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Jericho, Vermont*

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Dear Vermont Medical Society Member:



On behalf of the Vermont Medical Society executive committee, council and staff, it is my pleasure to present to you the Society's 2010 annual report.

Inside you will find information about the ways in which VMS worked on your behalf last year; including:

- What VMS advocated for in 2010, including actively opposing cuts to physician reimbursement and non-unanimous jury verdicts;
- A summary of the 2010 annual meeting;
- Details on the Society's latest resolutions, which regard unfunded mandates, tort reform, reaffirming the physician/patient relationship, and physician leadership;
- The treasurer's report and proposed budget;
- Education and outreach efforts conducted by staff throughout the year; and,
- Important upcoming events and meetings.

I would like to thank the many council, executive committee and staff members who made my tenure as president an extremely rewarding experience. Serving as president of the Vermont Medical Society was among the greatest honors I've had during my career as a physician.

During my time in office I had the wonderful opportunity to meet many doctors throughout the state. The visits confirmed my long-held opinion that Vermont's doctors are an extremely capable, caring and committed group of professionals. The residents of our state are very lucky to have you all as their doctors.

I've been honored to work on your behalf this year and look forward to continuing to find a way to help you do what you do best: care for our friends, family and neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Tortolani M.D." in a cursive style.

Robert Tortolani, M.D.
President, 2009-2010

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VMS Leadership



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Dr. Duncan is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, where she is the Youth Project Director for the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program.

Dr. Duncan received her bachelor of arts from Manhattanville College, her medical degree from Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, trained in pediatrics at Albany Medical Center and Stanford and did an adolescent medicine fellowship while a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at Stanford. After five years on the faculty at Stanford, she joined the UVMCM faculty.

Nationally, Dr. Duncan is the chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Implementation Advisory Committee and was one of the co-editors of the third edition of Bright Futures Guidelines for Preventive Services.



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Dr. Pisanelli is a surgeon at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He earned his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1973 and joined father's Rutland surgical practice in 1977.

Dr. Pisanelli is the chairman of the RRMC credentials committee and the cancer liaison physician between the hospital's cancer center and the American Commission on Cancer. Previously he served as chairman of the hospital's department of surgery in the mid 1980s, president of its medical staff from 1994 to 1996 and a member of its board of directors from 1992 to 2006.



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An associate professor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, he earned his M.D. at Brown University Medical School and completed his residency at the University of Rochester.

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An attending anesthesiologist at FAHC since 1986, Dr. Schapiro is currently a member of the hospital's strategic management, faculty practice finance, medical staff executive, and operating room steering committees.



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Dr. Tortolani is a family practice physician in Brattleboro who has been practicing since 1973. He earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1967 and did his residency in family practice at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont. He is board certified in family practice and geriatric medicine. He has been an instructor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, the Dartmouth Medical School and the University of Massachusetts.



John Mazuzan, M.D., Treasurer Emeritus

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After graduating from the University of Vermont College of Medicine (UVMCM) in 1954, Dr. Mazuzan did his internship at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, and his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. He returned to Burlington in August 1959 and practiced anesthesiology in Burlington area hospitals until retiring in 1996.

Dr. Mazuzan has served as the chairman of the UVMCM Department of Anesthesia and was a member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice for eight years. A VMS member since 1961, he served as its treasurer from 2002 to 2008 and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1976 and the Founders Award in 1999.

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VMS Staff



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Executive vice president Paul Harrington has worked at VMS since April 2002. Previously, Paul was the majority health policy director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under the chairmanship of Senator James M. Jeffords. He has also served as deputy commissioner of the Vermont Department of Labor and Industry, a board member of the Vermont Health Care Authority and as the chair of the Commerce Committee in the Vermont House of Representatives, where he served three terms.

In addition to his duties at VMS, Paul is the treasurer of Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc., serves on the AMA's State Technical Advisory Team and is on the executive committee of the Governor's Vermont Chronic Care Initiative. He also serves on the boards of the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care and is a graduate of the University of Vermont.



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Deputy executive vice president Madeleine Mongan has been at VMS since January 1996. She works with the Vermont Legislature, state agencies and insurers on health care policy and provides education and technical assistance to Vermont physicians on legal issues. As an attorney, her practice addresses a range of health law issues including confidentiality, licensing, managed care, scope of practice, liability reform, public health, contracting, and fraud and abuse.

Madeleine is a member of the American Medical Association Advocacy Resource Center Advisory Board, the American Health Lawyers Association, the American Society of Medical Association Counsel, the Vermont Bar Association, and is past chair of the Vermont Bar Association Health Law Committee. She received her B.A. from the University of Delaware, M.A. from Stanford University, and J.D. from the University of California at Davis.



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Operations director Stephanie Winters has worked at VMS for thirteen years. She serves as the executive director of the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, the Vermont Ophthalmological Society, the Vermont Orthopaedic Society and the Vermont Society of Anesthesiologists.



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Business manager Colleen Magne has worked at VMS since September 2005. In addition to her duties as business manager, Colleen also is the program administrator for the Vermont Practitioner Health Program. Previously she was employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont for nearly 12 years. Her positions there included customer service, nongroup sales, account representative, and senior account representative.

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Justin Campfield has led VMS's communications efforts since January 2009 and contributes more than a decade of communications and public affairs experience.

As a public relations executive in both agency and in-house settings, Justin has led communications programs for a wide array of clients, including two community hospitals in Florida. He is an occasional contributing columnist for the American College of Healthcare Executives' membership magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and in 2008 joined two Dartmouth Medical School professors in co-authoring a paper that was published by the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.



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Suzanne Parker, M.D., rejoined VMS as Interim Director of VPHP in early 2010. She previously served in the role from 2001 to 2008. During her career, Dr. Parker has received numerous awards, including the Alan Buckland Award for Distinguished Service in the Field of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, the 2006 VMS Physician of the Year Award and the University of Vermont College of Medicine Alumni Award for Service to Medicine and the Community.

In private practice since 1987, Dr. Parker received her M.D. from the University of Vermont and conducted her residency in psychiatry at Fletcher Allen. Dr. Parker is also an instructor at the UVM College of Medicine, with an emphasis on the topics of substance abuse, physician impairment and pain management.



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Dr. Jordan assumed the position of Medical Director of the Vermont Medical Society's Foundation for Research and Education at the Foundation in late 2010 after serving as the Medical Director of the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc. for 17 years.

Dr. Jordan is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University Of Connecticut School Of Medicine. He completed both a residency in family medicine at the University of Vermont and a pediatric residency at Boston University. He received his Masters in Public Health from Harvard University. Prior to his career in quality measurement and improvement, Dr. Jordan practiced family medicine and pediatrics for a decade in inner city Boston and rural Vermont.

Dr. Jordan served as chair of the board of directors of the Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Vermont's HITECH Regional Extension Center from 2007-2009. He currently serves on the board of the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, a federal and state partnership to promote production and service efficiencies in both the private and public sectors including state government, education and health care.

