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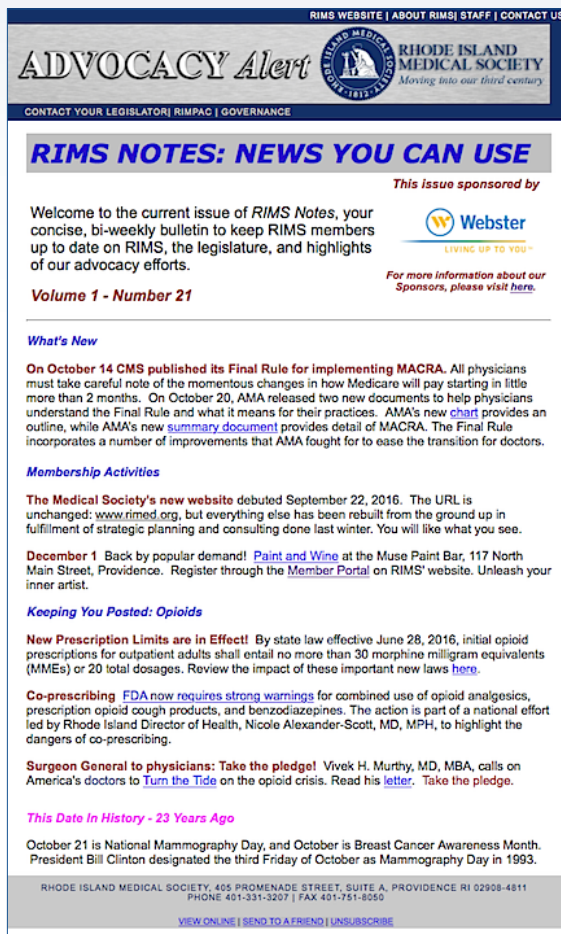
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## RIMS NOTES: News You Can Use



The new biweekly e-newsletter exclusively for RIMS members.

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### RIMS NOTES

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Contact Sarah if you've missed an issue, [sstevens@rimed.org](mailto:sstevens@rimed.org).



## Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

### March 1, Wednesday

Legislative Hearings

### March 2, Thursday

Legislative Hearings

Senate Majority Leader Ruggerio  
Fundraiser

### March 3, Friday

Meeting with RI Director of Health,  
Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD; and RI  
Chapter, America College of Emergency  
Physicians

Meeting with RI Podiatric Medical  
Society: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

### March 6, Monday

Meeting RI Tobacco Policy Coalition  
regarding Governor's budget  
RIMS Board of Directors meeting:  
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

### March 7, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee:  
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

RIMS Weight+Wellness Summit (unique  
day-long gathering of 280 registrants, 30  
speakers, made possible by the Coverys  
Community Healthcare Foundation)

### March 8, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and  
Discipline, Department of Health  
Governor's Overdose and  
Intervention Task Force  
Legislative Hearings

### March 9, Thursday

Senate Leadership PAC fundraiser  
Diabetes Prevention Program  
Stakeholders Meeting  
Legislative Hearings  
SIM Steering Committee:  
Peter Hollmann, MD

### March 13, Monday

Meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield  
of RI: Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President,  
RIMS staff

Meeting with Department of Health  
Staff regarding Diabetes Prevention  
Programs (DPP)

### March 15, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory  
Committee, Department of Health  
RI Tobacco Policy Commission meeting

Legislative hearings

Inaugural meeting of the Collins  
Committee: President-elect Bradley  
Collins, MD, Chair (topic: patient safety)

### March 16, Thursday

Legislative hearings  
Chairwoman Fogarty fundraiser

### March 21, Tuesday

Legislative hearings

### March 22, Wednesday

Legislative hearings

### March 23, Thursday

Legislative hearings

### March 28, Tuesday

RI Academy of Family Physicians  
Legislative Day: RIMS Staff  
Chairman Craven fundraiser  
Chairman Miller fundraiser

### March 29, Wednesday

Legislative hearings  
Meeting with Senate leadership regarding  
legislation: Michael E. Migliori, MD,  
Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee

### March 31, Friday

Meeting with Todd Handel, MD, regarding  
Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee



RIMS is pleased to introduce **Marc Bialek**, the new Director of Membership. Marc has over 13 years of experience working for national and international non-profit trade associations and societies. He has worked for The National Restaurant Association, the U.S. Green Building Council, The Society of American Military Engineers and InfoComm International. He has recently moved to Rhode Island with his wife and three children. Marc looks forward to working with RIMS leadership on recruitment, retention and most importantly engagement. Marc will be working with the 11 specialty societies that RIMS manages.

### RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

#### *Building Practitioner Resilience in Challenging Times*

Saturday, April 22, 2017  
9:00 am– 12:30 pm

Warwick Country Club, 394 Narragansett Bay Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889

This program will focus on helping participants recognize the signs of physician burnout and realize the impact practice stressors have on physician health. It will also help participants design plans that will enhance their well-being and resilience.

Contact Catherine Norton for more information, 401-443-2386 or [cnorton@rimed.org](mailto:cnorton@rimed.org).



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# It's a new day.

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## First Weight + Wellness Summit Held in RI

*Almost 300 attend to network and share ideas, solutions*



RIMS president Sarah Fessler, MD, welcomed attendees to the Summit.

The Rhode Island Medical Society and the Rhode Island Health Center Association convened the state's first Weight + Wellness summit on March 7, with approximately 300 people in attendance.

