

The logo for the Lafayette Parish Medical Society features a central caduceus (a staff with two snakes entwined and wings at the top) positioned over the word "LAFAYETTE". Below "LAFAYETTE" is the word "PARISH" in a larger, bold font. Underneath "PARISH" is the word "MEDICAL" in a smaller font, and at the bottom is the word "SOCIETY" in a larger font. All text is in a bold, sans-serif typeface. The entire logo is set against a white background within a blue-bordered box.

# LAFAYETTE PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY

September 2015

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## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*President LPMS*

*Rachael Y. Roberts  
MD, MHSA*

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## WELCOME MEMBERS!

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued participation & support. This is the re-introduction of the LPMS quarterly newsletter. We are excited to be able to give you regular updates & information on the society. You can also find the newsletter on our website. Included in each newsletter will be upcoming events, new members, current news & other various topics significant to the medical society & the community. Thank you- *Dr. R. Roberts-President, LPMS*

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## WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST LPMS MEMBERS:

Jacob Karr, Gastroenterology, Ryan P. Chastant, Facial Plastic Surgery, May S. Thomassee, Gynecology, Techksell M. Washington, Oncology, Anitha Kamalanathan, MD- Pediatrics, Richard A. Vanbergen, MD-Radiology Virginia Kellner, MD- Neuroscience , Jamie Joseph, MD- Breast Imaging, Lacie Alfonso, MD-PM&R, David Booher, MD- Internist, Michael Vanderlick, MD- Internist, Varasith Rajapho, MD- Internist, Jon Liprie, MD- Internist, Ariadne Gauthier, MD- Internist, Frankie Rholden, MD- Lafayette Dermatology, Emily Speeg, MD- Lafayette Dermatology, Lien Kim Bui Drew, MD- Lafayette Dermatology

## In Medical News

### ICD-10 On the Way

As everyone knows the end of September marks the beginning of ICD-10. CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) have implemented means to help with many physician concerns. Some obvious concerns include heavy investment of time and resources. It also includes problems with claims that could affect patient care. The Louisiana Medical News online as well as the AMA has more details on changes made to make the transition easier for physicians

### New Health IT Counsel

The new IT counsel was recently announced. The counsel hopes to bring some issues back to congress and continue to improve current HIT issues. For more information, go to the Office of National Coordinator Report.

### Call for Resolutions from LPMS Physicians for House of Delegates

We are currently asking any members with concerns or changes they would like to see made in current legislature or new ideas to please email us by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to present these resolutions at next House of Delegates state meeting. Our current committee is ready to represent our parish & surrounding areas. If you would like to participate, please contact the office.



## LPMS Activities & Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Acadiana  
Physicians  
Interfaith  
Breakfast*

*Our Lady of  
Lourdes*

*October 21, 2015  
6:30-8:00 am*

LPMS recently hosted a **Women in Medicine Luncheon** on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success. I would like to thank all of the members that attended as well as the committee members involved. Thank you Dr. Deidra Garrett for going above & beyond and our new Executive Director Virginia Wilkinson. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Shirley Covington, whose inspirational idea to host a yearly event for women physicians started years ago. Without her continue support this event would not be possible.



LPMS Committee pictured in bottom middle: (left to right): Dr. Uyen Chu, Dr. Maria Doucet, Virginia Wilkinson (Exec Director), Dr. Deidra Garrett, Dr. Rachael Roberts (LPMS President)

*Legally Mine  
Talk CME credits*

*Ruffino's on The  
River*

*October 27, 2015  
7:00-8:00 pm*

## WELCOME Virginia Wilkinson- Executive Director

On behalf of the LPMS we would like to officially welcome Virginia Wilkinson as our new Executive Director. Virginia comes to us with years of experience in public relations. She has experience in managing small businesses & came to us highly recommended. Her time with us since March has been very rewarding. We look forward to many years with her- WELCOME!  
\*We continue to have Lindsay Sanders working as our LPMS part time assistant & we thank her

## Other Announcements

- We ask that anyone that would like changes made to their current information listed in our directory to please email us with the correct information no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Please look for our new website this month
- Contact us if interested in advertising on the website or in the upcoming directory

*LPMS Grand  
Dinner/New  
Members Social*

*City Club*

*November 12, 2015  
6:30-8:00 pm*

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