



A Message from the Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine

To all Virginia Sleep Professionals:

The Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine wants YOU to join us in ongoing efforts to advance the field of Sleep Medicine in our state.

In our first year much has been accomplished:

- The Academy was formed and approximately 200 members from around the state have joined.
- An excellent educational conference was held last October in Charlottesville.
- A successful appeal was made to the Virginia Board of Health Professions for oversight of licensure of polysomnographic technologists, an important step to ensure quality of care for patients undergoing sleep diagnostic testing in our state and to recognize and preserve the valuable service provided by sleep technologists.

In the coming year, much is planned:

- Legislation will be introduced to the Virginia lawmakers for polysomnographic technologist licensure.
- Lobbyist services have been enlisted to facilitate passage of the bill, and will require support to provide. The outcome will affect all sleep laboratories. Wake up! Your help is needed to protect your interests, and the time is now.
- The second annual VASM conference is already under planning for Fall 2010 in Richmond, and is your opportunity for continuing education and to meet your peers from all over the state. It will be expanded to a full day conference.

Who can join:

Membership is open to all who work in Sleep Medicine. This is a team effort.

- Sleep Professionals: MD, DO, PhD, DDS/DMD. Membership \$100.
- Allied sleep professionals: NP, PA, sleep technicians, sleep technologists. Membership \$50.
- Affiliate membership: Sleep center managers, respiratory therapists. Membership \$50.
- NEW CATEGORY: Professional in training: Residents, fellows, medical students, nursing students, sleep trainees: Membership \$25.

Act Today:

Please visit our web site www.vasleepmedicine.org to learn more about the Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine and important issues to all in the field of Sleep Medicine in Virginia. Contact us with any questions. If you are already a member, please renew your membership today. If you are not yet a member, we look forward to your participation.