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What We Advocated For In 2010

The Vermont Medical Society represents the interests of more than 1,800 physicians, residents, and medical students before the state and federal governments and is the only organization advocating full-time on the behalf of Vermont’s physicians. During 2010, VMS provided an effective voice for its member physicians on these issues:

Health Care Reform

Legislation passed by the General Assembly directed the Health Care Reform Commission to contract with a consultant to develop at least three design options for comprehensive healthcare reform in Vermont. Under the bill, one of the options was required to be a single-payer plan decoupled from employment (the plan required by this legislation was introduced to the General Assembly by Dr. William Hsiao in January of 2011).

The legislation also made numerous amendments to Vermont’s chronic care initiative, the Blueprint for Health. The first major change shifted responsibility for the Blueprint from the Department of Health to a renamed Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA). The logic behind the change appeared to be an effort to consolidate many of Vermont’s health-care reform efforts at the Department of Vermont Health Access.

Also included were several provisions related to chronic care management and the medical home and community health teams that are far more detailed and prescriptive than the current enabling legislation. In opposition to the provisions, VMS cited the importance of allowing physician-led medical homes greater flexibility in designing community health teams in a manner that reflects the unique infrastructure and needs of the various communities around the state.

VMS supported the bill’s provisions that made the Blueprint for Health statewide – subject to the full participation of Medicaid, Medicare and the state’s three commercial insurance companies, including their self-insured plans.

One of the most significant provisions in the legislation dealt with the development of payment reform pilot projects. Under this provision, a director of payment reform position was created at DVHA. The pilots would be developed in order to address the total costs of the delivery system and improve health outcomes. These systems would be organized around primary care professionals and align with the Blueprint’s strategic plan and the statewide health information technology plan. The bill

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contemplated health insurers, Medicaid, Medicare and all of the payers reimbursing this new entity for coordinated patient care through a single system of payments; a global budget; a system of cost containment, health care outcomes, and patient satisfaction targets.

Aware of Massachusetts’ health care reform experience with expanding access and the resulting lack of access to primary care, an amendment was added that created a committee to determine what additional primary care capacity will be needed if Vermont achieves universal access, and create a detailed and targeted five-year strategic plan to ensure an adequate primary care workforce. The committee will have 17 members, including representatives of VMS, the UVM College of Medicine’s Office of Primary Care and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program, Blueprint, and Bi-State Primary Care Association.

Non-Unanimous Jury Verdicts

Legislation allowing for non-unanimous jury verdicts in civil cases was passed by the Vermont Senate, but was not taken up in the House.

VMS testified in opposition to the legislation due to concern that eliminating the unanimous requirement could lead to an increased number of cases that would otherwise be settled before being brought to trial. VMS also stated that the bill could have a direct impact on the cost of health care, since physicians may order additional diagnostic tests and make additional referrals to other physicians in order to reduce their potential exposure to lawsuits.

The bill, as introduced, eliminated the current standard of unanimous jury verdicts in civil cases and set a new lower 80-percent requirement, thereby allowing verdicts to be decided by 10 of the 12 jury members.

Cuts to Physician Reimbursement

Despite a revenue shortfall of \$154 million, the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) did not propose direct cuts to physician reimbursement. The Douglas administration instead proposed a number of process and service changes including a program of prior authorization for high-tech imaging such as CT scans, MRIs and PET scans.

VMS opposed this initiative and shared physicians’ comments with legislators. As it became clear that legislators intended to move forward with this proposal VMS worked to ensure that imaging approval guidelines would be available to physicians, that prior authorization responses would be timely, and that OVHA/DVHA would make training available to physicians no later than 60 days prior to implementation of

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the program. Language was also included that would require OVHA/DVHA to create a physician advisory committee for this program, to create an exemption for physicians whose prior authorization requests are always granted – so-called “gold-card” program – and to ensure timely access to physician peers as part of the process.

VMS was also successful in its efforts to defeat proposed cuts to the physician loan repayment, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and tobacco prevention programs.

Adjustments to Pharmaceutical Marketing Disclosure Law

VMS worked closely with the Legislature to make a number of helpful amendments to the previous year’s pharmaceutical marketing disclosure and gift ban bill.

In order to end the practice of Vermont physicians being banned from partaking in conference meals while attending bona fide educational meetings, legislation was passed that allows the sponsor of an event to apply part of the funding to provide meals and other food for all conference participants. In addition, the bill exempts from the gift ban the provision of refreshments at a booth at conferences or seminars. These two amendments track similar revisions in the Massachusetts regulation and were strongly advocated for by VMS.

With respect to free samples, the legislation required each manufacturer to disclose to the office of the attorney general all free samples of prescribed products provided to health care providers and identify for each sample the product, recipient, number of units, and dosage. However, the manufacturer does not have to report the value of the free sample. The release of any information relating to free samples for research purposes would have the names and license number of the recipients deleted and be subject to confidentiality protections.

Clinical Utilization Review Board

The Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA) was granted legislative authority to create a Clinical Utilization Review Board (CURB) to examine existing medical services, emerging technologies and relevant evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and make recommendations to the department on the most appropriate mechanisms to implement the recommended clinical practice guidelines. The board is intended to mirror the existing Drug Utilization Review Board and it will be comprised of 10 members with diverse medical experience to be appointed by the governor.

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In its testimony, VMS offered numerous amendments to this program that were accepted. These included moving the focus of the board away from utilization control to one of recommending evidence-based practice guidelines. In addition, VMS was successful in ensuring the board would also be charged to consider the administrative burdens of potential recommendations on health care professionals and also the feasibility of exempting from any prior authorization requirements those health care professionals whose prior authorization requests are routinely granted.

New Certification Process for Radiologist Assistants

The Legislature created a new certification process for radiologist assistants, similar to the certification requirements now in effect for physician assistants and anesthesiologist assistants. Like physician assistants, radiologist assistants must be employed by radiologists or by the hospital where the radiologist works. Radiologist assistants work under a protocol signed by the supervising radiologist that specifies their scope of work.

The new law spells out in detail the application process for certification, educational requirements, scope of practice and certification fees for radiologist assistants. The law also addresses unprofessional conduct, legal liability, supervision requirements, and includes a requirement that radiologists post a notice if they use radiologist assistants.

Coverage for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

After July 1, 2011, health insurance plans in Vermont must cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Coverage must include applied behavior analysis supervised by a nationally board-certified behavior analyst, for children, beginning at 18 months of age and continuing until the child reaches age six or enters the first grade, whichever occurs first.

A health insurance plan shall not limit in any way the number of visits with an autism services provider or will not be able to impose greater coinsurance, co-payment, deductible, or other cost-sharing requirements.

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VERMONT ONCE AGAIN NAMED NATION’S HEALTHIEST STATE

For the fourth year in a row Vermont has been named as the nation’s healthiest state in the United Health Foundation’s America’s Health Rankings.

