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APRIL

March 29–April 1



2007 Region-II NMA Annual Scientific and Business Meeting. Nemaocolin Woodland Resort and Spa, Farmington, PA. CME. www.Region2NMA.org, 888-826-5041; Sandra W. McGruder-Jackson, MD, region-II chair: region2nma@aol.com

4–8

42nd Medical Education Conference of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA). San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, CA. www.snma.org, 202-882-2881

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NMA Board of Trustees. The Sheraton National Hotel, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA. 202-347-1895

19–20

Spring Braintrust of the Congressional Black Caucus. Apr. 19 site: TBA. Apr. 20 site: Canon House Office Building, Washington, DC. Rep. Donna M. Christensen, MD, chairman: 202-225-1790. “The Health and Wellness of the African-American Male: America’s Challenge: Our Imperative.” Will include discussion of the 2007 book *The Black Woman’s Guide to Black Men’s Health* authored by Willarda V. Edwards, MD and Audrey King Collier

23–24

4th Annual National Summit on Health Disparities. Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the National Minority Health Month Foundation. Includes accredited clinical sessions on cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV, renal disease, obesity, cancer and mental illness disparities. Registration is free to all physicians. www.nmhmsummit.org/em/savethedate2007.html

26–28



Region-V NMA Annual Meeting. “Addressing Health Disparities: Best Practices for You and Your Patients.” Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Gary J. Sheppard, MD, regional chair: gjsheppardmd@hotmail.com

26–28

The Spirituality and Medicine Series 10th Anniversary. “It Is Well With My Soul.” Presented by Howard University Hospital and College of Medicine. Grand Hyatt Hotel and Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC. www.spiritandmed.com, 202-865-3327

MAY

4–6



2007 Region-IV NMA Annual Meeting. “Health Care Advocacy: Priorities for the African-American Community.” Cincinnati, OH. Deirdre Holloway, MD, region IV chair: dwat248@comcast.net

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Region-VI NMA Annual Meeting. Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Palm Springs, Cabazon, CA. Arthur W. Fleming, MD, regional chair: artflem@aol.com

7–12

Howard University Commencement Week. May 11: 9:30 AM: Annual Honors and Oath Day Ceremony. May 12: Commencement

15–19

Meharry Medical College Commencement and National Alumni Reunion. Celebrating graduates of 2s and 7s. Nashville, TN. Frances Wright: fwright@mmc.edu. Commencement: May 19 at 2:15 PM. Gentry Center at Tennessee State University. Frances Wright: fwright@mmc.edu

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Commencement at Morehouse School of Medicine. King Chapel at Morehouse College. Karen Lewis: 404-752-1657

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National Provider Identification (NPI) compliance date. 800-465-3203

24–28



Region-I NMA Annual Meeting (Memorial Day weekend). Half-Moon Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Jay C. Cowan, MD, region-I chair. Register: www.halfmoon.com. Click on Group Rates & Reservations. Scroll down and enter group code 319444. For full information, visit www.NMAnet.org Region-I page.

JUNE

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Commencement—Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

6–9



114th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly of the Georgia State Medical Association. NMA affiliate. Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head, SC. CME 20 hours. of AMA PRA Cat. I. www.gastatemedicalassoc.org; Lisa Saleemi, executive director: 404-752-1564.

15–17



Old Dominion Medical Society Annual Meeting. NMA affiliate. Sheraton Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA. Diane Munn: ascmgmtserv@msn.com

22–Jul. 2

National African-American Youth Initiative (NAAI) Scholars Program. Washington, DC. Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association. Mae Walton: 202-371-9008

24–Jul. 4

Association of Black Cardiologists 2007 Symposium in China. “The Emerging Pandemic of Heart Disease: Metabolic Syndrome, Diabetes, Hypertension, and Atherosclerosis.” To Shanghai, Beijing and other points. Educational dinner symposia. Admiral Travel Gallery. Prices start at \$3,988. Julie Potranz: julie@admiraltravel.com; www.admiraltravel.com, 888-722-3401

JULY

29–Aug. 6

The National Professional Network's 15th Anniversary Leadership Summit at Sea and the 2007 National Medical Association (NMA) Preconvention Cruise Seminar to Hawaii. To Honolulu, Oahu; Hilo, HI; Kahului, Maui; Lanai, HI; Kona, HI; Nawiliwili, Kauai. CME available. www.npncruise.com, 877-416-3005, npncruise@aol.com

2007 Black Congress on Health, Law, and Economics (BCHLE). Meets every four years. Derrick A. Humphries, Esq.: 202-347-7000

AUGUST

4–9



The 112th Year of the National Medical Association and Its 105th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly. "Health Professional Collaboration at the Point of Practice." Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, HI. www.NMAnet.org, 202-347-1895. Registration: \$475 by Feb. 1, \$550 Feb. 2–June 30, and \$650 July 1–Aug. 9



9–12

NMA Postconvention Seminar on Maui. CME available. 202-347-1895

OCTOBER

19–20

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NOVEMBER

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Roman Barnes Society of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting. World Trade Building, New Orleans, LA. Clifton Peay, MD, chairman. Catherine Miller: 804-559-7002

2008

WINTER

Interim Meeting of the National Medical Association's House of Delegates. Washington, DC area. 202-347-1895



JULY

26–31

The 113th Year of the National Medical Association and Its 106th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly. Atlanta, GA. www.NMAnet.org, 202-347-1895



A R T I N M E D I C I N E

Fetal Malformation

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Ashen-faced newborn sound asleep
 Languid eyes, yellowed, gently weep
 Cradled in mother's arms, her pain deep
 Ostended belly, jaundiced, counting sheep
 Hopeless creature sound asleep
 Organ failure: wide-eyed nurses weep
 Lifeless corpse in mother's arms, her pain deep.