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PCMS Legislative Priorities for 2019

PCMS Supports:

- 1. Increase / Maintain Volunteer Physician Network (VPN) funding
- Continued Adult Mental Health Reform, Increased Children Mental Health Reform and Increased Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - a. Funding for adult mental health care
 - b. Establishment of the children's mental health care system
 - Efforts to streamline the involuntary commitment process
 - d. Reduce Medicaid barriers to care, ensure commercial compliance with federal parity requirements, and support innovative measures to increase the number of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) providers in Iowa
 - e. Establish a regulatory framework to spur expansion of school-based telehealth services as a means of increasing children's access to behavioral healthcare and improving pediatric health. This will include ensuring Medicaid coverage for school-based services, formalizing parental consent processes, and ensuring notification of a child's primary care provider when services are rendered
- 3. Strengthening Public Health and Expanding Physician Workforce
 - Supporting pediatric obesity initiatives and a wholistic assessment of statewide efforts to combat pediatric obesity
 - Ensuring nonprofit blood centers have the resources necessary to complete their mission
 - c. Support continued funding for the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program, to assist with physician recruitment efforts in rural communities
- Continuity of Care legislation: Assure patients can stay on their medication during their insurance plan year

PCMS will Monitor:

- Medicaid Managed Care
- Opioid policy

PCMS will Oppose:

- Scope of Practice Legislation
 - a. Optometrists will continue to attempt to expand scope of practice into eye surgery
- 2. Any other attempts to intrude on physicians' scope of practice



REFLECTING ON THE PAST and Ringing in the New Year

By: Kaaren Olesen, D.O.

Time flies! Here we are at the end of the year and it seems like the school year just started. As I watch my young sons race toward adulthood, it gives me pause to reflect on raising up young men in today's society. They are exposed to so many negative messages from many different sources; it's a challenge to keep things in perspective for them.

Likewise, we are in tumultuous times in healthcare. Our profession is rapidly changing and facing unprecedented challenges as we try to respond to the pressures of healthcare and the evolving climate. It can be difficult to find value and purpose in our daily responsibilities.

As we wrap up 2018, I encourage all of you to take time for yourself between breaks in patient care duties. Let's

take a moment to reflect on why we chose this profession and remember what is important to our personal fulfillment.

I invite each of you to start a gratitude journal with me. Let's write down three things (almost) every day for which we are grateful. Some days it may be hard - my car starts, I had a "no show" that allowed me to catch up on some charting, and my son completed a difficult classwork assignment. It doesn't have to be earth-shattering achievements. can be simple things that help you go about your day. I also like to ask each of my sons to tell me three positive things about himself; it's important to remember your positive attributes when the world is telling you something different. What three things about you are positive? Write

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PCMS LAUNCHES

Physician Lead Metro Opioid Task Force

The Polk County Medical Society (PCMS) in collaboration with pain and emergency medicine physicians, allied health professionals, pharmacy and representatives from the Governor's office of Drug Control Policy met on November 14, 2018, to launch a physician lead metro task force to address opioid administration in the Emergency Department (ED) setting.

In response to the opioid epidemic, the task force is working to create a multifaceted approach to support health care providers in reducing opioid administration in the ED setting. There will also be a component to provide patients with necessary addiction treatment education, resources, and information.

The Metro Opioid Task Force will create a standardized protocol to be piloted across all metro EDs. It will emphasize prescribing opioid alternatives combined with behavioral therapies to create a holistic approach to patient care.

PCMS will help coordinate the standardization process with physician input from all the Des Moines area hospital EDs. The I goal of the Metro Task Force is to reduce overall administration of opioids in the emergency department setting and provide patient education.



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them down in your journal. You can review them later when you need a boost.

In the spirit of this season of giving, I respectfully request the honor of your attendance to our upcoming 2019 fundraiser for medical student scholarships and community health programs provided through the Polk

County Medical Society's Foundation. Please come (and bring friends) to an exclusive movie premiere of The First Patient that the Polk County Medical Society (PCMS) and PCMS Foundation are hosting at the Fleur Cinema on Sunday afternoon, January 27th at 1:45pm. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Fleur Cinema or you can purchase in advance https://pcms.org/event/ at moviepremiere/.

The film's Producer/Director, Chip Duncan, an lowa native from Shenandoah, is an internationally renowned filmmaker, author, photographer and President of The Duncan Group, Inc., a documentary production company formed in 1984.

Mr. Duncan has filmed in more than forty countries. His documentary television specials and series have won more than 125 national and international awards. Broadcast networks include PBS, HBO, Discovery, TLC, Showtime, Lifetime and Sundance Channel, among others.

