Diabetes Club to meet at ACMS

The newly reorganized Greater Pittsburgh Diabetes Club (GPDC) will host a meeting on Thursday, June 25, at the Allegheny County Medical Society, 713 Ridge Avenue, North Shore, Pittsburgh, 15212.

The dinner meeting is open to anyone whose primary care and concern is those with diabetes. Doors will open at 6 p.m. to provide an opportunity for networking with vendors and other practitioners in the area.

Amy Rothberg, MD, assistant professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Rothberg attended Wayne State University Medical School, where she received academic honors that included the Upjohn Award for Excellence in Endocrinology and Metabolism. She served both her internship and residency at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) Medical Center’s Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Rothberg then completed a fellowship program in the MEND Division at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor and joined the MEND staff following.

The topic of Dr. Rothberg’s presentation will be “Obesity Review – What Do We Need to Know?”

If you wish to learn more about the GPDC, contact any of the officers: Jennifer Holtz, MD; Rose Salata, MD; or Jann Johnston, MD; or board members: Michael Korczynski, PharmD, BCACP, CDE; Mary Korytkowski, MD; Janis McWilliams, RN, MSN, CDE, BC-ADM; Deborah Rotenstein, MD; and Linda Seminario, RN, PhD, CDE.

For more information, contact Dianne Meister at (412) 321-5030 or dmeister@acms.org.

Most Interesting Cases presented to ACS

Members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) met in the Ohio Room in the Rivers Casino overlooking Three Rivers Point May 11. The chapter was hosting residents from local programs for the annual “Most Interesting Cases” for presentation and discussion with members.

Residents from UPMC St. Margaret’s, UPMC Shadyside, UPMC Mercy, Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center and Allegheny Health Network (AHN) Allegheny General Hospital submitted a total of 17 abstracts which were reviewed by council, and from that number, six were selected for oral presentation at the May 11 meeting.

Opening the meeting was Sheri Mancini, MD, chapter president. Dr. Mancini introduced Chris Daly, MD, former chapter president, who gave a brief presentation on the ACS Foundation and why it is so important to the overall functioning of the College. Membership dues provide fundamental services, which is only a portion of the ACS budget. The ACS Foundation provides the funds to manage programs such as trauma center verification, professional development, research and advocacy. You designate where you want your funds dedicated. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter each year contributes to the Foundation with the funds dedicated to the Thomas Russell Education Fund. Dr. Daly encouraged the members to make an annual donation to the Foundation.

Following Dr. Daly, Dr. Mancini introduced the residents and their cases.

They included:

- The Tuberculous Peritonitis – A Rare Cause of Abdominal Pain & Ascites in a young male – Ravi Ambani, MD, AHN, Allegheny General Hospital
- Acetaminophen Overdose Mas-
querading as Cholecysitis after Bariatric Surgery – Jason M. Bregg, MD, Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
- Left Atrioesophageal Fistula after Pulmonary Vein Isolation for Atrial Fibrillation – Michael A. Archer, DO, AHN, Allegheny General Hospital
- Traumatic Esophageal & Tracheal Disruption – Tad Witek, MD, UPMC Mercy Hospital
- Acute Trauma in Pregnancy: Perimortem C-section Results in Survival of the Fetus – Michael Stellmaker, MD, AHN, Allegheny General Hospital
- Clostridial Necrotizing Enteritis: A Rare Cause of Necrotic Bowel – Andrew Yeh, MD, UPMC St. Margaret’s

Following the presentations, selections were made for the best three of the “Most Interesting Cases of 2014.” Honorariums and certificates have been provided to Drs. Tad Witek (UPMC Mercy Hospital), selected for 1st place; Michael Stellmaker (AHN, Allegheny General Hospital), 2nd place; and Ravi Ambani (AHN, Allegheny General), 3rd place.

Chapter members interested in running for a position on the chapter council please contact the chapter office at (412) 321-5030 and ask for the chapter administrator. Elections will take place in November.

**ACMS Foundation offers medical student scholarship**

The Allegheny County Medical Society Foundation is offering a $4,000 scholarship to a qualified medical student. Applications will be accepted from July 1 to September 30, 2015.

Eligibility for scholarship applicants:
- Applicant must be a Pennsylvania resident from Allegheny County.
- Applicant must be registering as a medical student.
- Applicant must be enrolled full time in a fully accredited Pennsylvania medical school.
- Applicant must be enrolled or entering his/her 3rd or 4th year of medical school.
- Applicant must submit:
  - A completed scholarship application form.
  - Two reference letters, from persons other than family members, documenting the applicant’s integrity, interpersonal skills, and potential as a future physician. Note: One reference letter must be from either a medical school professor or a physician.
  - A letter, on school letterhead, from the applicant’s medical school verifying that he/she is enrolled full time as a third- or fourth-year medical student at that institution.
- A typed, one-page essay addressing the following: How do you hope to be involved in your community beyond clinical care of patients? In what ways would you hope to demonstrate leadership as a physician in your community?

Application materials must be postmarked by September 30, 2015. Applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision in December 2015. Students can download an application and review eligibility requirements at http://www.foundationpamedsoc.org/SFS/Scholarships/Allegheny.aspx.

Application materials should be mailed to: ACMS Scholarship, c/o The Foundation, 777 East Park Drive, P.O. Box 8820, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8820.

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