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**Dear California Preventive Medicine Specialist:**

As a California physician specializing in Preventive Medicine or a subspecialty (such as Public Health, Occupational Medicine, or Aerospace Medicine), you are cordially invited to join your state specialty society, the California Academy of Preventive Medicine. Dues are very affordable (see below).

Members of CAPM have opportunities to meet and network with our Preventive Medicine colleagues throughout the state, something that we don't often get to do as members of a small and scattered specialty. Many of us are restricted from speaking out politically on the job, or feel little power individually. CAPM provides an avenue for us to act collectively to advance the funding, privileges, and influence that we need to be effective as Preventive Medicine physicians, as well as the principles of prevention and public health that we stand for. CAPM actively and effectively promotes the specialty of Preventive Medicine, and improvements in public health policy, through legislative action in Sacramento, and by representing Preventive Medicine at the California Medical Association (CMA).

During 2011, CAPM had a major legislative success as the sponsor of Senate Bill 380, which passed and has been signed by the Governor. Beginning in 2012, this new law will enable the California Medical Board to require that CME courses on chronic diseases address the role of nutrition and lifestyle for prevention and treatment. The Board will also be required to periodically distribute information on this subject to California physicians, and to establish a working group to advise it in these efforts.

We also were key supporters of SB 422, recently signed into law, which will enable physicians to refer HIV partner services to local public health staff. Last fall, we joined in the successful opposition to Proposition 23, which would have gutted California's clean air legislation. At the federal level, we have been working to encourage a role for Preventive Medicine in Accountable Care Organizations as part of health care reform.

Many CAPM resolutions have been adopted by the California Medical Association, magnifying our strength by enlisting the lobbying and staff resources of the larger organization and giving organized medicine a prevention-oriented voice. Last October, CMA voted to back CAPM-introduced resolutions to: 1) support legislation to require smoking cessation coverage by all California health plans, and 2) work to simplify the requirements for HIV testing. Our delegates also helped pass resolutions on a wide range of environmental issues including air pollution and bisphenol-A, and other topics including concentrated sweeteners in drinks and foods. Over past years, CAPM has enlisted CMA support for maintaining the authority of California's local health

officers, funding for important public health programs, action for injury prevention, and many other issues.

**Membership enrollment in CAPM involves the following steps:**

- 1. Please make out a check to “CAPM” for the appropriate amount.** Dues are \$35 for members, \$15 for retired physicians, \$10 for resident physicians, and \$5 for medical students. Please note that we gratefully welcome additional donations, which will help replenish a treasury depleted by the high recent expenses (many of our renewing members have paid at least \$50 rather than the \$35 minimum).
- 2. Complete the appropriate CAPM application form on this Web site. Note that there are separate forms for new members vs. renewals.** Among other things, your personal information will determine whether you are eligible to use the title of Fellow or of Member of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine.
- 3. Return the form and your check** to the current CAPM address at P.O. Box 8506, Redlands, CA 92375-1706.

I look forward to your joining us in CAPM, the voice for preventive medicine in California. Since we are a small organization representing a small specialty, every member is important to us and we look forward to hearing your ideas.

Sincerely,



Eric Walsh, MD, MPH, 2011 President, CAPM