House of Delegates & Annual Scientific Meeting

JUNE 26th – JULY 1st 2015
HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH » CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

Changing Trends in Medicine
You are cordially invited to join your fellow Diplomates, Members and other healthcare professionals for discussions and up-to-date information related to AAPS, ABPS, and Changing Trends in Medicine.
New This Year

• EM CME track – Changing Trends in Emergency Medicine
• Dedicated specialty examination development workshops

Overall Meeting Objectives

• Provide physician specialists with up-to-date information related to Changing Trends in Medicine.
• Plan and conduct business that will further strengthen the mission of the AAPS, its affiliated Academies of Medicine, and its Boards of Certification.
• Provide a forum in which to discuss developing and emerging issues in your specialty or sub-specialty.
• Encourage collegial relations that enable individual members to pursue their professional goals of participation in the Association’s activities.
### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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### Business Package
- CME Package
- Medical Ethics/EM Track

Schedule is subject to change beyond the control of AAPS.
SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 am - 5:00 pm ..........Registration Desk
7:30 am - 8:30 am ..........Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:45 am ..........Academy of Medicine Meetings
             (Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family
             Practice, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Radiology)
8:30 am - 10:00 am ..........Board of Certification in Urgent Care Medicine (BCUCM)
9:30 am - 11:00 am ..........Auxiliary Brunch and Meeting
10:00 am - 11:30 am ......Board of Certification Meetings
             (Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, 
             Family Medicine Obstetrics, Family Practice, 
             Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Radiology)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm ..........Lunch on your own
11:30 am - 1:00 pm ..........Public Member Lunch Meeting
            Open to Public Members Only
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm ..........American Academy of Disaster Medicine (AADM) Meeting
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ..........American Board of Hospital Medicine (ABHM)
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm ..........CME Committee Meeting
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm ..........Diagnostic Radiology Examination Development Workshop
             Orthopedic Surgery Examination Development Workshop
            Open to BOC/Committee Members Only
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm ..........Family Practice Examination Development Workshop
             Internal Medicine Examination Development Workshop
            Open to BOC/Committee Members Only
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm ..........American Board of Disaster Medicine (ABODM) Meeting
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm ..........American Academy of Specialists in Surgery Meeting
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm ..........American Journal of Clinical Medicine Editorial Board Meeting
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm ..........AAPS Foundation Meeting
3:45 pm - 5:15 pm ..........Academy & Board Orientation
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm ..........Membership Committee Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 29 & TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 am - 5:00 pm ..........Registration
7:00 am - 8:00 am ..........Breakfast
8:00 am - 5:00 pm ..........CME Scientific Presentations
12 noon - 1:00 pm ..........Lunch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:00 am - 5:00 pm ..........Registration Desk
7:00 am - 8:00 am ..........Breakfast
8:00 am - 5:00 pm ..........EM CME Track
            Separate registration & fee required in advance
8:00 am - 5:00 pm ..........Medical Ethics Course
            Separate registration & fee required in advance
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm ..........Lunch
Accommodations

The Hilton Clearwater Beach, located in the heart of Clearwater Beach, is situated on ten acres of private white sand beach just a short walk to dining, shopping, water activities, and attractions. The Hilton Clearwater Beach offers two heated pools, a beach tiki bar, a poolside bar and grill, and a gulf view restaurant and lounge.

- Single or double occupancy: $145 + tax per night
- Optional resort charge: $20 + tax per night
- Guaranteed room rate applies three days before and three days after meeting, based on availability at the time of the request.
- Check-in 4:00 pm
  Check-out 11:00 am

400 Mandalay Ave | Clearwater, FL 33767
Hotel Direct: 727-461-3222
Reservations: 800-753-3954 or www.hilton.com
Group Code: AAPS

AAPS has a limited number of rooms available at the group rate, so we encourage you to make your reservations now. The group rate will be available until June 11, 2015, or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

If you experience any problems making your hotel reservation, call the AAPS Meetings Department immediately.
Clearwater Beach Attractions

Sunsets at Pier 60: Free nightly festival featuring artisans, crafters, music, street performers, and a beautiful view of the sunset.

Clearwater Marina: Offers access to a variety of water activities including sailing charters, dinner cruises, dolphin tours, and parasailing.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium: Home of Winter the dolphin, star of the movie *Dolphin Tale*, and other rescued marine animals.