This internationally recognized filmmaker collaborated with Mayo Clinic to produce a film about our first patient. The one we met in Gross Anatomy as a first-year medical student. Come watch with us and remember why we chose this profession! I am quite certain you will be inspired again.

In closing, all of us on the PCMS Executive Council wish you and your families best wishes for the holiday season!

As always, take care of yourself so that you can take care of those that struggle to take care of themselves and do good work!

Best Wishes for the New Year!

— Kaaren



PHYSICIAN FOCUS:

Acute Flaccid Myelitis



By: Caitlin Pedati, M.D., M.P.H.

Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) is a disease that affects the nervous system, specifically the spinal cord, characterized by rapid onset of weakness in one or more limbs and signs of inflammation. It involves distinct abnormalities of spinal cord gray matter on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). AFM is a clinical presentation which can result from a variety of causes.

Historically, this was the same clinical presentation that was observed after polio infection, however thanks to the routine use of a great vaccine, none of the current cases have been

associated with polio. In particular, many (although not all) recent cases both in the US and abroad have been associated with enteroviruses (non-polio). However, not all cases have been associated with the same single virus and it is known that other viruses, such as West Nile virus (WNV), have also been associated with AFM in the past.

There is currently no specific treatment for AFM, but a neurologist may recommend certain interventions on a case-by-case basis. Prevention of acute flaccid myelitis includes many of





Should I Worry About Inflation?

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When the prices of goods and services increase over time, consumers can buy fewer of them with every dollar they have saved. This erosion of the real purchasing power of wealth is called inflation. Inflation is an important element of investing. In many cases, the reason for saving today is to support future spending. Therefore, keeping pace with inflation is a crucial goal for many investors.

To help understand inflation's impact on purchasing power, consider the following illustration of the effects of inflation over time. In 1916, nine cents would buy a quart of milk. Fifty years later, nine cents would buy only a small glass of milk. And more than 100 years later, nine cents would buy only about seven tablespoons of milk. How can investors potentially prevent this loss of purchasing power from inflation over time?

As the value of a dollar declines over time, investing can help grow wealth and preserve purchasing power. Investors should know that, over the long-haul, stocks historically have outpaced inflation, but there also have been stretches where this has not been the case. For example, during the 17-year period from 1966–1982, the return of the S&P 500 Index was 6.8% before inflation, but after adjusting for inflation, it was 0%. Additionally, if we look at the period from 2000–2009, the so-called "lost decade," the return of the S&P 500 Index dropped from –0.9% before inflation to –3.4% after inflation.

Despite some periods where stocks have failed to outpace inflation, one dollar invested in the S&P 500 Index in 1926, after accounting for inflation, would have grown to more than \$500 of purchasing power at the end of 2017, and would have significantly outpaced inflation over the long run. However, the story for US Treasury bills (T-bills), is quite different. In many periods, T-bills were unable to keep pace with inflation, and an investor would have experienced an erosion of purchasing power. After adjusting for inflation, one dollar invested in T-bills in 1926 would have grown only to \$1.51 at the end of 2017.

While stocks are more volatile than T-bills, they're also more likely to outpace inflation over long periods. The lesson here is that volatility is not the only type of risk that should concern investors. Ultimately, many investors may need to have some of their portfolio in growth investments that outpace inflation to maintain their standard of living and grow their wealth.

Inflation is an important consideration for many long-term investors. By combining the right mix of growth and risk management assets, investors may be able to blunt the effects of inflation and grow their wealth over time. Remember, however, that inflation is only one consideration among many that investors must contend with when building a portfolio for the future. The right mix of assets for any investor will depend upon that investor's unique goals and needs. At Foster Group we help our clients weigh the impact of inflation and other important considerations when preparing and investing for their future.

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the same techniques to prevent infections from many viral infections including; being up-to-date on all recommended vaccinations, mosquito protection, washing your hands often with soap and water and avoiding close contact with ill people. So far in 2018, there have been 165 confirmed cases of AFM among 36 states in the US; most of the cases have occurred in children. Two cases of AFM have been reported in lowa in 2018.

Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) is a reportable disease in lowa. It is important to report these cases

to public health so that we can continue to collaborate and examine epidemiologic, clinical, and laboratory information in order to better understand how to manage this illness.

Clinicians should call Rob Ramaekers at the lowa Department of Public Health at (515) 850-8273 or 1-800-362-2736 to report suspect cases.

For more information visit: https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/disease-information/AFM or https://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/index.html.

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By: Jennifer Groos, M.D.

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Finding the True Meaning . . .

