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About WWWQ

Wang 望: inspection

Wen 闻: listening & smelling

Wen 问: inquiry

Qie 切: palpation

Invitation from ATCMS President

Dear ATCMS members and Friends in TCM-Acupuncture Community:

ATCMS will hold its 2010 Annual Conference and Winter Academic Activity. The event will happen at La Guardia Sheraton Hotel, Flushing, NY on Dec. 5, 2010. On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my wish to invite all of our members and professional friends to participate.

During the past year, our society went on very smoothly via the unified support and efforts from our members and working team. Based on the concept of "Serving TCM in Democratic Way", we actively engaged in programs such as Academic Exchanges and Professional Continual Education; recreational activities in leisure time; as well as fighting for members' benefits by means of all possibilities. We also collaborated with other professional groups to make efforts in Federal and State TCM-Acupuncture Legislations. Our style of managing the society is so democratic and lucid as to inspire the keenness of our work teams. All of our workers endeavored in silence with duty-bound attitude and dedicated spirit to build up a prosperous situation for ATCMS. We deem all glories belong to every volunteer, belong to every single member!!!

Coming toward the end of the year, we decided to hold our Annual Conference for the purpose of summarizing our work in the past one year, also planning for the next. Through this occasion, we'll look forward to sharing knowledge, communicating with one another, and providing an opportunity for those entertainment-loving friends to show off their talents.

Friends! Let us celebrate this carnival of TCM Community in Greater New York. Release your passion to sing for the consolidation of TCM professionals! Let us raise our glasses to bless the prosperity and advance of TCM in the U.S.A.!!!

Sincerely yours,

Xu Jun, M.D., L.Ac
President of ATCMS

Report from Legislative Team

On Oct. 2, 2010, ATCMS joined the other TCM/Acupuncture groups to make a presentation of awards to our legislators in Albany for their support to our rights and interest. Among three honored political leaders, Hon. Gracy Meng was specially thanked by the oriental groups of practitioners. Senator Meng expressed her appreciation of the award to the guests of the presentation and maintained that she will continue doing her best to support TCM/Acupuncture and make sure that our rights and benefits will be protected.

Announcement

The 2010 Annual Conference and Winter Academic Activity of ATCMS

Dear ATCMS members and our friends:

It is our pleasure to make this announcement to you that ATCMS will hold our 2010 Annual Conference on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 in The Garnet Room of La Guardia Sheraton Hotel at Flushing, NY. We cordially invite all our members as well as friends of TCM in New York to participate.

There are two programs in our Annual Conference :

(1). Academic Seminar:

It's also part of our Winter Academic Activity. In this seminar, Dr. Jamie Koufman and Dr. Ming Liu will respectively introduce to you , The recent research/development in gastric acid regurgitation, and the clinical accomplishment of applying acupuncture to treat gastric acid regurgitation in recent years (Please refer to the introduction of our winter academic activity). The seminar will start at 2:00 p.m. (registration starts at 1:30 p.m.) till 6:30 p.m . and the admission costs \$40 each. On top of it, 4 PDA credits can be applied to NCCAOM requirements.

(2). Banquet :

From 7 to 11 p.m. , following the seminar, a banquet will be served with traditional Chinese banquet dishes exquisitely prepared by La Guardia Sheraton Hotel. Versatile performances will also accompany the banquet to entertain our members and guests. ATCMS encourages our members and guests to join the performers to show off your talents. We wish you would wield your versatility to interpret the vivid, brisk and uplifting spirit of TCM Community of New York. Besides, we expect to strengthen our friendship and mutual understanding through this activity and wish our voices could bring to the TCM community more and more auspiciousness and new hope.

Members are welcomed to invite your family and friends as guests. Due to the limited seats, we wish you would contact Dr. Sophia Liao (Tel. 917-605-5819, E-mail sophxhl@yahoo.com , Mailing Add. 26-25 Union St. #3-f, Flushing, NY 11354) to make reservations and ticket purchasing. Banquet ticket costs \$40 each. Although the actual cost to ATCMS is \$60, we still give \$10 discount to those who make purchases prior to Nov. 25, 2010.