Tampa Bay Attractions

Tropicana Field (MLB) (St. Petersburg) .......... 23 miles
Chihuly Collection (St. Petersburg) .......... 24 miles
Salvador Dali Museum (St. Petersburg) .......... 25 miles
Lowry Park Zoo (Tampa) ......................... 26 miles
Florida Aquarium (Tampa) ..................... 26 miles
Historic Ybor City (Tampa) ...................... 26 miles
Busch Gardens/Adventure Island (Tampa) ...... 33 miles
**AIRPORTS & AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION**

**Tampa International Airport (TPA)** is located approximately 20 miles/25 minutes from the hotel.

Taxi: Approximately $55 each way; SuperShuttle: $25 per person each way

**St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)** is located approximately 15 miles/20 minutes from the hotel.

Taxi: Approximately $30 each way

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**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

Inexpensive transportation in the Clearwater Beach area is available through Jolly Trolley (www.clearwaterjolleytrolley.com) and Florida Free Rides (www.floridafreerides.com).

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**AAPS Auxiliary**

**Dolphin Watching Boat Tour**

June 27, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join the AAPS Auxiliary for this exciting dolphin watching adventure and narrated sightseeing tour. $15 each for adults and children over 12; $10 each for children 12 and under. Hat and sunscreen recommended.

Tour is full!

**Auxiliary Annual Meeting & Brunch**

June 28, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Everyone is welcome to attend the Auxiliary’s annual brunch followed by a brief business meeting.

The AAPS Auxiliary is open to all family members, partners and/or significant others of AAPS members. Auxiliary dues are $60 per year.
Exam Development Workshops
NEW THIS YEAR: Each specialty has been assigned a dedicated time to work with Certification Staff. Diplomates will only be permitted to participate during their scheduled specialty workshop. See schedule for details.

Based on the current need for each specialty, activities performed during this workshop may include item review and approval, review of candidate comments, writing and review of oral examination cases, item referencing, and written examination review.

Open to BOC/Committee Members only. Requires at least 5 participants per specialty.

Introduction to Item Writing (Saturday, June 27)
This session will consist of a presentation to orient you to the item writing process. The main focus will be on item development including requirements for item writing, acceptable item formats, style guidelines, item classifications, and item review and approval process. A step-by-step demonstration of the online item writing system will immediately follow.

Open to Diplomates only. Advance registration required. This activity is not eligible for CME credit.

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Emergency Medicine Examination Development Workshop:
The AAPS designates this test-item writing activity for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Disaster Medicine, Family Medicine Obstetrics, Family Practice, Hospital Medicine, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, and Urgent Care Medicine Examination Development Workshop:
The AAPS designates this test-item writing activity for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

What to Bring
- Reference material from your specialty’s approved reference list.
- Laptop (Please Note: iPads/tablets are not fully compatible with the online item writing system)
Changing Trends in Medicine

SPEAKERS (Subject to change)

Daniel M. Avery, Jr, MD, FAASS
Changing Trends in Obstetrics

Terrance L. Baker, MD, MS
Bullet Proofing Your Medical Practice - Risk Management Techniques that Work

Lynette Bear, CRNA, DNP
The Benefits of Incorporating Hypnosis Into Anesthesia Care

Debra C. Cascardo, MA, MPA, CFP & Heidi P. Cordi, MD, FACEP
What You Need to Know Now About ICD-10

Jack V. Greiner, DO, PhD, FAASS
Changing Trends in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Dry Eye Diseases

Bruce R. Guerdan, MD, MPH
Change is Constant: Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Disease

Surinder K. Kad, MD, FAAIM, MPH, MBA
Techniques of Conflict Resolution
New Recommendations for Treatment of Beer Potomania

Paul A. Kohut, DO
New Trends in Drugs of Abuse

Leslie Mukau, MD, FAAEP, FACEP
Something Wicked This Way Comes: An Analysis of the Socio-Cultural Dynamics of the 2014 Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic

MONDAY, JUNE 29 & TUESDAY, JUNE 30
CME Package registration required
Mark Pastin, PhD
How the Affordable Care Act Changes Medical Ethics

Michael W. Perry, MD
The Utilization of Autologous Biologics in Conjunction with Traditional Disc Decompression for the Treatment of Symptomatic Annular Tears

M.D. Stretch Reed, MD
Robotic Surgery: The Rise of the Machines

Madonna S. Ringswald, DO, FAAIM
New Trends for Pneumococcal Vaccine and Other Tidbits

Wm. MacMillan Rodney, MD
Point of Care Ultrasound in Family Medicine Obstetrics: Data from 100,000 Visits and Over 1,000 Deliveries 2011-2014
The Affordable Care Act 2010: Opportunities and Setbacks in Community Practice

Tim Tobin
Surviving ICD-10: Are You Ready for Change?

