



## Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

The Rhode Island Medical Society delivers valuable member benefits that help physicians, residents, medical students, physician-assistants, and retired practitioners every single day. As a member, you can take an active role in shaping a better health care future.

RIMS offers discounts for group membership, spouses, military, and those beginning their practices. Medical students can join for free. Earn rewards for referring new members through our "Member-Get-A-Member" campaign.



Above: State House press conference on health care, Brown MSS at the AMA, CPT update seminar, bike helmet distribution; Upper right: RIMS staff meets with physicians to discuss concerns.

### APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

#### **RIMS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

Discounts on career management resources  
Insurance, collections, medical banking, and document shredding services

Discounts on Continuing Medical Education  
InReach online CME program discounts;  
RIMS is an ACCME accrediting agency

Powerful advocacy at every level  
Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals

Complimentary subscriptions  
Publications include *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, *Rhode Island Medical News*, annual *Directory of Members*; RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University

Member Portal on [www.rimed.org](http://www.rimed.org)  
Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS



## Make a House Call at the State House!

We invite you to make a “House Call at the State House” this legislative session. For the past several years, members of RIMS leadership have volunteered to spend an early evening at the General Assembly. With our new, online Member Portal, we are now able to welcome all RIMS members to observe the General Assembly in action.

Given the vagaries of legislative scheduling, your House Call you may offer you the opportunity to: attend a committee hearing; assist RIMS with testimony; get a tour of the State House; and hopefully meet your legislators. This has proven to be a worthwhile and informative opportunity for those RIMS members who have attended in the past.

It is impossible to overstate the importance and impact of real life physicians being at the State House. Every year, RIMS’ Public Laws Committee puts together a broad legislative agenda and works with allies on health care legislation, and naturally “plays a lot of defense” on behalf of physicians and their patients. Your presence at the State House can truly make a difference in support of RIMS’ efforts.

Registration is easy through the RIMS website, [rimed.org](http://rimed.org). Enter the Member Portal of the RIMS website, log onto your account, and click “Events” on the Portal menu. Once you connect to this page, you may select a date on the “Event List” on this page and follow the prompts to complete the process. Should you have questions about your Member Portal log-in information, please email [rimed@rimed.org](mailto:rimed@rimed.org).

You will not need to be at the State House until 4:30–5:00 pm. The registration page will request contact information, both email and a cell phone or pager. We will send you a reminder a few days prior to House Call date along with instructions where to meet Steve DeToy, RIMS’ lobbyist, who will be your guide.

## Tar Wars® Poster Contest and Bike Helmet Distribution

The Community School will host the annual Tar Wars® Statewide Poster Contest for elementary school students, and RIMS’ annual bike helmet distribution for RIteCare children. Join us, volunteers are welcome to help distribute and fit helmets.

**Saturday, May 11, 2013**

The Community School  
15 Arnold Mills Rd  
Cumberland

Bike Helmet Distribution  
9–11:30 am, school parking lot

Tar Wars® Statewide Poster Contest  
10 am–12 pm, school gymnasium



2012 Tar Wars® Poster Contest winners



## NEW Share your thoughts on RIMS “Communities” online forum

Members can now share their views on a variety of topics with their colleagues and RIMS staff. The RIMS website offers an exclusive, password-protected Member Portal with access to many convenient features and an online “Communities” forum. This is a unique opportunity to express your opinions with RIMS leadership who work to advocate on behalf of Rhode Island physicians and patients.

### COMMUNITIES TOPIC-OF-THE-MONTH

A discussion of the Rhode Island Department of Health's RI Primary Care Trust

## Save the date! RIMS Annual Banquet & Inauguration of Officers

Saturday, September 21, 2013  
Warwick Country Club

Watch for your invitation in the mail. For more information contact Sarah Stevens at 401-331-3207.

### Stay informed

Make sure RIMS has your current email address or you could be missing out on timely information of interest that most physicians are unlikely to receive as quickly from other sources.

Please contact Sarah Stevens with additions or changes, or visit RIMS’ Member Portal to update your contact information.