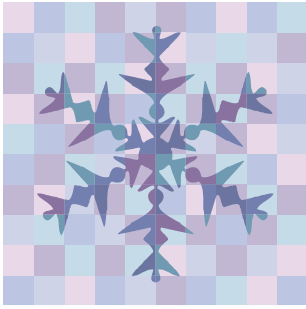


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## UPCOMING EVENTS



BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

# The Society Pages

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

**Spring Membership Meetings** will continue to be held at Meadow Springs Country Club. Mark your calendars for **March 20th , April 17th and May 15th.**

Registration forms for the **28th Annual CME Seminar** will be mailed shortly.

Mark your calendars now for  
**February 24/25, 2012.**

Also, please remind any pharmaceutical representatives that visit your office that we are always looking for exhibitors for our seminar. They can contact me directly at 582-2866.

**Society Ball honoring Past-President Dr. Stanley Ling is January 21, 2012 at Meadow Springs Country Club– Mark your calendars, invitations will go out soon.**

### **Fong's Freakin' 50th Birthday 50K Fundraiser**

Our beloved Randy Fong turns 50 this month and to celebrate he's running a 50K (yep, 31 miles). He's accepting pledges and donations, all of which will be given to the Grace Clinic. I've emailed out the pledge form to our members and I'll post it on the website as well for those interested in donating. You can call Nicole at the office (582-2866) with any questions.

## **Officer Changes for 2012**

If you missed the Annual Meeting/November General Membership Meeting on November 15th, you missed the voting in of our new officers. The following should catch you up to all the changes.

Stanley Ling MD completed his terms as President and will continue to serve as a Past-President for two years. As you'll recall, he became President in 2009 when other officer changes occurred and left us without a President.

Dr. Donald Dicken moved into the President position and Dr. Naeem Chavla is our Vice-President. Dr. Frances Dernbach was voted in as our new Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Richard Long was voted in as a Trustee.

Dr. John Henriques and Dr. David Fisher continue to serve as Trustees. Dr. Heather Phipps continues to serve as a Past-President. Dr. Sheila Rege continues as our AMA Delegate and Dr. Larry Jecha continues to serve as a EA WA Trustee for the WSMA.

Thank you to all of our physician Board and CME Committee Members. Your service is what keeps our organization running. Thank you for everything you do.

## **MQAC Final Pain Rules to go in to Effect January 2, 2012**

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission adopted the final rules for the management of chronic non-cancer pain which will go into effect on January 2, 2012 for MD's and PA's. The rules went into effect for DO's in July of 2011. The WSMA Department of Legal Affairs has produced a question and answer document, which I have loaded on the website for you to review. We encourage you to review this document and the rules to familiarize yourself with the changes and if they apply to you.

## **Implementation of Non-Emergency Visit Limitation Halted**

Earlier in November, the Thurston County Superior Court ruled in favor of the Washington Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (WA/ACEP), the Washington State Medical Association (WSMA), the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA), and Seattle Children's when they halted the implementation of the three emergency room visit benefit limit for Medicaid patients. The court found that the state failed to follow the proper rulemaking procedures and therefore the policy limiting Medicaid patients to three non-emergency visits to the emergency department is invalid.

The state will now be required to go through the formal rule-making procedures which includes public comment periods and public hearings before they are able to implement the policy. These opportunities will be key and we will be encouraging those physicians who are concerned about this policy to attend and take the opportunity to voice their concerns.

# Applications for Membership

## First Notice:

### Gary Belcaster MD

#### Board Certified Gastroenterology

Medical School: Univ. of Illinois (1990)  
Internship: University of Wisconsin  
Residency: University of Wisconsin  
Practice: 4403 W. Court St. Ste. B, Pasco  
Phone: 545-6220 Fax: 547-0894

### Tania Matta MD

#### Board Certified Pediatrics

Medical School: St. Joseph School, Beirut (1990)  
Internship: Hotel Dieu de France, Beirut  
Residency: Sophia Antipolis Nice, France, Woodhul Hospital, NY  
Practice: 3950 Keene Rd., West Richland  
Phone: 942-3627

### Michael Myers MD

#### Radiation Oncology

Medical School: The Chicago Medical School (2005)  
Internship: Alameda County Medical Center  
Residency: Virginia Commonwealth University  
Practice: 7350 W. Deschutes Ave., Kennewick  
Phone: 737-3371 Fax: 736-0958

### Janmeet (Rocky) Sahota DO

#### Board Certified Spinal Surgery

Medical School: Univ. of Illinois (1990)  
Internship: University of Wisconsin  
Residency: University of Wisconsin  
Practice: 4403 W. Court St. Ste. B, Pasco  
Phone: 545-6220 Fax: 547-0894

## Second Notice:

### Amy Person MD

#### Board Certified Pediatrics

Medical School: Univ. of Illinois (1989)  
Internship: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin  
Residency: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin  
Practice: 7102 W. Okanogan Place, Kennewick  
Phone: 440-2372 Fax: 460-4590

## Welcome New Members!!

### Jennifer Balde MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine , Practices Geriatrics also  
Medical School: Univ. of the E. Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center (2002)  
Internship: NY Metropolitan Hospital Center  
Residency: NY Metropolitan Hospital Center  
Practice: 4403 W. Court St., Ste. B, Pasco  
Phone: 545-6220 Fax: 545-0894

### Uma Dhanabalan MD

Board Certified Occupational Medicine Board Eligible Family Medicine  
Medical School: Univ. of Medicine and Dentistry NJ (1995)  
Internship: Medical University of SC  
Residency: Medical University of SC  
Practice: 2505 Garlick Blvd. Richland  
Phone: 373-8200

**Dues statements have been mailed out– thank you to everyone who has already paid.**

**Dues payments are due on January 1, 2012.**

**We are happy to accept cash or credit card payments. We thank you for your continued support of our society and look forward to serving you in the next year!**