Joseph C. Wallace, MD
Rural Surgery Training Program

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The American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., designates this live activity for a maximum of 16 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Changing Trends in Emergency Medicine

SPEAKERS (Subject to change)

Jerry Allison, MD
ED Throughput: Using Pre-Load and After-Load Reduction and Contractility Strategies to Reduce the Failure of our ED Flow

Lingappa S. Amernath, MD, FAAEP
Update on Pediatric Concussion

Adan R. Atriham, MD
Emergency Radiology During Pregnancy

Terrance L. Baker, MD, MS
Anatomy of a Civil Trial: The Growing Role of Emergency Physicians

Vincent L. Imbriani, MD
Telemedicine and Medical Informatics in the Last Frontier - 2014

Paul A. Kohut, DO
Updates in Toxicology

Elizabeth Maxwell-Schmidt, MD, FAAEP, FACEP
Scribes 101: Are Physician Recording Assistants Right for You?

Leslie Mukau, MD, FAAEP, FACEP
Primum Non Nocere: Evolving Trends Towards Safe Narcotic Prescribing to Address an Alarming Epidemic of Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion

Joachin U. Okafor, MD
Therapeutic Hypothermia in Post Cardiac Arrest

R. Joe Ybarra, MD & Dan Jupiter
Freestanding Emergency Centers: Addressing the Triple Aim in Emergency Healthcare

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The American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., designates this live activity for a maximum of 8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Understand the theoretical and historical foundations of medical ethics;

2. Engage in allocation of resources decisions;

3. Apply ethical decision-making tools to actual circumstances;

4. Understand the appropriate roles of medical ethics/bioethics committees and be able to constructively contribute to these committees;

5. Recognize the stakeholders in medical ethics decisions and weigh stakeholder ethical perspectives; and

6. Guide public discussion of medical ethics issues and explain the perspectives of medical professionals on such issues.

Medical Ethics
PRACTICAL ISSUES AND APPROACHES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
Medical Ethics registration required

This course provides a solid conceptual grounding in medical ethics, while focusing on practical issues and tested approaches for resolving such issues.

Recertification Credit: This course fulfills the ABPS recertification requirement for Medical Ethics. CME credit earned for attending this course may also be applied to CME recertification requirements.

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The American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Important Registration Information

All attendees MUST REGISTER and pay the appropriate registration fee in advance in order to attend any sessions (including but not limited to business meetings, meals, CME activities, and/or certification examination development workshops) regardless of purpose or the number of meetings attended.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

BUSINESS PACKAGE:
Includes all meetings – Board of Directors, Academies of Medicine, Boards of Certification, House of Delegates, Committees, Examination Development Workshops and any other scheduled business meetings; conference materials; and breakfast on Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28.

CME PACKAGE:
Includes up to 16 CME credits for scientific presentations, conference materials, breakfast, and lunch on Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• AUXILIARY DOLPHIN WATCHING BOAT TOUR (JUNE 27): $15 each for adults and children over 12; $10 each for children 12 and under.

• PRESIDENT’S DINNER (JUNE 27): $125 per ticket.

• EM CME TRACK (JULY 1): Includes up to 8 CME credits for scientific presentations, conference materials, breakfast, and lunch on Wednesday, July 1. One-day track: Early Registration (by March 27): $275; Regular Registration (after March 27): $375.

• MEDICAL ETHICS (JULY 1): Includes one-day course on Wednesday, July 1, course materials, up to 7.5 CME credits, breakfast, and lunch. One-day course: $450.
REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. To complete registration for the 2015 Annual Meeting, all fees must be paid in full prior to the appropriate deadline: March 27, 2015, for Early pricing and June 5, 2015, for Regular pricing. Late pricing goes into effect after June 5, 2015.

2. All registrations received after June 5, 2015, including On-Site, must be paid in full prior to admission to any AAPS activities. Late/On-Site Registration will be accepted by CREDIT CARD ONLY.

