

August 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

**September 20th:** New Physicians Reception to honor new medical society members and all new physicians to Benton/Franklin county within the past year.

**October 18th:** Q&A Session with Dr. Anjan Sen regarding ESHB 2876, the new chronic pain legislation

**November 15th:** Legislative Event/Annual Meeting

(Fall General Membership Meetings to be held at Meadow Springs Country Club)

**Mark your calendars for next year's CME seminar– February 24/25, 2012.**

**Please visit the website at [www.bentonfranklincms.com](http://www.bentonfranklincms.com) for a complete listing of CME activities in our area.**



BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

# The Society Pages

## **FREE CME Credit to Meet Requirements in New Opioid Guidelines**

In 2010, the Washington State Legislature passed a bill in response to concerns about the consequences and risks of prescribing opioids for chronic, non-cancer pain. In response, five boards and commissions adopted regulations related to pain management.

To meet the 4 hour CME provision in these rules, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission in consultation with the Department of Health and Agency Medical Directors' Group (AMDG) offer a free Category 1 CME package available online and on-demand. Users may print certificates from their own computer at no charge. This CME package is applicable to the licenses of all five boards and commissions named in this legislation.

Go to the AMDG website at: [www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov](http://www.agencymeddirectors.wa.gov)

On the right side of the website you'll see an orange box "Opioid Dosing-Quick Links." Just beneath that you'll see the link for the free CME. There are several other useful tools on this website as well related to the new guidelines.

### **Immunization Exemption Changes From Benton/Franklin Health Office, Dr. Larry Jecha**

As you know, Washington State has one of the lowest rates for childhood vaccinations and one of the most lenient vaccination exemption policies in the nation. Our Legislators changed the vaccination exemption policy this session to be effective 22 July 2011 with the goal of decreasing vaccine preventable diseases in our state by raising our vaccination rates.

DOH website <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/providers/exemption-info.htm> contains all the information about the new law and provides the answers to most of the questions that you will be asked. The Benton/Franklin Health District will be unable to provide the exemption signature so we will not be a source for referral of exemptions. If you any further questions you can reach me at 460-4550 or cell 539-1782.

#### Highlights of the "Information for Health Care Providers" on Exemption from DOH

- The law takes effect July 22, 2011 and will impact your patients in licensed child care and public schools.
- Parents will have 30 days after they are notified of needing immunizations to turn in their paperwork.
- The new form can be signed before July 22, 2011.
- Educational booklets and suggestions are listed on the DOH website under "Information for Health Care Providers". Changes to School and Child Care Immunization Exemptions Provider Information.
- An office visit is not required to sign the form; a phone conversation or previous conversation is adequate if you have already educated the parent and they do not want to change their exemption status.
- If there is a medical exemption, the doctor or ARNP will have to sign the form in two places.
- Copies of the form and faxes are fine.
- There is legal protection for you if the child gets a vaccine-preventable illness and you have signed the form.

# Applications for Membership

## **First Notice:**

### Fareed Arif MD

Board Certified Nephrology  
Medical School: King Edward Medical College (1996)  
Internship: St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital  
Residency: St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital  
Practice: 510 N. Colorado St. Ste. A, Kennewick  
Phone: 942-3627 x7430

### Debbierey Bongar MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine  
Medical School: University of the Philippines (2003)  
Internship: St. Luke's Roosevelt  
Residency: St. Luke's Roosevelt  
Practice: 9605 Sandifur Parkway, Pasco  
Phone: 942-3170

### Arnulfo Deray MD

Board Certified IM, Geriatrics  
Medical School: University of Santo Tomas (1998)  
Internship: Carnitas Carney  
Residency: Carnitas Carney  
Practice: 1050 Gilmore St. Ste. C, Richland  
Phone: 942-3627

### Evelyn Rubin MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine  
Medical School: University of the Philippines (2003)  
Internship: Akron General Medical Center  
Residency: Akron General Medical Center  
Practice: 3950 Keene Road, W. Richland  
Phone: 942-3627 Fax: 942-3181

### Deepa Upadhyaya MD

Cardiology  
Medical School: NE Ohio Univ. College of Medicine (2004)  
Internship: Tufts University/Baystate Medical Center  
Residency: Case Western Reserve University  
Practice: 320 W. 10th Ave. Ste. 200, Kennewick  
Phone: 586-5113 Fax: 586-5143

### Julie Vails MD

Board Certified Family Practice  
Medical School: UCSF (1999)  
Internship: UC Davis  
Residency: UC Davis  
Practice: KRMC, 888 Swift Blvd., Richland  
Phone: 942-2345

## Second Notice:

### Karen Phillips MD, MPH, FACOEM

Board Certified Internal Med. , Occupational Med.  
Medical School: U of Nebraska (1984)  
Internship: IM: U of MO, Columbia. OM: USC  
Practice: CSC Hanford Occupational Health Svcs.,  
1979 Snyder St. Ste. 150, Richland  
Phone: 376-3333 Fax: 374-4086

## **Welcome New Members!**

### Albert Fiedler MD

Board Certified Family Practice  
Medical School: UCLA (1980)  
Internship: Southern Illinois University  
Residency: University of Illinois  
Practice: 3950 Keene Road, W. Richland  
Phone: 942-3627 Fax: 628-8335

**Dr. Jimmy Chua** (Infectious Disease) is now treating patients at 8232 W. Grandridge Blvd. in Kennewick. The office phone is 783-1252 and fax is 783-3975

## **Attention WSMA Members - please read:**

Our website has been redesigned! You can now update your WSMA profile and pay your dues online.

**If you are a new or current member who has NOT created a personalized user name or password yet, you must create a NEW ACCOUNT for full access to your membership information.**

Click on **Create account** in the gray bar at the top of the [Member Center](#) webpage and you will be prompted to fill in the required identifying information.

**An email will be sent to your address with a link to create your account.** (if the email address you enter does not match our records, this step will not work properly – please contact [Karen Chapman](#) at 206-441-9762 for assistance).

**Do not click on "Manage contact and profile information" until you have created an account and logged in with your personalized user name and password.**

The WSMA no longer stores your old username and password. If you forget your new login information, you will be able to reset both your username and password on your own using the Member Center webpage.

We hope that you find our new Member Center user-friendly. If you have any problems on the site, please contact [Karen Chapman](#) and let her know where the error occurred.