

# Newsletter

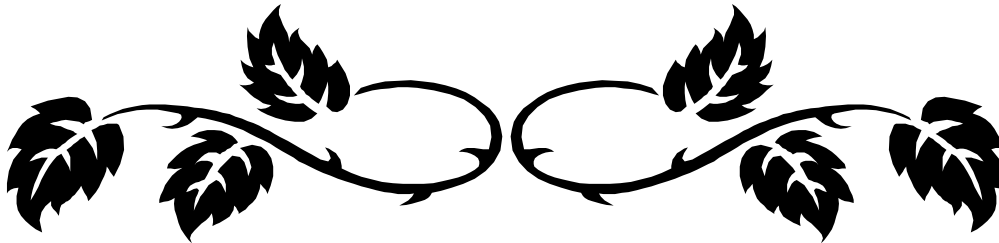
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## President's Column

It is the end of several "years" – academic, state fiscal, 'fed fiscal – and time for a report on CAPM's activities to the membership. There is good news and bad news folded into the mix. The summary statement is that CAPM, with your support, has been quite active around California in advocating for PREVENTION.

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## CAPM Annual Meeting 2004

The annual meeting of CAPM will take place on Friday, October 29, 2004, in Monterey, California. It will be concurrent with the semi-Annual meeting of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO). You will find notice for the educational portion of those meetings for which continuing medical education hours will be awarded and information on housing in the enclosure.

We will meet from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM, in the restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel.

## 2004 Actions by CAPM

### PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE STATE

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – CAPM recommended to the Governor and the interim administration that a physician be appointed to a lead position for public health in California. We also provided criteria for the physician. The Governor's appointee, Richard Jackson, fully meets the criteria.

### FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

– just 5 years ago only 17 percent of California's population enjoyed fluoridated drinking water supplies. By this time next year we will "up" that number to 65 percent. This action follows aggressive actions by several CAPM members to advocate with Water Districts, find and leverage funds for construction, and work beyond the authorizing State statute to successfully engage the state's two largest wholesalers of drinking water – San Francisco Public Utilities District (services the non-fluoridated areas of the Peninsula) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (serving about 19 million people).

**OBESITY EPIDEMIC** – the astounding worldwide epidemic of obesity is also in California and the new Governor is expected to orchestrate actions in a coordinated fashion later this year. Several CAPM members are key parts of the planning teams.

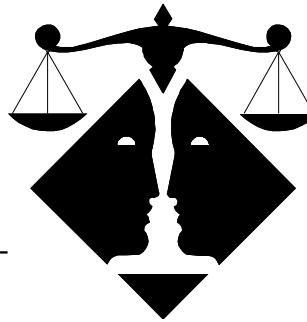
**WEST NILE VIRUS** – As of mid-September, California has recorded 523 human infections with this virus and 15 deaths. Some 253 horses have become ill with 115 deaths. CAPM members have been active in all aspects of surveillance and control of this mosquito borne infection.

**ASTHMA** – the national epidemic of asthma continues. No environmental "smoking gun" has been found as the cause. Secondary prevention is now stepped up with formation of local action coalitions, printed advisories on appropriate medical care for physicians and patients, and organized alerts through school districts and other venues with affected children.

### PAIN MANAGEMENT AND END OF LIFE CARE

– State law requires 12 hours of continuing medi-

cal education (CME) in this area for continued licensure effective January, 2005. CAPM recommends the CMA course that is offered in both northern and southern California and for those who want a web based course, the 12 module AMA course <http://www.ama-cmeonline.com/>



**CANCER** – Cancer Registry data indicate California's overall cancer morbidity rate is down ten percent in the last decade (only one percent nationally). This relates mostly to decreased smoking and our state's multifaceted successful Tobacco Control Program – BIG WIN!

**CANCER** – The State's Prostate Cancer Treatment Program (IMPACT) which provides treatment for poor men is still in business. Governor Davis had eliminated its budget; the legislature reinstated the Program; Governor Schwarzenegger approved the legislative action.

**CANCER** – The State's Cancer Research Program is being phased out of existence. This Program was initially funded at a \$20m level but suffered cutbacks as State budget problems continued.

