


HAPPY NEW YEAR
**BEST WISHES FROM OCMS FOR A PROSPEROUS 2010**

The strength of the Orange County Medical Society depends on a strong membership in order to address our most important professional and public health issues. As a valued member of OCMS, you can count on us to help you plan for and manage the many possibilities and challenges you may face in the coming year. January 1, 2010 was the deadline to renew your membership for 2010. If you have not renewed your 2010 membership, please contact the OCMS office at (407) 622-8188 to receive an invoice or pay by credit card.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE – TB IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

According to the Associated Press, the first case of the drug-resistant XXDR strain of tuberculosis in the United States appeared in Lantana in 2007. The World Health Organization reports that tuberculosis is the top single infectious killer of adults worldwide. TB is also the biggest killer of HIV patients today.

COMMENTS FROM CECIL WILSON, MD ON AMA SUPPORT OF HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

AMA President-elect and past president of the FMA and OCMS, Dr. Cecil Wilson, said that the American Medical Association got some special deals before its support of the health care bill. A 5% tax on elective cosmetic surgery procedures was replaced with a 10% tax on indoor tanning services; a proposed fee on physicians to enroll in Medicare was dropped; and payment cuts to specialty and other physicians to pay for bonuses to primary care doctors in underserved areas were also eliminated. "America has the best health care in the world—if you can get it. For far too many people access to care is out of reach because they lack insurance. This is not acceptable to physicians."

MEDICARE HOLDING MEDIFEST EDUCATIONAL EVENT IN ORLANDO, JUNE 8 - 9, 2010

First Coast Service Options is hosting a symposium that is open to all members of the Medicare provider community with educational workshops, learning opportunities with Medicare experts, and a chance to meet with vendors offering products and services especially designed for Medicare providers. For more information visit the website at <http://medicare.fcso.com/Medifest/162605.asp>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR****DO YOU HAVE YOUR REQUIRED CME?**

OCMS is pleased to offer a CME Seminar featuring Prevention of Medical Errors (2hrs) and Domestic Violence (2hrs) with breakfast and lunch provided.

OCMS CME SEMINAR

Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am – 10:30 am Prevention of Medical Errors
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Domestic Violence

FSU College of Medicine – Orlando Campus
250 E. Colonial Drive, 2nd Floor
Orlando, Florida 32801

\$20 per course for OCMS members
\$40 per course for non-members

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Call OCMS at (407) 622-8188 to register or download a registration form at www.ocms.org.

January 9, 2010
102nd Installation Banquet

January 20, 2010
Board Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
OCMS Office

March 10, 2010
Spring Quarterly Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location TBD

Member Benefits

Call the OCMS office for more information about member benefits with these companies.