

THE 18TH ANNUAL
**Washington Clinical
Laboratory Conference**

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please make additional copies as necessary)

Name(s) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail address _____

Amount Enclosed:

Number of Registrants _____ X \$ 95 = _____

Box Lunch Selection (select your box lunch of choice):

Sandwiches

___ Smoked Turkey, Havarti

___ Chicken Club

___ Tomato, Mozzarella, Avocado

___ Roast Beef with Cheddar

Salads

___ Classic Cobb Salad

___ Lemon Chicken Caesar Salad

___ Pear & Blue Cheese Salad

___ Asian Noodle with Chicken

Registration forms must be postmarked by **October 15**.

Please **make check payable to NPSSCLS**. Mail registration forms to:

Leonard Kargacin

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Mount Vernon, WA 98273

For questions, contact Leonard Kargacin at (253) 395-6747 or leonard.kargacin@doh.wa.gov. Due to facility and session expense obligations, **no refunds are permitted**.



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November 7, 2011

Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Ave S
Tukwila, WA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee of \$95.00 includes attendance at the conference, lunch, and breaks. Advance registrations must be postmarked by **October 15, 2011**. On-site registrations will be accepted the morning of the conference, but will not include lunch. Full payment must accompany all registrations. **NOTE:** Due to state budgetary restrictions, registration will be processed by the North Puget Sound Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (NPSSCLS). **Make your checks payable to NPSSCLS.** Those registrations received without full payment will be held and the registrant notified. Due to facility and session expense obligations, **no refunds are permitted.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Numerous hotels are available near SeaTac Airport and the South Center Mall. There is also a Days Inn just off of Exit 156 from I-5. Check with the hotels regarding shuttle or taxi service to the Tukwila Community Center.

COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTIONS

Facility Address: 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA

Southbound on I-5: Take exit #156 (Tukwila, Interurban Ave). Turn right onto Interurban Avenue S and stay in the right lane. At the stop light at 42nd Avenue S, turn right. Cross the Duwamish River. The Tukwila Community Center is immediately on your right.

Northbound on I-5: Take exit #156 (Tukwila, West Marginal Way). Take the Tukwila exit, turn left onto Interurban Avenue S, and move to the right lane. At the stop light at 42nd Avenue S, turn right. Cross the Duwamish River. The Tukwila Community Center is immediately on your right.

The Conference will be held in the Banquet Hall sections A/B/C.

PARKING: There is NO CHARGE for parking at the Community Center.

AGENDA

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Opening Remarks Romesh Gautam, PhD Director, Washington State Public Health Laboratories
8:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address <i>"Health Care Reform & the Federal Budget Deficit: How the Political Debate Is Driving Policy for Labs & Pathologists"</i> Dennis Weissman
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:45	<i>"Accountable Care Organizations and Integration under Healthcare Reform"</i> Emily R. Studebaker, JD
11:45 - 1:15	Lunch <i>"Electronic Lab Reporting and Meaningful Use"</i> Bryant Karras, MD <i>"The Importance of Electronic Lab Reporting for Public Health Surveillance"</i> Kathy Lofy, MD
1:15 - 2:45	<i>"Vision 2020 and Beyond: Laboratory of the Future"</i> May C. Chu, PhD
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:30	<i>"Laboratory-Acquired Infections: What, Where, When, Why?"</i> Ellen Jo Baron, PhD

P.A.C.E. continuing education credits through the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science will be available for the Conference. ASCLS-WA is a co-sponsor of the seminar.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Dennis Weissman is the President of Dennis Weissman & Associates, LLC. The national spotlight is on soaring federal deficits, raising the national debt ceiling debate, and the continuing controversy surrounding the health care reform lab. This presentation will examine the latest policy and business implications for the laboratory industry including the outlook for lab and pathology payments and policy along with how changing market trends will impact diagnostic services and providers.

Emily R. Studebaker, JD, is from the Seattle law firm of Garvey Schubert Barer. The long-awaited Accountable Care Organization (ACO) regulations were published in March 31, 2011. This presentation will address eligibility requirements, patient attribution, and participation in Medicare's shared savings program. This presentation is targeted to those who have familiarity with health care delivery systems in Washington who would like additional information about issues that may impact the development of ACOs in Washington.

Bryant T. Karras, MD, (Informatics Officer/Sr. Epidemiologist) and **Kathy Lofy, MD**, (Medical Epidemiologist) are with the WADOH. The WADOH is working to develop capacity to receive "meaningful use" messages from electronic medical records and health information exchanges. The goal is to establish automated systems for reporting notifiable condition lab results to our PHRED system. Meaningful use stimulus incentives offer an unprecedented opportunity for public health to improve public health surveillance.

May C. Chu, PhD, is the Director, Laboratory Science Policy and Practice Program Office at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Chu will present a session titled "Vision 2020 and Beyond: Laboratory of the Future." Laboratories are being challenged more and more about being efficient, using the right technology, preparing the workforce for the future, and determining what core information they must provide. What should be considered? What should be adopted? Dr. Chu will present her vision of what the clinical laboratory will look like in 2020 and beyond.

Ellen Jo Baron, PhD, is a Professor Emerita at Stanford University and Director of Medical Affairs at Cepheid. In her session titled "Laboratory Acquired Infections: What, Where, When, Why," Dr. Baron will present data from several studies on laboratory-acquired infections and will discuss the relative efficacy of prevention strategies. The talk will conclude with recommendations for laboratory workers and managers.