



# CONNAPA NEWS

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## Highlights of the 20th Annual Charter Oak Conference

The 2007 Charter Oak Conference is more than a great opportunity for continuing medical education. We will be celebrating two important milestones: ConnAPA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Charter Oak Conference's 20<sup>th</sup> year of providing excellent education.

*We hope you will join us!*

### Pre-Conference Symposium

Although the Conference does not officially begin until Monday, March 26, we again will present the pre-conference symposia on the afternoon of Sunday, March 25. The pre-conference has proven very popular with those who check in early, those who need additional CMEs or those who cannot attend the conference later in the week.

### Education, Education and More Education

Each day, earn 7 or 8 Category One CMEs. If you attend both the Pre-conference and the full Charter Oak Conference, you can earn as many as 37 Category One CMEs. In addition, you've the option of as many as six if you would like to attend a hands-on session instead of lectures (\$15 per person, per workshop)

### Eat, Network and "Shop"

Our official Monday evening Welcome reception will be presented after a full day of lectures. Have a bite to eat while viewing and bidding on Silent Auction items to benefit the Connecticut Physician Assistant Foundation. The proceeds enable the ConnPAF to award scholarships to deserving PA students.

### Eat and Be Inspired

Join us for lunch. This year, in addition to announcing this year's scholarship winners, the future of the PA profession, Tuesday's luncheon will feature a presentation by Brian Mauer, PA-C, author of *Patients are a Virtue*.

### Milk & Cookies

What more appropriate way to take a break from educational sessions on Monday afternoon than with a snack of milk and cookies (or coffee). A special thanks goes out to Sanofi-Aventis.

### Happy Birthday to Us

On Wednesday afternoon, we will have a "birthday party" for ConnAPA during the afternoon break. Our thanks to Quinnipiac University.

### The Big Event –

### THE MAGIC OF CHARTER OAK



And, we do mean magic. Bonaparté, magician extraordinaire, will be on hand to entertain and amaze you as books burst into flames, objects appear and disappear (including the famous bunny), and our guests are called upon to assist. All this while strolling the room! In addition, there will be music (put on your dancing shoes) and wonderful food. Be sure to pack something nice to wear to this very special event.

### Good Stuff (and information) Free

The Thursday exhibit hall is a perfect time to get up to speed on new products and services. Enjoy your morning coffee break and lunch with the people who make our conference possible.

### "Death By Chocolate"

What would a Charter Oak Conference be without our annual Dessert Buffet on Thursday evening. Return from dinner in Newport for dessert on us.

### "Cardiologist Dream"

We'll serve a hardy breakfast to those who have made it to the end of the full week of activities and education.

### What is included in my conference registration fee?

Conference registration includes all programs and materials, continental breakfasts, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, Welcome Reception on Monday evening, lunch on Tuesday and Thursday, Dessert Buffet on Thursday evening and breakfast on Friday morning. Lodging (at \$109 single or double), other meals, workshop fees (\$15 pp per workshop) and admission to "The Magic of ConnAPA" (\$45 pp) are not included.

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### President's Message

by Jennifer R. Madonia-Barr, MS, PA-C

*The ConnAPA Board of Directors felt it was time for the organization to conduct a self-assessment*

*in part to identify and prioritize our short and long term goals. As a result, a PPAP (PA Planning for Association Progress) visit was scheduled with the AAPA.*

*Earlier this month ConnAPA received the AAPA report of the PPAP site visit. This article gives me the opportunity to share the events of the day and the results of the visit with our membership.*

Do you remember November 4th, 2006? It was a typical crisp blue-sky autumn day with a bit of a chill in the air, and you needed a coat. Perhaps you were still digging through the Halloween candy. Maybe you were anticipating the big Sunday game between AFC rivals Indy and the Patriots. It's possible you were carving out your Thanksgiving Day menu. Were you on call that weekend? What were you doing on November 4th?

