



The **BUSY PHYSICIAN'S GUIDE** *to the* **RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY**

An immediate by-product of the long-range planning exercise conducted for RIMS by the Medical Society Council is this concise overview of the Society, its mission, current leadership and structure. Council members observed that while this information is available on the Society's website (www.rimed.org), it is not all in one place. Council members felt that members and non-members alike would appreciate a handy reference guide to RIMS' services and who is providing them.

RIMS updates and modifies this document as needed and will provide it to new RIMS members, new Council members, and others who want a quick orientation to the Society's broad scope of work.

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Physicians dedicated to the health of Rhode Islanders since 1812

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• WHO WE ARE •

The Rhode Island Medical Society is a voluntary association of physicians, physician assistants, and medical students. The Society advocates for all Rhode Island physicians and supports their efforts to provide the best possible care to their patients. RIMS is the vehicle by which the medical community in Rhode Island meets the evolving challenges of medical practice and quality patient care. The Rhode Island Medical Society represents the interests, values and needs of the medical profession and promotes enlightened public policy in the field of health care.

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of the Rhode Island Medical Society

Officers serve one-year terms, September to September, and are eligible for re-election

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Councilors-at-Large along with the Officers and AMA Delegates form the Executive Committee of the RIMS Council. Terms of office are one year.

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THE RHODE ISLAND DELEGATION to the American Medical Association

2-year terms, January to December

The Council of RIMS elects the Rhode Island Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates, which meets semi-annually and is the supreme governing and policy-making body of the AMA. The RI Delegation caucuses and works cooperatively with the New England Delegation to the AMA.

Delegate and Chair

Michael E. Migliori, MD, ophthalmology (Providence)

Alternate Delegate

Peter A. Hollmann, MD, internal medicine (Cranston)

COUNCIL

of the Rhode Island Medical Society

The Council is the supreme governing and policy-making body of the Rhode Island Medical Society. The Council generally meets on the first Monday of each even-numbered month. Its membership encompasses the Officers of RIMS, the Councilors-at-Large, Adjunct Councilors, the AMA Delegation, the three most recent RIMS Past Presidents, one representative from each of 29 county, district and medical specialty societies, the chairs of RIMPAC and the Public Laws Committee, the Board Chair of Healthcentric Advisors, the President of RIMS Insurance Brokerage Corporation, two residents/fellows, and one medical student. A directory of the current members of the Council are listed at www.rimed.org, "Governance".

STANDING COMMITTEES

of the Rhode Island Medical Society

In addition to ad hoc committees, work groups and task forces, RIMS has the following standing committees:

*(*Peer review committee)*

Continuing Medical Education

Patrick Sweeney, MD, PHD, MPH, *Chair*

Periodically reviews and accredits hospital-run CME systems in Rhode Island. The Committee is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education as the accrediting agency for hospital CME programs in Rhode Island.

Investment

Jerry Fingerut, MD, *Chair*

Advises the Treasurer and the Council on the stewardship and management of the Society's financial assets.

Maternal Health*

John Douglas Nisbet, II, MD, *Chair*

Examines each instance of maternal death in Rhode Island to determine what can be done to prevent future occurrences.

Mediation*

Arnold H. Herman, MD, *Chair*

Mediates written complaints lodged against individual physicians.

Medical Review Advisory Committee*

Peter A. Hollmann, MD, *Chair*

Provides a multi-specialty resource to attorneys and claims managers who defend Rhode Island physicians in medical professional liability cases, with specific regard to the standard of care.

Membership

Fredric Christian, MD; Diane R. Siedlecki, MD; *Co-Chairs*

Communicates to physicians the value and importance of maintaining life-long membership in RIMS and the AMA.

Physician Competence*

Jeffrey Brody, MD, *Chair*

Helps assure that individual physicians consistently meet appropriate standards in the knowledge and skill with which they practice medicine.

Physician Health*

Herbert Rakatansky, MD, *Chair*

Helps assure that instances of illness or disability in individual physicians do not compromise the effectiveness of their professional interaction with patients and colleagues.

