

THURSTON-MASON COUNTY

Medical Society

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## Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE TMCMS PRESIDENT

*By Kevin Roscoe, MD*

This is my final president's letter, so I want to take a moment and say thank you for the support that you have given to me and the medical society over the past year. Serving as the TMCMS board president has been a great experience for me personally and I am honored to have been able to represent all of you at the county and state level.

Please join us for the Annual Membership Dinner at the Indian Summer Golf Club next Thursday evening. I have heard Dr. Finkelstein speak in the past and am sure that this will be an enlightening and informative talk. I believe that what she has to say will be of benefit to you as a medical provider not only professionally but personally as well. I invite you to bring your spouse or partner to this event as I am sure he or she will enjoy the presentation. There is still time to RSVP, I am hopeful that many of you will make time to attend this event.

The 2015 Legislative Session has begun and as always there are many bills being introduced that have the potential to profoundly affect the practice of medicine here in Washington State. Two bills on non-compete clauses are being introduced which originated from resolutions here at the TMCMS and King County Medical Society. Please stay involved by continuing your membership and your input is always welcome.

The much anticipated website is almost done, and with a few more tweaks, should be fully functional and improved.

We do have a new opening on the board so I encourage you to think about serving. You will be joining a strong and diverse group, engage in vigorous discussions and have the opportunity to make an impact on the practice of medicine both at the local and state level.

### TMCMS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

**The TMCMS Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting is next Thursday, February 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club.** Please plan to join us for this important county medical society event.

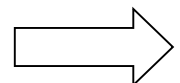
Dr. Claudia Finkelstein from the University of Washington will speak on "Building Resilience into Medical Practice". She has lectured widely on the topics of physician wellness and approaches to individual and organizational change. We are hopeful that her presentation will challenge and inspire you personally and in your professional medical practice.

In addition to enjoying a great educational presentation, time to socialize with colleagues and a fantastic dinner you may also claim **1 hour of CME level 2 credit** for this event. Please RSVP for this **FREE** event as soon as possible. All members and their spouses are invited to attend. You can RSVP by contacting Jena Layton at 360-352-1417 or [jlayton@tmcms.org](mailto:jlayton@tmcms.org).

### TMCMS HAS ONE OPEN BOARD SEAT FOR 2015

If you have ever wanted to participate in the leadership of your county medical society now is the time. Three

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current board members, Cole Mason, Noel Beckford and Dominique Coco are stepping down from our board this year and two members, Ken Lee and Daniel Stein, will be on the slate of candidates to fill those spots. We still have one board seat open for 2015.

The board meets once a month to discuss current issues regarding the practice of medicine both locally and at the state level. The medical society pays for our board members to attend the WSMA Leadership Development Conference in Chelan in May and to serve as a delegate at the WSMA Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates in September.

If you are interested in serving as a board member for 2015 you can contact one of our current board members or Jena Layton at 360-352-1417 or [jlayton@tmcms.org](mailto:jlayton@tmcms.org) for additional information.

### WSMA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT UPDATE

The annual WSMA Legislative Summit was on January 26. Several members of the TMCMS attended this event. The event began with a full morning of presentations from policy-makers in Olympia. There was a panel discussion with three board members from the Exchange Board, a state agency panel which included Mike Kreidler, the Insurance Commissioner, John Wiesman, the Secretary of the Department of Health and a representative from the Department of Social and Health Services. That panel was followed by a presentation from Melanie de Leon, the Executive Director of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission. And finally, the keynote speaker was Remy Trupin, the Director of the Washington Budget & Policy Center.

Following an informative morning session, attendees went to the Capitol for individual meetings with their legislators. The following is a list of the 2015 WSMA legislative priorities.

- **Reimburse Telemedicine** – to ensure access to care in rural and underserved areas.
- **Cover Grace Period Claims** – to prevent uncompensated care.

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- **Mental/Behavioral Health** – Support funding to address psychiatric boarding and mental and behavioral health care needs.
- **Student Loan Repayment** – to encourage medical practice in underserved areas.
- **Graduate Medical Education** – to combat physician shortages.
- **Fair Medicaid Reimbursement** – to ensure access to care.

### THURSTON COUNTY ORAL HEALTH COALITION

The Oral Health Coalition is a group of dentists, physicians, and social services organizations that meet every other month to discuss topics related to oral health. At the next coalition meeting there will be a discussion on fluoride and dental care in the primary-care physician's office. Dr. Irene Hunter from the Washington Dental Services Foundation will be speaking on the Foundation's Primary Care Physician Training Program and will be available to answer questions from both physicians and dentists.

The Oral Health Coalition would like to invite any interested physicians to attend this meeting and join the discussion. The meeting is at the Union Gospel Mission Annex (309 Washington, Downtown Olympia) on Tuesday, February 10 at 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend this meeting please RSVP to Maureen Craig at [mhcraig@gmail.com](mailto:mhcraig@gmail.com)

### DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your TMCMS/WSMA membership for 2015. The 2015 TMCMS Directory will be coming out in the next few months and we want to make sure that you are included. All TMCMS members will be included in our new website directory which will be online in the next few weeks. To renew your membership please go to the WSMA website at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TMCMS Annual Meeting:** Thursday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Indian Summer Golf and Country Club.
- **WSMA Leadership Development Conference:** Friday and Saturday, May 15 & 16 in Chelan, WA. Register for this event at the WSMA website.