

MAPA News

Newsletter of the Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants

Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants Mark PA Week



On Thursday, October 7, Physician Assistants from across South Mississippi gathered in Biloxi for PA Week. This year marked the profession's 10th year of licensure in the state. PAs from across the Mississippi Gulf Coast and South Mississippi met to network with one another in a casual setting. "We were very pleased with the turnout, with PAs represented from Gulfport, Ocean Springs, Moss Point, and Hattiesburg," said Cindi Fox, Treasurer

of MAPA. MAPA members heard updates on activities ranging from membership development to continuing medical education opportunities to legislative agendas.

Neurologist, Dr. William Evans, was the featured speaker for the evening. Evans is with the Neuroscience Center of Ocean Springs and led a discussion on epilepsy treatment. MAPA extends special thanks to Karmen Clark, Vice President of

MAPA, for organizing the event.

Also, to commemorate PA Week, Kim Fortier, MAPA President, was featured on the WLOX TV 13 4o'clock show. Several newspapers across Mississippi ran stories highlighting the merits of the profession.

Special thanks to UCB.



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Andy McDermott, Kim Struble and James Junkins



Angela Dauro, Ben Yelverton, Katie Meyers, Sheena Thomas, Nick Howell, and Buddy Moore



Jason Ardoin, PA-C at the DEA Conference

MAPA DEA Conference a Big Hit

Andy McDermott, PA-C, Director at Large, Southern Region

MAPA attempts to assist PAs in Mississippi by annually offering the 10 hrs of Category 1 CME required by the MSBML to maintain controlled substances prescriptive authority. This year MAPA held its successful CME meeting at Ocean Springs Hospital on Saturday the 6th of November.

I would like to first extend a big thank you to this year's 15 participants, for traveling to the Coast to make this a success. As a state officer of MAPA, it is gratifying to see such a

large turnout for this CME event. As a participant, it is reassuring to know that all state requirements for CME related to controlled substance prescribing have been satisfied for another year.

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors for helping to bring this opportunity to Mississippi PAs. Mississippi Home Care and Boehringer Ingelheim and Cephalon sponsored by providing food and refreshments. The Drug Enforcement Agency's Diversion Division, the MS

Professional Health Program, and the MSBML, as well as various MAPA Board Members presented topics. Although there were many presenters and topics discussed, the day seemed to move quickly. A final thank you should go out to Karmen Clark, President-Elect and CME chair; Kim Fortier, President; and Clay Williams at Capitol Resources for the organization and management of the event.

Central Mississippi Hosts Dinner

Central Mississippi PAs gathered in Ridgeland, MS on November 9th, 2010 for fun and food. The event was held at AJ's on the Lake, and everyone had fun. Special thanks to sponsors Jim Hornback with Amedysis Home Health, Kette Dornbusch with Edwards Life

Sciences, and Carlton Moulton with Terumo. Those in attendance were: Ron Eller, Jr, PA-C, Jose Sosa, PA-C, Jo Peyregne-Lollar, PA-C, Tristen Harris, PA-C, Bob Philpot, PA-C, PhD., Steven Trigelth, PA-C, and Daniel Silvio, PA-C. Please look

for more opportunities to network with PAs in your area!



Bob Philpot, PA-C, PhD. and Jo Peyregne-Lollar, PA-C at Central MS Dinner

Medicare Cuts Postponed

Story Courtesy of AAPA

On Thursday, the Senate approved a 30-day extension of relief from Medicare physician payment cuts set to begin Dec. 1st. This short-term extension allows Senators to consider a longer term "fix" for the payment system in December after returning from the Thanksgiving break. The House is expected to begin consideration of the payment extension measure on Nov. 29.

They, too, must approve such an extension if the cut is to be delayed. The Senate's legislation authorizing the short-term fix did not include the hospice provision (allowing PAs to provide hospice care to Medicare patients). AAPA will continue to work on the hospice issue in conjunction with a longer-term payment fix in December. All PAs are urged to contact their

legislators and urge swift action on Medicare. Ask House members to stop the pending payment cut for providers set to take effect on Dec. 1, and request that both the House and the Senate to include the PA hospice provision in the longer-term package to be considered in December.

Call For Membership

MAPA Members,

It is not too late to renew your MAPA membership and we would like to thank you for your membership over the past year. We hope you have taken advantage of our member benefits such as discounted CME registration, receipt of the Academy newsletter, member networking and our efforts to keep our members informed of PA activity in Mississippi.

Membership expired June 30, 2010. If you have not done so already, please renew your membership by sending in the application form and payment for the 2010 - 2011 membership year. This information can be found under the Membership tab on MAPA's website or below. All existing members will be assessed an additional \$40 if received after August 15, 2010.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and plan to continue to grow our state academy and offer additional benefits to our members. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, we invite you to contact our new organizational managers at Capitol Resources:

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MAPA also has an excellent working relationship with the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure. A MAPA representative attends every board meeting to assure that PAs' voices are being heard.

These legislative victories are a direct example of your MAPA dues dollars at work. To make sure that we can continue improving state laws and regulations so that PAs are able to practice at the top of their game, we need every PA in the state to be a MAPA member.

Anyone can download a membership application right here:
<http://www.missipas.org/documents/MAPA-Application.pdf>

And don't forget, your supervising physician can also sign up as a member for a small fee. Information on various different membership categories can be found here:
http://www.missipas.org/msapa_membership.htm

It's our goal to have every PA and PA student as a MAPA member; please help us make this a reality and join MAPA today!

Membership is Crucial

PA Day at the Capitol- Feb 15th, 2011

Save the Date! For the 2011 PA Day at the Capitol. Join your MAPA Board of Directors as well as Capitol Resources' Legislative Team for breakfast at the Capitol February 15, 2011. Don't miss out on the chance to sit in on legislative sessions in both the House and the Senate, network with your local state representatives, and meet and greet with fellow PAs. The more faces, the more recognition. Contact Kim Fortier, kgray@smsurgeons.com for more information.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants
Spring CME Conference

Saturday, April 16th – Sunday, April 17th

Gulfport, MS

Continue to check the MAPA website,
www.missipas.org, for details

