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THE message

A Newsletter of Spokane County Medical Society

SCMS Member Highlight Julie Kaczmark, MD



Left: Dr. Kaczmark providing piano accompaniment for a theatrical production at Hutton Elementary School. Middle: Inland Imaging professional photo. Right: Dr. Kaczmark and her family hiking in Switzerland last summer.

Works at:

Inland Imaging.

Specialty:

Pediatric and Emergency Radiology.

Why SCMS:

Opportunity to connect with other physicians and medical providers in our community.

Top concern in medicine:

Having enough providers to meet the demands of our growing population.

Why my specialty:

I am privileged to investigate the inside processes of my patients to determine various pathologies. I feel my work is incredibly impactful and makes a real difference in the day-to-day care of my patients.

When I'm not at work:

In the spring and summer, you will find me camping with my family and spending time on the lake fishing and water-skiing. In the winter, I love to cross country ski up at Mt. Spokane. Year round I play piano for my church and for local theatrical productions. I regularly hike with friends and have practiced yoga for 20 years. I recently became a yoga instructor and teach about two classes per week. I also enjoy cheering for my kids at their sporting events and musical concerts. Finally, I enjoy travelling with my family and our many adventures together!

My go-to activity to unwind:

Yoga, hiking, reading, knitting, and playing the piano.

What I read:

I read a variety of books and enjoy being part of a book club to discuss our monthly reads. As of late, I have enjoyed some books on medical history by Howard Markel.

What you might not know about me:

I have served as the Radiology Faculty Lead for ESFCOM Medical School since 2019. In this role, I provide radiology teaching throughout the medical school to students by integrating imaging with anatomy, physiology and pathology. I am the director of our radiology elective for 4th year medical trainees and I mentor students that are applying for radiology residency.

Proud moments in medicine:

I was recently named a Fellow of the American College of Radiology.

Best advice:

Remember that it is the "practice" of medicine and not the "perfection" of medicine.

What's next:

Enjoying my career, hobbies and life to the fullest! ■



Dear Members,
Happy New Year!

The new year, traditionally, rings in new things on different fronts, new laws, new resolutions, and at SCMS, a new President. As I welcome our next SCMS President, Dr. Saima Ahmad, let me use this opportunity to express my

immense gratitude for the honor and privilege of serving as the 2024 President of SCMS. It would not have been possible without your membership support, so thank you to our members and the Board. A new year is also an opportunity to reflect on the work made possible by your support in 2024, part of which is listed here:

- We created opportunities for members come together, network, share thoughts, and unwind (our Mixers).
- Promoted medical education by sponsoring Medicine 2024 CME conference.
- Recognized and honored our medical educators and students (Shikany and MEC dinner, 2024).
- Hosted and sponsored the highly popular and exciting Women in Medicine 2024 conference.
- The SCMS Foundation sponsored the Bill Sherman, MD, Memorial Scholarship Award for recipients to attend the WSMA Leadership Development Conference, which helps create clinical leaders of tomorrow.
- Mission-driven support of Medical Education as highlighted in Spring Magazine articles detailing how our medical students are supported and focused on improving rural healthcare.

Outgoing President's Message

- Hosted WSMA annual meeting here in Spokane, held on September 28-29, at the Historic Davenport Hotel. SCMS members had representation at the House of Delegates to help shape the future of Medicine in the State of Washington.
- SCMS, as part of a collective engagement with WSMA, and AMA, made our voices heard as we advocated for policies and Bills that addressed patient access to quality care and reducing administrative burden as we provide that care. Such issues include, though not limited to, Medicaid, prior authorization, expanding scope of practice of non-physician providers, Telehealth, and Artificial Intelligence in medicine.

As my term ends as President, I will continue serving and supporting SCMS as I transition to be the moderator for the SCMS Foundation. The work of fulfilling our Mission "to fairly and objectively serve as a guardian of community health and wellness while leading and promoting the professional practice of medicine in our region" requires our commitment and full focus to address the on-going challenges listed above. Therefore, I invite you to sustain your support of SCMS by renewing your membership and encouraging others to consider joining us. ■



Okechukwu "OK" Ojogho, MD, MMM, FACS
2025 Immediate Past President, SCMS

Incoming President's Message



Welcome to the first edition of the SCMS Message for 2025, and Happy New Year from the Spokane County Medical Society (SCMS) leadership team!

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Ojogho for his visionary leadership, which guided SCMS with a focus on advocacy, community engagement, education, and collegiality. His dedication to advancing our mission is deeply appreciated.

Since moving to Spokane in 1997, I have been privileged to work in various clinical settings, including undergraduate and graduate medical education (UME and GME), private practice, large health systems, Health-Tech, and currently as Medical Director at Lakeland Village. Across these diverse professional experiences, one constant has been the collegiality and unwavering support within the Spokane County Medical Society community for our physicians, medical students, and physician assistants.

Founded in 1885, SCMS has long been a cornerstone of Spokane's medical community, bringing physicians together to address evolving health challenges. Today, those challenges require innovation and collaboration.