To those who would like to perform in the entertainments, we wish you would contact Dr. Jie Shi (Tel. 516-906-1120, E-mail: jshiusa@msn.com,) or Dr. Dazhi Chen (Tel. 646-262-7895, E-mail: dazchen@yahoo.com,) for programming.

It is our sincere wish to gather with all of you, and to celebrate the Carnival of New York TCM Community.

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News: CPR Certification Required By NCCAOM Recertification

As of January 1, 2010, NCCAOM Diplomates are required to submit documentation that they have obtained CPR certification during the four-year recertification period. A maximum of four PDA points for the CPR certification may be applied toward recertification; however the CPR points may NOT be used toward the safety/ethics category. (News resource: www.nccaom.org/diplomates/recertification.html)

NCCAOM used to require their diplomates to **either** obtain CPR certification **or** take four PDA points of the safety/ethics category during the four-year recertification period. The new regulation requires both. It will be a challenge for those who have not yet obtained a CPR certification.

The CPR course should be provided by a certified CPR instructor in a small class environment. It includes the lecture and clinical training. To be certified, attendants must pass an exam at the end of the course. Considering some colleagues, whose NCCAOM certificate will be expired soon and need to be re-certified, we are providing the following CPR course information for immediate access:

- 1) To take CPR course, please contact Ms Dorothy Wong (Phone #: 631-332-2494, Email: acuwong@gmail.com). Ms Wong provides 1-2 CPR courses every month in Manhattan and Queens and other areas, and will offer discount to ATCMS members who have ATCMS member ID.
- 2) To take CPR course on website at: www.aedcpr.com. The fee is cheaper (the current price is \$19.95 only) and you may take at any time. However, you should have internet skill and understand English well, if want to successfully get CPR certification through that way (no clinical skills involved).

ATCMS always concerns what our members need, and try our best to serve them. It is our goal. We'll continually provide our members with the updated information of CPR course on our website (www.ATCMS.org) and the upcoming ATCMS Newsletter. Also, we encourage our members to become a certified CPR instructor, so that you may provide the CPR course to other colleagues and make it a business opportunity for yourself.

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Introduction of Academic Seminar by ATCMS

Dear members, friends and fellow professionals:

Time does fly. In just a matter of blink, year 2010 is approaching its end. In the first 3 seasons, ATCMS have held 4 academic seminars covering the fields of Dermatology, Gynecology, Pain Syndrome, Cerebral Vascular Syndrome as well as Clinic Managements and Billing. Excellent comments were echoed from the audiences to those experts who made vivid and brisk presentations and demonstrations. To respond to our members' requests, our Dept. of Academics decided to hold the last seminar of this year on Dec. 5.

The subject on this seminar is "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastric Acid Reflux". This subject is both familiar and strange to us. It is so commonly encountered, but its prevalence, research/development and controversies are still far from being understood. Even TCM community in the U.S.A. still lacks information in-depth. Especially in the recent TCM academic activities, we rarely touched the seminars and discussions on Gastric Reflux. This caused TCM and Acupuncture to lose its importance in this particular field. It is also our motive of holding this seminar.

It is our pleasure to invite a well-known expert in Otolaryngology and Vocal Medicine, Professor/Dr. Jamie Koufman to be the keynote speaker. Being a physician in Otolaryngology, Dr. Koufman spent more than 30 years in studying gastric reflux which traditionally belongs to the field of Gastroenterology. Legendarily, she even achieved a series of successes in research, technical innovations and patents. Nowadays, those extensively used terms such as Laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR) and Silent Reflux were all coined by Dr. Koufman. Her serious and open attitude, dedicated perseverance, and her ability of unifying work forces won her a great deal of reputation in the community of Medicine and Medical Education. Among numerous titles and positions, she is Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology, New York Medical College; President of Broncho-Esophagological Association; Journal Editorial board for "Ear, Nose and Throat Journal" and "Journal of Voice". The Voice Institute of New York located right next to Carnegie Hall was also founded by Dr. Koufman. By means of advanced technology and facilities, medical workers aim at diagnosing, treating and researching the Gastric reflux related diseases as their major goal. Besides, Dr. Koufman frequently attends or hosts in various academic conferences to get hold of the first-hand materials and latest information. In September of this year, she lectured on "Laryngopharyngeal Reflux" at Head and Neck Meeting, an instructional course, Annual American Academy of Otolaryngology, Boston, Mass. Sept. 24, 2010 for more than 1000 of physicians and specialists.

