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June 15, 2019

2019 Nominating Committee Report The Nominating Committee reports that the following nominations will be presented at the 2019 IMA Annual Meeting to be held July 19-21 in Coeur d'Alene.

The following physician was nominated for a one-year term as specified in the IMA Bylaws:

President-Elect – Joseph Williams, MD, Urology, Meridian

The following physician has agreed to be a candidate for election to a two-year term as specified in the IMA Bylaws:

Speaker of the House – David Rice, MD, Urology, Lewiston (seeking re-election)

The following physician has agreed to be a candidate for election to a two-year term as specified in the IMA Bylaws:

Vice Speaker of the House – Daniel Reed, MD, Family Medicine, Eagle (seeking re-election)

The following physician has agreed to be a candidate for election to a two-year term as specified in the IMA Bylaws:

AMA Alternate Delegate – Keith Davis, MD, Family Medicine, Shoshone (seeking re-election)

The following physicians have agreed to be a candidate for election to a two-year term as specified in the IMA Bylaws:

Young Physician's Section (YPS) Representative:
Sheev Dattani, MD, General Surgery/Colon & Rectal Surgery, Boise
Coral Tieu, MD, Otolaryngology, Lewiston

At an appropriate time, the Nominating Committee recommends a brief statement by each of the candidates before voting by the House of Delegates during the closing session on Sunday, July 21.

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The IMA Bylaws provide that the current President-Elect, Beth Martin, MD, Pediatrics, Coeur d'Alene shall become President automatically without further nominations or election by the House of Delegates.

There is still time to register as a delegate for the IMA Annual Meeting! Additional information and online registration is available on the [IMA website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the IMA at 208-344-7888 or email rebecca@idmed.org.

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The Idaho Medical Association Welcomes New Members A warm welcome to these physicians who have recently joined the IMA:

Gregory T. Adams, MD, Urology, Caldwell
Aaron J. Altenburg, MD, Orthopedic Surgery - Sports Medicine, Pocatello
Judith J. Santini, MD, Anesthesiology, Boise
Clayton J. Sontheimer, MD, Pediatrics, Pediatric Rheumatology, Boise
Jaimon K. Stucki, MD, Family Medicine, Sports Medicine, Eagle

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Patrice Burgess, MD Elected to AMA Council on Medical Service At the recently completed American Medical Association (AMA) meeting, former IMA President and current IMA AMA Delegate Patrice Burgess, MD was elected to the AMA Council on Medical Service.

After her election, Dr. Burgess graciously answered some questions about her involvement in the AMA.

Dr. Burgess, why did you run for election? Ever since my first AMA meeting in 1992, I have had a passion for the AMA's role in health system reform. The AMA Council on Medical Service is a great opportunity to be at the table with helping develop the positions the AMA advocates for on that front. The policy is voted upon by the House of Delegates, refined by the Board and the Council on Medical Service, then approved by the House of Delegates; so, it is vetted numerous times before being advocated for in DC and elsewhere. Nevertheless, I've always wanted to make a difference in helping make our healthcare system better and this is a great opportunity to do just that.

Now that you're a part of the Council on Medical Service, what would you like to accomplish during your term? I hope that we can be instrumental in providing compromise options in our very polarized debate on our nation's healthcare system. Now more than ever, we need doctors to step up and help shape what's best for our patients and our physicians and our country. I think we have the unique opportunity to create a uniquely American system that cares for our population in a high quality, economic way, and also preserves the quality of practice for our physicians.

You've long been a proponent of AMA, why do find participation is the AMA so important? When I first became involved with the AMA I was mesmerized by the democratic process, but also keenly aware that the AMA needed more diversity in multiple demographics (women, minorities, primary care, age distribution). I fit at least three of those categories and decided to put my energy into the organization. I also felt and still feel that the AMA is our largest and oldest physician organization and is in the best position to really make a difference for our nation's healthcare. I have been extremely gratified to watch the AMA do just that – become more diverse and really hone in and tackle the biggest issues we face in health care in the US. I am very proud of the direction the AMA is going and I'm dedicated to continuing to be part of that progression. I hope that I will see us evolve to a more stable and successful health care system for our patients and our physicians.

