

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy year. There have been many changes in medicine. The latest has been the added legislation for protection of patient identity which went into affect today. Many have started taking photos of patients and checking photo IDs today.

Many physicians are battling with hospitals to keep their patients. In many areas hospitals are hiring hospitalists and trying to force family physicians out of active hospital practice.

This next year will be an opportunity to look at how we can be the medical home and provide excellent care for the patients. I look forward to serving you for the upcoming year.

For everyone taking boards this year, I will be there with you.

Faithfully submitted,

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