SCMS offers invaluable resources, CME programs, and networking opportunities throughout the year, empowering us to excel.

As members, I invite you to increase your engagement with events, promote membership, volunteer on SCMS committees, and share your ideas and feedback to help us grow. Additionally, there are advocacy opportunities specific to your needs, including resolution and policy ideas for consideration by the WSMA House of Delegates, which will further strengthen our collective voice in shaping healthcare policy for both patients and our profession.

Let's continue to work together to advance our shared mission and make 2025 a year of meaningful impact for our medical community. ■



Saima Ahmad, MD
2025 President, SCMS

Mark Your 2025 Calendar Today!

APRIL 17, 2025

SCMS Resident/Student Recruitment Fair

JUNE 13, 2025

SCMS Women in Medicine Conference

AUGUST 21, 2025

SCMS GMM & Mixer

OCTOBER 10, 2025

SCMS Medicine 2025 Conference

Go to spcms.org for event details!

Membership Recognition for January - February 2025

Thank you to the members listed below.

Their contribution of time and talent has helped to make the Spokane County Medical Society the strong organization it is today.

70 YEARS

Dale Popp, MD
02/10/1955

60 YEARS

Robert Hedequist, MD
02/25/1965
Ottiwel Jones, MD
02/25/1965

10 YEARS

Stuart Davis, MD
01/01/2015
William Nelson, DO
01/01/2015
Marion Miethke, MD
02/23/2015

New Members: October 2024 - January 2025

PHYSICIANS

- Andrew Anderson DO, FACP
- Vladimir Brown-Zheltkov, MD
- Nathan Doyle, MD
- Kristin Edgehouse, DO
- Sarah Hendricks, MD
- Veronica Jessick, MD
- R. Daniel Lawson, MD
- Alexander Luger, MD
- Tabettha Ratliff, MD
- Mary Jane Romnek, MD
- Ana Sofia Rosa-Ruiz, MD
- Yvette Rosser, MD
- Clint Thompson, DO
- Elliott Van Allen, DO

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

- Elissa Black, PA-C
- Margaret Dancan, PA-C
- Abigail Hurtubise, PA-C
- Chelsea Kuckovic, PA-C
- Tammy Le, PA-C
- William Liening, PA-C
- Tobias Lopez, PA-C
- Nathan Sim, PA-C
- Robyn Smith, PA-C
- Malia Vance, PA-C
- Daniel Zebedeo, PA-C

2025 Dues Supported Organizations

SCMS would like to thank the following organizations for their support by paying membership dues for all their physicians and physician assistants! We greatly appreciate it!

- CHAS
- Eye Consultants, P.S.
- Inland OB-GYN
- Plastic Surgery Northwest, PLLC
- Valley Obstetrics and Gynecology, PS

Thank you to the following organizations for their support by allowing group invoicing for paying membership dues for their physicians and physician assistants. We greatly appreciate it!

- Advanced Dermatology & Skin Surgery, PLLC
- Incyte Diagnostics
- Inland Imaging
- Shriners Hospitals for Children – Spokane

Classifieds



GET ON BOARD

The SCMS Foundation (SCMSF) is currently accepting applications for its Board of Directors. Designated as a charitable organization, its mission of "promoting and supporting the development of future physician and physician assistant leaders within our community, and identifying and funding important and innovative projects that advance the health of our community" is driven and preserved by the physician and physician assistant members of the Spokane County Medical Society.

Currently, the SCMSF offers local organizations grants of up to \$10,000 whose needs fall in line with the Foundation's mission.

For more information on the SCMS Foundation, Board Role Description and Application, please visit www.spcms.org/spokane-county-medical-society-foundation

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS AND ALATEEN REFERRALS Al-Anon and Alateen support groups are available in Spokane County for family members and friends of alcoholics at which men and women share experiences of solving common problems arising from living with or loving a problem drinker. Alateen meetings are for teenage family members and friends of alcoholics and are not suitable for teens with current drinking problems. For further information and meeting schedules contact District2AlAnonOutreach@yahoo.com or (509) 456-2125. Al-Anon and Alateen support groups can supplement medical treatment and counseling therapy. Information provided by Al-Anon District 2 Public Outreach Committee.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS is a free 12 step program for people who wish to stop eating compulsively. If you would like more information, including no cost workshops for your staff, please contact: (509) 328-9972. www.oaregion1.org

SPOKANE PHYSICIAN FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Group support is available for physician family members in Spokane. During times of stress or crisis, whether it involves your spouse, your children or yourself, a listening and confidential ear is often just what physician families need. The group meets in the evening every week. Its members have experience in substance use disorders, behavioral health issues and many other common problems that occur in families. Limited to physician families and their spouses. You are welcome to come to the group as a couple or alone. Contact Carl at (509) 991-3537 or Bill at (509) 710-0636.



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— Kelli Stangel, RN, BSN, CHPN,
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