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Pike Street Clinic

The Pike Street Clinic is a walk-in clinic that provides medical care to the homeless of Northern Kentucky regardless of their ability to pay for services. The clinic provides medical screenings, TB screenings, foot care, dental referrals, blood pressure screenings and follow-up, diabetic screenings and follow-up, and lab testing. It is operated by HealthPoint Family Care, Inc., a federally qualified safety net provider that also operates seven other health centers throughout Northern Kentucky. Sister Ann John, R.N. is the clinic's coordinator. The clinic is located at 343 Pike Street in Covington, at the corner of Pike and Lee streets. It is currently open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Pike Street Clinic has been serving the homeless of Northern Kentucky since May 22, 1989.

There is a serious need for this clinic. Currently, about 20 patients per day are seen and some days more than that are seen. Many of these patients return repeatedly to be treated for chronic medical conditions. The clinic's atmosphere of respect and trust allows each patient to develop a relationship with the medical providers. As a result, potentially

serious medical problems are identified earlier which reduces the need for hospital treatment. The medical staff provided by HealthPoint Family



343 Pike Street, Covington

Care is supplemented by doctors, nurses and others who volunteer their time. All Mondays are covered by volunteer physicians. When HealthPoint providers are on vacation or miss days due to other circumstances, volunteer MD's are needed for some Wednesdays and Fridays. The first Monday of each month is covered by William Danneman, MD. The second Monday of each month is staffed by St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center faculty and residents. Mary Ann Barnes, MD and Mark Boyd, MD represent that group. The third Monday of each month is covered by Robert Tracy, MD and Randi Callahan, MD. The fourth and fifth Mondays are covered by the emergency medicine group from St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The clinic is not open on major

holidays.

HealthPoint Family Care funds the clinic with support from the Cincinnati Health Network, the Diocese of Covington, the Health Foundation of Cincinnati, and other grant makers and private donors. There are many ways local physicians can become involved in providing this invaluable service. Money is always needed for supplies, medications and other essentials. Volunteer physicians and nurses are crucial to keep the clinic operational. In particular, the nursing staff from St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency

Departments have played a major role in providing services on short notice for the past several months. Volunteers are also needed to work at the front desk, file medical records, and answer the phone. The efforts of so many people from the community have a direct impact on the lives of the less fortunate.

Physicians, NP's and RN's interested in helping in any way can contact Patrick Birrer, MD from St. Elizabeth Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine. His e-mail address is pbirrer@insightbb.com

Welcome to the revival of NKMS Society Rounds

“Neither Senator McConnell nor Senator Bunning supported it and both voted against it 3 times!”

Upcoming Events

President’s Report

Historically, the Northern Kentucky Medical Society acted as a professional and social networking forum for both the physicians of Northern Kentucky and their spouses. We want to again stress that role.

With the impending merger of the hospital staffs and the emergence of larger physician groups, the Society’s role could seem to be supplanted. We believe, however, that the Society’s importance is greater now than ever before.

Our events provide an opportunity for physicians to interact outside the structure of these other organizations and network across groups and specialties. With the advent of hospitalists, many of us never get to see or interact with the consulting or referring physician. Having a face to go with a name makes a relationship more personal.

To encourage participation, we are trying to reduce the cost of attending our events. We will try to make use of

pharmaceutical company funds to underwrite our events to the extent allowed. We will also use some of your Society dues to underwrite the cost of the spouses attending those events. With the Alliance, we are looking to add additional events to the standard four we have done in the past few years. Please, let us know if you have any suggestions.

Stephen W. Hiltz, MD
President, NKMS

KPPAC Report

House Bill 440 providing for retention of under age 25 dependent children on family health plans was passed during this year’s session of the Kentucky General Assembly. This originated with a resolution to KMA sponsored by NKMS.

The KMA with the AMA has

also been involved in the recent effort to get the 10.7% Medicare cuts rescinded. After numerous phone calls and e-mails we were able to get enough senators to change their votes to get HB6331 through the Senate and over ride the Presidential veto. This bill rolls back the cuts, gives physicians a 1.1% increase and an 18 month respite.

