

RIMS wins high marks (again) from ACCME

For the fifth time in a row, covering a span of twenty years, the national Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education has renewed the Rhode Island Medical Society's recognition as the Ocean State's official accrediting agency for hospital CME programs through 2015. The ACCME found RIMS to be compliant with all thirty-six elements of ACCME's "Markers of Equivalency." The evaluation was based on RIMS' application, evidence of performance and a survey team interview. The four-year recognition awarded to RIMS is the maximum normally available to state medical societies; it indicates once again that the accreditation services RIMS offers to all hospitals in Rhode Island are of consistently high quality.

Members of the RIMS Committee on Continuing Medical Education are the Chair, **Patrick Sweeney, MD, PhD, MPH**; **Glenn G. Fort, MD**, of Landmark Medical Center; **Jonathan Gates, MD**, of Kent County Hospital; **Miriam Giles** of Coastal Care Medical Management; **Daniel Harrop, III, MD**; **Mark Mancini, MD**, of Westerly Hospital; **Louis J. Marino, Jr., MD**, of Butler Hospital; **Scott Wang, MD**, of Newport Hospital (temporarily represented by **Tosca Carpenter**); and **Bernard Zimmermann, MD**, of Roger Williams Medical Center. RIMS staff support is provided by **Catherine Norton**.

RIMS President Gary Bubly, MD, praised Dr. Sweeney, Ms. Norton and the Committee members for their diligence in staying abreast of the continually evolving requirements of CME. The RIMS Council congratulated Dr. Sweeney and the Committee by acclamation on April 4.

The ACCME is comprised of the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S. ❖

Marlene Cutitar, MD named RIMWA Woman Physician of the Year



The Rhode Island Medical Women's Association (RIMWA) honored Marlene Cutitar, MD, as the 2011 Woman Physician of the Year. Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts gave welcoming remarks at RIMWA's 30th Annual Meeting held on May 3. Dr. Cutitar serves on the RIMS Council and Executive Committee and is immediate past president of the RI Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

BRIEFLY NOTED

ROBERT H. JANIGAN, JR., MD, is the new president of the Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, succeeding **PHILIP R. RIZZUTO, MD**. **DAVID R. RIVERA, MD**, is Vice President. **FRANCIS FIGUEROA, MD**, is Secretary. **MAGDALENA KRZYSTOLIK, MD**, is Treasurer. Dr. Rizzuto is now chair of EyePAC. Terms of office are two years.

MELISSA LUDWIG, MD, is the new president of the Rhode Island Psychiatric Society, succeeding **RUSSELL PET, MD**. **JAMES K. SULLIVAN, MD**, is president-elect. **ARNOLDO BERGES, MD**, is Secretary-Treasurer. **ANDREA MERNAN, MD**, represents the Psychiatric Society on the Council of the Rhode Island Medical Society. Terms of office are two years.

AMA Board of Trustees has appointed **PETER A. HOLLMANN, MD**, to serve as Chair of the Current Procedural Technology (CPT) Editorial Panel, effective in June for a two-year term. Dr. Hollmann, who has served on the Trustee-appointed CPT Panel since 2003, will succeed Dr. William Thorwarth, a radiologist from North Carolina. Dr. Hollmann has served on the RIMS Council continuously in various capacities since 1990, originally as Speaker of the RIMS House of Delegates. He is currently Rhode Island's Alternate Delegate to the AMA.

DAVID R. GIFFORD, MD, MPH, is the new Senior Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs for the American

Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living. The AHCA/NCAL is headquartered in Washington, DC, and serves the long-term care provider community. Dr. Gifford stepped down as Rhode Island's Director of Health in February 2011 after seven years in that position.

MICHAEL D. FINE, MD, was appointed by Governor Chafee to serve as Interim Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health while the state conducts a search for a successor to Dr. David R. Gifford, who stepped down in February and is now a Senior Vice President at the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living in Washington, DC.



RIMS NIGHT AT THE PAWSOX

Join your colleagues for this fun, family event!

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ BUFFET 5:00 –7:00 PM

GAME TIME 7:05 PM

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PHILLIP R. LUKAS, MD, has received the 2011 Dr. Milton Hamosky Outstanding Physician Award from the medical staff of Rhode Island Hospital.

YUL D. EJNES, MD, former RIMS President, is Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians. The ACP Board also includes two other Rhode Islanders: **NITIN S. DAMLE, MD**, President-Elect of RIMS, and **MICHELE CYR, MD**. The 29-member Board is the principal policy-making body of the ACP.

MARLENE CUTITAR, MD, is the Rhode Island Medical Woman's Association 2011 Woman Physician of the Year. Dr. Cutitar is a member of the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society.

STEVEN R. DETOY, RIMS' Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs, has received a 2011 Community Partner Award from Dorcas Place for "outstanding leadership and sustained philanthropic support as a founding partner of the Rhode Island Welcome Back Center." The Welcome Back Center helps foreign-trained health professionals apply their training in Rhode Island.

ROSEMARY MAHER, LICSW, Director of RIMS' Physician Health Program, will be honored as Social Worker of the Year in Health/Mental Health by the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the local NASW's Annual Awards Celebration on Wednesday, June 22.

JEANNE LAMBREW, PHD, formerly of Portland, ME, and daughter of Portland cardiologist Costas "Gus" Lambrew, MD, has left the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to lead the newly consolidated health care office at the White House. Dr. Jeanne Lambrew is co-author with former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of *Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis*. Andrea Palm, former chief health advisor Hillary Clinton, is an assistant to Dr. Lambrew in her new White House post.