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## SEEKING REFUGE

### *Katrina's Chicago connection*

James Peterson, City of Chicago



Surrounded by medical personnel, Mayor Richard M. Daley (center) tours the city's multi-agency relief center for Hurricane Katrina evacuees at the Park District's Fosco Center on South Racine. Will Wong, MD, (left of Mayor) CDPH staffer, details the department's round-the-clock health efforts at the facility.

#### *CDPH plays key role for evacuees*

WHILE HURRICANE KATRINA MAY HAVE devastated the Gulf Coast, its effects were felt in Chicago even before the storm made landfall as thousands of evacuees fled here to find refuge. While the numbers can't be substantiated, some city officials estimate that as many as 10,000 came to Chicago because of family or church connections here.

How did Chicago cope with this influx,

especially with the health needs of those evacuees who came both before and after the storm? Local churches offered help, as did the Chicago Department of Human Services, which quickly established a comprehensive multi-agency relief center at the Fosco Center, the new Park District facility at 1301 S. Racine.

The relief center, which stayed open from Sept. 6-23, saw more than 5,200 people in various stages of grief, loss, and health. "In addition to the hundreds of patients who came needing prescriptions and refills, we cared for many with serious and complicated health problems," said Will Wong, MD,

the CDPH staffer who oversaw the medical and mental health efforts at the center. "We had patients in the middle of cancer chemotherapy who fled the hurricane-affected areas. We were able to link them to medical care in Chicago,"

"Some evacuees arrived with only one bag—their entire belongings," Dr. Wong continued. "And many said they will remain in Chicago because they lost everything in New Orleans."

In addition to the CDPH providing medical and  
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### **Host a politician at CMS Holiday Reception**

*A relaxed setting to share your concerns*

EVEN THOUGH TORT REFORM IS THE law in Illinois, each of us, no matter our practice setting, must continue to advocate for a solution to other problems in medical care. Whether solo practice or faculty

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mental health services to more than 1,000 evacuees, several local health care facilities sent representatives to help alleviate the burden on public health clinics and hospitals: Illinois Masonic offered medical slots in primary care, ob-gyn, and cardiology; Rush offered many medical subspecialty clinic slots and the University of Illinois at Chicago opened up primary care and internal medicine slots for hurricane-affected persons. In addition, Walgreens provided a full-time pharmacist at the Fosco facility along with medication assistance for patients.

Health care was just one of the services offered at the facility. Other city agencies, including the Departments of Human Services, Housing and Aging, Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges of Chicago, and the CTA, played key roles. Also on hand were FEMA, The Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way, Jewel/Osco, and many other organizations. Evacuees were able to get job placement, showers, hot meals, free bus passes, clean underwear, and enroll their children in the school system.

Was there anything positive to be gained from the experience? "Hurricane evacuees were extremely appreciative of the relief efforts made by Chicagoans," Dr. Wong said. "The medical community of Chicago showed great altruism in their response to the hurricane evacuation. So many physicians and nurses volunteered to help, and we now have a much deeper pool of clinicians to draw on for



**A health professional evaluates one of the more than 1,000 hurricane evacuees who received health care at Chicago's Fosco Center.**

*Photo courtesy University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health*

future emergencies. We've developed the emergency response protocols for such a disaster, and we're better prepared from all that we learned."

*Physicians who would like to assist in future responses to public health crises may consider joining the Chicago Medical Reserve Corps (CMRC), a CDPH-created and operated pool of health professionals who do not already have an emergency-plan commitment to a hospital or other agency. Two-hour orientation sessions are scheduled for late October and November. To learn more, call CMRC coordinator Theresa Browley at (312) 747-9556 or e-mail questions to [ChicagoMRC@cdph.org](mailto:ChicagoMRC@cdph.org).*

## **Chicago physicians emerge as heroes**

HURRICANE KATRINA PRODUCED INSPIRING accounts of physicians toiling in filthy, flooded buildings without electricity, water and medicine.

Some who were trapped in New Orleans returned after they had been rescued to continue ministering to the needy. Their example and the efforts of physician-volunteers nationwide reminds us why doctors decided to go into medicine.

Four Chicago-area physicians, Max Brito, MD, of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Joseph Pulvirenti, MD, of Provident Hospital, Leigh Roberts, MD, and Roger Trinh, MD, both of the Howard Brown Health Center, were attending a conference in New Orleans when the hurricane hit.

