

Cascades East AHEC News

April-May 2007

Health Issues are Hot Topics at the 2007 Oregon Legislature

RURAL SAFETY NET ISSUES:

The Oregon Rural Health Association reports several issues around rural healthcare as being currently discussed in the 2007 legislative session in Salem. They have been particularly focused on promoting a bill for sustaining the rural health safety net which includes assistance to rural EMS for equipment and education, financial assistance to support isolated rural health clinics and funding for the rural health viability program to support for modernization of aging hospital facilities and fiscal support to enhance expanded access to healthcare for financially and physically vulnerable populations. If you haven't checked out their website, www.orha.org, do so today and contact your legislature if you want to see these issues move forward and be funded this biennium. Look for weekly updates on this site from Ed Patterson on what's been happening at the legislature.

OHSU WORKFORCE TRAINING:

OHSU is seeking funding to expand workforce training in medicine, nursing, and dentistry, programs of the Office of Rural Health, and enhanced pipeline programs through the Area Health Education Centers program. OHSU notes that Oregon has an obligation to prepare for the future health and well being for all Oregonians and that a collaborative solution to address workforce shortages in these key provider and caregiver education programs will help ensure all areas of Oregon have access to quality health care. OHSU also has a policy option add-on to support the Rural Scholars program which would focus on graduating doctors for rural practice. While the other items made it into the Governor's budget, the Rural Scholars program didn't. If you want to support the overall workforce package and/or the Rural Scholars program, send support letters to OHSU at boehring@ohsu.edu or plan to attend OHSU day at the legislature on April 4th.

HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR UNINSURED/

UNDERINSURED: This year there are several proposals being discussed to address increased access to health care. The Governor proposed expanding Children's Health Insurance through increases in cigarette taxes. Senators Ben Westlund and Alan Bates are among those bringing forth proposals and discussions around expanded access for all Oregonians through a

health care funding pool. You can learn more about SB 329 proposal specifics at www.benwestlund.com. Additional current information on former Governor Kitzhaber's Better Health Act (SB27) can be found on web at www.wecandobetter.org. (Archimedes site) Other proposals are being put forth include those that propose increasing alcohol taxes to help pay for mental health and addiction treatment programs, and expanding the state's bulk purchasing cooperative for prescription drugs to other employers.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

This session legislators are also considering a quarantine bill that would streamline state response to public health emergencies such as pandemic flu or SARS. The Governor's budget also proposes increases in several public health programs across Oregon. Health definitely seems to be a big topic this year, so we are probably still missing several issues on the discussion plate from this list including funding for healthcare education at Oregon's community colleges and universities.

HOW TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SALEM:

For more information on current issues in the legislature, you can follow regular updates on the Oregon Hospitals and Health Systems website at www.oahhs.org. There's also some interesting discussions on the new TV and web-streamed broadcasts of the Oregon legislature on the new Oregon Channel (find out more at www.oregonchannel.org) or on the watchdog website www.oregoncatalyst.org. Newspapers in Oregon such as the Statesman Journal (www.statesmanjournal.com) and Oregonian (www.oregonlive.com/oregonian/) also provide good places to keep up on current happenings in Salem this year.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: Most legislators say they don't hear very much from healthcare professionals so take time to express your views about these important issues to your legislators! The Oregon Legislature site can help you find contact information for your Senators and Representatives simply by inputting your home address. (<http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>)

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April 2007

This Month Is:

Alcohol Awareness Month
 Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
 National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 Cesarean Awareness Month
 Foot Health Awareness Month
 National Autism Awareness Month
 National Youth Sports Safety Month
 Donate Life Month

Health Careers To Honor:

1-7 Healthcare Access Personnel Week
 10 Radiology Nurses Day
 22-28 Healthcare Administrative Professionals Week
 22-28 Healthcare Volunteer Week
 22-28 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

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Program Information

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<u>Dates</u>	<u>Name and Information</u>	<u>Time and Location</u>
April 3	Merle West Grand Rounds Topic to be announced	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
April 4	Merle West Tumor Board	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
April 4	Merle West Grand Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
April 5	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Renewal (1-day course)	SCMC-Bend: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. For Information: 693-5845
April 6	SCMC Grand Rounds: "Preoperative Evaluation of Patients with Multiple Co-morbidities"; Gary Stier, MD, Head, Critical Care Anesthesiology; Associate Professor, Anesthesiology, Loma Linda University	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.
April 6	Therapeutic Touch Full Day Workshop	SCMC-Redmond: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For information: 541-322-4767
April 7	Basic Life Support (BLS) Renewal Instructor (1-day course)	SCMC-Bend; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 10	CPR For Healthcare Providers (HCP) Renewal (3.5 hour course)	SCMC-Redmond; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 10	Merle West Grand Rounds Topic to be announced	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
April 11	Merle West Grand Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
April 11	CPR For Healthcare Providers (HCP) Initial (5 hour course)	SCMC-Redmond; 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For Information: 541-693-5845
April 13	SCMC Grand Rounds: " Family Practice Guidelines in the Treatment of Pediatric ADHD"; Tim Blumer, DO; Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Mariposa Family Center, Redmond	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.

