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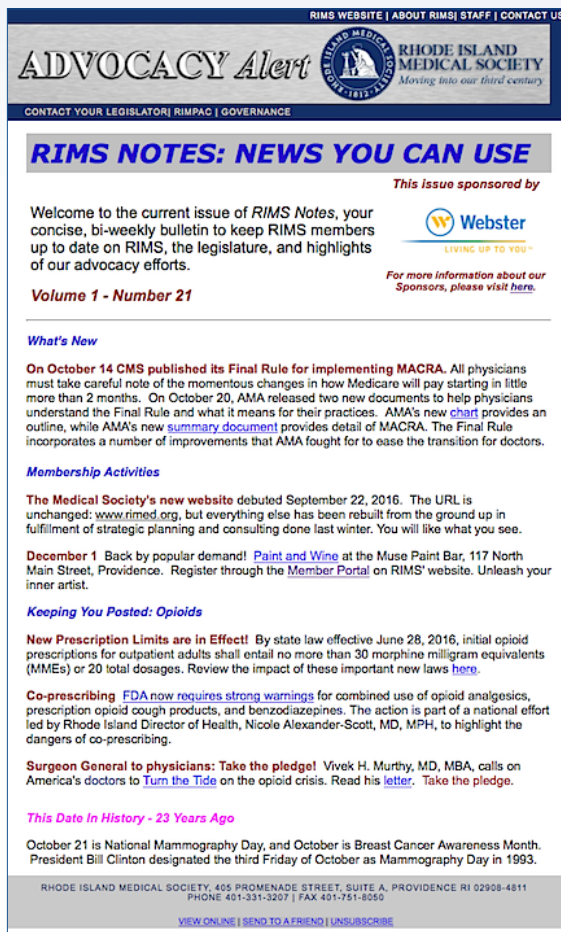
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## RIMS NOTES: News You Can Use



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## Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

### March 1, Friday

Meeting with BCBSRI regarding legislation

### March 4, Monday

RIMS Board of Directors Meeting: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, President

### March 5, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee: Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair

RI Public Radio interview regarding RIMS Harm Reduction Center (safe injection facilities) legislation

AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call regarding opioid legislation

Legislative hearings

### March 6, Wednesday

Meeting with RI Health Care Association

Michael E. Migliori, MD, Public Laws Chair, testified before House Health, Education and Welfare Committee regarding hospital medical staff legislation

Legislative hearings

### March 7, Thursday

Legislative hearings

### March 8, Friday

Meeting in Senate Policy Office regarding reimbursement for opioid use disorder treatment

### March 11, Monday

Thundermist Health Center Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Meeting with American Cancer Center-RI regarding legislation

### March 12, Tuesday

RI Department of Health conference call regarding Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program; Steve DeToy, Board Member

Meeting with House Policy Office regarding legislation

Meeting with Senate leadership regarding Nurses Compact legislation

Interview with *Brown Daily Herald* regarding Memorial Hospital closure

Legislative hearings

### March 13, Wednesday

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force: Sarah Fessler, MD, Past President

Meeting with BCBSRI regarding Diabetes Prevention Program grant

RI ACEP Advocacy Day at the State House: Catherine A. Cummings, MD and Scott Pasichow, MD

Legislative hearings

### March 14, Thursday

Meeting with Massage Therapy Association regarding pain management legislation

Legislative hearings

Representative McKiernan fundraiser

### March 15, Friday

Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program

Neurology Advocacy Forum, RI Hospital: Kara Stavros, MD

MMJUA Finance Committee: Newell Warde

### March 19, Tuesday

Meeting with RI Community Acupuncture Association regarding pain management legislation

AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call regarding LGBTQ+ issues

Legislative hearings

Meeting with RI Pharmacists Association regarding legislation: Peter Karczmar, MD, RIMS Past President; Sarah Fessler, MD, RIMS Past President; Thomas Bledsoe, MD, RIMS Secretary; and Lynn Taylor, MD

### March 20, Wednesday

Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee

American Heart Association Tobacco Free Generation meeting

Legislative Hearings

RI Neurological Society membership meeting: Steve DeToy, Director of Government and Public Affairs

RI Foundation Long-Term Health Planning Committee: William Corwin, MD

### March 21, Thursday

CMS Region 1 medical societies conference call

MMJUA Board of Directors: Newell Warde, Director

Legislative hearings

Rep. Charlene Lima fundraiser

### March 25, Monday

OHIC public hearing on Utilization Review regulations

### March 26, Tuesday

AMA Advocacy Resource Center conference call on gun safety

Legislative hearings

Rep. Mia Ackerman fundraiser

### March 27, Wednesday

Meeting with United HealthCare medical director

Workers Comp Advisory Council

Legislative hearings

### March 28, Thursday

Advocacy presentation Warren Alpert Medical School

Legislative hearings

Meeting with RI Orthopedic Society and physical therapists regarding legislation



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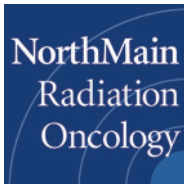
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