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Message from the Executive Director

April 15th is behind us and, I for one, am happy to see it come and go. That means summer is closer and so are some activities here at GAMA and with some of our valuable partners. Scroll down for a list of CME events you may be interested in attending.

There is also a legislative wrap-up for your review in this issue as well. There were over 100 bills or issues that impacted GAMA's membership in the 2019 session. HB629 that would have raised the cap on an individual physician's liability insurance from \$600,00 to \$2 million and a hospital's and medical corporation to \$25 million was strategically and successfully tabled. GAMA's membership responded to the "CALL FOR ACTION" with a resounding 800+ letters and calls. Your grassroots efforts sent a clear message to the legislature and the Governor about your concerns for the future of the practice of medicine in New Mexico. This made all the difference in getting the bill tabled. Thank you for your support; together we are formidable!

The Chronic Pain CME the GAMA Foundation is offering is right around the proverbial corner. The deadline to register is ***Friday, April 26th***. The flyer included in this newsletter has all the details. If you need five hours of pain management CME credit before the deadline for relicensure, sign up ***TODAY!***



*Full CME and
Event Calendar*

APRIL 2019

**GAMA Foundation
Chronic Pain Management**

5.0 CMEs

Saturday, April 26

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sheraton Uptown

www.eventbrite.com/e/pain-management-tickets-54996090788

Child Behavioral Health Symposium

16.0 CMEs

Saturday and Sunday, May 4th & 5th

Presbyterian Cooper Center

DATA2000 Waiver: Suboxone Certification –
8.0 CMEs

Saturday, April 20th - Presbyterian Cooper
Center

Wednesday, June 19th – Presbyterian Main
Hospital

Saturday, August 3rd – Presbyterian location
TBD

**Motivational Interviewing: Basic-
Advanced**

12.0 CMEs

Thursday May 9th & 30th Presbyterian Cooper
Center

Wednesday August 7th & 28th - Presbyterian
Rust Medical Center

Tuesday November 5th & 19th- Presbyterian
Cooper Center

**UNM HSC Presents: Dilemmas in
Osteoporosis Therapy**

1.5 CMEs

Thursday, May 23, 2019

6 PM to 8 PM

Premier Meeting Conference Center 4600
Montgomery Blvd NE, Building B, Suite 201
Albuquerque, NM 87109

www.ofnm.org

EMS Medical Director Course

Presented by the New Mexico Department of
Health

April 24 – 25, 2019

Ruidoso Convention Center



PRESENTED BY THE GAMA FOUNDATION

If you need the required 5 hours of pain management CME to renew your New Mexico license, this program will fill that requirement and provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the broad spectrum that now defines pain management. We have compiled a great group of speakers who will address all aspects of the pain management spectrum from rules and regs to the use of cannabis and what role palliative care offers.

Current Agenda

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**
- 7:55 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:00 a.m. Review of CDC Opioid Guidelines and the NM Medical Board Regulations for Pain Management**
Phillip Styka, MD
- 9:00 a.m. Break**
- 9:15 a.m. Pain Management for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder**
Eric Ketcham, MD
- 10:15 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Weighing Risks and Benefits of Cannabis and Cannabinoids for Chronic Pain**
Brant Hager, MD
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon**
- Noon The Role of Palliative Care in Patients with Life Limiting Diseases**
Francesco Standoli, MD
- 1:00 Physician Leadership in the Opioid Epidemic: Responding to the Public Health Crisis of Our Time**
Barbara McAneny, MD

**SATURDAY
MAY 4, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. to
2:00 PM**

**Sheraton Uptown
2600 Louisiana Blvd.**

**Only \$149
per person
for 5 hours
accredited
CME**

Register by

April 26

**Click here to
register...**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the New Mexico Medical Society (NMMS) through the joint providership of the Greater Albuquerque Medical Association (GAMA) and the GAMA Foundation. GAMA is accredited by the NMMS to provide continuing medical education for physicians. GAMA designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.0 AMA PRA category 1 credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



**Legislative
Update**



News

The deadline of Friday, April 5th for the Governor to sign legislation that made it to her desk has come and gone. There were 308 bills passed by both chambers,. Fifteen were vetoed, 13 pocket vetoed, and the remaining 280 were signed into law. Here is a link to the web site with all the signed bills for the 2019 legislative session if you would like to review:

www.governor.state.nm.us/about-the-governor/2019-signed-legislation/

Of most importance for the medical community are the following bills that were signed:

HB256 -Add E-CIGARETTES TO CLEAN INDOOR ACT (*R. Joanne Ferrary*)

Modifications were made to the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Act to include E-Cigarettes and removed certain definitions and restricted areas where smoking was permitted.

#2. SB 188 HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ACT (*S. Gay Kernan*)

Creates the Prior Authorization Act and requires the Office of Superintendent of Insurance to standardize the prior authorization process for non-emergency medical care. SB188 imposes requirements on health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers.

#3. SB309-INSURANCE ULTRASOUND AUTHORIZATIONS (*R. Elizabeth Stefanics*)

Prohibits prior authorization for gynecological or obstetrical ultrasound and contains an emergency clause.

#4. Cs/SB 337 – SURPRISE BILLING PROTECTION ACT (*S. Linda Lopez*)

Provides for protection of covered persons from unexpected billing from providers that do not participate in their health benefits plan. The bill also makes Surprise Billing an unfair practice, allows for a clause of action for unpaid refunds for a Surprise Billing event, and allows for the imposition of fines.

#5. SB349-LICENSURE FOR VISITING SPORTS PHYSICIANS (*S. Mark Moores*)

Relates to professional licensure by enacting new sections of the Medical Practice Act and the Osteopathic Medicine Act to provide a temporary exemption to licensure requirements to visiting physicians who provide care to out of state team members and staff during sporting events.

OF NOTE:

There are funds for a fee increase for Medicaid primary care services in the HSD budget. This is a priority for HSD Secretary David Scrase, MD and Governor Lujan-Grisham.

Three bills that died but received appropriations were: HB 416/SB405 that provided for a study on the economic feasibility of a Medicaid Buy-In; HB495/SB279 that will study a Health Security Plan; and HB88/SB101 that provides a planning phase for an all-payers database. Many people have questions about the scope of the medical cannabis bill signed by the Governor. Here is a link that has a comprehensive summary of the implications to patients and the business community:

nmpoliticalreport.com/2019/04/05/gov-lujan-grisham-signs-medical-cannabis-omnibus-bill/?mc_cid=5400b3d9d6&mc_eid=8b57f7d49d

For more information on all the bills introduced in the session visit: www.nmlegis.gov

GAMA PAC

Join your colleagues in donating to GAMA PAC to support candidates interested in the future of healthcare in New Mexico.

With the 2019 session behind us, it has become more apparent than ever that the medical community must come together and support candidates who understand our concerns and the issues. Every dollar counts so please send your check or make a payment online today!



IT'S EASY!

gamamed.org/payments/

OR

Mail check to: GAMA PAC, 7770 Jefferson NE
Suite 420, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Registration is now open for the 20th Annual Santa Fe Bone Symposium!

The Santa Fe Bone Symposium is an annual forum devoted to advances in the science and economics of osteoporosis, metabolic bone disease, and assessment of skeletal health. Presented by the Osteoporosis Foundation of New Mexico, this meeting is for healthcare providers, scientists, and researchers with a special interest in bone disease, and for bone densitometry technologists who seek a high level of knowledge in their field. Close interaction and collaboration between faculty and participants. The Santa Fe Bone Symposium is endorsed by the International Osteoporosis Foundation. Click on the link below to register.

<http://www.ofnm.org/bone-symposium/2019>

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