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BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Society Pages

Online death filing starts early 2011!

The Washington State Department of Health is releasing a new online Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) to Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Benton, Franklin and Spokane counties in early 2011, with a statewide release to follow. EDRS is an internet-based death filing system for those who file death records in Washington State. EDRS streamlines the death registration process, improves the quality of the death data collected, improves communication among those who file, and uses the internet to make filing faster.

Everyone benefits with EDRS

- Physicians will quickly complete a death record from any computer with internet access and file it with a single click. This paperless system does not require extensive computer knowledge. It streamlines communication between funeral directors and physicians and eliminates the need to fax or sign paper records. It offers a fast, easy, more accurate way to file.
- Families get death certificates faster and will do so from any local health jurisdiction across the state. EDRS delivers better service because delays inherent with paper processing are reduced.
- Funeral homes save time and money by collecting physicians' signatures electronically. They can view cases online and get death certificates faster.
- The people of Washington benefit by having immediate and accurate death data used to combat public health threats.

For information, contact Field Services at 800-525-0127 or EDRS@doh.wa.gov

MEDICARE PETITION CONTINUES-

The WSMA has joined several medical societies across the US in launching an online petition drive. The petition urges Congress to fix the flawed payment formula that threatens care for Washington's 897,000 Medicare recipients, including senior citizens and people with disabilities, and 337,000 military family members covered by TriCare. Congress must replace it with a stable, fair funding mechanism that reflects the true cost of providing care.

The link to the site is <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown/> **We would appreciate your sharing it with as many people as possible. We will also post the link on our website.**

You may also visit the WSMA website and download materials that you can use with patients. Physicians should go to www.wsma.org to download copies of our "Ask Congress to Keep Doctors of Medicare Patients." The letter is a pdf that can be reproduced in color or black and white.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

All 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

Speaker: To be announced

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

Attention Office Managers-

We are interested in providing practice management offerings this summer and need your help.

If you have particular subjects that you would be interested in (coding, billing, etc.) please email the office at

bfmedsoc@charterinternet.com or call

582-2866 and talk to Nicole.

Thank you for your help!



The Medical Society is on Facebook! 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.

Applications for Membership

First Notice:

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

Second Notice:

Marianne Freedman MD

Board Certified Pediatrics

Medical School: University of Texas at Houston (1986)

Internship: University of New Mexico

Residency: University of New Mexico

Practice: 7211 Deschutes Ave., Suite G, Kennewick Phone: 737-1860, Fax: 737-1862

Michael Freedman MD

Board Certified Neurology

Medical School: Baylor (1981)

Internship: Baylor Affiliated

Residency: Baylor Affiliated

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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.