By Paula A. Noonan, CEO

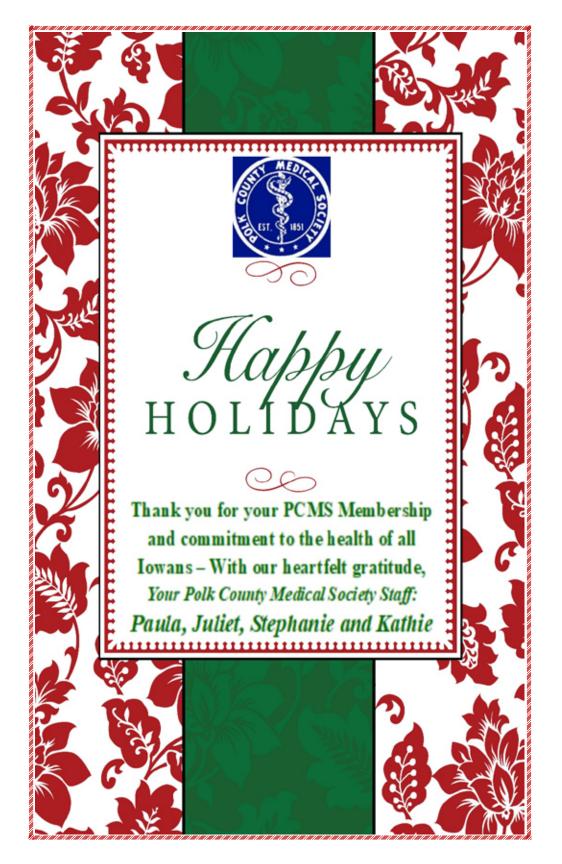
Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Festivus . . . whatever your holiday celebration with family. The smell of all the holiday goodies, foods and feasts. Caroling, sleigh rides, the lighting of the candles . . . traditions! We have so many things to look forward to during the holiday season.

We are also reminded of good will towards man, service to others, and choosing kindness. This comes second nature to most in the health professions, but sometimes we get lost in our day to day activities and forget to focus on ourselves, our families and those close to us. Life can make those precious and important aspects of our life secondary, when we get caught up in the stress, hustle and bustle of everyday life.

As I reflect on this past year, it occurs to me how things can be taken for granted, until something, some event massively alters or impacts our lives as we know it or someone close to us. It is in those moments we are reminded how precious and short time can be. How fleetingly the years change, children grow and our today becomes tomorrow. It has slipped away unbeknownst to us.

So, while you are out there shopping for the ultimate holiday gift, stop and take a breath. Enjoy the gift that is in front of you here and now. Enjoy the true gift of the present. Love those that you can. Share life, laughter and treasure the moments.

Simple conversations, really listening to someone, to let them know they are loved, they are valued. Remind them to remember they are special to you and you are truly present to share in that moment with them. After all the true gift comes from within, not from the mall.



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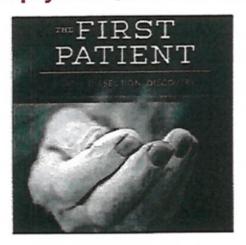
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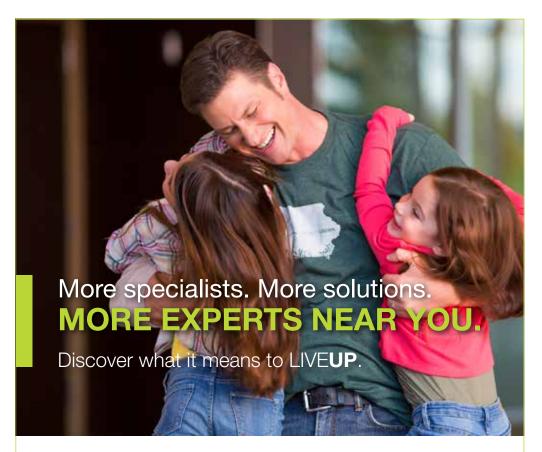


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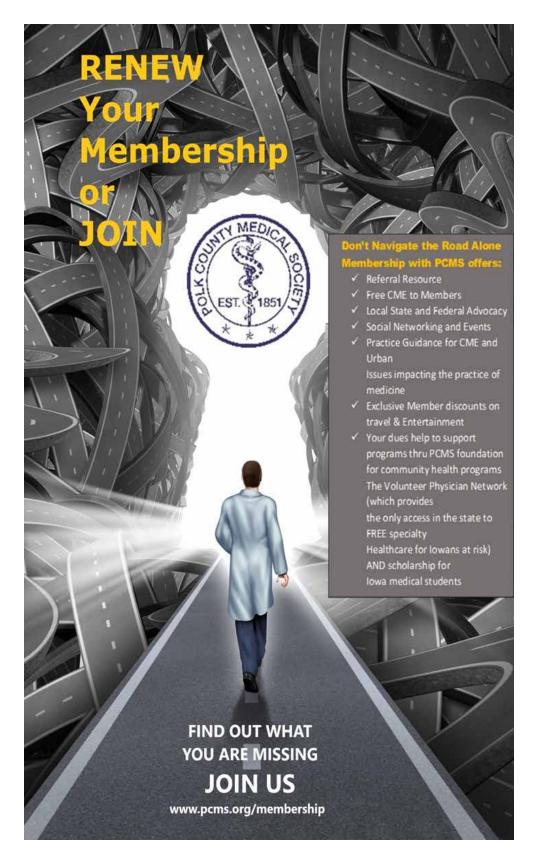
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Volunteer Opportunities