That Saturday, your colleagues and two AAPA facilitators spent the day in a conference room at the Marriott in Waterbury committed to evaluating the functional status of the Academy and to determining our plans for the future. A diverse group of fifteen people came together to help move the Academy forward. The group's years of experience as PAs varied from as few as one to as many as 27 years in practice, but we totaled more than 150 years of clinical experience in that room. Our outside interests were as varied as our years of experience; a marathon runner, a 5K runner, a guitarist, a pianist, a PA who moonlights in a rock band! New home owners, new dog owners, newlyweds. Or, maybe we weren't really that different from each other. On November 4th we were a team with work to be done and much to accomplish.



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## Regional Reports

### Region I (NE- Northeast)

By Maureen Robert, PA-C

How about taking on a new role in this New Year? Have you ever considered becoming a preceptor to a PA student? You may think that you do not have the time but you would be amazed at how well a student can fit into your routine.

As the student becomes more experienced, s/he can take on an ever-increasing role by performing H & Ps, giving vaccinations, drawing blood work and performing EKGs. Such a large part of medicine is teaching. Think of the long conversations you have with your patients regarding medications, procedures or explaining lab results. A student could learn from these as well.

It also is great to have a patient who comes along with symptoms or findings that make us scratch our heads and banter back and forth amongst ourselves. I am convinced that this offers the true opportunity to teach, giving the student an example of how we reason through something that perplexes even very experienced practitioners. No one person always has the answers and this is a very important lesson to teach. Brainstorming with others remains a great tool as well as teaching opportunity. So many of us work in ideal situations in which students can learn. We just need to look at ourselves a little differently: We are all teachers.

### Region III (SC-South Central)

By Jeanine Ondrof, PA-C

Happy New Year! I hope that this will be a healthy, prosperous New Year for all of you. I have taken the start of another year to reflect on my professional goals, namely improving the health of my patients.

I recently changed from neurosurgery to medical intensive care and have found that a fair number of hospitalizations can be avoided if we keep patients healthy at home. I have always felt that primary care is one of the most difficult positions as a PA. Not only does one need to recognize serious conditions, but one also needs to educate patients on health and wellness all the while seeing a large caseload in a short amount of time.

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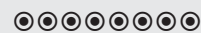
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What are we doing well? The majority felt that the Charter Oak Conference and our Legislative efforts were among our best practices. The annual COC is a week-long conference, well-known for its excellent educational offerings, quality speakers and typically more than 30 hours of Category I CME Credit. In the legislative arena, we have realized a number of important accomplishments and continue to work with a dedicated lobbyist who provides the professional support to improve the professional practice environment in the state of CT and accomplish our legislative agenda.

Where do we need work? The team felt that we need to strengthen membership recruitment and communication with the existing membership. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, after a long vacancy, the Membership Chair position has been filled by William Kohlhepp, MHA, PA-C. Bill is a seasoned ConnAPA and AAPA leader who will spearhead effort to bring the 900+ CT Physician Assistants who aren't ConnAPA members on board. We hope to improve communications with existing members through the development of our professionally redesigned web site. Visit [www.connapa.org](http://www.connapa.org) and check out the web site job bank, the latest legislative information, special events and more.

ConnAPA has a strong foundation but we currently face the challenges of young leadership and Committees without sufficient support. The PPAP retreat has helped to identify some of the issues behind the issues. The tasks of the organization are more clearly defined, our vision is more focused, and we can implement the plans that will help the organization grow.

Want to be a part of these efforts?  
Contact me at [jabecs@adelphia.net](mailto:jabecs@adelphia.net)

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No matter what field you are in, I encourage you to discuss with your patients these issues. Are they able to afford their medications? Are they taking them on a regular basis? Are they engaging in activities that are abusive to their bodies? Are they eating well and exercising? If we

all were to do so, we can most certainly make an impact.

On another note, I am waiting for grant approval for an upcoming March CME in New Haven on headaches. Once the grant is approved, a broadcast e-mail will be sent to all members. Please respond as soon as possible. Prior CME dinners have filled in two days. Also, if you are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible as there is always a waiting list. E-mail me with any comments or questions: [jeanineon@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanineon@yahoo.com).

**Region IV (SW-South West)**

By Tom Kodz, PA-C

Happy New Year! The Region is planning a CME dinner on Anaphylaxis in the upcoming months so be on the lookout for an invite. If any members have contacts with pharmaceutical reps that would be interested in sponsoring a CME dinner lecture, please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, as a benefit of membership, the Charter Oak Conference is coming in March so don't miss this great opportunity to network and earn CME credits. See you in the coming months.

