



## WHAT WE DID FOR YOU IN 2013

**Represented** your interests in the Washington State Medical Association by participating in the WSMA General Meeting and the WSMA Legislative Summit.

At the WSMA General Meeting, delegates from Thurston and Mason counties introduced the following resolutions and worked with Public Health representatives and other county medical societies to ensure that these resolutions passed with majority support.

- **Treatment of Exposed Person for Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Occurring When Acting as a Good Samaritan**  
This resolution was passed at the WSMA annual meeting and the WSMA has drafted a bill titled “The Good Samaritan Act” which will be introduced in the 2014 Legislative session.
- **Providing Resources to Physicians with Symptoms of Burnout**  
It was resolved at the WSMA annual meeting that the WSMA could collect, assemble and disseminate to WSMA membership information and resources to help identify and assist physicians who are suffering symptoms of depression and burnout. The TMCMS continues to work with the WSMA to address this issue.

Thurston and Mason County board members and member physicians participated in the WSMA Legislative Summit and met with State Representatives to speak on priority legislative issues for the medical society.

**Collaborated** with local physicians to provide informative meetings for our members.

- **Primary Care Connections:** TMCMS, local physicians and Providence provided quarterly CME programs focused on topics especially designed for primary care providers. Topics included Improving Primary Care for You & Your Patients; Endocrine Disorders, Post Cancer Care & Patients with HIV and Tuberculosis and Public Health.
- **Gut Club:** Collaborated with local physician to provided meetings for the Gut Club. In the past, programs have included Obesity as a Treatable Disease and Probiotics and the Human Microbiome.
- Met with our physician colleagues in Elma, WA and toured the new Summit Pacific Medical Center.

**Partnered** with several local organizations to promote the practice of medicine in Thurston and Mason Counties.

- Worked with CHOICE to support Thurston County Project Access by providing continued strong physician participation in the program. TMCMS also successfully co-sponsored the second annual Project Access Charity Golf Tournament.
- Worked with local groups striving to provide efficient health care and important information to the community through the Thurston County Safety Net Council.
- Worked with the Thurston County Health Department to support Thurston Thrives. Thurston Thrives is an initiative to engage the community in public health priorities.
- Worked with the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce to recognize local Health Care Champions in the annual community event that honors local physicians and others who have gone above the call of duty in the health care field.

**Participated** in the review and provided input to WSMA’s Legislative and Regulatory Agenda for 2014.

**Referred** new patients to our member practices.

*The mission of the Thurston-Mason County Medical Society is to promote the art, science and practice of medicine; promote the care and well-being of patients; protect and improve the health of the public; and, provide leadership for its members.*

