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Record Number of Abstracts Received for SHEA Annual Meeting in San Diego

A record number of abstracts was submitted for the Annual Meeting to be held next month in San Diego, and the quality of the abstracts also has continued to improve. An unprecedented number of abstracts (54) will be presented in slide sessions, and another 140 will be presented in the poster sessions on Sunday and Monday. For the first time, for the convenience of meeting attendees, box lunches will be provided in the exhibit hall so that attendees may eat lunch and view the posters at the same time. In addition to the presentation of 194 abstracts, there will be three plenary sessions, eight symposia, and ten "Meet the Consultant" sessions

(each given twice). The SHEA Lecture will be given by Dr. Philip S. Brachman. This lecture will be followed by the presentation of the SHEA Young Investigator and SHEA Trainee Awards. The second day of the meeting will be topped off by the Late Breaker Session and, for members, the SHEA Business Meeting.

Social functions include a cocktail reception on Sunday evening and a ticketed event on Monday evening, "Adventure at the Zoo." The latter event will take place at the world-famous San Diego Zoo. Animal trainers will wander through the party to present animals "up close and personal." Hors d'oeu-

vres, drinks, and music at the multi-level Treetops Restaurant are included. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$34 for children under 12.

Join your friends and colleagues in San Diego at the Fifth Annual Meeting of SHEA. Bring the whole family for a minivacation and take advantage of the many sites and attractions of San Diego. This is an excellent meeting to take in new scientific data on the cutting edge in hospital epidemiology and infection control, renew old acquaintances among your colleagues, and enjoy the scenery and attractions of one of America's favorite vacation spots.

Conference on Managed Care in Infectious Diseases Planned for June 9-10, 1995

A conference on managed care in infectious diseases (ID) is planned for Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, at the Westin Hotel in Chicago. The conference is designed to guide ID specialists in how to deal with the changes, challenges, and opportunities of managed care and healthcare reform.

The focus will be on quality assurance, outcomes monitoring, formulary management, infection control, and the potential role of the infectious diseases specialist in managed care. Physicians with first-hand knowledge in these areas will share their experiences and also will lead a workshop on the development of a model contract.

The conference is sponsored by the Clinical Affairs Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, Inc. (SHEA), and the Outpatient Intravenous Infusion Therapy Association (OPIVITA).

The first day will begin with a review of ongoing changes in health care from the perspectives of the government, insurers, healthcare organizations, physicians, and attorneys. In the afternoon, there will be presentations by infectious diseases specialists with positive experiences in the areas of consultative services, hospital epidemiology, outpatient IV

therapy, and HIV care.

On Saturday morning, the tools of contracting will be explored. There will be presentations on computer use, outcomes monitoring, and legal issues. In the afternoon, there will be workshops designed to teach skills needed for developing proposals for services for reimbursement, negotiating with payors, and developing contracts.

The conference is being organized by Alan Tice, Tom Slama, and Steve Berman. If you have any questions, or if you have not yet received a brochure about the conference, please call (206) 627-7137, or fax (206) 572-2470.

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