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NEPO Calendar Of Meetings and Events:

NEPO Public Policy Committee
Conference Call
Monday, February 1st, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NEPO Steering Committee
Meeting
Saturday, February 20th, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location:



NEPO Summit Planning
Committee Conference Call
Monday, February 22nd, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For more information about meetings
and/or events, please contact Anna at
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NEPO Update

Happy New Year! NEPO hit the ground running in 2010 with the planning of several important committee meetings and events.

[2010 Network of Ethnic Physician Organizations \(NEPO\) Ethnic Physician Leadership Summit Survey for Dates](#)

We recently sent you an email to choose a location in Southern California for the 8th Annual Ethnic Physician Leadership Summit. Thank you for your input! Please take the time to let us know which dates are best for you for the NEPO Summit. Take our survey by clicking [HERE](#) or by going to <http://doodle.com/d6pfx5dwiani4tfv>.

January is certainly the kick-off month of many great partnerships for NEPO. NEPO hosted a **Leadership Forum on January 28, 2010** at the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society that brought together medical society executives, ethnic physician organization leadership, Medi-Cal managed care medical directors and other leaders to identify action steps that can be initiated to support private practice safety net physicians. Lots of excellent ideas were exchanged and NEPO is eager to move forward with all the possibilities.

NEPO is also excited about the addition of **two new Committees: Workforce Diversity Committee**--physicians working together with the business community to move forward issues regarding health workforce diversity and the **Health Information Technology (HIT) Subcommittee**--working to find ways NEPO can participate as a key component of the Regional Extension Center (REC), review the work of REC and help facilitate how the funds can be funnel down to our members and their practices. We will begin meeting next month. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements and dates.

In other news, the **Public Policy Committee** is gearing up to start planning for 2010 Legislative events. The first meeting is set for February 1st. NEPO staff is also working with a web designer to finalize revamping the NEPO website in hopes of launching a new, improved and user-friendly website later this year.

And as you all know the core of NEPO are Ethnic Physician Organizations (EPO) and NEPO Staff is happy to announce that we are working to add a Central Valley Multi-Ethnic EPO to the network. We are also starting to schedule EPO visits again, so please contact us and let us know about the exciting work that you are doing with your EPO.

**To learn more about NEPO Committees, please contact Anna Gutiérrez at
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Free CME Webinar: Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence

Asking and advising patients to quit tobacco is not just good patient care, but can double the chance a smoker will make a quit attempt.

To help providers understand how to more effectively treat tobacco dependence among their patients, the [Center for Tobacco Cessation](#), affiliated with the [California Smokers' Helpline](#), is offering a **free** online CME on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 7:30 to 8:30 am.

To register for this free course, please visit the Center for Tobacco Cessation website at <http://www.centerforcessation.org/training.html>.
 For more information, please contact Kirsten Hansen at k3hansen@ucsd.edu or at (858) 300-1012.

Attention: Students, Health Professions Advisors and Medical Student Recruiters



**Stanford University Minority
 Medical Alliance
[SUMMA Conference](#)**

**Saturday, February 13, 2010
 Stanford School of Medicine**

Various workshops will be offered that discuss a variety of topics including the admissions process, the challenges of medical school and affording medical school. In addition, the conference will have several keynote presentations from outstanding faculty.

To register, click [HERE](#) or visit <http://summa.stanford.edu/>
 Any questions or concerns, please e-mail summamed@gmail.com



**Clinical Trials and the Latino Community -
 Seminar for Healthcare and Public Health Professionals**

You have the power to make a difference in the Latino community and contribute to cutting edge research. Learn about Clinical Trials! This upcoming **FREE** Workshop on March 12, 2010 at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, CA will target general practitioners, oncologists, and other members of the medical profession so they are better able to help their patients judge the value of joining a trial.

If you want to participate, please call *Latinas Contra Cancer* Project Director Adriana Morieko at 408.280.0811 or via e-mail at programdirector@latinascontracancer.org.