They made the best of a terrible situation at

their conference hotel, setting up a triage center in the lobby, where they treated patients for four days before being evacuated.

About 50 hospitals across Illinois volunteered health care teams and other resources to be deployed as needed in the Gulf Coast, according to the Illinois Hospital Association. The largest group was about 400 doctors and nurses from Rush, the University of Illinois, and Cook County.

Locally, teams from Advocate Illinois Masonic and Children's Memorial treated evacuees at the House of Hope Church on Chicago's south side.

Among the CMS members providing care for the evacuees as they arrived in Chicago was Neil E. Winston, MD, CMS past president.

## EXCERPTS FROM A DISASTER

### ***A physician from the front lines at New Orleans Airport reports***

*What is it like to provide medical care in the middle of a disaster? Hemant H. Vankawala, MD, a member of the Denton County Medical Society, Texas, shared his experiences as a member of the Texas-4 Disaster medical assistance team, a part of FEMA. Dr. Vankawala and his team virtually lived at the New Orleans Airport, helping Katrina hurricane survivors at the field hospital they set up. Here are excerpts from the e-mail he sent to colleagues (reprinted by permission):*

ALL WE COULD DO WAS PROVIDE THE BAREST amount of comfort care. We watched many, many people die. We practiced medical triage at its most basic, black-tagging the sickest people and culling them from the masses so that they could die in a separate area. I cannot even begin to describe the transformation in my own sensibilities from my normal practice of medicine to the reality of the operation here.

We were *so* short on wheelchairs and litters we had to stack patients in airport chairs and lay them on the floor. They remained there for hours, too tired to be frightened, too weak to care about their urine and stool-soaked clothing, too desperate to even ask what was going to happen next.

Imagine trading your single patient use latex gloves for a pair of thick leather work gloves that never came off your hands and you can begin to imagine what it was like.

Imagine people so desperate, so sick, so like the five to ten "true" emergencies you may get on a shift coming non-stop through the door.

Imagine not having beds, no oxygen, no nothing except some nitro, aspirin and all the good intentions in the world.

We did everything from delivering babies to simply providing morphine and a blanket to septic and critical patients, and allowing them to die.

During the days that it took for the exodus to occur, we filled the airport to its bursting point. There was a time when there were 16,000 angry, tired, frustrated people here. There were stabblings, rapes, and people on the verge of mobbing.

There is NOTHING anyone could have done to prepare for this. It was TOO huge; even now it's so big it's almost impossible to comprehend. For the 50,000 people we ran through this airport over the last couple of days, if they were able to survive and make it somewhere else, their care will begin only when providers in Dallas, Houston, Chicago and Baton Rouge, etc. volunteer at the shelters and provide care.

And yes, there are many, many more on their way. Many of the sickest simply died while here at the airport; many have been stressed beyond measure and will die shortly even though they were evacuated. If you are not medical, then go to the shelters, hold hands, give hugs and prayers. If nothing else, it will remind you how much you have and how grateful we all should be. These people have nothing. Not only have they lost their material possessions and homes, many have lost their children, spouses, parents, arms, legs, vision, everything that is important.

Talk to these survivors, hear their stories and what they have been through; look into their eyes. You will never think of America the same way, you will never look at your family the same way.

You will never look at your home the same way; and I promise it will forever change the way you practice medicine.

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group, we are all affected by declining reimbursement, pay-for-performance, increased regulations, and other forces. Today, we have the momentum to change them.

**The Chicago Medical Society encourages every physician to become politically involved.** Not by lobbying in Washington, DC, or Springfield, but just by taking small steps—taking a few minutes to write a note to your legislators, make a phone call, or stop by a political fundraiser in your community.

ON DEC. 14, 2005, *PLAN TO ATTEND* THE CMS Holiday Reception. But first, **write to your State Senator and Representative and Congressman and invite them to be your personal guest.** Ask them to place it on their schedule. And call several times to confirm their attendance.

Our goal is to connect with 70 to 80 percent of Cook County General Assembly members, all of whom need to hear about the “medical miracles” that happen every day but never appear on the 6 p.m. news; the difficulties of staying in practice without adequate reimbursement and timely payments; and why medicine was your calling and how access to care is being threatened.