How does your involvement along with AMA Alternate Delegate Keith Davis, MD, AMA Young Physician Representative Megan Kasper, MD and CEO Susie Pouliot benefit Idaho physicians? For a small state such as Idaho the expertise and resources offered by the AMA are invaluable. For example, IMA's participation in the legal battle to defend Prop 2 would not be possible without the support of the AMA Litigation Center. Participation in the AMA House of Delegates offers an opportunity for the IMA representatives and CEO to interact with leaders of all of the state and specialty societies. The value the AMA provides the IMA far outweighs the cost of AMA membership of IMA members.

Congratulations on your election to the AMA Council on Medical Service Dr. Burgess! Thank you for taking the time to talk with us about the AMA. For information on joining the AMA, visit www.idmed.org or contact IMA Membership Coordinator Tracie Carney at tracie@idmed.org or 208-344-7888.

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Contact Congress on Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act S. 237/ HR 808 and Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act. S. 296/ H.R. 2150 Currently these two bills are being considered in Congress and IMA encourages members to contact the Idaho Congressional delegation and ask them to support these bills.

The bills will remove restrictions in Medicare that impose burdensome requirements for providers, patients, hinder access to care and drive up medical costs.

The Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act would amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to satisfy the documentation requirement under the Medicare

program for coverage of certain shoes for individuals with diabetes. In a resolution passed by the 2012 IMA House of Delegates, IMA adopted policy in support of nurse practitioners and physician assistants certifying Medicare beneficiaries' need for therapeutic shoes and inserts. IMA subsequently presented a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) which passed and set similar AMA policy.

The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act would ensure timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries by allowing a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or a physician assistant to order Medicare home health care. IMA policy supporting this was also set by the 2012 IMA House of Delegates with adoption of Resolution 22. IMA also presented a similar resolution to the AMA which passed.

Please contact the Idaho Congressional delegation and ask them to support these important bills. You can email them using the IMA's grassroots advocacy center at <https://www.votervoice.net/IDMA/campaigns/67187/respond>.

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Rural Health Care Access and Physician Incentive Program

Grant guidance and applications now available at:

www.ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov

Rural Health Care Access Program (RHCAP) seeks to improve access to primary medical and dental care by strengthening healthcare systems, removing barriers, and developing partnerships to better serve communities. Eligible applicants include non-profit and government entities. The area to be benefitted must be located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or a medically underserved area (MUA). Applicants may request a maximum of \$35,000 for one year.

Grant categories include:

- Community development
- Telehealth projects
- Other (such as recruitment and retention activities)

Rural Physician Incentive Program (RPIP) offers an opportunity for loan repayment for rural physicians providing primary care in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Successful applicants may receive a maximum of \$25,000 per year for four years (\$100,000 total.)

The physician must:

- Accept Medicare and Medicaid patients within the capacity of the practice
- Be Idaho medical board certified/board eligible
- Be eligible for an unrestricted Idaho medical license

For more information:

Email: ruralhealth@dhw.idaho.gov

Phone Tonne McCoy 208-332-7944

Website: www.ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov

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The 2019 Directory of Idaho Physicians Has Arrived!

Issues of the 2019 Directory of Idaho Physicians have been delivered and are ready to ship. The Directory provides the office address and telephone number of every physician in Idaho. This comprehensive physician reference also features listings by location of practice and specialty, plus a directory of Idaho hospitals.

As a membership benefit, IMA physician members receive one complimentary copy of the Directory and additional copies are available for \$40. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of this valuable

membership benefit. Order yours today!

Order forms are available on the IMA website at

https://www.idmed.org/idaho/assets/files/Resources/2019_Directory.pdf or call the IMA at 208-344-7888.

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Idaho Interprofessional Student Conference on Opioid Education

August 9 – 10, 2019 ~ Boise State University

Jordan Ballroom, Second Floor, 1700 University Drive, Boise

The day and a half day conference includes an outstanding lineup of local speakers with opioid treatment experience, plus a documentary screening, young professionals panel and live demonstration of ECHO Idaho. A Friday evening reception allows sponsors, speakers, exhibitors and attendees to network and share insights.

Please join Southwest Idaho AHEC at this FREE interprofessional education experience for students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, physical therapy, social work, counseling and public health.

Visit the conference website at idahoahhec.org to learn more.

