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RIMS advocacy activities

August 1–2, Wednesday–Thursday
AMA Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) State Legislative Round Table: Steve DeToy, RIMS Director of Government and Public Affairs, Executive Board Member

August 6, Monday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair Warren Alpert Medical School Student Interest Group Fair, Bradley Collins, MD, President, and staff Sheldon Whitehouse Fundraiser: Bradley Collins, MD, President; Peter Karczmar, MD, RIMPAC Treasurer; Thomas Bledsoe, MD, RIMS Councilor at Large

August 9, Thursday
Meeting with the Substance Abuse and Overdose Prevention PAC (SAOPPAC) regarding 2018 election
Interview with Johns Hopkins researchers regarding opioid prescribing cap in RI Meeting with James McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer, Board of Licensure and Discipline, Bradley Collins, MD, President, Peter Hollmann, MD, President-elect, and staff SIM Grant Steering Committee: Peter Hollmann, MD, President-elect

August 10, Friday
Meeting with Brown Emergency Medicine regarding high deductible health plans

August 16, Thursday
Substance Abuse and Overdoses Prevention PAC (SAOPPAC) fundraiser

August 20, Friday
“Rhode Island Health Center Week” Kickoff and Celebration

August 21, Tuesday
Meeting with Senate Policy staff regarding legislation Governor’s Overdose Task Force Harm Reduction Working Group

August 22, Wednesday
Public Hearing on Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline proposed regulations

August 29, Wednesday
RI Health Care Cost Trends Project, Steering Committee: Peter Hollmann, MD, President-elect

President Bradley Collins, MD, discusses the benefits of RIMS membership with incoming WAMS students at their orientation August 6.

August 7, Tuesday
Meeting with American Board of Medical Specialties regarding 2019 legislation Meeting with RI Academy of Physician Assistants regarding 2019 legislation

August 8, Wednesday
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President Governor’s press conference promoting recovery-friendly businesses

Sheldon Whitehouse Fundraiser, August 6: [L–R] Bradley Collins, MD, President; Senator Whitehouse; Peter Karczmar, MD, RIMPAC Treasurer; Thomas Bledsoe, MD, RIMS Councilor at Large.

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

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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.
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