

September 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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: Medical and Legal Aspects

Speakers: To be announced .

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

**27th Annual CME Seminar– Feb. 4/5, 2011
Three Rivers Convention Center**

BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Society Pages



The Medical Society is on Face book!
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.

The New *WSMA Foundation for Health Care Improvement* Gets Underway, From the July 12, 2010 WSMA Monday Memo

The WSMA Board of Trustees, in its capacity as the “Member” of the WSM-ERF (our Foundation’s name prior to its amendment), acted at its May 16 meeting to complete the transition to a new Foundation, refocused on support of physicians’ efforts to manage and improve care outcomes and effectively practice in these transitional times. The new moniker: The *WSMA Foundation for Health Care Improvement*.

The Foundation’s new charge (based on the WSMA’s business plan and reflected in its amended Articles of Incorporation) is to:

Help physicians understand and adapt to ongoing changes in health care delivery and reimbursement.

Support information-based care.

Promote best practices.

Promote reductions in unsupportable variations in care.

Improve patient safety, and

Educate physicians on how to meet these goals.

Effective July 19, well known and highly respected health care policy consultant Lance Heineccius will join the WSMA team as the Foundation’s Director of Performance Improvement.

2011 Secretary/Treasurer Nominations are currently being accepted.

**Please contact a board member or Nicole
at the medical society office for more information.**

**We are currently conducting a
membership survey. We would greatly appreciate
your feedback. The survey should take only a few
minutes for you to complete. The link is available on
the website at
bentonfranklincms.org. Thank you!!**

Applications for Membership

First Notice:

David Lewis MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Medical School: UC Davis (1993)

Internship: Kaiser Oakland

Residency: Oregon Health Sciences University

Practice: 953 Stevens Dr., Ste. C, Richland Phone: 943-5616

Second Notice:

Jennifer Smith MD

Board Certified Internal Medicine

Medical School: University of TX-Houston (2004)

Internship: Emory University

Residency: Emory University

Practice: 4309 W. 27th Ave., Ste. 300, Kennewick Phone: 783-9848 Fax: 783-9860

**Welcome to our new Student Members, all from
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences:
Jaime Klippert, Jessica Morales, Megan Sorich and Dina Tabello**

Please note, Dr. Wadhwa has moved to a new office, located at 217 Torbett St., Ste. 101, Richland, WA 99354. Please update your directories.

**Please note the new email address for the medical society,
nicole@bfcms.org. Please update your records.**

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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.