

THURSTON-MASON COUNTY

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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE TMCMS PRESIDENT

By Kevin Roscoe, MD

The holiday season has begun! We at the TMCMS hope that for you this season is filled with joy, compassion, and creativity as well as with a new and renewed connection to your family and your community. As you can see in the newsletter, we have some important and fun ways to do just that!

Please join us for the upcoming fall membership social at Dr. Lang's home. This will be an interesting and fun event hosted by the TMCMS and Sean Graham from the WSMA will be there to speak on the 2015 Legislative Session that will begin in January. The dinner and meeting of the Gut Club in January will also provide both an educational and social opportunity to engage with colleagues outside of the work environment.

We had an incredibly successful House of Delegates meeting at the WSMA in September. It was great to see both TMCMS board members and general members step up and participate in the direction and governance of the WSMA to influence the practice of medicine in Washington State. I am so proud of this society and grateful to all of you. Thank you.

TMCMS FALL MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

The TMCMS is hosting a fall membership event at the home of Dr. Bob Lang and Dr. Nancy Mackin. All members, their spouses, residents and new physicians are invited to attend this free event and to help us welcome new residents and physicians to the area and

county medical society. Come and spend an evening with friends, family and colleagues while enjoying appetizers and local wines at the home of Dr. Bob Lang and Dr. Nancy Mackin out on beautiful Johnson Point.

Sean Graham from WSMA will be there to discuss the WSMA's legislative priorities for the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session.

Date: Friday, November 14

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: 9833 Johnson Point Loop NE, Olympia, WA 98516

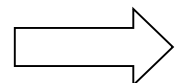
RSVP: Please RSVP by Nov. 6 to jlayton@tmcms.org or 360.352.1417.

MEETING OF THE GUT CLUB OF SW WASHINGTON

The TMCMS is hosting a dinner and meeting of the SW Washington Gut Club. We would like to thank Dr. Bruce Silverman for organizing this meeting. These events always prove to be extremely informational and popular. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Be sure to register early, due to space, seating is limited to the first 50 individuals who RSVP.

Renuka Bhattacharya, MD, of the University of Washington Hepatology and Liver Transplant Services will be the featured speaker. She will discuss new all-oral therapies to treat Hepatitis C. With exciting new therapies that have high treatment efficacy and low side effect profiles, Hepatitis C might soon be on the verge of eradication! 1.5 hours of Category 2 CME credit may be claimed by physicians attending this event. Seating is

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limited to the first 50 participants. A waiting list will be maintained after the first 50 RSVPs, so please RSVP early if you would like to attend

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Location: The WaterStreet Café in Olympia,

RSVP: jlayton@tmcms.org or 360.352.1417

UNDERSTANDING THE EBOLA VIRUS

Both the WSMA and the Thurston County Department of Health webpages have important information for physicians regarding Ebola.

The WSMA has created a webpage featuring updated resources on infection control and triage, with information on Ebola for providers and patients, as well as links to a variety of other sources, including the CDC, Department of Health, WSHA, AMA, etc. You can review the available resources at:

www.wsma.org/infection-control.

The Thurston County Department of Health webpage has additional information regarding the Ebola virus. On their page you will find information for health care providers, general information about the disease, information for travelers, and status of the outbreak updates. This information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/communicabledisease/ebola.html>

UPDATE FROM WSMA ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES

The WSMA held another successful annual meeting of the House of Delegates in September at the SeaTac Hilton. Delegates from around the state discussed and voted on several issues of importance for Washington State physicians and patients. For a complete report of the Official Actions of the 2014 House of Delegates, please visit the WSMA webpage and follow the links under the Education and Events button.

TMCMS delegates submitted the following resolutions.

In partnership with:

Washington State Medical Association **WSMA**

B-5 – Maintenance of Provider Location Database (NOT ADOPTED)

B-9 – WSMA Opposes Maintenance of Certification as a Condition to the Practice of Medicine (ADOPTED AS AMENDED) RESOLVED, that the WSMA recognizes that the recertification requirements of maintenance of certification are costly, time consuming and disruptive of physician time for patient care, while lacking any proof of improving patient care; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the WSMA opposes any efforts to mandate maintenance of certification as a condition for medical licensure, hospital staff privileges, reimbursement from third party insurance parties, malpractice coverage and as a requirement for physician employment; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the WSMA advocates that a state licensure entity choosing to not re-certify in an ABMS specialty shall not limit the freedom of a licensed physician to practice in Washington state.

C-6 – Single-Payer Health Insurance for Washington State (REFERRED) RESOLVED, that the WSMA supports legislation in the Washington state legislature that would create a single-payer health coverage system at the state level, consistent with existing WSMA guidelines for evaluation of legislation.

C-11 – Guidelines for Fair and Reasonable Non-Compete Clauses for Washington Physicians (ADOPTED AS AMENDED) RESOLVED, that the WSMA develops resources and guidelines for negotiating fair and reasonable non-compete clauses and restrictive practice agreements and makes them available for the purpose of educating physicians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TMCMS Fall Social:** Friday, November 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the home of Dr. Bob Lang and Dr. Nancy Mackin.
- **Dinner and Meeting of the Gut Club:** Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the WaterStreet Café from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Attendance limited to the first 50 to RSVP.
- **WSMA Legislative Summit:** January 26, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.
- **TMCMS Annual Meeting:** Thursday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Indian Summer Golf and Country Club.