### C.M.A. ACUTE RESPIRATORY TRACK

**GUIDELINES** – CAPM endorsed CMA Foundation consensus guidelines for medical care practitioners.

**TRAINING** – The California Policy Seminar was reinstated by a CAPM member. This yearly event brings Preventive Medicine Residents to Sacramento to engage policy makers and learn how The System works.

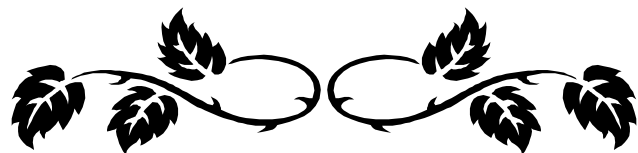
### CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

**(CMA) – HOUSE OF DELEGATES (HOD)** – CAPM is the representative of public health/preventive medicine in the CMA Specialty Delegation at the annual meeting of the CMA HOD. We get one vote (we're small) in the HOD. This year, George Wolfe, our CAPM Delegate, reports on actions taken by the HOD:

## 2004 Actions by CAPM - cont'd

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- o Resolution 101-04: TOBACCO CONTROL 2004 – support for California Tobacco Control Alliance and support tobacco taxation (Adopted)
- o Resolution 102-04: SMOKING BAN IN NATIVE AMERICAN CASINOS – CMA to work with various groups to seek this ban (Adopted)
- o Resolution 103-04: “R” RATINGS FOR FILMS WITH TOBACCO USE – encourage motion picture industry to do this (adopted)
- o Resolution 104-04: TABACCO-FREE PHARMACIES AND DRUGSTORES – CMA to support actions to leverage this action (Not Adopted). NOTE: those in attendance noted that the full HOD was anxious about big government regulations on small businesses.
- o Resolution 105-04: PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL-BORNE DISEASES – encourages study of “Mad Cow” (Bovine spongiform encephalopathy) disease (Adopted)
- o Resolution 106-04: STABLE FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM – (Reaffirmed)
- o Resolution 107-04: HERBAL PRODUCTS AND DRUG INTERACITONS – labeling of herbal and nutritional products having potential to cause serious adverse interactions (Adopted).
- o Resolution 108-04: UNIVERSAL IMMUNICATIION FOR CHILDREN – funding for national immunization and mandate on all insurers (Adopted).
- o Resolution 109-04: COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING – educate physicians and patients & encourage health plans to pay for it (Adopted).
- o Resolution 110-04: ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS – (Not adopted)
- o Resolution 111-04: SUPPORT FOR THE MEASLES INITIATIVE – support for global initiative especially in Africa (Adopted).
- o Resolution 112-04: CREATION OF TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY – Support CMA Foundation in addressing this problem (Adopted).
- o Resolution 113-04: SUPPORT OF ASTHMA INHALERS IN SCHOOLS – support legislative action to authorize possession (Adopted)
- o Resolution 114-04: FINGERNAIL AND INFECTION CONTROL – support policy to prohibit artificial fingernails in certain medical care settings (Adopted)
- o Resolution 115-04: PESTICIDES AND SCHOOLS – Reaffirm policies to protect children and teachers (Reaffirmed)
- o Resolution 116-04: DATA ON TOXIC CHEMICAL EXPOSURES – (Not adopted)
- o Resolution 117-04: GREENHOUSE GAS VEHICLE EMISSIONS – Support California Air Resources Board in certain regulatory actions (Adopted).
- o Resolution 118-04: REDUCE SOURCES OF DIESEL EXHAUST – Support for regulatory actions (Adopted)
- o Resolution 119-04: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTRUSION UPON THE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP – oppose legislation banning late-term abortion (Adopted)
- o Resolution 120-04: PROTECTION OF BREAST FEEDING – actions to discourage formula-feeding and the influence of the infant formula industry (Adopted)
- o Resolution 121a-04: ALTERNATIVES TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT – Encourage CMA foundation to develop an educational program (Substitute adopted)
- o Resolution 122a-04: SAFE BICYCLE TRAILS – encourage safe bicycle trails in future designs (Substitute adopted)
- o Resolution 123A-04: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY – Consider pedestrian safety in new construction (Substitute adopted)
- o Resolution 124-04: RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL FENCING – Support legislation and other actions to require specified barriers around pools (Adopted)
- o Resolution 125-04: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Support legislation to reauthorize this Program (Adopted)



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