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Medical Practice Opportunities

Physician – Kellogg

Physician - Post-Acute Care – Coeur d'Alene

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant – Behavioral Health – Coeur d'Alene

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The Heritage Health physician provides high quality care in accordance with national guidelines to all Heritage Health patients in a culturally competent manner. The Heritage Health physician strives to provide care consistent with Heritage Health's mission statement. The physician provides clinical support to all providers and staff on an as needed basis. The Heritage Health physician is a strong leader who treats all staff with respect and supports teamwork and a positive work environment.

The NP or PA provides diagnosis, treatment, and management in a behavioral health clinical setting to a specified population. Provides consultation for in-house patients for Heritage Health providers and, if needed, assumes responsibility for psychiatric care. Counsels and educates patients regarding treatment and refers to ancillary and support services.

Additional information including job descriptions and minimum qualifications along with online applications are available at www.myheritagehealth.org/careers. Heritage Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Large, Independent Multi-Specialty Group Looking to Grow
Nampa, Meridian, Boise and Caldwell, Idaho
Full-Time

Saltzer Medical Group (SMG) is seeking growth opportunities with other like-minded physicians interested in joining an independent, multi-specialty practice in Idaho's Treasure Valley. Current specialties include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Sleep Medicine and Urgent Care. Opportunities exist for Primary Care and Specialty Physicians, as well as Advanced Practice Providers, to join a well-established group of 50 plus providers.

SMG is an independent physician-led, professionally managed, large multi-specialty practice with six locations in Nampa, Meridian, Boise and Caldwell, Idaho. SMG was established in 1961 by Dr. Joseph Saltzer and the friendly, patient-oriented approach that characterized his practice is still faithfully adhered to, even in these technologically advanced times.

Contact: Vicki Tyler at 208-463-3158 or vdt Tyler@saltzemed.com for additional information.

BC/BE Clinical Gastroenterologist
Nampa, Idaho
Full-Time

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SMG is seeking a BE/BC Gastroenterologist to work in our on-site Endoscopy Suite. Candidate would be assuming a mature practice and join a well-established, multi-specialty independent practice in Idaho's Treasure Valley. The practice offers a competitive salary with incentive and comprehensive benefits, along with a strong referral base within the practice.

Contact: Vicki Tyler at 208-463-3158 or vdt Tyler@saltzemed.com for additional information.

Primary Health Medical Group, Boise

Primary Health Medical Group (PHMG) is hiring full-time board certified/eligible FAMILY PHYSICIANS for OUTPATIENT FAMILY MEDICINE positions in Boise, Nampa, and Meridian, Idaho. Our clinics are based on a patient centered medical home model that gives the family doctor the support and time that encourages trusting relationships with their patients. Family physicians work 4-4.5 days per week and hospital call is 1 out of every 20 nights consisting of nurse triaged phone calls with no visits to the hospital.

URGENT CARE positions are also available for FAMILY PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS or NURSE PRACTITIONERS – Our ideal candidate would be board certified/eligible. Urgent care positions require the provider to work approximately 14 twelve-hour shifts per month and be comfortable with the fast paced environment of an urgent care clinic. Our clinics are based on a combination clinic that has urgent care and appointment family medicine practice at the same site. Urgent care and appointment providers work together to address the patients' episodic and chronic care problems. Must be willing to work some weekends and twelve hour shifts.

Primary Health is an independent, predominantly primary care medical group with 15 clinics (soon to be 17) and more than 300,000 patient visits per year. A leader in implementing quality programs, PHMG has been using electronic health records since 2007. Physicians follow evidence-based guidelines and engage with patients in innovative ways to promote wellness. PHMG has received local and national recognition for providing efficient, quality care. Primary Health has been voted among the top 10 Best Places to Work in Idaho, and employee turnover is low. The group provides a supportive environment where family doctors develop lasting relationships with patients and enjoy a schedule that allows time to experience the many activities Idaho has to offer. Providers also have the opportunity to invest in the medical group and become an owner.

PHMG offers the following benefits to all full time physicians: – Medical and dental insurance with PHMG covering roughly 95% of the premium. – Group life insurance with options to voluntarily buy-up – A generous own occupation/own specialty long term disability policy – \$500 worth of free services in our own clinics for the physician and his/her family (per year) – A 401(k) plan with a guaranteed match – Payment for malpractice insurance, licensing fees, professional memberships and CME. PHMG offers a strong benefits package and very competitive salaries. A detailed summary of our benefits may be found on our website www.primaryhealth.com.

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