April 13 & 16	CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP) Renewal (3.5 hours)	SCMC-Bend; April 13, 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; April 16, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
April 14	Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Renewal (1 day course)	SCMC-Bend: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
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April 17	Merle West Grand Rounds Topic to be announced	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
April 18	Merle West -Ground Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
April 18 & 24	CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP) Provider Course (Initial 5 hours)	SCMC-Bend; April 18, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p. m.; April 24, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 20	Pain Management in Health Care Pain management, Assessment and Strategies	COCC-Bend: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For information: 541-383-7270
April 20	SCMC Grand Rounds: " Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: Transition form Research to Standard Care"; H. Bryant Nguyen, MD, MS, Director, Emergency Critical Care, Department of Emergency Medicine, Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital; Assistant Professor School of Medicine, Loma Linda University	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.
April 21 & 22	PreHospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider (initial 2 day course)	SCMC-Bend; Both Days 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 22	PreHospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Renewal (1 day course)	SCMC-Bend; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 23 & 24	Intermediate Fetal Heart Monitoring Course (AWHONN) 2-day standardized course	SCMC-Redmond; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-322-4716
April 24	Merle West RMT Rounds	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
April 25	Darkness to Light: Adults Resolving Child Sexual Abuse in Community For nurses and healthcare providers	SCMC-Bend; Conference Room C 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. For information: 541-312-5092
April 25	Merle West-Ground Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
April 27	SCMC Grand Rounds: No Grand Rounds Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting	
April 28-29	Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider (initial 2 day course)	SCMC-Bend; April 28, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; April 29, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
April 30	Heartcode Anywhere (ACLS) Skills Verification (40 minute session)	SCMC-Bend: 6:00 p.m. For Information: 541-693-5845



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May 2007

This Month Is:

American Stroke Month
 Hepatitis Awareness Month
 Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month
 National High Blood Pressure Education Month
 National Osteoporosis Awareness & Prevention Month
 Lyme Disease Awareness Month

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Health Careers To Honor:

- 6-12 Nurses Week
- 6-12 Hospital and Healthcare Week
- 13-19 Medical Transcriptionist Week
- 13-19 Emergency Medical Services Week

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May 4	SCMC Grand Rounds: "Cancer Genetics for the Novice" Steve Kornfeld, MD, Oncology, Bend Memorial Clinic	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.
May 5	Basic Life Support (BLS) Initial Instructor (1 day course)	SCMC-Bend; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
May 5	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Renewal (1 day course)	Redmond FD; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
May 8	Merle West Grand Rounds Topic to be announced	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
May 8	CPR for Healthcare Providers Renewal (3.5 hour course)	SCMC-Redmond; 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. For Information: 541-693-5845
May 9	Merle West-Ground Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
May 9, 18 & 21	CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP) Renewal (3.5 hours)	SCMC-Bend; May 9, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; May 18, 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; May 21, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. For Information: 541-693-5845

May 10 & 11	Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC) For nurses & other care providers in contact with pediatric patients	SCMC-Bend; 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday For information: 541-382-4321 x 7121
May 11	SCMC Grand Rounds: "Barrett's Esophagus: Historical Perspective and Future Advances"; C. Daniel Smith, MD, W. Dean Warren Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.
May 12, 16 & 29	CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP) Initial Course (5 hours)	SCMC-Bend; May 12, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; May 16, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 29, 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. For information: 541-693-5845
May 15	Sugar Temperature Airway Blood pressure Lab work Emotional support (STABLE) for FBC, ICU, PEDS, ER Nurses, RTs, and Physicians	SCMC-Redmond; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For information: 541-322-4711
May 15	Merle West Grand Rounds Topic to be announced	Pavilion 7:00-8:00 a.m. ●
May 16	Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Completion (1 day Course)	SCMC-Bend; 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For information: 541-322-4767
May 16	Merle West-Ground Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland	Learning Resources Classroom 8:00-9:00 a.m. ●
May 18	SCMC Grand Rounds: "Doctor...Tie Your Shoes Before You Trip: Prevention of Medical Errors"; Arnold Mackles, MD, MBA, LHRM, Licensed Healthcare Risk Manager, Healthcare Compliance Consultant, West Palm Beach, Florida	SCMC-Bend, Conf. Room C&D 7:00-8:00 a.m.
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May 25	SCMC Grand Rounds: No Grand Rounds Memorial Day Weekend	
May 29	Merle West Grand Rounds No Grand Rounds—Memorial Day Holiday	
May 30	Merle West-Ground Rounds Telecast from Providence Portland No Ground Rounds Telecast—Memorial Day Holiday	



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REGISTER NOW!

Upcoming Classes!

★ June 12-
CPR for Healthcare
Providers (HCP)-Redmond
Renewal (3.5 hours)
For Information: 541-693-
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★ June 13-
CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP) - Redmond
Initial (5 hours)
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★ June 13, 15 & 18-
CPR for Healthcare Providers (HCP)- Bend
Renewal (3.5 hours)
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★ June 20-
Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)
Renewal Course
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★ June 25-
Heatcode Anywhere (ACLS)
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For Information: 541-693-5845

SAVE THE DATE-

August 16-18
13th Annual
Cardiovascular
Medicine in the
Cascades Conference; "Focusing on the
Latest in Diagnosis, Prevention and
Treatment"
Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, Bend
For Information: 541-617-2605 or email
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FALL CLASSES

★ September 5-
Therapeutic Touch
Full Day Workshop
For Information: 541-322-4767

★ September 19-
Neonatal Resuscitation Program
Renewal (4 hours)
For Information: 541-322-4767

★ September 21-
ACLS Instructor
Initial (1 day course)
For Information: 541-693-5845

★ September 26 & 27-
Basic EKG
For Information: 541-322-4767

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