

August 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

6:30-7:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00-8:30 Membership Business Presentation

Meetings are at Meadow Springs Country Club

September 21, 2010

New Physician Reception

October 19, 2010

Detective Bill Dramis from the Kennewick Police Department will be talking to us about prescription medication abuse in our community and how local law enforcement agencies are working with physicians in our community to prevent this problem.

November 16, 2010

Topic: Medical Marijuana: Medical and Legal Aspects

Speakers: To be announced .

Friday, August 27th, 7:15 pm

Base Ball Night at the Dust Devils Stadium

You and your family are invited to join us as the
Dust Devils take on the Boise Hawks.

RSVP to Nicole by August 23rd at 582-2866.

This event is complimentary for members and their families.

**Society Ball– January 22, 2011
Meadow Springs Country Club**

**27th Annual CME Seminar– Feb. 4/5, 2011
Three Rivers Convention Center**



BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Society Pages



The Medical Society is on Face book!
We are always looking for new opportunities to communicate with our members. We will share upcoming activities and links that you may find interesting. Search for us as Benton Franklin County Medical Society.

ODDS AND ENDS

HHS releases regulations on Medicare / Medicaid EHR incentive programs

Last week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final regulation on the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive program often referred to as the "meaningful use" regulation. This final rule pertains to Stage 1, which covers the first two years of adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Stages 2 and 3 will be defined in future rulemaking.

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) published a separate final rule on required standards for certified EHRs. While the Administration did make some positive changes, the American Medical Association (AMA) believes that it will be challenging for many physicians to participate successfully in the program. This will be especially true for those physicians in solo or small group practices who have not previously used an EHR. The AMA will work to educate physicians about how they can participate in the program. For more information please visit our website at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/health-information-technology/hit-resources-activities.shtml>.

(AMA Advocacy Update, July 28, 2010)

2011 Secretary/Treasurer Nominations are being accepted right now.

**Please contact a board member or Nicole
at the medical society office for more information.**

Early registration for the "What's New in Medicine 2010" conference ends August 17th. Although we don't sponsor this conference, I have posted the registration information on our website for your convenience.

Applications for Membership

First Notice:

Jennifer Smith MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine

Medical School: University of TX-Houston (2004)

Internship: Emory University

Residency: Emory University

Practice: 4309 W. 27th Ave., Ste. 300, Kennewick Phone: 783-9848 Fax: 783-9860

Welcome New Members!!

Nadia Toshani MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine

Medical School: Al Fateh University, Tripoli, Libya (1989)

Internship: Drexel University

Residency: Drexel University

Practice: 320 W. 10th Ave., Suite 200, Kennewick Phone: 586-5113 Fax: 586-5143

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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.