**ConnAPA Needs You!**

by Drew Morten, PA-C

It's time to start thinking about your commitment to your fellow Connecticut PAs. ConnAPA is looking for individuals who would like to declare their candidacy for the following elected Board of Directors positions, which take effect each July 1st:

**President-Elect** is a three-year commitment first as President-Elect then President then Immediate Past President. The President-Elect provides a year of learning how to be an effective President. The President sits as the elected spokesperson of ConnAPA and conducts all Board meetings. The Past President acts as advisor to the President and Chair of Bylaws and Nominating Committees.

**Secretary** is a two-year commitment. The Secretary keeps and disseminates minutes of all Board meetings. The Secretary is responsible ensuring proper corporate and legal document filing.

**Regional Director** (Regions 1, 3 & 5) is a two-year commitment. The Director is responsible for local CME programs

and is a liaison between the membership and the Board. Regions are divided roughly in the same way as U.S. Congressional districts.

ConnAPA utilizes the services of The Association Advantage LLC which assists all Board members in effective completion of their responsibilities. Anyone having an interest in any of these positions or would like more information should contact Drew Morten at [drumort@aol.com](mailto:drumort@aol.com) or call 203/205-1347.

**ConnAPA Well-Represented at CTACS Meeting**

By Jennifer Madonna-Barr, PA-C

ConnAPA was again invited to participate in the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (CTACS) Annual Meeting and PA Paper Session. Surgical residents and fellows as well as physician assistants were encouraged to submit first-authored abstracts according to guidelines for prize competition in categories including: Trauma/Critical Care, Oncology, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Pediatric surgery, Bariatric Surgery and Surgical Subspecialties. The PAs had a concurrent but separate paper competition.

The Committee on Trauma, the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Bariatric Surgery and the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons sponsored these competitions. In the physician assistant competition, Bridget Nibler PA-C, MHS, took first place. She presented her paper titled, Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Hip Arthroplasty. Brief Literature Review and Norwalk Hospital Chart Review to Assess Prophylaxis Measures and Efficacy. Tabatha Groff, PA-C, MPAS, took second place. She presented her submission titled, MRSA in Surgical Site Infections: Defining, Screening, and Prophylaxis of High-risk Patients. Both received monetary awards sponsored by ConnAPA. Other submissions included Surgical Skin Preparation: A Review of the Literature by Gabrielle Troisi, PA-C; Utilizing Biomarkers as the New Diagnostic Tests for Sepsis in the Critical Care Unit by Jessica M. Griffin PA-C, M.H.S. representing the Quinnipiac University

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## Academic News

### Quinnipiac PA Program Holiday Highlights

by Keith Paul, PA-S

The month of December provided PA students a few opportunities to help those in need this holiday season. Students and faculty organized a holiday dinner for the men's homeless shelter in New Haven. In addition, they created gift bags that included underwear, socks, gloves, Chap Stick and body wash. Local restaurants in Hamden donated the food and the students put their own touch of warmth by making fudge for the men. A group of students and faculty went to the shelter to serve the food, pass out the bags and spend time with the men that evening.

A tradition for QU PA students and faculty during Christmas is to adopt a family suffering hardship. The students and faculty bought food and presents for the adopted family and made each of them a personal stocking to be hung on Christmas morning. This year was one of our biggest yet because we adopted a family of twelve, ranging from ages 4 to 82! It was a wonderful and special night that brought the true meaning of Christmas to life.

This time also was the culmination of several months work for Operation Christmas Child. Students put together Christmas packages for Operation Christmas Child which is run by Samaritan's Purse - International Relief. This organization collects boxes from volunteers all over the country and prepares them to be shipped to children who may otherwise not receive a Christmas gift.

