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Sexual Assault Response Center/Kids Haven Need Your Help!

The Benton/Franklin Counties community currently has a gap in services pertaining to the forensic medical evaluation for children who have allegedly been sexually abused. Dr. Sara Zirkle had performed these exams at the Child Sexual Assault Clinic until the recent past. Since her retirement we have been unable to identify a medical professional who is interested in providing this service.

Currently children who need these exams must either go to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle or to Partners for Families and Children in Spokane. This is most definitely distressing to the children and families involved.

SARC is in need of identifying a medical professional in our community who is interested in conducting these exams. Information to consider:

- Historical case load suggests that one half day per week is sufficient time to meet the demand
- These exams are only to be provided when referred from law enforcement or Child Protective Services
- Crime Victims Compensation does reimburse providers for the exam – but generally it does not pay for the entire cost
- The medical provider will be called upon to testify in court when needed
- The Sexual Assault Response Center has funds available to reimburse for specialized training to perform these exams

Specialized equipment needed may be able to be purchased through fundraising efforts of the Sexual Assault Response Center

Please consider working with this population and providing this critical service. You can reach JoDee Garretson by telephone (374-5391) or email (sarced@verizon.net) with questions. If this is not a good fit for you, but have ideas of who may be interested, please contact Ms. Garretson with that information.

REFER A FRIEND OFFER COULD SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR DUES NEXT YEAR

Although our membership numbers continue to grow, we feel there is always room for improvement. Therefore, we are launching a new offer. It's simple. If you refer a new member to the Medical Society and they complete the application process and become a member, you will both receive \$100.00 of your 2010 dues.

This offer is good for first-time prospective members and former members returning to the membership. Membership applications are available on the website at www.bentonfranklincms.com.

You may contact Nicole at the Society office with any questions.

The Medical Society office will be closed from June 22nd-July 3rd. I will periodically check my voice mail during that time. If you have an urgent issue, I would encourage you to contact a board member listed on the back side of this newsletter. They will be able to contact me if needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETINGS

6:30-7:00 pm, Social Hour

7:00-8:30 Membership Business and
Presentation

September 22, 2009

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland
New Physician Reception

October 20, 2009

Topic TBA

November 17, 2009

Mick Oreskovich MD, Medical Director/CEO
Washington Physicians Health Program

Medical Society Night at

Dust Devils Stadium

July 20, 2009

Tri-City Dust Devils vs. Eugene

6:15 pm BBQ dinner, 7:15 pm game

RSVP is required for this event

****Spouses and children encouraged****



Applications for Membership

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.

Elton Kerr MD

Board Certified OB/GYN

Medical School: Loma Linda University (1976)

Internship:

Residency: University of Florida

Recommended by: Kevin Taylor MD and Jeanne Berretta MD

Franklin Newhouse MD

Board Certified Family Practice

Medical School: University of Washington (1986)

Internship: University of Utah

Residency: University of Utah

Recommended by: Jennifer Brindle MD and Mark Flesher MD

Welcome New Members

In accordance with the BFCMS bylaws, the following physicians are elected to membership and considered provisional members for one year.

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

Recommended by: Sheila Rege MD and Heather Phipps DO

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

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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.