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## 2017 Future of Medicine



Registration is now open for the 2017 Future of Medicine Summit. Click here to register online.



# James J. Byrnes, MD Memorial Fund for Medical Education and Physician Wellness

James J. Byrnes, MD, PBCMS Past President, was a gifted physician, extraordinary leader and champion of medical education. On July 21st, 2013, cancer took Dr. Byrnes from his family, friends, colleagues and patients.Dr. Byrnes's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched. PBCMS named the Future of Medicine Medical Student/Resident Poster Symposium in his name. The James J. Byrnes, MD Memorial Fund for Medical Education and Physician Wellness supports both programs and activities for Palm Beach County Medical Students and Residents and services and programs which promote physician well-being. Donate here!

#### **Just Three Words**

What three words describe your profession and your passion for being a doctor? Join the PBCMS Campaign and send us "Your Three Words" to <a href="mailto:pbcms@pbcms.org">pbcms@pbcms.org</a>. Results will be presented at the 2017 Future of Medicine Summit. #Your3Words

**Congratulations** to Vita Ortoluni from Dr. Brian Burrough's office, Rachel Bickel from Dr. George Khoriaty's office and Amanda Funk from Dr. Warren Swee's office. These 3 lucky winners will each receive a \$100 American Express gift card as part of our Summer membership drive. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Find Help and Help Others After Hurricane Irma

The PBCMS offices have reopened and are available to help with your recovery. Visit <a href="mailto:pbcms.org">pbcms.org</a> for more information or call 561-433-3940.



# The PBC Medical Reserve Corps Provides Clinical Support for Hurricane Irma

From Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, the PBC Medical Reserve Corps was activated for Hurricane Irma and eleven (11) volunteers from a variety of clinical professions provided clinical support to clients at the Special Needs Shelter. MRC volunteers helped with logistics and setup, provided patient care, and assisted with demobilization of the shelter. The PBC MRC, a program of the PBCMS Services would like to give special thanks to two of its Board Members, Brent

Schillinger, MD and Ivy Faske, MD for volunteering their time and expertise. Thanks to all who answered the call as MRC volunteers donated over 320 hours to serve the community's most vulnerable population.

### **Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Opportunities!**

Palm Beach County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) needs medical, health and support volunteers. To attend an upcoming orientation and learn more about how you can join the Palm Beach County MRC, please email John James at <a href="mailto:johni@pbcms.org">johni@pbcms.org</a> or call 561-433-3940 ex. 118.

#### **ALERTPBC**

Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System is used to notify you about imminent threats to health and safety. Administrators send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks; police activity and more. To sign up, <u>click here</u>.

#### **IRS Tax Reliefs for Hurricane Irma Victims**

The IRS is providing help to the victims of Hurricane Irma. Special tax relief and assistance is available to taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas. Hurricane Irma victims in parts of Florida and elsewhere will now have until January 31, 2018, to file certain individual and business tax returns and make certain tax payments, according to the Internal Revenue Service announcements.

The IRS's recent relief notice, issued September 12th, parallels that granted last month to victims of Hurricane Harvey. This includes an additional filing extension for taxpayers with valid extensions that expire on October 16 and businesses with extensions that expire on September 15. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

#### TFG Disaster Assist Program

The Fuoco Group (TFG) is ready to assist all businesses and individuals in need as a result of a disaster. We recognize this is a trying time for all of our clients and our staff as well, and our goal is to help our clients solve a financial crisis and continue their business and personal lives in the best manner possible after this devastation. Click here for more information.

#### **PBCMS Events**

#### **Women in Medicine Month Celebration**

PBCMS is hosting a Women's Nights Out at Sak's Fifth Avenue at the Gardens Mall Tuesday, September 26, 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Free for women physician members, \$35 for non-member women physicians. Call 561-433-3940 for more info or to RSVP.

#### **Health Care Connection**

Palm Beach County Medical Society & Palm Beach Medical Group Management Association will be hosting "Employee Hot Buttons and Liability Protection" Presented by Kimberly Gilmour, Esq- Gilmour Law & Tom Murphy, Danna-Gracey on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the West Palm Beach Marriott –1001 Okeechobee Blvd, WPB, FL 33401. (parking will be validated) Register Here!

### **Retired Physician Luncheon**

PBCMS and Fuoco Group will be hosting a Retired Physician Luncheon on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from Noon – 1:30 pm at Café Sapori, 205 Southern Blvd. WPB. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:deannal@pbcms.org">deannal@pbcms.org</a> or call 433-3940.

### **Community Events**

#### Man Up!

The Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute is hosting an interactive mens health symposium on Saturday, September 16, 2017 form 10am to 1pm. For more info call 561-95-LEARN.

#### **Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate Program**

Florida Atlantic University will begin classes "Become a Legal Nurse Consultant" with Dr. Genifer Johnson October 7 – November 4 (Saturdays) from 9:00 – 4:00 P.M at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton campus. For more information email rrmagdal@fau.edu or call 561-297-3648.

# Feedback Requested from AMA: CMS Requests Examples of Burdensome Certification/Recertification Requirements

CMS has requested help in identifying opportunities to reduce the administrative burden caused by certification requirements. In addition, some specialty societies have expressed concerns with the development of local coverage decisions with CMS. The agency appears open to hearing about this issue as well. Towards that end, we wanted to give the Federation the opportunity to provide feedback on the following:

**CMS Administrative Relief**: AMA is requesting physicians help in identifying specific examples of certification requirements/forms that are adding burden to a physician practice, especially those that seem unnecessary.

**LCD Process**: We would like assistance in identifying any broad issues and concerns that we can then take back to CMS. As an example, we have heard that many specialties would like to be notified before publication of new or revised LCDs that affect their members.

Please reply with you feedback by Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to email Jason Scull (jason.scull@ama-assn.org) with any questions or concerns.

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