

FROM THE REGIONS

Mountain West SGIM 2011 Regional Meeting: “Serving the Underserved”

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Denver Health will host the SGIM Mountain West Regional Meeting on November 4, 2011. This will be the first time that the meeting has been held at Denver Health, the institution that has served as Denver's safety net hospital for more than 150 years. The Mountain West leadership has planned a one-day meeting that we believe will provide both practical updates on relevant clinical topics and opportunities to network with fellow academic internists. We are excited that this year's meeting will have representation from four of the six states in the Mountain West region (Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah). This will be the first time in several years that the majority of the Mountain West states will be represented at the meeting.

This year's theme, “Serving the Underserved,” will be highlighted by

a talk given by Patricia Gabow, MD, CEO of Denver Health. She will discuss how Denver Health has become one of the pre-eminent city hospitals in the country and why it is often mentioned in health policy circles as a successful example of coordinated integrated care. Richard Hoffman, MD, professor of medicine at the University of New Mexico, will give an expert talk on screening for prostate cancer. George Commerci, MD, professor of medicine at the University of New Mexico, will give an update in outpatient medicine.

This year's meeting will include sessions that have been successful in previous years, such as selected oral presentations (abstracts and clinical vignettes), workshops, a poster session, and our annual talk from the clinician-educator awardee. The meeting will conclude at 5 pm and

will be followed by dinner at a local restaurant (location TBA). We are very pleased this year to offer a hosting program, in which individuals attending the meeting from out of state will be paired with a host from the Denver area. We are aware that cost is one barrier to attendance, and we hope that this initiative will allow more SGIM members from neighboring Mountain West states to attend the meeting.

Please join us in celebrating academic internal medicine among the institutions of the Mountain West states. More information on the Mountain West Regional Meeting can be found at www.sgim.org/go/mountainwest. On behalf of the SGIM Mountain West Leadership Board and Planning Committee, we look forward to seeing you in Denver on November 4, 2011.

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