Thank You Mercy and ProMedica

The Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County wants to thank Mercy and ProMedica for their continuing corporate support of The Academy of Medicine. We greatly appreciate your support.

SAVE THE DATE - Academy Night at the Mud Hens

It may still be winter, but baseball is right around the corner. Academy Night at the Mud Hens will be held on Tuesday, September 1 in the Roost at Fifth Third Field. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

2015 Medical-Legal Seminar

Sports Related Concussions – Legal And Medical Challenges will be held on Thursday, April 30 in the ProMedica St. Luke’s Hospital Auditorium. Registration and refreshments begin at 5:00 pm and the program starts at 5:20 pm. The seminar is cosponsored by The Academy of Medicine, ProMedica and the Toledo Bar Association and has been approved for a maximum of 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

The agenda includes Overview MHSAA and OHSAA Requirements for Return to Play & Liability Issues for Medical Providers, Jean Ann Sieler, JD; Liability Issues for Schools, Coaches & Volunteers, Amy M. Natyshak, JD; Challenges for Primary Care, Urgent Care and Pediatricians Addressing Concussion Issues, Roger J. Kruse, MD; The Role of the Neuropsychologist in Concussion Management, Mary E. Haines, PhD, ABPP-CN; Ongoing Litigation Regarding Sports-Related Long-Term Brain Injury Claims, Geoffrey C. Rapp, JD; and OSMA Sponsored Bills & Related Comments, Robert E. Kose, MD, JD.

Please see the flyer included with the Communiqué for more details and to make your reservation.
The Affordable Care Act Continues…

It is hard to believe that the second Open Enrollment (OE2) has come and gone with the official end on Sunday February 15, 2015. As of Sunday at midnight, approximately 11.4 million Americans and 234,507 Ohioans had selected Marketplace plans or were automatically re-enrolled in quality, affordable health coverage. According to the Department of Health & Human Services, on February 15 more first time consumers signed up for health coverage than on any day during this Open Enrollment or last.

Although OE2 has ended, a new Special Enrollment Period (SEP) was recently announced in late February 2015 and will be effective from March 15, 2015 until April 30, 2015. This SEP is for individuals and families who were unaware or didn’t understand the implications of the law and who are now subject to the fee or “shared responsibility payment” when they file their 2014 taxes in states which use the Federally-facilitated Marketplaces (FFM). This special enrollment period will allow those individuals and families to create an account on www.healthcare.gov and select a plan for coverage in 2015.

There are numerous Qualifying Events that can trigger a Special Enrollment Period during the year. It is critical that individuals know they only have 60 days from the time of the qualifying event to create an account on healthcare.gov, select a plan and pay the first month’s premium. Some of the most common qualifying events include: getting married, getting divorced, aging off your parent’s insurance plan, losing employer sponsored coverage and moving from one state to another. Individuals can check to see if they qualify for an SEP by answering a few questions at: https://www.healthcare.gov/screener/.

This year’s tax season is the first time individuals and families will be asked to provide basic information regarding their health coverage on their tax returns. Individuals who could not afford coverage or met other conditions may be eligible to receive an exemption for 2014. A tax exemption tool can also be found at https://www.healthcare.gov/exemptions-tool/#/.

The Academy of Medicine Community Health Commission Needs a Pediatrician

The Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County is in need of a pediatrician to sit on the Community Health Commission. While Dr. Ernest Brookfield sits on the Commission, he spends time each year out of town and is unable to attend several of the meetings.

The Community Health Commission meets once a month from September through June on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm at The Academy of Medicine. This year the topics of conversation have varied, but there has been significant discussion on the upcoming legislation regarding marijuana. Your input on this topic and others would be appreciated. We are entertaining an educational seminar on it for area physicians to educate us on all sides of the issue. What we clearly need is more input from a pediatric viewpoint.

If you are interested in joining the Community Health Commission, please let Lee Wealton know via email at lwealton@aol.com or by phone at 419-473-3206, ext. 4. The vacancy will be filled on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to hearing from you.

Healthy Living News

The Academy of Medicine Community Relations & Communications Commission continues to recruit contributors to The Academy Corner in Healthy Living News. Articles for the monthly publication are approximately 300 words and can be sent to Dr. Ron Shapiro at rshapiro@willowmd.com. Maintaining the presence of The Academy Corner in Healthy Living News favorably keeps The Academy of Medicine in the public eye, as well as its members.
The Academy of Medicine
Annual Golf Tournament

Space is limited, so reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early. Your check guarantees your reservation.

PLEASE NOTE: 8:30am shotgun start

The Academy of Medicine
100 Stone Oak Blvd.
(Off Hill, near Centennial)

Stone Oak Country Club

Shotgun start at 8:30 am
Please be at the course and ready to go by 8:00 am.

$125 includes:
continental breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, range balls, prizes and lunch.

Note: $75 for Stone Oak Country Club members.

Please fill out and return with your check payable to The Academy of Medicine:

The Academy of Medicine
4428 Secor Rd.
Toledo, Ohio 43623

All reservations must be received no later than Friday, May 29!
Please remember that all reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

I will play golf and attend the lunch $125
Stone Oak Country Club member 75

I will play golf, but cannot attend the lunch 100
Stone Oak Country Club member 50

I will not play golf, but will attend the lunch 25

If you have a foursome, please print names below. Please check with your playing partners before submitting their names, and ask them to send a check to guarantee their reservation.

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__________________________________________________________
Your name (please print)
Academy of Medicine Foundation Fund

The Academy of Medicine Foundation Fund has been helping worthwhile organizations and programs since 1957. Major donations have been for scholarships for medical students at The University of Toledo College of Medicine, American Cancer Society, CareNet, Cherry Street Mission, COSI, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, Junior League of Toledo, Mobile Meals of Toledo, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, MCO Community Health Clinic, Mildred Bayer Clinic, Ohio Physicians Effectiveness Program, Tsunami relief effort, WGTE-TV and others.

For the past several years the primary source of income for the Foundation Fund has been from interest and dividends. In 2010 all of the Toledo area hospital medical staffs made very important contributions to keep the Foundation Fund afloat. Sincere thanks to the hospital medical staffs. There have been very few members making donations to the Foundation Fund in lieu of holiday cards and virtually no contributions from the membership in memory of their deceased colleagues and loved ones.

The Foundation Fund continues in great need of contributions to continue to help these worthwhile projects and fund new projects. Please consider listing The Academy Foundation Fund for contributions in lieu of flowers when a colleague or loved one passes away and remember the Foundation Fund when you wish to commemorate a deceased colleague. All contributions to the Foundation fund are deductible as charitable contributions.

Academy Mentorship Program

In 2006 the Academy Mentorship Program was formed to offer support to local pre-med students. One of the most fun and challenging parts of the program is a one on one mentoring relationship with a pre-med student. The Academy continues to recruit potential mentors for the program. If you have an interest in the program and would like to be a mentor, please contact Lee Wealton at 419/473-3206, ext. 4 or at lwealton@aol.com.