

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

# CONVIVIUM

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

211<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING and AWARDS DINNER

6:00 pm Reception, 7:00 pm Dinner

The Squantum Association, East Providence



## WELCOME & REMARKS

THOMAS A. BLEDSOE, MD President

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

JACK RESNECK, Jr., MD Immediate Past President of the AMA

## AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Charles L. Hill Award for Service

The Herbert Rakatansky Award for Professionalism

The Halifax Award for Volunteerism

The Award for Humanism in Medicine

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## INAUGURATION OF 2023–2024 OFFICERS

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## Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

### August 1, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee (PHC):  
**Herb Rakatansky, MD**, Chair

### August 2, Wednesday

RIMS Presentation to Kent Hospital  
Medical Staff: **Thomas Bledsoe, MD**,  
President; and Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 3, Thursday

Rhode Island Quality Institute meeting:  
**Thomas Bledsoe, MD**, President;  
**Heather Smith, MD, MPH**, Incoming  
President; and Stacy Paterno, staff  
Warren Alpert Medicine School at Brown  
University (WAMS) Community Resource  
Fair: Stacy Paterno, and Ali Walz, staff  
with AMA staff

### August 7, Monday

RIMS Council meeting:  
**Thomas Bledsoe, MD**, President

Protect our Health Care Policy Group:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 8, Tuesday

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island  
Leadership meeting: **Thomas Bledsoe,**  
**MD**, President; **Heather Smith, MD, MPH,**  
Incoming President; **Elizabeth Lange,**  
**MD**, Past President

AMA State Advocacy Roundtable:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 9, Wednesday

Rhode Island Department of Health  
(RIDOH) Board of Medical Licensure and  
Discipline (BMLD): Stacy Paterno, staff

Governor's Overdose Intervention and  
Prevention Task Force: **Sarah Fessler,**  
**MD**, Past President

AMA State Advocacy Roundtable:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 10, Thursday

CTC-RI Prior Authorization Steering  
Committee: **Peter Hollmann, MD**, Chair;  
**Elizabeth Lange, MD**, Past President;  
Stacy Paterno, staff

AMA State Advocacy Roundtable:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 15, Tuesday

National Government Services Key  
Stakeholder Meeting: Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 16, Wednesday

Rhode Island Chapter of the American  
Cancer Society Meeting: Stacy Paterno,  
staff

### August 17, Thursday

Rhode Island Foundation Long-term  
Health Planning Committee meeting with  
Governor McKee staff: Stacy Paterno, staff  
MMJUA of Rhode Island introductory  
lunch for new board members:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

Rhode Island Health Center Association  
Employee Appreciation Celebration:  
Stacy Paterno, staff

### August 22, Tuesday

RIMS/WAMS Student Leaders Meeting :  
Stacy Paterno and Ali Walz, staff

### August 28, Monday

RIMS Presentation to Newport Hospital  
Medical Executive Committee: **Thomas**  
**Bledsoe, MD**, President; **Matthew Smith,**  
**MD**, Treasurer; and **Roberto Ortiz, MD,**  
Secretary



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