By: Steven R. Herwig DO, MBA

When I retired, I knew I would have some additional time on my hands with the conclusion of my clinical practices — that's when the American Red Cross took a more prominent role in my life.

I once visited the Clara Barton historic site in Washington, D.C. and read her biography so I was familiar with the role the organization played during times of need.

When I heard the Red Cross served the lowa State Fair by staffing the First Aid Station on the fairgrounds, I thought it was a good opportunity to participate by volunteering. Staying certified in First Aid, CPR and AED is important because in most cases, it's unpredictable when someone needs emergency assistance.

On multiple occasions while traveling by air, the services of a physician were necessary for "care in the air."

Growing up in a small town, both my father and brother served with the local volunteer

fire department, so I was further intrigued in participating with the fire safety and smoke alarm installation program with the Red Cross called "Sound the Alarm." Odgen, Huxley, Ft. Dodge and Des Moines are sites where I have volunteered and worked with local fire departments to educate citizens about fire safety in residential homes.

It's a program that has proven to be lifesaving as earlier this year a smoke alarm that was installed by the Red Cross in Dubuque woke up a sleeping family of seven when a fire ripped through their home. They were able to escape, unharmed but the outcome could have been much different.

The mission of the Red Cross speaks to my values and I am proud to be a volunteer. Retirement offers an opportunity for one to continue serving our fellow citizens. Volunteer activities are a means of retiring "to something" to provide enrichment and purpose.

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I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Polk County Medical Society (PCMS) Executive Council members who help shape the core values and drive the mission of our organization.

I would also like to thank all of you, our PCMS members, who have stepped forward this year and lent their voice to the protection of their patients and the practice of medicine. Your membership is important, as you not only help formulate health policy, but your membership supports community health programs provided through the Polk County Medical Society Foundation, such as the Volunteer Physician Network, providing the ONLY ACCESS IN THE STATE OF IOWA to free specialty care.

You have contributed your service and time, selflessly, to this program helping lowans at risk. Your membership has supported future physicians, through financial scholarship awards provided to medical students in Iowa. Through your PCMS membership, you have built relationships with your colleagues across the healthcare spectrum in the metro, creating a stronger, informed medical community through participating in our social events and FREE CME courses for members. Through your PCMS membership, you have contributed to the welfare of lowans through your participation on committees and projects

addressing public health issues, like the physician lead Metro Opioid Task Force.

That is why membership in PCMS is so vital and import to our metro medical community. Just by being a member, you have contributed to all these importance services, programs and quality of health, through your membership dollars at work.

If you have colleagues who aren't members or ask why you are, or do not understand the importance of organized medicine AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, I have just provided you the answer to share with them. Without you, the PCMS Members, the medical community in the metro and in Central Iowa, would not have the voice nor the impact that we do – collectively as a group - which has quantified into one of the best rated states in the USA for quality of healthcare. Together we are strong. United as YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, we are stronger. Please encourage your colleagues who practice here and live here in Central Iowa to be a member of their local medical organization - PCMS!

We would like to share our warmest expression of a happy holiday wish for each and everyone of you and your families. If you are staying home this season, stay warm. If you are traveling, stay safe! And to all of you a wish for a very happy and healthy new year!



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habits. In the last 18 months, the program has grown from 4 registered sites in the metro to over 50 registered clinics statewide.

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- accurately weighing, measuring, and recording BMIs on pediatric patients
- having respectful conversations about health behaviors at annual pediatric physicals utilizing the Healthy Habits questionnaire

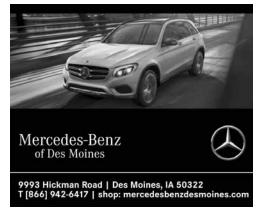
Registered clinics commit to working toward at least one of these goals. If successful in accomplishing all three goals, the clinics are recognized as a 5-2-1-0 Health Care Sites of Distinction.

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