Vermont ranks among the top 10 states on 14 of the 22 measures. Strengths include a high rate of high school graduation with 88.6 percent of incoming ninth graders who graduate within four years, ready access to early prenatal care with 83.5 percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester, a low rate of uninsured population at 9.6 percent, high public health funding at \$177 per person, a low percentage of children in poverty at 12.0 percent of persons under age 18, and ready availability of primary care physicians with 170.7 primary care physicians per 100,000 population.

Vermont scored in the top 10 in 14 of the 22 criteria used to formulate the rankings and has ascended from 20th in 1990 and 1991 to the top position with sustained improvement in the last decade. Vermont’s strengths include its number one position for all health determinants combined which includes ranking in the top 10 states for a high rate of high school graduation, a low violent crime rate, a low percentage of children in poverty, high per capita public health funding, a low rate of uninsured population and ready availability of primary care physicians.

Vermont’s two challenges are low immunization coverage with 89.8 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving recommended immunizations and a high prevalence of binge drinking at 17.3 percent of the population.

“Vermont’s physicians can take a lot of pride in the state earning the results of these rankings,” said Dr. Robert Tortolani, who served as VMS’s from 2009 to 2010. “The quality of care that we provide our patients, as well as our ability to educate them about healthy lifestyle choices, are very evident in Vermont being named the nation’s healthiest state. I hope to see our state at the top of these rankings for a very long time.”

For more information, visit www.AmericasHealthRankings.org.

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The Society Priorities

During its 197th annual meeting held Nov. 6, 2010, at the Equinox Resort in Manchester, Vt., members adopted several policy resolutions that address a number of issues and formed the basis for the Society’s public policy efforts.

The resolutions addressed:

Unfunded Mandates

Because unreimbursed administrative tasks present escalating challenges for physician practices, this resolution calls for, among other things: a distinct and transparent set of payment rules for multiple payers, a single claim form, a standard set of rules for claim submission, reimbursement for time spent on administrative tasks, and the adoption of uniform state and/or national standards for quality data, formularies, prior authorizations, and claim payments.

Tort Reform

Over-testing, defensive medicine, and medical liability insurance premiums are not only major health care cost drivers, but also deterrents in attracting and retaining physicians in the face of an impending doctor shortage. This resolution commits VMS to working with the Governor and the General Assembly to establish pretrial screening panels, require certificates of merit, create expert witness standards, and design an administrative process for addressing adverse events.

Reaffirming the Physician/Patient Relationship

This resolution highlights the unique relationship between physicians and their patients by asserting VMS’ support of shared decision-making, as well as open dialogue regarding palliative care services and end-of-life planning. Additionally, it commits VMS to working with the medical profession to reaffirm the importance of its obligation to the patient through professional societies and academic, research, and hospital organizations.

Physician Leadership

This resolution encourages the appointment of physicians to leadership roles in the delivery of health care and health care system reform. It also commits VMS to ensuring that physicians have a voice in health care reform efforts taking place in Vermont, while recognizing the changing employment status of many VMS members.

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Corporate Affiliate Program

The Vermont Medical Society constantly works to enhance its Corporate Affiliate Program, which is designed to help members practice medicine more effectively and run their practices more efficiently. Through the program, VMS members can receive discounted rates from the following companies:

Hackett, Valine & MacDonald

*Business, personal and specialty insurance,
Employee benefits and Captive management*
(802) 658-1100

MBA HealthGroup

*Healthcare consulting, medical billing,
revenue cycle management, and electronic medical records*
(802) 383-4699

Pastore Financial Group, LLC

Financial planning
(802) 863-1248

Symquest Group, Inc

Technology
(802) 658-9812

Vermont Information Technology Leaders

EHR's
(802) 223-4100

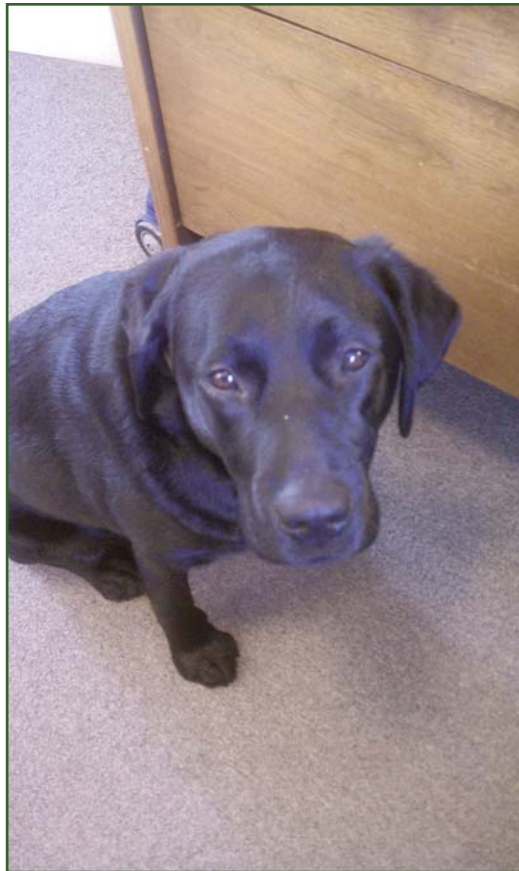
**To learn more about these companies
and the services they provide, visit the corporate
affiliate section of the VMS Web site - www.vtmd.org.**

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We are pleased to introduce you to
the newest edition to the VMS staff!

Cora Clare

VMS Official Office Greeter
(and companion of Cy Jordan)



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VMS Membership Benefits

Physician members of the VMS enjoy a broad array of benefits that help them practice medicine more effectively and run their practices more efficiently. These include communications, insurance and practice management assistance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Weekly E-mail News

Updates: VMS members receive via e-mail the weekly VMS News Scan,

a concise digest of health care news in Vermont and the nation. Each news item includes a direct link to the original source on the Internet so that readers can readily access the full details.



Legislative Bulletins: During the legislative session and as needed throughout the year, VMS members receive frequent updates on the progress of bills at the Statehouse and policies in the rulemaking process. Members are often alerted when they should take appropriate action.

The Green Mountain Physician Newsletter: Six times a year, the VMS publishes *The Green Mountain Physician*, a member newsletter that contains in-depth original articles about issues concerning physicians.

Online: VMS members can keep up-to-date by visiting VTMD.org and the Society's Twitter feed, [Twitter.com/VMSAdvocates](https://twitter.com/VMSAdvocates).



INSURANCE BENEFITS

Group Health Insurance: VMS offers its members many choices for health insurance options, five Vermont Freedom plans, two comprehensive high-deductible health plans offered in conjunction with a Health Savings Account, five HMO plans, 7 HMO high deductible health plans offered in conjunction with a health savings account and over 65 retirement plans. For more information concerning health insurance options, call Colleen Magne at 800-640-8767.

