



Downeast Association of Physician Assistants

DEAPA E-News Brief

Happy New Year To All!!!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO 6 MAINE PAs!!!

6 Maine PAs (that we know of) have passed NCCPA's initial certification exam in emergency medicine.

They are (drumroll, please....):



Melanie Dumont, Erich Fogg, Eric Holden, Kevin Olsen, Shaun O'Connor, and William Sheppard.

We certainly do not want to slight anyone else who may have passed the exam. If you, or someone you know, passed the certification, please let DEAPA News know, so that we can recognize you in a future communication.

Maine Physician Serving on NCCPA

Joel Kase, DO, MPH of Lewiston, ME was elected to the Board of Directors for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants in July of 2011. As the only certifying organization for the 85,000 PAs in the United States, the NCCPA is dedicated to assuring the public that certified physician assistants meet established standards of clinical knowledge and cognitive skills upon entry into practice and throughout their careers. Dr. Kase is the Immediate Past President of the Maine Osteopathic Association and is an emergency physician at Maine General Medical Center in Waterville, ME. Dr. Kase also serves as the Division Chief for Public Health at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, located in Biddeford, ME.

MOA Welcomes PAs to its Mid Winter Conference

The Maine Osteopathic Association's Mid Winter conference will be held February 10-12, 2012 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, ME. The conference is open to all Physician Assistants and for those who are seeking osteopathic category 1-A education credits, the conference qualifies for a total of 23.5 CME hours. The 2012 conference theme is "The Pulse on Chronic Disease Management: Addressing Maine's Chronic Diseases and Top Risk Factors." Topics include ADHD, Asthma, Autism, Obesity, Diabetes, Tobacco, and more! To register visit: www.mainedo.org or call the Maine Osteopathic Association's office at 207-623-1101.

In other news, the DEAPA GAC has been very busy working on the draft legislation with 2 meetings scheduled over the next 2 weeks to move forward on the draft. Updates will be forthcoming in the e-news blast.