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Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

November 1, Friday
RIMS Notes issue production
RI Medical Journal release

November 4, Monday
RIMS Board of Directors: Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, President

November 5, Tuesday
RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

Alyn Adrain, MD, Rhode Island Delegate, testified at the AMA Interim meeting in San Diego, California, on November 20.

November 6, Wednesday
Meeting with RI ACEP regarding legislation
Workers Comp Advisory Council
Meeting with RI Pharmacists’ Association regarding 2020 legislation: Michael Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee; Peter Karczmar, MD, Past President; Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President

November 7, Thursday
Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Board of Directors: Newell E. Warde, PhD, Director

November 11–13, Monday–Wednesday
American Tort Reform annual legislative meeting: Steven DeToy, Director, Government and Public Affairs

November 13, Wednesday
Governor’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President
Meeting of the New England Charter Medicine Academy Board: Bradley Collins, MD, Chair

November 14–15, Thursday–Friday
American Association of Medical Society Executives – meeting of state CEOs: Newell E. Warde, PhD

November 15–19, Friday–Tuesday
AMA 2019 Interim Meeting: Peter Hollmann, MD, Delegate; Alyn Adrain, MD, Delegate; Sarah Fessler, MD, Alternate Delegate, RIMS Past Presidents Yul Ejnes, MD, Nitin Damle, MD, and Barry Wall, MD, representing their respective national organizations.
Dr. Nitin Damle gave a major presentation on “Health Impact of Climate Change – Preparing Your Communities and Practices.”
Dr. Peter Hollmann, RI Delegation Chair, gave a major presentation on “Changes to Reporting Evaluation and Management Office Visits: How to Prepare for 2021.”
RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD, received the AMA Medical Executive Lifetime Achievement Award. (see page 76)

November 20, Wednesday
Brown School of Public Health VILLAGE Project Workshop, improving prevention efforts and health outcomes for people who use drugs.
Special Legislative Commission to Study the Impact of Insurer Payments on Access to Health Care: David Kroessler, MD

November 21, Thursday
Physician Health Program Governance Committee: Jerry Fingerut, MD, Chair
RI Quality Institute 2019 Health Information Technology (HIT) Survey/Data Sharing
Department of Health Continuity of Care Documentation Workgroup: Mark Braun, MD
Meeting with Warren Alpert medical students regarding advocacy: Michael Migliori, MD, Chair, RIMS Public Laws Committee

November 22, Friday
Meeting with RIMS Opioid Harm Reduction Initiative Workgroup

November 25 Monday
Meeting with RI Action Coalition Community Health Centers Association Annual Meeting

November 26, Tuesday
Conference call with Department of Health regarding Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) presentation to RI Health Centers Association

Nitin S. Damle, MD, former president of the American College of Physicians and a former president of RIMS, spoke on climate change during a session on the topic at the Interim meeting of the American Medical Association held in November in San Diego.
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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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.

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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