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Group Dental Plan: VMS members and their employees can participate in the Northeast Delta Dental Benefit Program.

Disability and Life Insurance: Hackett, Valine and MacDonald provides disability and life insurance for VMS members and their employees at discounted rates.

Auto, Homeowner, Tenant, Umbrella, Condo and Boat Insurance: Hackett, Valine and MacDonald provides all of the above insurances for VMS members and their employees at discounted rates.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Guide to Health Care Law: VMS has recently updated its Vermont Guide to Health Care Law. The guide, which covers practice issues, business issues, and regulation of health professionals, is available on the VMS Web site.

Technical Support: The VMS staff is available to offer technical assistance to members on a range of non-clinical issues. Staff members regularly field inquiries regarding practice issues such as medical records, fraud and abuse, workers' compensation, debt collection, scope of practice for allied health professionals, payor administrative requirements, HIPAA, and the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). An attorney on staff is available to provide technical assistance on legal issues to members and, for a small fee, to review insurer contracts for suggestions on how to make them more favorable for physicians.

Continuing Medical Education: Members can request that VMS document their fulfillment of continuing medical education requirements. VMS provides several CME programs during its annual meeting.

An attorney on the VMS staff is available to provide technical assistance on legal issues to members and, for a small fee, to review insurer contracts for suggestions on how to make them more favorable for physicians.

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Peer Support

To support physicians in practice and medical students in their education, VMS manages several programs and contributes to worthwhile programs run by other organizations:

Vermont Practitioner Health Program

VMS operates the Vermont Practitioner Health Program, a confidential service for licensed physicians, podiatrists, and physician assistants to address the disease of substance abuse, including alcoholism. The program is designed to help identify, refer to treatment, guide, and monitor the recovery of practitioners with substance use disorders. Because of its important work, the program has received donations from three insurance companies (see accompanying article). Suzanne Parker, M.D., who specializes in substance abuse, physician impairment and pain management, is the program’s interim medical director and oversees the program with a committee of trained practitioners who provide support to their colleagues affected by substance abuse illness.

Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation

The VMS sponsors a nonprofit charitable organization that supports educational and research activities in the field of health. The foundation, in collaboration with the Chittenden County Medical Society, awards the annual Dr. Mildred Reardon \$10,000 scholarship to a deserving third-year medical student at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. The intent of such grants is to provide an incentive for candidates to pursue a career in medicine and to provide motivation for graduates to practice in Vermont. All contributions to the foundation are tax deductible.

Vermont Medical Society Political Action Committee

The VMS PAC makes financial contributions to candidates for the Vermont General Assembly who have demonstrated that they understand the challenges physicians face caring for Vermont’s citizens.

County and Specialty Society Chapter Support

VMS offers administrative and policy support for county and specialty society chapters. Staff provide logistical support for planning meetings, including mailing reminders, booking locations, and helping arrange speakers, and attend county society meetings as requested to review policy and legal issues of interest to physicians. Staff also provide support for a number of specialty societies working with the societies to reach their policy and advocacy goals.

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Education and Outreach

In 2010, VMS was able to deliver and participate in several educational in outreach programs involving physicians and other health care professionals in Vermont. Those efforts included:

- Vermont Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians Annual Meeting with a review of state and federal health care reform.
- Vermont Orthopedic Society Spring Meeting review of state and federal health care reform legislation.
- Council of New England State Medical Societies discussion of health care priorities for the six New England states.
- VT Bar Assoc. presentation on state and federal health care reform.
- College of Medicine presentation on challenges facing primary care physicians.
- Dr. William Hsiao – facilitate dinner meeting of state physician leaders with Dr. Hsiao.
- Franklin County Medical Society – attend annual meeting and give brief presentation on state and federal health care reform legislation.
- Vermont MGMA presentation on edit standards – review of contract standards law passed in 2009, presented a survey of claim edit standards and discussed problems encountered by practice managers with claim edits
- VEN Decision-making Seminar – Surrogate decision making at end of life.
- Franklin Pierce University Physician Assistant Program - Topics included: Informed consent to treatment; Patient confidentiality; Decision making at end of life; Prescribing controlled substances and prescription drug abuse; and professional responsibility.
- UVM Class – Writing for pre-med students focusing on legal issues affecting health care delivery.
- VMS staff and members also serve on a number of committees and workgroups: Department of Health's Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS) Advisory Committee; Medical Advisory Committee; Prescription Drug Task Force; University of Vermont's Area Health Education Center Statewide Advisory Board and the Academic Detailing Program Advisory Board; Healthcare Workforce Development Partners; DVHA's Medicaid Advisory Board, Drug Utilization Review Board and Clinical Utilization Review Board; VITL Board; BluePrint for Health Care Executive Committee; and on the Vermont Coalition against Tobacco.

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How to Become a VMS Member

When you consider all the advocacy, member benefits, peer support services, and education and outreach that VMS provides, membership is an investment with a guaranteed return.

THERE ARE FIVE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

ACTIVE members are practicing doctors of medicine or osteopathy with a Vermont license.

ASSOCIATE members are physicians who have moved out of state, retirees with a Vermont license, or former members not currently in practice and not Vermont licensed.

AFFILIATE members are physicians who work outside of Vermont, but live in Vermont or have a Vermont license.

LIFE members are retired because of incapacity or disability with 10 or more years as a VMS member, or more than 70 years old with at least 10 years of VMS membership.

RESIDENTS and **STUDENT** members are medical students or physicians in residency programs.

New active members receive a 50-percent discount for their first year of membership, and a 25-percent discount for their second year of membership.

A VMS member with a physician spouse receives a 25-percent discount on the second membership. The VMS offers a 10-percent discount if all members of a large group practice join the VMS.

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2011 VMS MEMBER DUES

(County dues are not included in the below price)

REGULAR MEMBERS	\$525.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	\$100.00
AFFILIATE MEMBERS	\$200.00
LIFE MEMBERS, RESIDENTS & STUDENT	\$0.00

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2010 ANNUAL MEETING IN PICTURES



*Dr. Bob LaFiandra(left) and
Dr. Bob Block*



*Dr. Harvey Reich (left) and
Dr. Mark Levine*



From left to right: Madeleine Mongan, Dr. Victor Pisanelli, Dr. Paula Duncan, Dr. John Brumsted and Paul Harrington lead the Annual Membership Meeting.

Below left: Dr. Paula Duncan, President and Dr. Robert Tortolani, Immediate Past President



Right: Dr. Kimberly Aakre and Dr. Wendy Davis enjoy the VMS Awards Banquet and Entertainment



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VMS Annual Meeting

The 197th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Medical Society was held on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Equinox resort in Manchester.