December also was a time of reflection for the QU PA family, a chance to say so-long, goodbye and good luck to a long-standing and beloved faculty member, Rick Hillegas. On December 15th, the Class of 2007 and 2008 and the entire faculty hosted a farewell luncheon for Professor Hillegas to show their appreciation for all the hard work he has done over the past 12 years at Quinnipiac University. It was a very memorable afternoon, Professor Hillegas will be greatly missed, and we all wish him luck in his future endeavors.

NOTE: The annual Quinnipiac University PA program Cow Chip Bingo and Fun Run Events are just around the corner. If anyone is inter-

ested in purchasing tickets for the Cow Chip Bingo or participating in the Fun Run please contact the QU PA student representative Keith Paul at Keith.Paul@Quinnipiac.edu

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### ConnAPA at CTACS CONTINUED

and the Montefiore Residency Program; and Evaluation of Trauma Orientation by Eric Schott, PA, MPAS, of Hartford Hospital. Ms. Nibler, Ms. Groff and Ms. Troisi all represent the Norwalk Hospital/ Yale University PA Surgical Residency Program. Congratulations to all who participated!

### Legislative "Irons in the Fire" as the 2007 Legislative Session Begins

By Tricia Marriott, PA-C

ConnAPA is tracking several bills that directly and indirectly pertain to physician assistant practice. The following outlines some of the bills that have been raised for consideration.

#### SB 697 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

This bill is nearly identical to the one proposed last year (HB5718) with a few technical changes. The bill is supported by a coalition of healthcare professionals formed last year which includes the Connecticut State Medical Society, ConnAPA, the Connecticut Nurses' Association, the Connecticut State Dental Association, and the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association.

#### HB 5753 AN ACT ALLOWING FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES TO BECOME LICENSED AS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

This bill is opposed by ConnAPA. Other states such as New York and Florida have attempted to allow FMGs to become PAs, only to have the FMGs fail the certification exam. ConnAPA has supplied the Chair of the Public Health Committee with data from the AAPA regarding this issue, as well as an account of the previous failed attempts by New York and Florida. If that information is not convincing enough, there are eligibility requirements in place that would not allow an FMG to become a PA without having successfully com-

pleted an accredited PA program. The first occurs in Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 370 (see statutes at [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)): Sec. 20-12b. Physician assistant license "issue a physician assistant license to an applicant who (1) Holds a baccalaureate or higher degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; (2) has graduated from an accredited physician assistant program; (3) has passed the certification examination of the national commission".

The second is found in the NCCPA requirements for certification ([www.nccpa.net](http://www.nccpa.net)): "Graduates from physician assistant programs accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessors are eligible to seek NCCPA certification by taking the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE)".

It is ConnAPA's position that to be eligible for a license as a physician in the State of Connecticut, candidates under consideration should have successfully completed an accredited physician assistant program and passed the NCCPA Certification Exam. ConnAPA will provide testimony at a Public Hearing should the bill make it that far.

#### HB 6107 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF THE ALTERNATE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

ConnAPA is working with the Department of Public Health and the Public Health Committee to revise the language from last year's bill. The addition of the registration requirement for alternate supervising physicians has been subject to a wide variety of interpretations. ConnAPA has supplied DPH and the Public Health Committee with model language regarding PA supervision. We await the first draft of the proposed language.

#### HB 6694 AN ACT INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS UNDER THE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM PAs are included in the list of eligible health care providers.

HB 6838 & HB 6839 AN ACT CONCERNING TELEMEDICINE, and...HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY refer to "health care providers" and "other licensed

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**20th Anniversary  
Charter Oak Conference  
March 25 – 30, 2007**

Whether you have just a few hours or many days, please get involved.

We've need of many "hands": speaker follow up, registration material preparation before the conference, A-V coordination during the conference, registrations staff, greeters and more.

Be a part of this exciting annual event and meet lots of new people.

Call 800/493-9200 for a copy of the volunteer schedule.

