

Hello all,

It's time for the annual West Virginia Medical Student Conference brought to you by the Medical Student Sections of the West Virginia American Medical Association (WVAMA) and West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA).

We would like to invite you to attend the 8th Annual West Virginia Medical Student Conference set to take place in Charleston, WV on **February 9-11, 2018**. Accommodations will be provided at the **Charleston Marriot** Town Center in Charleston with activities to take place at Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of WVU-Charleston.

This conference is a great opportunity to interact with other medical students in West Virginia and we plan to feature the following:

- Clinical skills workshop
- Several guest speakers
- Narcan training
- Community service event with WV Health Right on Saturday Afternoon

It is our goal to give you the chance to learn more about the profession you are beginning, listen to some great speakers discuss relevant topics that as a future physician you may want to know about, and hopefully learn some helpful clinical skills. Also, there will be **social events** Friday and Saturday night giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the company of your fellow medical students from around the state.

The **registration fee is \$50** and covers conference expenses, meals, and hotel accommodations. Hotel rooms will be 4 students to a room but we will take roommate preferences. Let's be honest, \$50 may seem a little pricey but let's break it down: there's community service hours to be had, clinical skills to be learned, doctors to listen to and interact with; oh, and a **2 night stay at Marriott, two dinners, 1 breakfast, and a lunch**. Either way you see it, it should be a great time and allow you to network with future doctors and friends from around the state.

The **deadline** to sign up is **Monday January 29th**, but the earlier the better. Transportation to and from Charleston is not provided, but **free parking is included** at the Marriott, so that is one less expense to worry about; and there will be a google doc to help make carpooling arrangements. Breakfast for Sunday morning is not included but we will suggest some great breakfast places in downtown Charleston to cure the end of the weekend blues.

Payment will be made via PayPal but if that isn't possible, checks are an acceptable method of payment; PayPal seems to be easier for all parties in most instances.

To sign up for the conference, please email Wes Urian, the chair of the medical student section of the state medical association, at urian2@marshall.edu. Information on how to pay via PayPal will be provided once you have signed up. The earlier people sign up the better. Once we have several people sign up and it gets closer to the event, a google doc will be created so interested parties can make carpool arrangements and decide room preferences if there are any.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to email Wes Urian at urian2@marshall.edu.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the conference!