Welcoming remarks were given by Robert Tortolani, M.D., president of VMS, and Mildred Reardon, M.D., on behalf of Rick Morin, III, M.D., dean of the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

A CME panel presentation entitled “The Keys to Prevention in Public health and Quality: Tips, Opportunities and Practical Approaches” was given by Vermont Commissioner of Health Wendy Davis, M.D., and Paula Duncan, M.D. A second CME session, “The Vermont Option: Achieving Affordable Universal health Care” was given by Harvard Professor William Hsiao and Vermont health care policy analyst Steve Kappel.

Upon the conclusion of the CMEs, Governor James Douglas was awarded the Founders Award. Gov. Douglas was recognized for his devotion to Vermonters’ health through his support of innovative reforms that have enabled Vermont to emerge as a preeminent leader in health care, including Catamount Health and the Blueprint for Health.

During lunch, attendees were treated to a presentation by VMS Executive Vice President Paul Harrington that covered the state of politics in Vermont.



The VMS Annual Membership Meeting began later that afternoon when it was called to order by moderator John Murray, M.D. After the introduction of distinguished guests and medical students in attendance, a memorial was held for departed members. Elections were then held for life members and 50-year members.

Victor Pisanelli, M.D., was then elected president-elect of VMS, Norman Ward, M.D., vice president, Howard Schapiro, M.D., treasurer, David Butsch, M.D., AMA delegate and Dr. Tortolani AMA alternate delegate.

Five resolutions were discussed, amended and approved by members (see Society Priorities for on page 16 for more details). The resolutions addressed:

- Unfunded Mandates
- Tort Reform
- Reaffirming the Physician/Patient Relationship
- Physician Leadership

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Following the adoption of resolutions, Dr. Tortolani addressed the members as the outgoing president of VMS and presented a briefcase to incoming president Dr. Duncan. There was an exchange of medallions and pins and Dr. Duncan gave Dr. Tortolani a chair with the VMS seal as thanks for his year of service. Dr. Duncan then addressed the membership as the new president.

In the evening, VMS’s annual awards banquet was held, with Dr. Duncan providing opening remarks and introducing distinguished guests. Following the bestowing of numerous awards (see below), Robert Macauley, M.D., medical director of clinical ethics and a palliative care physician at Fletcher Allen Health Care that discussed medical ethics and the changing practice environment.

The annual meeting was co-sponsored by the University of Vermont College of Medicine and supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, MBA HealthGroup, Medical Mutual Insurance Company of Maine, Pastore Financial Group, ProMutual Group, Beacon Wealth Management, C2 (Competitive Computing), Hackett, Valine and MacDonald, SymQuest Group, and VT Information Technology Leaders.

Five Outstanding Individuals Honored by VMS



Dr. Peter Gibbons (right) receives his award from Dr. Richard Burtis

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Peter Gibbons, M.D.**, who has for many years served as the Chief Radiologist at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. His commitment to his colleagues and dedication to the medical profession have helped earn him the decades-old title of “President for Life” of the Windham County Medical Society.

He has also served as the medical staff’s education coordinator, which involved planning and recruiting for educational in-house programming. Facing an exhausting schedule paired with institutional hurdles, Dr. Gibbons has remained the consummate professional. Not just an accomplished and dedicated physician, he is also a skilled athlete and accomplished violinist with the Windham Orchestra.

The Distinguished Service Award, the highest award VMS can bestow upon one of its members, is given on the basis of meritorious service in the science and art of medicine and for outstanding contributions to the medical profession, its organizations, and the welfare of the public.

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Dr. Ken Libertoff (left) receives his award from Dr. Jonathan Weker

Ken Libertoff, Ph.D., received the Citizen of the Year Award, which is presented to a non-physician who has made a significant contribution to the health of the people of Vermont. As the Executive Director of the Vermont Association for Mental Health, Dr. Libertoff has been a tireless advocate for all Vermonters, but particularly those with mental illness or substance abuse problems. From his work with Camp Daybreak to his efforts in pursuing legislation that enhances mental health care, he consistently champions for Vermont's most at risk citizens. As he retires this year, his warmth, wisdom, and sense of humor, as well as his commitment to health and well-being will be missed.



Dr. Neil Hyman (right) receives his award from Dr. Stephen Payne

The Physician of the Year award was presented to **Neil Hyman, M.D.**, the Chief of General Surgery at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Dr. Hyman's record for helpfulness and sincerity is reflected in his service as a mentor at the medical school, as well as through the multiple teaching awards he's earned since 1990. Well-known for taking the time to understand both patients and colleagues, Dr. Hyman has consistently been acknowledged as one of the Best Doctors in America® and America's Top Doctors for Cancer®. He also co-chaired the Curriculum Task Force on Ethics and Professionalism and is a previous recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medical Faculty Award.

The Physician of the Year Award is granted annually to a physician licensed in the state of Vermont who has demonstrated: outstanding performance in the quality of care given to his/her patients; skillful and compassionate patient care; and, dedication to the welfare of his patients in accordance with accepted principles of good medical practice.

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Dr. Barbara Frankowski (right) receives her award from Dr. Paula Duncan

The Physician Award for Community Service was given to **Barbara Frankowski, M.D.**, for her dedication to primary care pediatrics and passion for helping underserved youth. As a primary care physician at University Pediatrics since 1985, she has proven to be both compassionate and hardworking. For the past fifteen years, Dr. Frankowski has maintained

a grueling medical schedule, while also working one day a week in Burlington Schools assisting with health education and services. She chaired the interdisciplinary VMS School Health Committee for numerous years and recently received an award from the National Association of School Nurses. She has also served as a co-leader for the Vermont Youth Health Initiative.

The Physician Award for Community Services is granted annually to a physician who has compiled an outstanding record of community service, which, apart from his or her specific identification as a physician, reflects well on the profession.



Gvoernor James Douglas (left) receives his award from Dr. Harvey Reich

Governor James Douglas was presented with the Founders Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, vision, and achievement in improving the health of Vermonters and all Americans.

For more than 35 years, Governor Douglas has been serving the people of Vermont, starting with the Vermont House of Representatives in 1972. As the 80th governor of the state, he has shown his devotion to Vermonters through his support of innovative health reforms that have enabled Vermont to emerge as a preeminent leader in health care. Furthermore, his support for Catamount Health and the Blueprint for Health has allowed the state to expand access to health insurance coverage. Recognized for his collaborative spirit, Governor Douglas has been active in many community organizations. The past president of the Porter Medical Center, he has also served as Town Moderator for Middlebury for greater than two decades.

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Treasurers Report for 2010 & Budget for 2011



At the November 7th Council meeting held at the Equinox Resort in Manchester, the VMS Council approved the following budget for operation of the Society for the calendar year 2011.

In 2010 the Society was able to apply \$22,000 toward our contingency fund. With our 2011 budget we will continue to work toward our goal of having enough money in this fund to sustain the Society for one year in case of unforeseen difficulty especially in the current situations in the financial market.

