The WVGS Annual Scientific Assembly was held on October 21st, 2010, at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. The WVGS and the WVGEC were very pleased to welcome the Keynote Speaker for this year’s interdisciplinary statewide education conference, Peter A. Hollmann, MD, AGSF, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI. He has a part time internal medicine and geriatric primary care practice in RI. He has 25 years of experience in medical management as a medical director of an HMO with a Medicare product, a Medicaid plan and a commercial PPO. He is Chair of the American Geriatrics Society Public Policy Committee, founded the AGS Practice Management Advisory Group and was a founding member of the AGS Quality committee. The topic of Dr. Hollmann’s presentation was “The Affordable Care Act—What it Means for Geriatrics and Our Patients.” His presentation included: an overview of the Affordable Care Act; the Impact on Geriatrics Health Care Providers; the Impact on Patients; and a discussion on HIPPA, ARRA/HITECH, MIPPA, and Mental Health Parity. Thank You, Dr. Hollmann!

Other topics in this year’s assembly included a:

Panel Discussion: “Managing Problem Behaviors in Patients with Dementia” which included presentations by: Robert D. Lane, DNP, WVU School of Medicine; Lance McCoy, MD, Integrated Geriatric Care, LLC; and Jane Marks, Executive Director, Alzheimer’s Association, WV Chapter.

Pro/Con Discussion: “Should Bisphosphonates be continued indefinitely in older adults?” which included presentations by: Pro - Todd H. Goldberg, MD, CMD, FACP, WVU School of Medicine and Con - Jonathan Kline, PharmD, WVU School of Pharmacy.

Pro/Con Discussion: “Should cancer screening be continued in the elderly?” which included presentations by: Pro - Heather Tarantino, MD, WVU School...
of Medicine and Con - Mark Newbrough, MD, WVU School of Medicine.

Panel Discussion: “Interprofessional care for older adults: Overcoming barriers in clinical practice and education” which included presentations by: Shirley Neitch, MD, FACP, Marshall University/Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; Sara Jane Gainor, MBA, Assistant Director, Cancer Prevention and Control, MBRCC; and Mary Emmett, PhD, FACHE, Director, Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research, CAMC Health Education and Research Institute.

The West Virginia Geriatrics Society would like to Thank this year’s exhibitors who joined us at the 6th Annual Scientific Assembly at the Stonewall Resort.

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WVG's Annual Scientific Assembly 2010 Poster Competition

The poster competition was held in conjunction with the WVG's Annual Scientific Assembly – 2010 at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, WV on October 21st, 2010.
Congratulations to both of the WVG's Annual Scientific Assembly 2010 Trainee Poster Competition Winners!

Jessica Brown, MSIV, Marshall University/Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
Title: “Barriers to Vaccinating the Elderly with the H1N1 Vaccine”

Zachary Phillips, MSIV, West Virginia University School of Medicine
“Pneumatosis Intestinalis in an Older Adult: A curious combination of a drug and a bug”