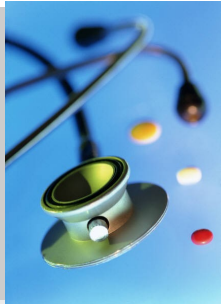


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BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

# The Society Pages

## 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](http://www.bentonfranklincms.com).

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

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT

I have been contacted recently by several media outlets concerning resources available to physicians and patients who have questions about the Death With Dignity Act.

The Washington State Department of Health website has very thorough information about the act. They have links to the actual law and also have all of the forms required for participation available.

If you are a Washington State Medical Association Member, they also have information available in the "members only" section of their website.

I am available to assist you if you have trouble accessing any of this information.

## SWINE (H1N1) FLU INFORMATION

The Benton Franklin County Health District has created an information line that may be reached by calling **460-4358**. Additional information is available at their website [www.bfhd.wa.gov](http://www.bfhd.wa.gov)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

6:30-7:00 pm, Social Hour

7:00-8:30 Membership Business and  
Presentation

**May 19, 2009**

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland

Tim Layton, JD,

Director of Legal Affairs, WSMA

“Physician Rights and Responsibilities”

**September 22, 2009**

Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland

New Physician Reception

**October 20, 2009**

**November 17, 2009**

### Changes in general membership meetings-

By now you have noticed that our upcoming general membership meetings are being held at Meadow Springs County Club. They have been very accommodating in the past and we certainly appreciate their willingness to work with us so that we may host our meetings there. However, for this arrangement to work, we need your help. WE MUST PROVIDE THEM AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR OUR MEETINGS. Therefore I am requesting that you please RSVP if you plan to attend a meeting. You can email your RSVP to [bfmedsoc@charterinternet.com](mailto:bfmedsoc@charterinternet.com) or call to 582-2866. Thank you for your assistance!!

### WSMA Leadership Development Conference

May 15/16, 2009– Lake Chelan, WA

This is an excellent conference to attend–  
come join several of your board members  
and myself in wonderful Lake Chelan!!

More information available at [wsma.org](http://wsma.org)

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



Mark your calendars  
now...invitations to  
follow– **RSVP will be  
required for this  
event**

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

# Applications for Membership

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## **First 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

## **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.

### **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

### **Welcome New Members**

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

### **Ziba Iraee MD, Pediatrics**

**Medical School:** Shahid Beheshti University

**Internship:** Bronx-Lebanon Hospital

**Residency:** Bronx-Lebanon Hospital

**Recommended by:** Lorena Mayuga MD

### **Esteban Ambrad-Chalela MD**

#### **Board Certified Vascular Surgery**

**Medical School:** Universidad de Cartagena, Facultad de Medicina

**Internship:** St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston

**Residency:** University of Washington

**Recommended by:** John Droesch MD and Saravanan Kasthuri 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.*