Congressman Davis supported this issue totally. Neither Senator McConnell nor Senator Bunning supported it and both voted against it 3 times!

Thomas E Bunnell, MD
Chairman KPPAC

Calendar of Events

- August 17 NKY Physician Outing (Florence Freedom)
- September 15-17 KMA Annual Meeting
- September 16 NKMS Executive Board Meeting
- October 2 “Meet Your Legislators” Meeting
- November 18 NKMS Executive Board Meeting
- December 4 Holiday Party (Ft. Mitchell Country Club)

NKMS Alliance Report

On June 17, Sandi Frost from Somerset, KY, was installed as the president of the AMA Alliance. She is the 1st national president from the state of Kentucky! A Kentucky reception was held for Sandi the night before in the Gold Room of the Drake Hotel with about 300 attendees. All things Kentucky were showcased- mint juleps, hot browns, beaten biscuits w/country ham, burgoo, chess pie, Derby pie, a montage of beautiful photos, a racing horse ice sculpture surrounded by

red roses, the singing of “My Old Kentucky Home”. Chris Frost, Sandi’s husband brought his band for dancing and entertainment. A really good time was had by all and NKMS was one of the sponsors.

The Alliance has a number of upcoming events in the works. Several don’t have details yet so stay tuned. The next Board meeting is August 15th at 9:30AM at Bunnell’s. The details of the November meeting have not been confirmed and you will hear

more. A wine and cheese couples event is in the works for the fall and will be announced shortly. The Christmas party is scheduled for December 4th at Fort Mitchell Country Club so, please, mark your calendars. Finally, the February meeting is confirmed for the 6th at Color Me Mine in the Crestview Hills Towne Center. It should be fun so plan to attend.

NKMS
welcomes the
new first year
Family
Practice
Residents

Practice Update

We want to welcome the new first year residents in the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Family Practice Program.

Here is a list of the new residents along with the schools from which they graduated.

We wish them all success and I’m sure all members of the Medical Society join in welcoming them into the Northern Kentucky community.

Sam Bradley, D.O.	Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Cheryl Chacko, M.D.	University of Louisville
Sarah Flora, MD	Wright State University
Patricia Issacs, MD	University of Louisville
Andrew Muwller, MD	University of Cincinnati
Fred E Pfenniger, MD	Saba University
Brian Walters, MD	University of Kentucky
Bradley Williams, MD	University of Kentucky

Foundation Report

The Northern Kentucky Medical Society Foundation was formed from a kernel of money generated from polio vaccinations in the 1950’s. This money, previously sitting in an unused medical society account, was transformed into the Foundation in the early 2000’s.

The goal is to grow the foundation to routinely fund charitable

giving projects. These have included scholarships for local premedicine programs and other worthy benefit events in our community, such as the American Cancer Society’s Striders’ Ball.

We are still in the growth phase of the foundation. This organization specifically targets the interests of medicine in North-

ern Kentucky. In addition to occasional fundraisers, contributions can be made anytime through the society.

James Farrell, M.D.
President, NKMS Foundation

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Northern Kentucky's
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NKY Physician Family Outing

The Northern Kentucky Physician Family Outing will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2008 at the Florence Freedom Ballpark.

Dinner is from 5:00 PM –6:35 PM and will be catered by Buffalo Bob's. The game starts at 6:05–Florence Freedom vs. Traverse City Beach Bums.

There are five free tickets per family. Tickets are to be picked up at the "will call" booth. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 per person. Children two and under are free.

This day is also family fun day. Children will enjoy running the bases after the game and they

will have the opportunity to get autographs from the players. Make plans to enjoy a great night of family fun.

Please RSVP to the Northern Kentucky Medical Society, Karla Kennedy, at 859-496-6567.

Reservations will also be accepted by email:
nkms@nkms.org