3. There are no exceptions to the fees and deadlines.

4. Registration is not transferable.

5. No one will be admitted to any meeting function (including but not limited to business meetings, exam workshops, CME activities, and meals) without a valid badge.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:

A confirmation packet will be e-mailed within two (2) weeks of receipt of your registration form and PAID IN FULL registration fees. Please retain copies of your registration information. If you do not receive a confirmation packet within two weeks, please contact the AAPS Meetings Department immediately.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Written cancellations must be received by the AAPS Meetings Department prior to May 15, 2015, in order to receive a full refund of Meeting Registration Fees, less a $100 processing fee. Cancellations received after this date will not be accepted.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the published schedule, as stated in the brochures, will be followed. However, changes beyond AAPS control may occur. AAPS is not responsible for notifying registrants of program changes prior to the meeting.
REGISTRATION FORM: AAPS 2015 HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

TO REGISTER BY FAX: 813-830-6599 (CREDIT CARD ONLY) • MAIL: AAPS, 5550 W. EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 400, TAMPA, FL 33609-1035

Name __________________________________________________________ Email Address: ____________________________

Address __________________________________________ City __________ State ______ Zip ______

Home phone __________________________ Work phone ______________________ Cell phone ______________________

Special Diet Needs: ☐ Vegetarian (No Fish) ☐ Vegetarian (Fish OK) ☐ Other __________________________

TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Review Important Registration Information.
2. Select registration package/s (Business and/or CME Package).
3. Select from Additional Options below.
4. Add Package Registration total and total/s for Additional Options and enter total in Grand Total to be charged.
5. Provide payment information.
6. Complete disclosure of relevant financial relationships.

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SELECT ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

☐ WELCOME RECEPTION - FRIDAY, JUNE 26 ........................................... $ 0 per person x ____ (# tickets) =......... Welcome Reception Total $ 0.00 (Complimentary, but you must register)

☐ INTRO. TO ITEM WRITING - SATURDAY, JUNE 27 .............................. $ 0 per person ............................................. Intro. to Item Writing Total $ 0.00

☐ PRESIDENT’S AWARDS DINNER - SATURDAY, JUNE 27 ................... $ 125 per person x ____ (# tickets) =........ President’s Dinner Total $ 0.00

☐ EM CME TRACK - WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 ........................................ $375 Regular .................. EM Track Registration Total $ 0.00

☐ MEDICAL ETHICS COURSE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 ........................ $ 450 per person .................. Medical Ethics Registration Total $ 0.00

MEETING REGISTRATION PAYMENT ☐ Check enclosed ☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ late/On-Site Grand Total to be charged: $ ________________

Cardholder’s Name ____________________________________________ Cardholder’s Mailing Address ____________________________

Cardholder’s Signature _________________________________________ Cardholder’s Signature ____________________________

CONSENT TO USE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES

Registration and attendance at our meetings and other activities constitutes an agreement by the registrant to AAPS’s use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the registrant’s or attendee’s image or voice in photographs, videotapes, electronic reproductions and audiotapes of such events and activities.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BELOW

☐ I DO NOT have a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest.

Signature __________________________________________________ Date __________

☐ I DO have a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest. (You MUST list relevant financial relationships below.)

Signature __________________________________________________ Date __________

First, list the names of commercial interests (defined in the “Glossary of Terms” below) with which you or your spouse/partner have, or have had, a relevant financial relationship within the past 12 months. For this purpose we consider the relevant financial relationships of your spouse or partner that you are aware of to be yours.

1. Commercial Interest (Example: Company ‘X’)

2. What was received? (Example: Honorarium)

3. For what role? (Example: Speaker)

EXAMPLE TERMINOLOGY

What was received: Salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, research grant, consulting fee, speaker fee, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit.

Role(s): Employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected. ACCME considers relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Commercial Interest: The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services, used on, or consumed by, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests. For more information, visit www.accme.org.

Financial relationships: Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected. ACCME considers relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

Relevant financial relationships: ACCME focuses on financial relationships with commercial interests in the 12-month period preceding the time that the individual is being asked to assume a role controlling content of the CME activity. ACCME has not set a minimal dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship. The ACCME defines “relevant” financial relationships as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.

Conflict of Interest: Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.