**SARAH FESSLER, MD**, president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, welcomed the diverse group of attendees from the medical and healthcare community, the state, and community organizations and businesses, to the event; along with **JANE HAYWARD**,

president of the Rhode Island Health Center Association; **ANYA RADER WALLACK**, acting secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and **ANDY MOFFIT**, first gentleman of Rhode Island.

According to the summit planners, "The inspiration for this Summit was provided by the many individuals and organizations that are working to make



Jane Hayward, president and CEO of the Rhode Island Health Center Association, served as master of ceremonies for the event.



Anya Rader Wallack, acting secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.



Andy Moffit, first gentleman of Rhode Island, helped introduce the event.



More than 20 exhibitors displayed their programs and organizations at the event.





Among the speakers was Dean of URI's College of Health Sciences Gary Liguori, PhD.

daily habits of smart nutrition and healthy living convenient and affordable for all Rhode Islanders. We wanted to showcase the diversity of local initi-



Dr. Dieter Pohl, bariatric surgeon at Roger Williams Medical Center, served on the physician advisory committee for the event.

atives and provide an opportunity for like-minded people to learn and interact on the multifaceted topic of weight and wellness."

After the event, Catherine Norton, assistant director of professional and community services at RIMS and a member of the planning committee, said there was a "tremendous response from attendees to organize another similar event. The W+W Planning Committee will meet in April to discuss the next steps."

The event, held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, was funded through an educational grant from the Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation, and partially sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI.



Vincent Pera, MD, The Miriam Hospital's co-director of The Center for Weight and Wellness and the director of the hospital's Weight Management Program.

#### The exhibitors included:

American Heart Association  
& American Stroke Association  
Ascensus College Savings  
CharterCARE Health Partners  
Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island  
City of Providence Healthy  
Communities Office  
Community Health Network, RIDOH  
Farm Fresh RI  
F.I.T. Club  
Fuel Up to Play 60  
Greater Providence YMCA  
Grow Smart RI  
Healthcentric Advisors  
Neighborhood Health Plan  
of Rhode Island  
Newport Wellness Hub  
Nutrition Outreach Programs  
SNAP & EFNEP  
Rhode Island Academy of Nutrition  
and Dietetics  
Rhode Island Bike Coalition  
Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition  
Rhode Island Public Health Institute  
Rhode Island Quality Institute  
United States Army Health Care  
Urban Greens Food Co-Op  
We Quit



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Doctor's Choice provides no cost Medicare consultations.

Doctor's Choice was founded by Dr. John Luo, a graduate of the Alpert Medical School at Brown University to provide patient education and guidance when it comes to choosing a Medicare Supplemental, Advantage, or Part D prescription plan. Doctor's Choice works with individuals in RI, MA, as well as CT and helps compare across a wide variety of Medicare plans including Blue Cross, United Health, Humana, and Harvard Pilgrim.



[www.nhpri.org](http://www.nhpri.org)

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is a non-profit HMO founded in 1993 in partnership with Rhode Island's Community Health Centers. Serving over 185,000 members, Neighborhood has doubled in membership, revenue and staff since November 2013. In January 2014, Neighborhood extended its service, benefits and value through the HealthSource RI health insurance exchange, serving 49% the RI exchange market. Neighborhood has been rated by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as one of the Top 10 Medicaid health plans in America, every year since ratings began twelve years ago.



[www.ripcpc.com](http://www.ripcpc.com)

RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care member physicians. Our PCP's act as primary care providers for over 340,000 patients throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA was formed to provide a venue for the smaller independent practices to work together with the ultimate goal of improving quality of care for our patients.

*The Rhode Island Medical Society continues to drive forward into the future with the implementation of various new programs. As such, RIMS is expanded its **Affinity Program** to allow for more of our colleagues in healthcare and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.*

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## RIMS: Your Voice for 200+ Years

*Join your colleagues and add your voice*

Membership in **The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS)** makes you a part of a dynamic network of physicians, residents, students, physician assistants, and healthcare professionals who represent, like you, the best of the profession.



Alyn L. Adrain, MD, and Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Rhode Island Delegates to the AMA, participate in the formation of national AMA policy at annual House of Delegates meetings in Chicago.



RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD, hosting a free CME seminar for members of the Medical Society.



RIMS maintains close contact with federal and state lawmakers to represent physician and patient interests in emerging legislation. RIMS Public Laws Chair Michael E. Migliori, MD, at left, and RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs Steven R. DeToy shown here following their meeting with RI Representative David R. Cicilline.



RIMS Leadership: Treasurer José Polanco, MD; Secretary Christine Brousseau, MD; President-Elect Bradley J. Collins, MD; President Sarah J. Fessler, MD; Vice President Peter A. Hollman, MD; and (seated) Immediate Past President Russell A. Settignano, MD.

### The ABCs of membership

**Advocacy:** RIMS membership offers a cohesive platform for its members to speak with a unified voice on local, state and national issues through committee participation, policy development, legislative representation, educational conferences, and stakeholder seminars.

**Benefits:** CME sessions, physician health services, preferred career, financial and personal services from our sponsors, membership portal.

**Collegiality:** Social events, networking opportunities, professional development.

**Strength:** In numbers. If you are already a member, thank you for your support. If you're not, join us today. Group, military and new practitioner discounts; medical students join for free.

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Contact [Mark Bialek, Director of Membership](#)



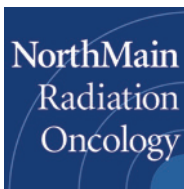
RIMS hosts social events throughout the year for members and guests.





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