



Governor's Message



The 2009 Scientific Meeting

It is not too early to set aside the dates for the 2009 Scientific Meeting. It will be a joint meeting with the South Dakota Chapter and will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18, 2009, at the Golden Hills Resort in Lead, South Dakota. Afterwards there will be plenty of time to sightsee on Saturday and Sunday. The program should be outstanding. There will be two recertification modules, one on critical care and one on geriatrics. Also included will be talks on hyperparathyroidism, the use of the ACP Diabetes Care Guide in a practice, medical ethics, and a Washington Update by **Bob Doherty**. There will also be EKG reading, clinical vignettes by South Dakota residents, and case presentations. By the way, if you have a 10-minute case presentation you would like to present, contact **Dr. Mike Tracy** at mtracy@pvhc.org.

The Black Hills are beautiful in the fall. Reserve these dates now. Specific registration and reservation information will be mailed directly from the College in the spring. Questions can be directed to **Dr. Eric Wedell** or to **Dr. Mike Tracy**, Wyoming Program Chairman.



Jackson, Wyoming

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Regional Meeting in 2011

Plans are underway now for a Regional Scientific Meeting to be held in early September of 2011 at Jackson Lake Lodge in Wyoming. Visitors from out-of-state at the 2008 Scientific Meeting in Jackson were so impressed with the beauty of Jackson Hole and the Tetons that they suggested this idea. Chapters participating will be Wyoming, Nebraska, Alaska, South Dakota and Montana.

With this much lead-time and this many Chapters participating it should prove to be a great program and a great time.

2008 Scientific Meeting at Jackson Lake Lodge

Our 2008 Scientific Meeting was held at Jackson Lake Lodge and was a joint meeting with the Wyoming Medical Society. The talks focused on the future of health care in Wyoming and included topics such as the future of specialty care, primary care physician shortages, ethics of pay for performance, the patient centered medical home in Wyoming, can primary care survive in Wyoming, and health care reform proposals of the presidential candidates. When we arrived on Thursday, June 12, the six inches of snow were gone and the weather and scenery remained gorgeous. At the Friday evening banquet we heard a special talk by **Dr. William Close** of Big Piney, Wyoming, and awarded **Dr. Rick Davis** the Laureate Award. Both the WMS and the ACP agreed the joint meeting was a success and so we will probably be doing it again.



2008 Wyoming Scientific Meeting

Dr. Rick Davis Laureate Awardee

Robert J. Davis, II, MD, FACP, FACC was given the Laureate Award at the Friday evening banquet on June 12, 2008. Dr. Davis grew up in Ohio, attended college at the University of Pennsylvania and medical school at the University of Cincinnati. Postgraduate training was at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. After two years in the Air Force in Cheyenne, he joined the Internal Medicine Group in Cheyenne in 1973. He helped establish the catheterization laboratory in Cheyenne as well as the heart surgery program and retired in 2005. Throughout his tenure as a cardiologist with IMG he practiced top-quality, up-to-date cardiology, and was known for his compassion for his patients, his thoroughness, and his willing consultative support of his fellow physicians. Currently **Dr. Davis** is a member of the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy, is on the State Pharmacy Task Force, is on the Board of the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Foundation, is a member of the Cheyenne Old West Museum Board of Directors, and is Co-chair of the Cardiovascular Coalition under the direction of the Wyoming Department of Health.



Governor Eric Wedell presents the 2008 WY Laureate Award to Dr. Rick Davis

Recruiting WWAMI Students

A goal of the Wyoming ACP Chapter for several years has been to interest first-year WWAMI students in a career in internal medicine. As a new approach toward this goal, **Dr. Eric Wedell** gave a presentation on internal medicine as a career one Friday noon in October. **Dr. Michael Janssen**, a new general internist with the Internal Medicine Group in Cheyenne and a member of the original WWAMI class came along too. He made a very valuable contribution to the presentation. The students quizzed him for 35 minutes. As a direct result of this effort, ten of the sixteen first year WWAMI students joined the ACP as student members. We will probably be doing this again.

Leadership Day 2009

Leadership Day will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20, 2009, in Washington, D.C. **Dr. Eric Wedell** and **Dr. Michael Tracy** will be going. Anyone else in our Wyoming Chapter is welcome to go. It is an opportunity to meet with and lobby our congressional delegation and is an interesting and enlightening time. Internal Medicine 09 will be held in Philadelphia this year on April 23 to 25. If you are interested in going to Leadership Day, contact **Dr. Eric Wedell** at e.wedell@bresnan.net.



2008 Leadership Day in Washington, DC

SmokeFree Wyoming

Some of you may have emailed or contacted your legislators or called the Voter Hotline on behalf of them voting for a comprehensive law to ban smoking in all public places. Thank you for your efforts. At the time of this writing, the bill has been amended and emasculated during the second reading on the floor of the House. It might be that we can get those amendments killed on the floor of the House during the third reading which will take place on February 3rd. This would get us back to a comprehensive bill. That is not very likely, however. If we can't get those amendments removed from the bill we hope to get the bill killed and come back another year. The legislators who want bars exempted are hung up on not wanting to infringe on private property rights. They can't seem to see that the rights of bar employees and customers to clean, healthy air are infringed by exempting bars. They also can't seem to realize that if every bar in the state is smoke free that no bar will have an advantage over another and that whether their bar business succeeds or fails depends on the same factors as before the ban, e.g. business plan, location, etc.

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