## ConnAPA Celebrates Double Milestones at the 2007 Charter Oak Conference

30th ConnAPA Anniversary      20th Charter Oak Conference Anniversary

**Be sure to register for Wednesday evening's very special event,  
"The Magic of Charter Oak"**

**featuring magic, music, good food and conversation (\$45 pp)**

**The Hotel Viking Newport, RI**

Special conference rate: \$109 single or double occupancy

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# 2007 Charter Oak Conference Program

## **SUNDAY 3/25/07 PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA – 4 CME**

3/25	1:00 PM	Smoking Cessation
3/25	2:00 PM	The Evaluation of Hip Pain in the Primary Care Setting
3/25	3:00 PM	Break
3/25	3:30 PM	The Management of Hip Pain in the Primary Care Setting
3/25	4:30 PM	TBD

## **MONDAY 3/26/07 CHARTER OAK CONFERENCE – 7 CME**

3/26	7:30 AM	Registration and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
3/26	8:00 AM	Of Mice and Men ... Important Advances in Coronary and Atherosclerosis Prevention for 2007: What a PA Should Know
3/26	9:00 AM	What's Hot? Nutrition Topics that Ignite Interest
3/26	10:00 AM	Break
3/26	10:15 AM	Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Epilepsy
3/26	11:15 AM	Women and Heart Disease: Have We Come a Long Way?
3/26	12:15 PM	Lunch - on your own
3/26	2:00 PM	Living with Multiple Sclerosis
3/26	3:00 PM	TBD
3/26	4:00 PM	Break
3/26	4:15 PM	TBD
3/26	5:30 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION and Silent Auction to Benefit the CT Physician Assistant Foundation

## **TUESDAY 3/27/07 CHARTER OAK CONFERENCE – 7 CME**

3/27	7:30 AM	Registration and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
3/27	8:00 AM	Reimbursement Issues
3/27	9:00 AM	TBD
3/27	10:00 AM	Break
3/27	10:15 AM	Professionalism
3/27	11:15 AM	Hypertension Management in Acute Neurological Emergencies
3/27	12:15 PM	LUNCH/CONNAPA MEETING/PRESENTATION: "Patients are a Virtue"
3/27	2:00 PM	Anxiety Disorders
3/27	3:00 PM	Alzheimer's Disease: Management in the Primary Care Setting
3/27	4:00 PM	Break
3/27	4:15 PM	The Latest on NCCPA and PA Certification
3/27	5:15 PM	Emergence of Respiratory Bacterial Resistance: Implications for Outpatient Therapy
3/27	6:30 AM	ConnAPA Board of Directors Meeting

## **TUESDAY 3/27/07 WORKSHOPS**

You may attend a workshop instead of the lectures in the same time slot (\$15 fee per workshop)

3/27	8:00 -10:00 AM	A. Imaging Work-up of Abdominal Pain
3/27	10:15 AM	B. Financial Management (no CME)
3/27	11:15 AM	C. Effective E-mail Communications (no CME)
3/27	2:00-4:00 PM	D. Joint and Soft Tissue Injection Techniques

**WEDNESDAY 3/28/07 CHARTER OAK CONFERENCE – 8 CME**

3/28	7:30 AM	Registration and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
3/28	8:00 AM	Short Course Treatment of Community-Acquired Pneumonia and Other Infections
3/28	9:00 AM	Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: Skin & Menstrual Dysfunction are Just the Beginning
3/28	10:00 AM	Break
3/28	10:15 AM	Diabetes Update
3/28	11:15 AM	Management of Malignant Pleural Effusions
3/28	12:15 PM	Lunch - on own
3/28	2:00 PM	The ABCs of STDs
3/28	3:00 PM	Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections
3/28	4:00 PM	BREAK: CONNAPA "BIRTHDAY PARTY" sponsored by Quinnipiac University
3/28	4:15 PM	Recognizing the Clinical Manifestation of Primary HIV Infection
3/28	5:15 PM	Gender-Specific Aspects of Cardiovascular Disease: Emphasis on Lipids
3/28	6:30 – 9:00 PM	THE MAGIC OF CHARTER OAK: Twenty Years of Medical Education A CELEBRATION (\$45 per person)

**WEDNESDAY 3/28/07 WORKSHOPS**

You may attend a workshop instead of the lectures in the same time slot (\$15 fee per workshop)