Our 2011 budgeted income continues to rely heavily on membership dues. If you would like a detailed copy of the 2011 budget or 2010 financial statements, please contact Colleen Magne our VMS Business Manager.

Howard Schapiro, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer

VMS PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY 2011

Total Income		<u>\$\$701,700</u>
Expenses:		
Total Operating Expenses	130,350	
Total Payroll Expenses	431,400	
Total VPHP Expenses	93,550	
Total Property Expenses	22,100	
Total Other Expenses	23,000	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 700,600</u>
<u>Net Projected Revenue over Expenses</u>		<u>\$ 1,100</u>

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VMS Structural Overview

VMS has been providing services to Vermont physicians for more than 200 years. Along with providing assistance, information and lobbying services on legislative and regulatory matters, VMS offers its members a host of personal and professional services.

TOTAL VMS MEMBERSHIP IN 2010 WAS: 2024

Active: 902

Associate: 36

Affiliate: 148

Life: 184

Resident: 287

Student: 465

Honorary: 2

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the VMS is to serve the public by facilitating and enhancing physicians' individual and collective commitments, capabilities, and efforts to improve the quality of life for the people of Vermont through the provision of accessible and appropriate health care services.

Our purposes are these:

- To encourage and aid the progress and development of the sciences of medicine and surgery, and to encourage research in those areas;
- To promote the public health;
- To encourage cooperation among physicians in medicine and surgery, to elevate the standards of professional skill, care, and judgment;
- To promote and follow ethical standards of conduct to benefit patients, individual physicians, other health professionals, and society as a whole; and
- To advance the general social and intellectual welfare of its members.

ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The individual physician member is the base of all authority in VMS. The decisions of our members ultimately determine the nature, direction and goals of its activities.

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GOVERNANCE

Each member has an equal voice at the annual meeting and special membership meetings. These meetings are VMS’s definitive governing authority. In the intervals between member meetings, the VMS Council conducts the Society’s affairs. The Council meets to discuss the policy, governance, operations, and finances of VMS. The Council’s membership includes VMS officers and representatives of the county medical societies, the Vermont chapters of specialty societies, the Vermont Department of Health, and the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

2010 VMS Council Meetings were held:

Tuesday, January 26, 2010:	Vermont Interactive Television
Saturday, April 10, 2010:	Best Western, Waterbury, VT
Saturday, June 19, 2010:	Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT
Tuesday, September 7, 2010:	Vermont Interactive Television
Sunday, November 7, 2010:	Equinox Hotel, Manchester, VT

2011 VMS Council Meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. VIT
Saturday, April 9, 2011, 10:00 – noon, Best Western, Waterbury, VT
Saturday, July 16, 2011, 9:00 - noon, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT
Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., VIT
Sunday, October 30, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Topnotch Resort, Stowe, VT

Sites: Bennington, Brattleboro, Lyndon, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, WRJ, & Williston

Council meetings are open to all VMS members.

Officers elected at the annual meeting represent member physicians. The Executive Committee is comprised of the president, the immediate past president, the vice president, the secretary, and the treasurer. The Executive Committee meets regularly and reports to the VMS Council.

The Executive Committee also reviews the operating budget of the organization and reports to the Council on VMS’s finances. An annual outside audit or review is conducted and is available upon request to all members.

The Investment Committee oversees the reserve and special funds of VMS in concert with an outside financial advisor.

COMMITTEES

Members are strongly encouraged to get involved by serving on committees. Participation enables members to have an impact on VMS programs and policy.

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The following committees are comprised of officers of VMS, as determined by its bylaws.

Executive Committee

Finance Committee

Nominating Committee

Personnel Committee

Pension Committee

The following committees are standing committees and boards established by the society's bylaws. Members of these committees are proposed by the Council and elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Judicial Board

Board on Ethics

Committee on Grievances

Committee on Investments

Jurisprudence Committee

Committee on Medical Benevolence

Committee on Medical Economics and Insurance

Other committees are formed by the Council on an ad hoc basis. The members of these committees are appointed by the president of the VMS with approval of the Council. They include:

Committee on Awards

Bylaws Revision Committee

Ethics Committee

School Health Committee

Vermont Practitioner Health Program Committee

PHYSICIANS POLICY COUNCIL

The Physicians Policy Council (PPC) was organized by VMS in 1994 to act as a “provider bargaining group” for Vermont physicians. PPC is authorized by Vermont law to negotiate with state government agencies such as the Office of Vermont Health Access and the Department of Labor on all matters related to reimbursement, quality and health care regulation for Vermont physicians.

The PPC is organized by physician specialty. Each specialty society or organization in Vermont that is recognized by the VMS Council has a seat on this important negotiating body. The recognized specialties are:

Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Medical Education, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Urology

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History of the Vermont Medical Society

For nearly 200 years, VMS has contributed to the health and well being of Vermonters by facilitating and enhancing the capabilities of the state’s caring, community-minded physicians.

Incorporated by an act of the state legislature on Nov. 6, 1813, VMS traces its roots to October of 1784, while Vermont was still a republic. It was then that seventeen dedicated physicians from Rutland and Bennington counties were recognized as the First Medical Society of Vermont by the republic’s general assembly.

The Second Medical Society of Vermont came into being in Windham County in 1794, and was followed by Chittenden County’s Third Medical Society of Vermont in 1803. When VMS was incorporated in 1813, physicians from each county were authorized to form county associations, which in turn elected three delegates to represent the counties in VMS.

Early VMS members played a critical role in regulating the practice of medicine and formulating the education required to become a physician. In 1825 and 1826 VMS petitioned societies in other New England states and New York to substantially increase requirements for admission to medical schools, impose a minimum course of study and enact uniform standards for licensure. These petitions ultimately led to a national medical convention being held in New York City in 1846, which in turn led to the formation of the American Medical Society.

Other notable aspects of VMS’s history include the 1874 election of the first female VMS member, an 1876 act passed by the legislature required practicing physicians to obtain a certificate from either a county society or VMS itself, and involvement in the establishment of the currently existing State Board of Medical Practice in 1976.

Editor’s note: The above historical record draws heavily upon previous VMS history research performed by Drs. Lester Wallman and A. Bradley Soule.