The Holiday Reception will be an opportunity to thank representatives for their support on past health issues and ask for their support on the many yet to be addressed.

Go to [www.cmsdocs.org](http://www.cmsdocs.org) to obtain addresses of congressional representatives.

**CMS Holiday Reception**  
Dec. 14, 2005 4 – 7 p.m.  
Le Meridien Hotel  
Grand and Rush

## AMA leader to attend CMS Holiday Reception



AMA PRESIDENT J. EDWARD Hill, MD, will represent the AMA at the CMS Holiday Reception on Dec. 14, 2005, at Le Meridien Hotel. Prior to the reception, he will attend the CMS Board Meeting.

**Dr. Hill**

Dr. Hill, the 160th president of the AMA, is a board-certified family physician from Tupelo, Miss. During his 27 years of practice in the rural Mississippi Delta region, Dr. Hill directed a local maternal child health program and the Family Practice Residency Program at North Mississippi Medical Center, the nation’s largest rural hospital. His relationship with the AMA goes back to 1979, when he became an alternate delegate from the Mississippi State Medical Association.

### **CMS sponsors foreign tours, cruises, fine dining**

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**CME Cruise to Caribbean--See ad on page 11**

## RESOURCES

### **UnitedHealthcare to roll out PFP program; CMS input requested**

UNITEDHEALTHCARE IS SEEKING FEEDBACK from CMS on the company's new "premium designation program" and pilot program for "practice rewards," said CMS President Steven M. Malkin, MD, at a recent Council meeting.

In response to United's request, a panel of CMS-appointed physicians held the first in a series of meetings with the health care giant to weigh in on the company's soon-to-be-rolled-out performance guidelines. "We believe it is important for CMS to have a seat at the table," said Dr. Malkin.

During the discussions, the panel will take into account the AMA position that pay-for-performance programs may serve as a positive force in the health care industry if they are patient-centered and assess physician performance with evidence-based measures.

United is exploring ways to educate CMS members about its programs in the coming months.

*To read more about AMA policy on pay for performance, go to <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/14769.html>*

### **New brochure explains pay-for-performance incentive programs**

A NEW AMA BROCHURE CAN HELP PHYSICIANS evaluate pay-for-performance incentive plans before they participate in one.

"Pay for Performance: A Physician's Guide to Evaluating Incentive Plans" poses a series of questions and corresponding explanations to identify such programs that could be potentially beneficial—or detrimental—to patients and physicians.

*Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/go/pfp> to download the brochure.*

### **Are your Medicare patients prepared for the new drug benefit?**

PATIENTS MAY SOON TURN TO PHYSICIANS and staff with questions about the Medicare prescription drug benefit. Please encourage patients and their family members to call (800) MEDICARE or visit <http://www.medicare.gov> for answers to their questions, and to find local resources that can help them

make choices to lower their drug costs. Patients with limited incomes will be able to get the new drug benefits with little or no out-of-pocket costs.

*To learn more about how to help your Medicare patients, you can download a one-page flyer at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/1/medicareflyer.pdf>.*

### **Apply for your National Provider Identifier**

NEXT YEAR, ALL COVERED HEALTH CARE providers will be required to use a "national provider identifier" (NPI) for standard transactions with health plans, third party payors, and Medicare and Medicaid carriers.

*To apply for an NPI online, or to download and print an application, go to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. Mail print applications to: NPI Enumerator, P.O. Box 6059, Fargo, ND 58108-6059.*

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## Fall conference draws docs to Oak Brook

Photos by Chris Sierko, CMS staff



Physicians gained practical tips at the course on "Top 10 Privacy and Security Challenges in the Electronic Health Record Transition."

NEARLY A DOZEN COURSES WITH 40 SPEAKERS covered a variety of topics for physicians of all specialties at the CMS Midwest Clinical Conference held Sept. 16-17 at Hamburger University on the McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook. Registrants were able to earn up to 12 CME credits.

Among the speakers were Harry Rhodes, director



Mr. Rhodes



Dr. Susarla



Dr. Biller

of practice leadership at AHIMA, who spoke on the electronic health record transition; Savitha Susarla, DO, on adult smoking cessation; and Jose Biller, MD, on primary and secondary stroke prevention.

In addition to the CME programs, physicians also had access to 14 exhibitors offering consulting services, medical products and biotechnology.