Public Laws

Michael E. Migliori, MD, *Chair*

Directs and monitors the positions and priorities of the Rhode Island Medical Society with respect to legislation before the Rhode Island General Assembly, with the advice and consent of the President, the Executive Committee and the Council.

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (RIMPAC)

As the political arm of the Rhode Island Medical Society, RIMPAC promotes the engagement and visibility of physicians in the political process. RIMPAC encourages physicians to exercise their right to vote, support candidates of their personal choice, become candidates for public office themselves, and support RIMPAC and AMPAC (the American Medical Political Action Committee).

RIMPAC contributes to the election campaigns of state-level candidates who are receptive to the public policy concerns of medicine. RIMPAC cooperates with AMPAC and advises AMPAC on federal-level candidates from Rhode Island.

Neither RIMPAC nor RIMS engages in partisan politics or endorses candidates for public office.

Michael A. Silver, MD, *Chair*

Elaine C Jones, MD, *Treasurer*

THE RI MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

Founded in 1983, the RIMS Foundation is a charitable, scientific and educational 501(c)(3) entity under the IRS code. It includes a number of restricted and unrestricted funds.

One of the largest and most active restricted funds within the RIMS Foundation is the Physician Health Fund, which supports RIMS' Physician Health Program. This Fund depends upon support from RIMS, the RIMS Insurance Brokerage Corporation, liability insurers (NORCAL Mutual, ProSelect and the Rhode Island JUA), Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, every hospital and hospital medical staff association in the state, the RI Dental Association, the RI Podiatric Medical Association and the RI Society of Physician Assistants.

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PUBLICATIONS of the Rhode Island Medical Society

Medicine @ Health Rhode Island

The monthly magazine published by the Society with support from the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University, Healthcentric Advisors, and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Joseph H. Friedman, MD, Editor-in-Chief
John Teehan, Managing Editor

Rhode Island Medical News

The newsletter for members of the Rhode Island Medical Society. It is published quarterly.

RIMS Member Directory

RIMS publishes an annual directory of and for members, cross-referenced by medical specialty. It is available to the public for purchase and is a popular public resource for referrals. (RIMS members also receive a special listing in the comprehensive physician directory for Rhode Island and Connecticut published annually by Folio Associates.)

RIMS Website

www.rimed.org

RIMS e-mail bulletins

RIMS e-bulletins for members appear irregularly on a timely, as-needed basis.

ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED with the Rhode Island Medical Society

The RIMS Insurance Brokerage Corporation

RIMS-IBC is a wholly owned, for-profit subsidiary of RIMS. It opened its doors for business in 1987. The IBC specializes in providing superior service to Rhode Island physicians through information-based, zero-pressure sales of quality insurance products to doctors and medical practices.

The staff of the RIMS-IBC are the state's leading experts in all aspects of medical professional liability insurance and place coverage for doctors with every liability insurer that does business in Rhode Island. Through co-brokerage arrangements with other quality brokers, the IBC provides a complete spectrum of insurance products and services to doctors under the same unique and physician-friendly business philosophy of the IBC itself. The IBC shares office space with RIMS and has the same postal address. The telephone number is 401-272-1050.

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Healthcentric Advisors

The Rhode Island Medical Society founded Healthcentric Advisors in 1995 under the name Quality Partners of Rhode Island. Healthcentric Advisors is a non-profit health care quality improvement agency based in Providence, Rhode Island that provides consulting, research and education services. The agency collaborates with national and local government agencies, health care providers, stakeholders, insurers, educational institutions and foundations on health care quality improvement initiatives. It is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Rhode Island. With a staff of over 45 physicians, nurses, educators, analysts and other health care professionals, Healthcentric Advisors is a local and national leader in quality improvement and health information technology consulting. Healthcentric Advisors provides cost effective technological support to physician offices. To learn more about Healthcentric Advisors visit healthcentricadvisors.org or call 401-528-3200.

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