Being invited as primary speaker of ATCMS seminar, Dr. Koufman prepared a lecture enriched with practical usage, including :

- 1) The anatomy and pathophysiology of reflux.
- 2) The reason why Gastric Reflux may be difficult to diagnose.
- 3) How LPR is different from GERD.
- 4) Why reflux and esophageal cancer are now epidemic.
- 5) The prevalence of reflux in America : Time Square Study.
- 6) "Dropping Acid"---The clinical impact of low-acid, low-fat diet.
- 7) Live laryngeal and esophageal examinations, including the endoscopic exam.

Another speaker is Dr. Ming Liu, L.Ac., our Executive Board Member. Dr. Liu graduated from Beijing Capital University of Medical Sciences. For many years, he has engaged in clinical practicing, scientific research and education combining TCM and Western Medicine. Dr. Liu was the Board Member of Beijing Association of Integrated TCM and Western Medicine; Board Member of Beijing Qigong Research Asso.; Coordinator and Lecturer of Golden Road to Golden Needle International Acupuncture Training Courses. He is the incumbent Faculty Member and Lecturer of American College of Acupuncture: Training Courses for Physicians and Dentists. When he is not teaching, he practices in his Manhattan private clinic.

Dr. Liu will lecture on "Acupuncture Treatment on Gastric Reflux", including :

- 1) Brief review of TCM knowledge related to reflux.
- 2) TCM diagnosis and differentiation of syndromes of reflux.
- 3) Clinical experiences and scientific evidences of acupuncture for reflux.
- 4) Discussion: Customized acupuncture programs according to WM and TCM findings and diagnosis.
- 5) Communication: Commonly used acupuncture points and techniques for reflux.

Gastric Reflux is a very frequently encountered illness. It's characterized by its chronicity and complications. Patients mostly need long term follow-up and treatment. In TCM, it is a typical condition suitable for out-patients. By means of this seminar, we wish to alert our members as well as Eastern U.S. TCM-Acupuncture Community to pay more attentions to Gastric Reflux. We also wish this seminar could enhance our diagnosis and treatments, could promote exchange and cooperation between TCM and WM, as well as reinforcing our ability and consciousness for protecting our own professional benefits.

This seminar will be held between 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. at La Guardia Sheraton Hotel, Flushing, NY. 4 PDA units will be offered. (See the Announcement of 2010 ATCMS Conference for details)

Dept. of Academics, ATCMS

Headline

ATCMS Seminar on December 5, 2010:



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Date and Time: December 5, 2010, Sunday, 2:00pm--6:30pm
(1:30am--2:00pm: Registration. The seminar starts at 2:00pm)

Location: Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 1st Floor (Garnet Room)
135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354

Topics and Speaker:

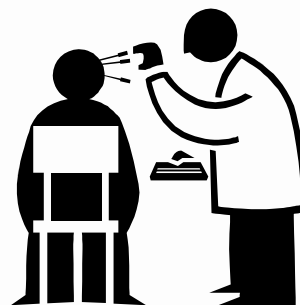
1. **Gastric Reflux: Current Diagnosis, Treatment and Research**
--- by Prof. Jamie A. Koufman, M.D.
2. **Acupuncture for Reflux: Potential and Challenge**
--- by Ming Liu, M.S., L.Ac.

Language of Presentation: English, Chinese

PDA Credit: NCCAOM 4 Credit Points

Fee: \$40

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