Exhibitors included: AHIMA, Cytoc, Dr. Consulting, The Keane Insurance Group, ISMIE, ISMS, MARCA, Meadowbrook, PBT, PEPID, Serono, and the U.S. Army.

### NEJM: Syndrome kills 3 children here

THREE CHICAGO-AREA CHILDREN HAVE died of a toxic shock syndrome-like illness caused by community-acquired methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, according to an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

As reported in the Sept. 22 issue, health officials do not yet know how the drug-resistant staph causes this new syndrome, but it appears to be rare, say specialists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Physicians are urged to be on the lookout for shock-like cases caused by MRSA. The article notes that Evanston Northwestern Healthcare's three suburban hospitals have begun screening all patients for the bacterium.

In the cases reported, a baby and two toddlers died but were otherwise healthy before they were separately admitted to the University of Chicago Hospitals with pneumonia-like symptoms between 2000 and 2004.

### Districts encouraged to host pols

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE AN IMPACT on your legislators in Springfield or Washington? Over the last two years, CMS has hosted successful legislative breakfasts, and the Society urges you to consider holding one at a District meeting.

Previous meetings have been held at St. Alexius Medical Center, Rush North Shore Medical Center, and Lincoln Park Hospital.

Legislative breakfasts are an excellent way to complement CMS' advocacy efforts. CMS staff can help you identify potential speakers and assist you in making invitations and arrangements.

*For information, please call Ted Kanellakes at (312) 329-7342*

## GETTING INTO THE SWING

# CMS Annual Golf Outing tees off at Ruffled Feathers

Photos by Chris Sienko, CMS staff



A rare animal in the golf world, the FIVEsome (from left): Drs. Richard Bulger, Wafik Hanna, Manali Doshi, Anoop Wattamwar, and Jim O'Brien, MD.

MORE THAN \$3,000 IN CASH AND PRIZES were awarded to participants of the CMS 7th Annual Charity Golf Outing, Sept. 14, at the Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont, Illinois.

CMS donated a portion of the proceeds to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Prizes ranged from a weekend stay at Le Meridien Hotel in Chicago to a breakfast cruise for two aboard the El Presidente yacht on Lake Michigan.

The team of Mike Sebens (PBT Insurance), Matt Sebens, and Zennen Gryglak (Doot Russell Signs) and Patrick Derse (CMS staff) took home the first-place prize of a free round of golf and a box of golf balls. Diego Tio, MD, won the longest drive contest and was more than pleased with his new golf club. Mike Sebens was also awarded a \$125 gift certificate to the Chestnut Bar & Wine Grill for winning closest to the pin. And Michael Carter, MD, edged out the competition in the putting contest to win \$125 cash.

**Prizes and Recipients:** putting contest—Michael Carter, MD, \$125; shortest drive—Edgar A. Borda, MD—golfing toy; winner takes all—Julian J. Rimpila, MD—golf bag; longest drive—Diego Tio, MD—golf club; inside the circle—Ellie Gordon (chief of staff for Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie)—lamp; closest to the pin—Mike Sebens—\$125 gift certificate; winner takes all—Phil Seroczynski's team—golf bag; longest putt—Michael Carter, MD—\$125 gift certificate

But these were not the only prizes awarded. At the end of the event, all participants were handed



Student golfers Audrey and Adam Longson prepare their cart for a round of golf at the 2005 CMS Golf Outing.



A beautiful day on the links. From left: Julian Rimpila, MD; James Tarrant, CMS executive director; Edgar Borda, MD; and William Marshall, MD.

a raffle ticket, which gave everyone, not just the skilled golfers, a chance at winning.

**Raffle Prizes:** Chestnut Bar & Wine Grill Gift certificates; golf balls; Millennium Knickerbocker stay; Drury Lane tickets; golf clubs; free rounds of golf at Ruffled Feathers; Holmes Place Health Club membership; Le Meridien Hotel Stay; Maggiano's gift certificates; golf umbrellas; Monastero's gift certificates; Second City tickets; El Presidente brunch; golf shoe bags; Courtyard Marriot stay.

**A big thanks to:** Chestnut Bar & Wine Grill; Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel; Drury Lane Theatre; Ruffled Feathers; Holmes Place Health Club; Le Meridien Hotel; Maggiano's; Monastero's; Second City; El Presidente; Courtyard Marriot; Haven Interiors.



