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BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

# The Society Pages

## Practice Managers Convene for Must-Attend Conference – May 17-20

The Washington State Medical Group Management Association (WSMGMA) Annual Meeting is one of the best practice management events in the country. This year 400 practice managers from Washington and Oregon will convene at the Portland Oregon Convention Center for this national-caliber conference.

***The Patient Loyalty Effect: Competing in an Evolving Healthcare Marketplace*** is an educational event like no other, featuring seven nationally renowned keynote speakers and dozens of regional expert presenters in the field of practice management. In addition, the conference provides invaluable networking opportunities with peers, plus the largest trade show event of its kind on the West Coast.

Here is where your practice manager will discover the skills and knowledge they need to run your practice more efficiently and effectively. Make sure they don't miss this affordable and highly regarded educational opportunity. Physician-Manager teams are encouraged.

To request a brochure, contact Jan Larsen at 206-956-3643, or send an email to [jal@wsma.org](mailto:jal@wsma.org). A meeting brochure and online registration can also be found at [www.wsmgma.org](http://www.wsmgma.org)

### Our Babies Can't Wait Officially Launched

Over 150 community leaders gathered at United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties in January for a meeting to launch Our Babies Can't Wait, the first initiative of Community Solutions.

The vision of Our Babies Can't Wait is: By the time today's newborns are 20 years old, they will be successful in school and in life because of the foundation we built. Our Babies Can't Wait aims to help parents, caregivers, and the community create a caring and nurturing environment that will increase kindergarten readiness, high school graduation rates, workforce readiness and job productivity. At the same time, the initiative seeks to decrease dropout rates, teenage pregnancy, welfare dependency and crime rates.

The Our Babies Can't Wait Initiative consists of two main components. The first is a community-wide engagement strategy including a Speakers Bureau, educational material that is being mass distributed, and a website where information can be accessed 24/7. The second component of this initiative is an East Kennewick start-up project that involves firstborn screening, parent engagement and connections services, and parenting workshops. By achieving success on a smaller scale in East Kennewick, the initiative will be able to easily expand to other areas of the community in the future. Over 20 community partners have been actively participating in the planning of this initiative. Sandy Owen from the Benton-Franklin Health District is the champion of this initiative and United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties is the facilitator. Your Board of Directors are examining how the Medical Society might be able to participate in this initiative. Please contact Nicole Austin with any questions, concerns or ideas.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

6:30-7:00 pm, Social Hour

7:00-8:30 Membership Business and  
Presentation

**April 21, 2009**

Dr. John McCarthy

Assistant Dean , WWAMI, Central and EA WA

“What’s New at the U”

(University of WA School of Medicine)

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland

**May 19, 2009**

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland

Tim Layton, JD,

Director of Legal Affairs, WSMA

“Physician Rights and Responsibilities”

**September 22, 2009**

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland

New Physician Reception

**October 20, 2009**

**November 17, 2009**

### Changes in general membership meetings-

By now you have noticed that our upcoming general membership meetings are being held at Meadow Springs County Club. They have been very accommodating in the past and we certainly appreciate their willingness to work with us so that we may host our meetings there. However, for this arrangement to work, we need your help. WE MUST PROVIDE THEM AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR OUR MEETINGS. Therefore I am requesting that you please RSVP if you plan to attend a meeting. You can email your RSVP to [bfmedsoc@charterinternet.com](mailto:bfmedsoc@charterinternet.com) or call to 582-2866. Thank you for your assistance!!

### WSMA Leadership Development Conference

**May 15/16, 2009– Lake Chelan, WA**

**This is an excellent conference to attend–  
come join several of your board members  
and myself in wonderful Lake Chelan!!**

**More information available at [wsma.org](http://wsma.org)**

# Applications for Membership

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## First Notice:

If any member has information as to why any of the following applicants should not be a member of this Society, please furnish this information to the Board of Trustees.

### **Shannon Dramis DO**

#### **Board Certified Family Practice**

**Medical School:** Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (2001)

**Internship:** University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ

**Residency:** Albert Einstein Medical Center, PA— Emergency Medicine, Columbia Hospital, FL, Family Practice

### **Brian O’Grady MD**

#### **Board Certified Neurologic Surgery**

**Medical School:** University of New Mexico (1987)

**Internship:** Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR

**Residency:** Mayo Clinic

**Recommended by:** Mathew Fewel MD and Anjan Sen MD

## **BOARD MEMBER PROFILES**

### **Luzcel Tuazon MD**

Luzcel Tuazon , who has been a member since 2002, was recently voted into the Secretary-Treasurer position. She attended medical school at the University of the Philippines and did her residency in Internal Medicine at Metropolitan Hospital.

In addition to her practice in Kennewick, Dr. Tuazon also practices at Grace Clinic twice a month, where she has her own internal medicine panel.

Dr. Tuazon is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Additionally, she is a key contact for the ACP political action committee and travels to Capital Hill every year to lobby for change in health care.

In her free time Dr. Tuazon she enjoys tennis, photography travel and food.

## Second Notice:

If any member has information as to why any of the following applicants should not be a member of this Society, please furnish this information to the Board of Trustees.

### **Esteban Ambrad-Chalela MD**

#### **Board Certified Vascular Surgery**

**Medical School:** Universidad de Cartagena, Facultad de Medicina

**Internship:** St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston

**Residency:** University of Washington

**Recommended by:** John Droesch MD and Saravanan Kasthuri MD

### **Ziba Iraee MD, Pediatrics**

**Medical School:** Shahid Beheshti University

**Internship:** Bronx-Lebanon Hospital

**Residency:** Bronx-Lebanon Hospital

**Recommended by:** Lorena Mayuga MD

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*The objectives of the Benton Franklin County Medical Society are to promote the art, science and practice of medicine and the practitioners who pursue these goals; to promote the care and well being of the patients of Benton and Franklin Counties; to protect and improve the health of the public; to provide medical education and to provide leadership for the members of the Society.*

*Please contact Nicole Austin with any questions, comments or information you would like added to the Newsletter.*