



August 2016 Member Newsletter

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The New Member Social is coming up on September 9! We'll have locally harvested food prepared by the incomparable Chef Treacy Kreger, seafood from Sea Blossom Seafoods, all paired with local Washington wine. Invite your colleagues

President's Corner - Dr. Ken Lee

Much has occurred since the last newsletter. The TMCMS now has endorsed a new resolution by the Young Physicians Section of the WSMA that calls for a ban of the secure exam for recertification and action to find alternative pathways for MOC with the AMA. See the quoted text :

RESOLVED, that our Washington State Medical Association call for the immediate end of any mandatory, secured recertifying examination by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or other certifying organizations as part of the recertification process for all those specialties that still require a secure, high-stakes recertification examination. [New HOD Policy]

RESOLVED, that our Washington State Medical Association will continually work with the American Medical Association, state and specialty medical organizations, and other interested stakeholders to promote legislation and policies that prevent Maintenance of Certification from being used as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment, or hospital admitting privileges. [New HOD Policy]

RESOLVED, that our Washington State Medical Association voice these policies directly to the ABMS and other certifying organizations and actively work with these organizations to encourage substantive changes to Maintenance of Certification consistent with WSMA policy. [Directive to Take Action]

RESOLVED, that there be a report back to the Washington State Medical Association House of Delegates by the 2017 Annual

who aren't currently TMCMS members. We'd love to introduce them to the organization! [Click here for details and to RSVP.](#)



Jointly presented by the Washington Dept of Health, Thurston County Public Health, Thurston Mason County Medical Society, and Providence Southwest Washington.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Following this event, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate whether a patient should be screened for hepatitis C based on national recommendations.
- Implement treatment for hepatitis C infection in accordance with Washington's new Medicaid policy.
- Discuss participation in Project ECHO.

[Click here for details and to register.](#)

2.0 Credits Category I CME

Meeting outlining steps WSMA has taken on this issue and a general update on the status of Maintenance of Certification in Washington State.

The Board approved this resolution and will move to have it adopted by the WSMA at the upcoming annual House of Delegates meeting in October. Our only stipulation is to assure that patient care is not affected by this resolution. This has been communicated to the YPS council in writing.

Errors in 2016 TMCMS Membership Directory

In other news, we were recently alerted to errors in the 2016 TMCMS Membership Directory. In the other benefits section on page 8, it references free consultations regarding collections, medical billing, and management through Quick Collect; group discounts for auto, home, and renter's insurance through Liberty Mutual; Pointshare provider assistance for online solutions for healthcare communities in the Northwest; and low interest credit card rates through WSMA Gold MasterCard. These benefits are not up to date. For a full list of benefits and preferred vendors, visit www.wsma.org/member-discounts.

Beach Party and New Member Social

We will be hosting a new member party at Bob Lang's residence on September 9. [Details can be found on the side bar of this newsletter.](#) All members and prospective members are welcome. It will be a good time to mix it up with all the local practitioners! Try to stop by for a pleasant professional get together.

Hepatitis C CME

On September 27, TMCMS is co-sponsoring a CME event on Hepatitis C at St. Peter's Hospital. [Details can be viewed here.](#)

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