personalized, professional service.

Areas of service include:

- Workers' compensation
- Property and casualty
- Health and dental
- Disability, life and long-term care
- Cyber Liability
- Personal lines: auto and home

 **COPIC**[®]
Better Medicine • Better Lives
***COPIC Financial
Service Group, Ltd.***

While you're taking care of patients, we'll be taking care of you.

COPIC Financial Service Group
www.copicfsg.com • (720) 858-6280 / (800) 421-1834

Anti-Polio Crusade

By Dr. Janet Seeley

India! Ancient land of bright colors, exotic spices, fragrant tea and, until 2011, POLIO.

In 1985, Rotary International declared it's number one priority was to rid the world of polio, leading the charge on a mission many declared impossible. By 1988, when the WHO also resolved to eradicate polio, an estimated 450 Indian children per day were being infected by this crippling virus, nearly half of the worldwide attack rate, according to Deepak Kapur. Chairman of Rotary's India PolioPlus Committee (Christian Science Monitor, 5-5-13).

From 1988 to 2009, the number of countries with endemic polio dropped from 125 to only 4 and yearly cases plummeted from 350,000 to 1,500 with India still carrying half the global burden. By 2011, the last new case of polio was reported in India.

If no new cases are reported for two consecutive years, i.e., by the end of 2013, India will be officially declared free of endemic polio by the WHO, leaving only Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

I had heard a little about the worldwide battle against polio in medical and public news stories and from colleagues but had no idea of the enormity of the efforts and resolve in India's 23 year anti-polio battle until I joined a Fort Collins Rotary Club last year. There, I heard stories of the remarkable collaboration of international agencies with Indian central, state and local officials, health workers, community and religious leaders and parents to immunize every child under 5 with at least 5 doses of the oral vaccine during National Immunization Days (NID).

In February of this year, I joined nine other Rotarians from Northern Colorado and Wyoming in a "Friendship Exchange" trip to Northeast India, where the last new polio cases were detected. There, we had the opportunity to witness and participate in a NID, administering two drops of vaccine to several

Cont. on pg 7



Right, from top to bottom: Two precious drops, Just immunized - indicated by "Purple Pinkie." Pen marks right 5th digit - dye fades over 5 days.

Left: Local vaccination teams like this one made all the difference. One carries and administers vaccine, the other maintains records.



India Cont.

drops vaccine to the 142 million children under 5 years old.

It is the door-to-door campaign of trained, local personnel, mostly mothers, in every remote village and crowded slum that finally took India from 90% to 99% vaccinated young children and put the endemic cases in the zero column. Indian health officials hope to apply lessons learned from the anti-polio crusade to maintain herd immunity and guard against new cases of polio. The experience may also help them tackle other health problems in their exotic, complex and crowded country containing the world's second largest population.



Caulk record on every dwelling: # children under 5, # immunized, arrow indicates direction team moved, date of NID. Last (Jan.10, 2013) and current date always listed.



The Rotary Friendship Exchange Trip met with both Indian and Pakistani officials (rotary caps, left) who were associated with Polio Free Eradication program, as well as doctors from WHO and UNICEF. Participants attended by bodyguards.



DocBookMD is now an available benefit for all county society members. Email Barb Brown at barb@larimermedicalsociety.org for more details and information on how to get started or visit docbookmd.com to find out more and download the application.



LARIMER COUNTY
MEDICAL SOCIETY

1513 Ticonderoga Drive
Fort Collins CO 80525

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
Loveland, CO
Permit # 255

For More Information Visit: larimermedicalsociety.org

LCMS Leadership

LCMS DIRECTORS & DELEGATES TO THE COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY

Christie Reimer, MD – *President 2013*

Tom Allen, MD

Robert Benz, MD – *CMS Council on Legislation*

Julie Brockway, MD

Regina Brown, MD

Geoffrey Capes, MD

Cory Carroll, MD

John Cawley, MD – *President Elect 2014*

Bruce Cooper, MD

Jeff Donner, MD

Frank Dumont, MD

Sarj Gill, MD

Lee Goacher, MD – *Secretary/Treasurer*

Rod Holland, MD

Joe Jacob, MD

William Lanting, MD

Deanne Lembitz, MD

Curtis Markel, MD

Krishna Murthy, MD

Richard Oddy, MD

Warren Schutte, MD

Janet Seeley, MD

Peter Smith, MD – *Immediate Past President*

LCMS DIRECTORS & ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY

Robert Ellis, MD

Rob Lampman, MD

Daniel Langer, MD

Crystal North, DO

Parker Preble, MD

Matthew Solley, MD

Peyton Taliaferro, MD

LCMS REPRESENTATIVES TO COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Edward Norman, MD

Jan Gillespie, MD