

Membership Applicants

These physicians have applied for TCMS membership. Under the provisions of the Bylaws, names of applicants are presented to the membership for review. Written objections to the applicant's membership must be directed to the TCMS Board of Ethics within 30 days of publication.

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DigiDOCS® 2009 First Quarter Update Available

DigiDOCS®, a digital directory of TCMS physicians has been updated for the first quarter of 2009. New members have been added and information updated. Available for Palm OS Software, Version 3.1 and higher, DigiDOCS® is ready for download at www.tcms.com by clicking the Member Benefit icon. Windows operating systems are not supported (i.e., Treo 700). Contact Darla Blasingame, at 206-1221 or darlab@tcms.com for more information. Sponsored by the Texas Medical Liability Trust.

Business over Breakfast

February 11

Paul Morgan, Enterprise Representative for Grande Communications and Tex Mitchell, AllCity Technology Senior Network Engineer and a network security expert will present *Hacking Medical Business Networks*, how to protect your clients' medical information from a network attack on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 am in the TCMS second floor boardroom. Learn and understand the necessity and requirements to develop and implement effective network and PBX security. The program is designed to accommodate both technical and non-technical individuals with a real-world explanation of the security knowledge you need to safeguard private medical records. For more details or to register, contact the Society at 206-1146, tcms@tcms.com, or register online at www.tcms.com. This event sponsored in part by the Medical Service Bureau.

Meningococemia

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department has investigated eight cases of meningococemia since January 2008. Three of the cases were in younger adults age 18-27 and half were in older adults over age 55. These cases highlight the need to continue to provide recommended immunizations as well as for enhanced clinical awareness.

Influenza Activity in Texas

The influenza (flu) activity level for Texas for the week ending December 13, 2008 was "local." Local activity indicates that a single region of the state is experiencing an increase in influenza-like illness (ILI) and has recent laboratory-confirmed influenza. The central Texas region did report an increase in flu activity compared to the prior week. Overall, the percentage of visits for influenza-like illness in Texas was below the regional baseline. Flu is occurring in the state at a low level.

TMA Winter Conference

January 30

TMA's 2009 Winter Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 30 at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Issues up for discussion include practice cost analysis and benchmarking; consumer-directed care; and of course, legislative affairs. Find out what state legislators and Washington insiders are talking about in 2009, and sharpen your leadership skills by attending sessions on interacting with the press and communication strategies for physicians. For more information or to register online go to www.texmed.org.

Exceptional Patient Service: Protocols and Best Practices

February 4

Does your practice collect, analyze, and benchmark patient satisfaction data? Do you have in place policies and procedures to address patient complaints? Is your staff trained to handle difficult patient situations? TMA will offer a one-day seminar that will address key areas that impact patient satisfaction in the medical office from patient check-in to billing and everything in between.

Rose B. Shattuck, CPC, CCP, CHBME, PCS will cover topics such as coding accuracy, cost accounting, fee schedules, personnel issues, practice policies and procedures, management, and other services that help maintain a productive and profitable practice.

The seminar will be held February 4 in Austin at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S. I-35, 448-2444. Registration at 8:30 am, seminar from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. For more information contact Gay Anderson at 370-1421 or gay.anderson@texmed.org.

TMA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Spanish Meducation® Spring Classes

The Spring session of Spanish Meducation, the practical medical Spanish program offered through the Travis County Medical Society since 1994, will start on January 26, 2009. Designed for all health care professionals, the 10-week classes promote beginning, intermediate, and advanced communication skills in general Spanish with concentration on medical contexts. Listening and speaking skills are developed. Grammar takes a back seat. All handouts are included in the tuition cost. No textbook is required. Free booster make-up lessons are provided for level I absences. Tuition costs are \$250 for new students and \$230 for continuing students. For forms and questions, please contact program director Jill Snyder, PhD at jld@io.com or 835-7612.

Querétaro, Mexico-Spring Program

The next week-long medical Spanish immersion program is scheduled for April 25-May 3. The location of the program is Querétaro, a beautiful mountainous city in interior Mexico. We have been affiliated with the Centro Intercultural de Querétaro since 2001. The program cost of \$895 per adult and \$795 per child includes home-stay with families, full room and board, general and medical Spanish classes, guided visits to area medical facilities, workshops in Mexican cooking and dancing, fine arts events, 2 excursions outside the city (day trip to San Miguel de Allende and overnight stay in Guanajuato), and much more! Round-trip airfare is a separate expense. Deposit is due by February 6 or full payment by March 6. For details and a registration form, contact director Jill Snyder, PhD at jld@io.com or 835-7612.

One Day Hospitalist University - Atlanta, GA

February 3-4

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