

Med school students and faculty put on AIDS conference

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War and victory in the Gulf may have usurped headlines in recent weeks, but the AIDS epidemic has not gone away, and neither have the attendant problems that are being confronted by medical professionals and patients.

In order to address some of these problems, the students and faculty of the University of Nevada School of Medicine will present "AIDS in Nevada: Facts, Fears and Feelings" on March 22, 1991 in the Convention Center at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino. Registration and continental breakfast is at 7:30 a.m., and the conference will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The conference is designed to update and broaden the health-care community's knowledge of issues affecting the treatment of patients with AIDS, and issues of occupational exposure to the disease. Health care professionals will learn about preventing the spread of AIDS, while giving safe and compassionate care.

Included in the program will be a panel on HIV Exposure and Consent Protocols, Mobilizing Against Aids: The Washoe County Staging Clinic, Pediatric AIDS, an AIDS Research Update, AIDS: A Cross-Cultural Perspective, Exposure to HIV in Health Care Settings, and a panel on the Ethical Issues when Treating AIDS patients.

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Continuing education credits for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and EMT intermediates have been approved by the Nevada State Emergency Medical Services and the American Academy of Family Physicians. Credit hours for nurses have also been approved through the University of Nevada, an approved provider of the Nevada State Board of Nursing.

Program sponsors are: Nevada Academy of Family Physicians, Nevada Area Health Education Centers, AIDS Education and Training Center, Loretz and Associates Aids, and Office of Rural Health Clearinghouse and rural recruitment representatives.

The conference was organized by The Family Medicine Interest Group, The American Medical Women's Association and the School of Medicine.

Those interested in attending the conference should call AHEC, 784-1317.

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