3/28	8:00 -10:00 AM	E. EKG
3/28	10:15 -12:15 PM	F. Cardiac Auscultation

**THURSDAY 3/29/07 CHARTER OAK CONFERENCE – 7 CME**

3/29	7:30 AM	Registration and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
3/29	8:00 AM	Osteoporosis: Enhancing Clinical Outcomes Through Improved Patient Adherence
3/29	9:00 AM	Attaining the Inside Track on Asthma Control
3/29	10:00 AM	EXHIBIT HALL opens; Coffee in Exhibit Hall
3/29	11:00 AM	HPV
3/29	12:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET in EXHIBIT HALL
3/29	2:00 PM	Functional Bowel Disorders
3/29	3:00 PM	Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone (RAAS) Blockade in the 21st Century
3/29	4:00 PM	Break
3/29	4:15 PM	A Review on Viral Hepatitis A-Z
3/29	5:15 PM	Recognition and Treatment of Male Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS): It's Not All BPH
3/29	9:00 PM	VIENNESE DESSERT BUFFET

**FRIDAY 3/30/07 CHARTER OAK CONFERENCE – 4 CME**

3/30	7:45 AM	FULL BREAKFAST
3/30	8:30 AM	Spine topic TBD
3/30	9:30 AM	Anemia in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease
3/30	10:30 AM	Break
3/30	10:45 AM	Longer and Better Lives for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
3/30	11:45 AM	Understanding the Over Active Bladder: Past, Present, and Future
3/30	12:45 PM	Adjourn

Please note that this program is subject to change. For the most current information, visit [www.connapa.org](http://www.connapa.org)



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### 20th Annual Charter Oak Conference

Monday - Friday, March 26 - 30, 2007

Pre-Conference Symposia - Sun., March 25, 2007

The Hotel Viking Newport, RI

## CALENDAR

If you know of CME programs or other events of particular interest to PAs, please submit to the Newsletter Editor, Alison Hall, for inclusion in the calendar. Visit [www.connapa.org](http://www.connapa.org) for CME opportunities between newsletter issues.

February 21-25 Orlando, FL  
FAPA 2007 Winter Symposium Cat I  
CME available *contact:* 407-774-7880 or  
[www.fapaonline.org](http://www.fapaonline.org)

February 25-28, 2007 Bartlett, NH  
"PA & NP Topics 2007: Medical &  
Surgical Update for Hospital Based  
Clinicians" 16 hrs. Cat I CME pending  
*contact:* Jay Chamberlain at 508-998-  
6000 or [jay@chamberlainmedical.com](mailto:jay@chamberlainmedical.com)  
*info:* [www.cmr4cme.com](http://www.cmr4cme.com)

March 8 Hartford, CT  
"Coding & Reimbursement for  
Orthopedic Practices" presented by CT  
Orthopedic Society  
*contact:* Susan Schaffman at  
860/561-5205 or [sasshops@aol.com](mailto:sasshops@aol.com)

March 26 - 30 Newport, RI  
20th Annual ConnAPA Charter Oak  
Conference 30+ CME credits, special  
events, exhibits, 20th Anniversary  
Celebration See page 1, 5 - 7 and  
[www.connapa.org](http://www.connapa.org) for details

April 4 - 5 Hartford, CT  
Pri-Med Update 16.25hrs Cat I CME  
*contact:* [www.pri-med.com](http://www.pri-med.com)

April 18 - 22 Washington, DC  
"Osteoporosis: Translating Research  
Into Practice" presented by National  
Osteoporosis Foundation 25.3 hrs. Cat I  
CME *info:* [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org)

April 23 - 27 Fayetteville, NC  
28th Annual SAPA PA Refresher Course  
presented by Society of Army Physician  
Assistants 30+ hrs. Cat I CME *contact:*  
Bob Potter, 309/734-5446 or [www.sapa.org](http://www.sapa.org)

May 18 Farmington, CT  
CT Orthopedic Society Annual Meeting  
*contact:* Susan Schaffman at 860/561-  
5205 *info:* [www.ctortho.org](http://www.ctortho.org)

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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practitioners of the healing arts" with no mention of physician assistants. While it does not appear that PAs are excluded, it also does not appear that we are included.

To view the content of these bills, go to [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov). Type in the bill number in the box at the top of the screen. You can also track the progress of the bills by signing up for bill tracking..

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