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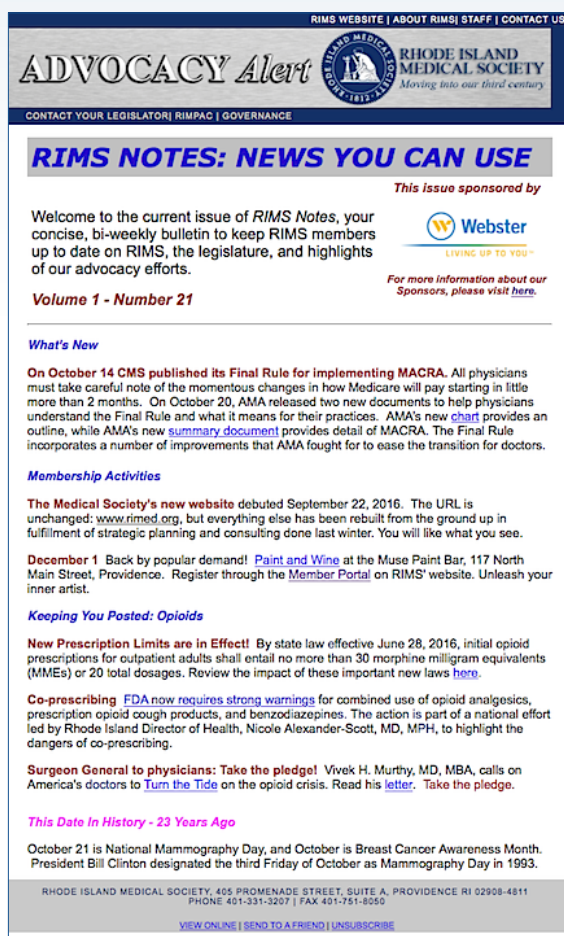
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Contact Sarah if you've missed an issue, sstevens@rimed.org.



Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

July 6, Thursday

Lifespan Fellows' Orientation:
RIMS Staff

July 10, Monday

Meeting with Department of
Health regarding Diabetes
Prevention Program

Board of Directors Meeting:
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President

July 11, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee:
Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

Meeting with ACLU-RI regarding
warrantless search legislation
veto strategy

July 12, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure
and Discipline

Meeting with Brown University Office
of Continuing Medical Education
regarding DPP CME Event

Meeting of the Governor's Opioid
Overdose Prevention Task Force:
Sarah J. Fessler, MD, President;
Gary Bubly, MD, Past President

Conference call with coalition members
seeking gubernatorial veto of bill giving
law enforcement warrantless access
to PDMP.

July 13, Thursday

SIM Steering Committee:
Peter A. Hollmann, MD, and RIMS Staff

July 14, Friday

Meeting with Nicholas Schilligo,
Associate Vice President for State
Government Affairs, American
Osteopathic Association



July 17, Monday

Morning press conference hosted at RIMS' headquarters for 20 organizations allied with RIMS in opposition to legislation proposed by the Attorney General that would open the PDMP to law enforcement without need of a warrant. RIMS and the allied organizations called upon Governor Raimondo to veto the legislation, which had passed both houses of the General Assembly. RIMS President Sarah J. Fessler, MD, presided.

July 18, Tuesday

OHIC rate review public hearing

July 19, Wednesday

Workers Compensation Fee Task Force
RIMS Foundation Strategic Planning

July 24, Monday

Healthcare Quality Reporting
Commission at Department of Health
RIMS Finance Committee:
Jose R. Polanco, MD, Treasurer

July 26–29, Wednesday– Saturday

American Association of Medical
Society Executives; Steven R. DeToy,
Director of Government and Public
Affairs, Presenter; Marc Bialek,
Director of Membership, Attendee



OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

RIMS has 442 square feet of newly renovated office space (3 contiguous offices of 200 sf, 121 sf and 121 sf), complete with convenient sheltered parking and the opportunity for tenants to share three well-equipped meeting spaces, break room, office machinery, etc. on the western edge of downtown Providence. Suitable for a small non-profit organization, boutique law firm, CPA firm or other office-based small business.

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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 health-care and related business to work with our membership. RIMS thanks these participants for their support of our membership.

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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.



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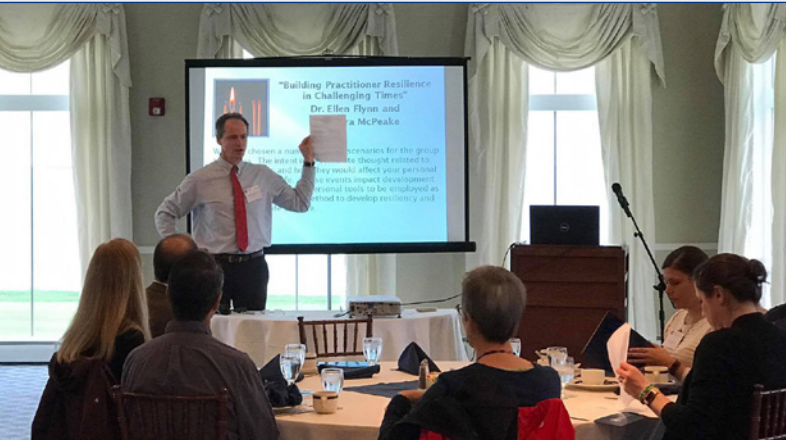
RIPCPC is an independent practice association (IPA) of primary care physicians located throughout the state of Rhode Island. The IPA, originally formed in 1994, represent 150 physicians from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. RIPCPC also has an affiliation with over 200 specialty-care 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.



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.



The Rhode Island Medical Society's **annual CME event** was held on April 22 at the Warwick Country Club. This year's focus was on Building Practitioner Resilience in Challenging Times.



A **Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants (RIAPA)** town hall meeting was held April 11 at Kent Hospital on PA practice in the state. Representatives from the state and national PA organizations and the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Medical Society participated in a series of meetings and updates on recertification and looking at the future of PA practice in the state.



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.

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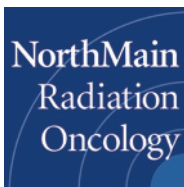
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A **RIMS Mix and Mingle event** was held at the Chapel Grille restaurant in Cranston on April 11.



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