

The FAOEM Times – December 2010

Message from the Editor:

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Monthly Physician Spotlight:

Thanks to Dr. Verba Moore for being our December 2010 Physician in the spotlight!

This month I had the pleasure of learning about one of our newest members, Dr. Verba Moore. Dr. Moore is a very interesting person! She graduated from Tulane University Medical School and has a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Moore is Board certified in Aerospace Medicine and she completed her residency at Brooks Air Force Base.

Considering her interest in Aerospace Medicine and her 22½-year career in the Air Force, it wasn't surprising to learn that Dr. Moore has a passion for flying. During her Air Force career, she had the opportunity to fly in many aircraft including F-16s (160 hours of flight time), B-52s, and helicopters. Her last assignment was in Hampton, Virginia, which is where she lived before relocating to Florida. Dr. Moore is the proud owner of a Piper Arrow, single engine airplane.

With her passion for flying and years of dedicated service in the Air Force, Dr. Moore also has a great interest in travel! She has set foot on every continent in the world except for Antarctica and Australia, though she anticipates getting to them one day. One of her favorite trips was a photo safari to Kenya and Tanzania. She also served in Iraq for 4 months.

Dr. Moore has settled down here in Florida and is working as the Manager of the Agency Occupational Health Program for Innovative Health Applications, LLC. This is the contractor providing Occupational Health support services to the NASA Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer. She is interested in becoming active with our FAOEM group and has even volunteered to work on the By-Laws Revision committee.

Thank you Dr. Moore, for sharing with us about your neat life and interesting travels, we are glad to have you in our FAOEM Group!



The FMA plans for an On-Line Community

Did you know that the FMA is planning an on-line community like Facebook or LinkedIn? If you are a member of the FMA, when the new social networking tool is released, it will give members a safe, protected forum to discuss anything and everything related to the practice of medicine. Through this site, you will be able to create a profile page and connect with colleagues based on specialty and areas of interest.

Are you currently connected to the social networking world or are you still a little hesitant? I have a Facebook page that I set up originally purely for my life as a law school student. It's turned out to be a good way of keeping in touch with family and friends when life gets a little too busy to write or call. If you haven't given it a chance, you should reconsider – and if you do, be sure to let me know so we can stay in touch!!



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FAOEM is Planning a Fantastic Breakout Session at the next Workers' Compensation Conference!

In August 2011, we will offer the 2nd FAOEM Occupational Medicine Breakout session at the Workers' Compensation Conference in Orlando. Of course our major goal is to emphasize the importance of Occupational Medicine Physicians in all things related to the worker!

The first hour of the session will be a live mock physician patient examination/interview. The physician will ask questions, the patient will give answers (some which are inconsistent), and periodically the physician will turn to the audience to explain why certain questions were asked, how inconsistencies make the job harder, and how the interview/examination process is a critical part of any occupational medicine doctor's practice.

The second hour of the session will be a panel discussion and presentation focused on: controlling the costs of a workers' compensation claim. We are planning for attendees to have the opportunity to gain insight from multiple perspectives including the occupational medicine physician, the insurance carrier, the employer, and an adjuster. Our panel will focus on multiple issues including stay at work/return to work, pharmacy costs, and major contributing cause. The material will be delivered using a best practices format, with an emphasis on evidenced based medicine and cases. We will have an interactive discussion with a question and answer session on controlling costs, stay at work/return to work, controlling pharmacy costs, major contributing cause, and balancing the needs of the worker, physician and carrier.

I really hope you will plan to attend our program this year and to show your support to the hard work of our planning committee and presentation committee. Dr. Jill Rosenthal, a FAOEM Officer, has graciously agreed to take the lead on developing the material and speakers for our session. Thank you Dr. Rosenthal and thanks to the committee for the great ideas and hard work in organizing this session!