# Resolutions address smoking in jail, liability insurance requirements

At its Sept. 13 meeting, the CMS Council approved two resolutions:

### ● TOBACCO-FREE LEGISLATION FOR ALL ILLINOIS CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

This was approved on an emergency basis, to reinforce an earlier resolution directing CMS to introduce and/or support legislation banning tobacco products in the Cook County Department of Corrections. This new initiative endorses Sheriff Sheahan for his decision last summer to make CCDOC tobacco-free, but calls again for an ordinance banning tobacco products in the CCDOC. Unfortunately, Sheriff Sheahan's decision is only a temporary measure subject to continued executive action by his successors. John Raba, MD, COO of Cermak Health Services, is slated to serve as CMS' representative to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, which will consider the tobacco product ban. CMS will also make available expert witnesses to all county and state bodies considering tobacco-free legislation for correctional facilities.

### ● EXCESSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE

This resolution supports the independence of individual physicians to determine whether to carry liability insurance and at limits they choose. It supports the decision of individual physicians to self-insure, putting aside funds for defense against lawsuits; the resolution also requests ISMS to enlist the help of the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section.

### ELECTION RESULTS

Two physicians were recommended for the position of vice-chairman of the Council, left vacant by Joan E. Cummings, MD: They were Thomas M. Anderson, Jr., MD, and Julian J. Rimpila, MD. Following a vote by secret ballot, the Council elected Dr. Rimpila to serve.

CMS President Steven M. Malkin, MD, an-

nounced that the Nominating Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council in November. The following were named as district representatives to the Nominating Committee: Swathi Arekapudi, student, Eduardo Encinas, MD, Roger L. Rodrigues, MD, Kenneth G. Busch, MD, Jose A. Abreu, MD, and John F. Schneider, MD.

The new committee appointments for 2005-2006 were ratified.

### ILLINOIS UPDATE

ISMS Chairman of the Board Richard A. Geline, MD, made the following points:

- Immediately following the signing of litigation reform on Aug. 25, the state called for rate hearings and is asking physicians to reveal the amount of premiums they pay.
- Workman's Compensation is still a work in progress.
- Physicians encountering extreme delays in IDPA payments should contact Ken Ryan in the ISMS Division of Advocacy.
- Medicare pay-for-performance may be linked to fixing the sustainable growth rate (SGR).
- The Governor of Louisiana has suspended the licensure requirement for physicians volunteering in the Hurricane relief effort.
- The tort reform victory in Illinois is a great testimonial to the power of organized medicine.

After Dr. Geline finished speaking, Thomas Chorba, MD, rose to highlight the ISMIE Rewards program, which policyholders can use to save substantial amounts of money. Of ISMIE's 14,000 insured, only 4500 use the program.

### CMS SEEKS REVIEW OF CITY DISASTER PLAN

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, CMS is writing to Mayor Daley and asking to meet to review the city's disaster plan. In the event of an emergency, hospitals will be the focal point for physician services, with many CMS members involved. ■



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### Can your office afford OSHA's stiff penalties?

#### CMS Offers OSHA Training for Clinicians and Staff

OSHA REQUIRES ANNUAL TRAINING FOR ALL health care workers with potential occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Attending the Chicago Medical Society's two-hour training course and updating your exposure control plan satisfies most of your yearly OSHA regulations.

#### REMAINING 2005 DATES & LOCATIONS:

Wednesday, Nov. 2, AMA, Chicago, IL @ 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 18, Holiday Inn-Skokie @ 10 a.m.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

All seminars are taught by specialists in exposure control. The course is designed for clinicians and their staff. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify the requirements of OSHA standards including bloodborne pathogens
- Explain how the standards apply to them
- discuss and select safer needle devices
- identify safety and health hazards at their facility

#### SPEAKER/TRAINER:

Sheila M. Hall, Compliance Program Manager and Industrial Hygienist, OSHA—Chicago North Office.

*Ms. Hall has no significant financial relationships to disclose.*

#### FEES:

\$49 each CMS member or staff person; \$99 each non-member or staff person

#### TO REGISTER:

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**CME:** The Chicago Medical Society designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 2.0 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each Physician should claim only those hours that he/she actually spent in the activity.