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1912.....Bingham H. Stone, M.D.
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1910.....Henry C. Tinkham, M.D.
1909.....Walter L. Havens, M.D.
1908.....Charles W. Peck, M.D.
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1906.....Donley C. Hawley, M.D.
1905.....Myron L. Chandler, M.D.
1904.....Patrick McSweeney, M.D.
1903.....William N. Bryant, M.D.
1902.....Edmund M. Pond, M.D.
1901.....John B. Wheeler, M.D.
1900.....William Huntington, M.D.
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1897.....Lyman Rogers, M.D.
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1894.....J. Hatch Linsley, M.D.
1893.....Arthur B. Bisbee, M.D.
1892.....H.R. Wilder, M.D.
1891.....Charles S. Caverly, M.D.
1890.....James N. Jenne, M.D.
1889.....H.S. Brown, M.D.
1888.....John M. Clarke, M.D.
1887.....Edward R. Campbell, M.D.
1886.....S. Brooks, M.D.
1885.....D.G. Kemp, M.D.
1884.....Joseph Draper, M.D.
1883.....S.S. Clark, M.D.
1882.....Leroy M. Bingham, M.D.
1881.....O.W. Sherwin, M.D.
1880.....J. Henry Jackson, M.D.
1879.....S.W. Thayer, M.D.
1878.....G.B. Bullard, M.D.
1877.....C.M. Chandler, M.D.
1876.....George Dunsmore, M.D.
1875.....L.C. Butler, M.D.
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1873.....L.C. Butler, M.D.
1872.....Henry D. Holton, M.D.
1871.....Edward F. Upham, M.D.
1870.....S. Putnam, M.D.
1869.....Henry James, M.D.
1868.....J.S. Richmond, M.D.
1867.....C.P. Frost, M.D.
1866.....E.D. Warner, M.D.
1865.....William McCollom, M.D.
1864.....O.F. Fassett, M.D.
1863.....P.D. Bradford, M.D.
1862.....J.N. Stiles, M.D.
1861.....Adrean Woodward, M.D.
1860.....B.F. Morgan, M.D.
1859.....A.E. Knights, M.D.
1858.....Charles L. Allen, M.D.
1857.....H.F. Stevens, M.D.
1856.....Walter Carpenter, M.D.
1855.....Joseph Perkins, M.D.
1854.....E.D. Warner, M.D.
1853.....G.W. Thayer, Jr., M.D.
1852.....B.W. Palmer, M.D.
1851.....Middleton Goldsmith, M.D.
1850.....Charles L. Allen, M.D.
1849.....John L. Chandler, M.D.
1848.....John L. Chandler, M.D.
1847.....James Spaulding, M.D.
1846.....James Spaulding, M.D.
1845.....Horace Eaton, M.D.
1844.....Anderson G. Dana, M.D.
1843.....Anderson G. Dana, M.D.
1842.....John Burrill, M.D.
1841.....John Burrill, M.D.
(No meeting until 1841)
1829.....Josiah Shedd, M.D.
1828.....Joseph A. Gallup, M.D.
1827.....Joseph A. Gallup, M.D.
1826.....Joseph A. Gallup, M.D.
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1819.....Joseph A. Gallup, M.D.
1818.....Joseph A. Gallup, M.D.
1817.....Ebenezer Huntington, M.D.
1816.....Seelah Gridley, M.D.
1815.....Seelah Gridley, M.D.
1814.....Ezekiel Porter, M.D.

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PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD - *The recipient must be a non-physician resident of the state of Vermont who in the past and presently has made a significant contribution to the health of the people of Vermont.*

- 2010 Ken Libertoff, PhD - Montpelier
- 2009 William H. Sorrell, Esq. - Burlington
- 2008 Sharon Moffatt, R.N., BSN, MSN - Burlington
- 2007 Judith S. Shaw, R.N. - Burlington
- 2006 Sen. James P. Leddy - Burlington
- 2005 Sen. Richard Sears - Bennington
- 2004 Holly Miller - Burlington
- 2003 Thomas Perras, M.S. - Burlington
- 2002 June Elliott - St. Johnsbury
- 2001 Sen. Nancy Chard - Brattleboro
- 2000 Helen Riehle - Montpelier
- 1999 Cornelius Hogan - Plainfield
- 1998 Janet Stackpole - Burlington
- 1997 Karen Kitzmiller - Montpelier
- 1996 Margaret Martin - Middlebury
- 1995 No Award Given
- 1994 No Award Given
- 1993 Ann Seibert - Norwich
- 1992 Arthur Gibb - Middlebury
- 1991 Jean Mallary - Brookfield
- 1990 No Award Given
- 1989 Susan Spaulding - Montpelier

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - *The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award the Society can bestow upon on of its members. It shall be awarded on the basis of meritorious service in the science and art of medicine and of outstanding contribution to the medical profession, its organizations, and the welfare of the public.*

- 2010 Peter Gibbons, M.D. - Brattleboro
- 2009 Wendy S. Davis, M.D., FAAP - Burlington
- 2008 Michael Scollins, M.D. - So. Burlington
- 2007 John P. Fogarty, M.D. - Burlington
- 2006 John J. Murray, M.D. - Colchester
- 2005 J. Lorimer Holm, M.D. - Barre
- 2004 Jerold F. Lucey, M.D. - Burlington
- 2003 Jan K. Carney, M.D. - Charlotte
- 2002 Robert J. McKay, M.D. - Shelburne
- 2001 John Frymoyer, M.D. - Colchester
- 2000 No Award Given
- 1999 Richard T. Burtis, M.D. - Brattleboro
- 1998 Mildred Reardon, M.D. - Burlington
- 1997 J. Ward Stackpole, M.D. - S. Burlington
- 1996 Harry M. Rowe, M.D. - Wells River
- 1995 Roger W. Mann, M.D. - Jeffersonville
- 1994 Richard E. Bouchard, M.D. - Burlington
- 1993 Arthur & Elizabeth Faris, M.D. - Shaftsbury
- 1992 William Luginbuhl, M.D. - Vergennes
- 1991 Stanley L. Burns, M.D. - Burlington

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- 1990 Charles Cunningham, M.D. - Springfield
1989 John H. Davis, M.D. - Burlington
1988 George Wolf, Jr., M.D. - Jericho
1987 Paul Stanilonis, M.D. - Williston
1986 Roy V. Buttles, M.D. - Montpelier
1985 John Lantman, M.D. - Williston
1984 Frederic Guilmette, M.D. - Springfield
1983 Philip Wheeler, M.D. - Brattleboro
1982 John F. Bell, M.D. - S. Burlington
1981 Edward French, M.D. - Hyde Park
1980 Ernest V. Reynolds, M.D. - Barre
1979 R.M.P. Donaghy, M.D. - Burlington
1978 Ralph Jardine, M.D. - Lyndonville
1977 Woodhull Hall, M.D. - Bennington
1976 John E. Mazuzan, Jr., M.D. - Burlington
1975 Elbridge E. Johnston, M.D. - St. Johnsbury
1974 Robert W. Coon, M.D. - Burlington
1973 Robert B. Aiken, M.D. - Shelburne
1972 Chester A. Newhall, M.D. - Burlington
1971 A. Bradley Soule, M.D. - Burlington
1970 John C. Cunningham, M.D. - Burlington
1969 Albert G. Mackay, M.D. - Burlington
1968 John F. Daly, M.D. - Burlington
1968 Benjamin F. Cook, M.D. - Rutland
1968 Benjamin Clark, M.D. - St. Johnsbury
1967 Bertrand F. Andrews, M.D. - Middlebury
1966 John R. Hogel, M.D. - Brattleboro
1965 Ellsworth L. Amidon, M.D. - Burlington
1964 William McFarland, M.D. - Barre
1963 George A. Russell, M.D. - Arlington
1962 F. Russell Dickson, M.D. - Concord
1961 William Huntington, M.D. - Rochester
1960 Wilhelm Raab, M.D. - Burlington
1959 Albert C. Eastman, M.D. - Woodstock
1958 Stanton Eddy, Sr., M.D. - Middlebury
1957 Nathan R. Caldwell, M.D. - Brattleboro
1956 Charles E. Griffin, M.D. - Fair Haven
1955 Lyman Allen, M.D. - Burlington
1954 Aymer S.C. Hill, M.D. - Winooski
1953 Frank C. Angell, M.D. - Randolph
1952 John H. Woodruff, M.D. - Barre
1951 Ernest H. Buttles, M.D. - Burlington
1950 Frank J. Hurley, M.D. - Bennington
1949 Clarence Beecher, M.D. - Burlington
1948 Clarence F. Ball, M.D. - Rutland

PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD - *The recipient must be a physician licensed in the state of Vermont who has: 1. Demonstrated outstanding performance in the quality of care given to his/her patients; 2. Demonstrated skillful and compassionate patient care; and 3. Demonstrated dedication to the welfare of his/her patients in accordance with accepted principles of good medical practice.*

- 2010 Neil Hyman, M.D. - Burlington

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2009 David M. Coddaira, M.D. - Morrisville
2008 John Elliott, M.D. - (Posthumously)
2007 No Award Given
2006 Suzanne Parker, M.D. - Charlotte
2005 Allan Ramsay, M.D. - Burlington
2004 Joseph Haddock, M.D. - Williston
2003 Robert W. Backus, M.D. - Townshend
2002 Lewis C. Blowers, M.D. - Morrisville
2001 Don Swartz, M.D. - Burlington
2000 No Award Given
1999 No Award Given
1998 William A. Flood, M.D. - Bennington
1997 R. David Ellerson, M.D. - Montpelier
1996 Theodore Collier, M.D. - Middlebury
1995 Thomas A.E. Moseley, M.D. - Newport
1994 No Award Given
1993 Victor Pisanelli, Sr., M.D. - Rutland
1993 Ernest Tomasi, M.D. - Montpelier
1992 Deogracias Esguerra, M.D. - St. Albans
1991 William Pratt, M.D. - Rutland
1990 G. Richard Dundas, M.D. - Bennington
1989 No Award Given
1988 Eugene Bont, M.D. - Cavendish
1987 Louis J. Wainer, M.D. - Hinesburg

PHYSICIAN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE - 1. *The recipient must be a physician licensed in the state of Vermont.* 2. *The recipient must be living. Awards are not presented posthumously.* 3. *The recipient has not been a previous recipient of the Award (formerly the A.H. Robins award and more recently, Wyerth-Ayerst Laboratories award).* 4. *The recipient has compiled an outstanding record of community service, which, apart from his/her specific identification as a physician, reflects well on the profession.*

2010 Barbara Frankowski, M.D. - Burlington
2009 Audrey von Lepel, M.D. - Fairfax
2008 Harry Chen, M.D. - Mendon
2007 Allan Ramsay, M.D. - Colchester
2006 No Award Given
2005 David Butsch, M.D. - Berlin
2004 Frederick Bagley, M.D. - Rutland
2003 Joan Madison, M.D. - Shelburne
2002 William Pratt, M.D. - Rutland
2001 Delight Wing, M.D. - Jericho
2000 John R. Carmola, M.D. - St. Albans
1999 John H. Elliott, M.D. - Lyndonville
1998 Edward Haak, D.O. - St. Albans
1997 Arthur Bergner, M.D. - Burlington
1996 William Hodgkin, M.D. - Hinesburg
1995 Joseph Hagan, Jr., M.D. - S. Burlington
1994 Alan Rubin, M.D. - Burlington
1993 Arnold Golodetz, M.D. - Burlington
1992 Henry Tulip, M.D. - St. Albans

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- 1991 Arthur Wolk, M.D. - Rutland
- 1990 No Award Given
- 1989 J. Carleton Stickney, M.D. - Rutland
- 1988 E. Sherburne Lovell, M.D. - Springfield
- 1987 Howard Dean, M.D. - Shelburne
- 1986 Ronald Ferry, M.D. - Montpelier
- 1985. No Award Given
- 1984. William Brislin, M.D. - Rutland
- 1983. Lester Wallman, M.D. - Burlington
- 1982. Walter Rath, M.D. - St. Albans
- 1981. Lester Judd, M.D. - Enosburg
- 1980. Samuel Eppley, M.D. - Enosburg
- 1979. J. Ward Stackpole, M.D. - S. Burlington
- 1978. Frederick C. Holmes, M.D. - St. Albans
- 1977. Philip G. Merriam, M.D. - Rutland
- 1976. Arthur Gladstone, M.D. - Burlington
- 1975. Dewees H. Brown, M.D. - Bristol
- 1974. Julius H. Manes, M.D. - Bennington
- 1973. John D. Boardman, M.D. - Burlington
- 1972. Louis G. Thabault, M.D. - Winooski
- 1971. Philip H. Wheeler, M.D. - Brattleboro
- 1970. Rufus C. Morrow, M.D. - Burlington
- 1969. Harry M. Rowe, M.D. - Wells River
- 1968. H. Bernard Levine, M.D. - Burlington
- 1967. Ray W. Collins, M.D. - Middlebury
- 1966. Gordon B. Smith, M.D. - Rutland
- 1965. Henry M. Farmer, M.D. - Burlington
- 1964. Howard J. Farmer, M.D. - St. Johnsbury
- 1963. Carlos G. Otis, M.D. - Townshend
- 1962. Roger W. Mann, M.D. - Jeffersonville
- 1961. Clifford B. Harwood, M.D. - Manchester
- 1960. Benjamin Clark, M.D. - St. Johnsbury

FOUNDERS' AWARD - *The Vermont Medical Society Founders' Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, vision and achievement in improving the health of Vermonters and all Americans. (In the event that no suitable candidate is nominated in a given year, the award need not be given.)*

- 2010. Honorable James Douglas - Middlebury
- 2009. Lois Howe McClure - Burlington
- 2008. Roger Mann, M.D. - Jeffersonville
- 2007. John E. Wennberg, M.D. - Hanover, NH
- 2006. No Award Given
- 2005 No Award Given
- 2004 Mildred Reardon, M.D. - Williston
- 2003 John C. Lantman, M.D. (*Posthumously*)
- 2002 Sen. James M. Jeffords - Shrewsbury
- 2001. No Award Given
- 2000. John Evans, PhD - Burlington
- 1999. John E. Mazuzan, M.D. - Burlington
- 1998. No Award Given
- 1997. Hon. Howard Dean, M.D. - Shelburne

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