

THE 16TH ANNUAL  
**Washington Clinical  
Laboratory Conference**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please make additional copies as necessary)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Enclosed:

Number of Registrants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 95 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sandwiches

Salads

\_\_\_ Smoked Turkey, Havarti

\_\_\_ Classic Cobb Salad

\_\_\_ Chicken Club

\_\_\_ Lemon Chicken Caesar Salad

\_\_\_ Tomato, Mozzarella, Avocado

\_\_\_ Pear & Blue Cheese Salad

\_\_\_ Roast Beef with Cheddar

\_\_\_ Asian Noodle with Chicken

Registration forms must be postmarked by **October 22**.

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

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For questions, contact Leonard Kargacin at (206) 418-5416 or leonard.kargacin@doh.wa.gov. Due to facility and session expense obligations, **no refunds are permitted**.



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November 9, 2009

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 22, 2009**. 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 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>"Update on Health System Reform and Medicare Payment &amp; Policy Changes: How do Labs &amp; Pathologists Fit In and What's Ahead for 2010?"</i> Dennis Weissman
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	<i>"Public Health Preparations for the 2010 Olympics: British Columbia - Washington Collaboration"</i> John Erickson plus Panel
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	<i>"H1N1 Update: Epidemiology and Response"</i> Daniel Jernigan, MD, MPH
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:15	<i>"Improving the Use of Laboratory Tests in Healthcare Systems"</i> Michael Astion, MD, PhD
4:15 - 4:30	Conference Wrap-up

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. With Congress and the Obama Administration negotiating far-reaching changes to restructure the U.S. health insurance market as well as major policy changes affecting the Medicare program, the national debate over healthcare reform will reach a political crescendo in the Nation's Capital sometime later this fall. This presentation will examine the leading policy provisions and their impact, how laboratories and pathologists will be affected including changes in Medicare payments, and the outlook for final congressional action.

**John Erickson** is the Washington State Department of Health Special Assistant for Public Health Preparedness and Response. This session will discuss the planning process including preparation for public health emergencies, bioterrorism/chemical terrorism response, and police/federal law enforcement action for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC. A panel of experts who participated in the coordination of public health concerns from Washington and British Columbia will discuss the planning process. Events in Vancouver may affect your laboratory. This session will help you be prepared!

**Daniel B. Jernigan, MD MPH**, is the Deputy Director, Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Jernigan will describe the emergence of the novel H1N1 and the current status of impact on the US and globally. He will describe diagnostic opportunities and challenges, and will provide considerations for what may occur over the 2009-2010 flu season.

**Michael Astion, MD, PhD**, is an Associate Professor at the University of Washington Department of Laboratory Medicine in Seattle. This lecture will give an overview of why some tests are ordered too frequently, and the financial and cultural challenges labs face in trying to manage overutilization of tests. Several interventions for successfully managing test use will be described.