RPA REPORT

CBRPA COMPUTER PROBLEMS

CBRPA appreciates the patience and understanding of the RPAs during the month of November when the main computer was stricken with an encryption virus. This was no ordinary computer virus — it placed an encryption code on every file on the computer and even on the files on the external hard drive. Efforts were made by several programs and security agencies to break the encryption code—to no avail. A ransom of $500.00 had to be paid in bit coins and then the bit coin agency charged another $130.00 to process the ransom.

Several companies and public service agencies have suffered the same fate and all had to pay the ransom. According to the FBI, there is no encryption key yet developed to break the code. The source of the code is in eastern Europe or in Russia.

Jane

If you should get an email stating a federal express package was delivered but no one was available to sign for it and to "click here" to reschedule"—do NOT click, delete it immediately. Also do not click on any pop-ups—that is the lesson learned the hard way. Again, thank you for your understanding.

RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Graduates of 2004 were the first to recertify according to the CBRPA policies. Of the individuals who took the exam on-line, approximately 50% successfully passed. Those who attended the seminar and took the exam at the Florida site all passed the exam.

After attending the seminar, the 2004 graduates went into a separate room and reviewed each question on the exam. The interaction with the participants was lively, engaging and informative. Follow-up with some of the graduates stated they enjoyed the seminar and the exam review and one person said, they would do it that way again because he thoroughly enjoyed it.

Quote of the Month:

The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.

~Author Unknown

The Review 2004 class

Debbie's pretty daughter   Debbie Peters Stephen Knight
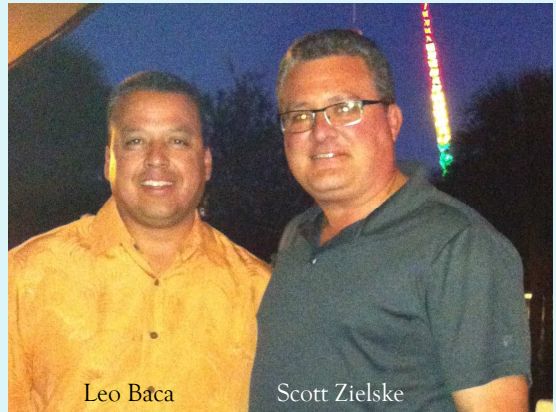
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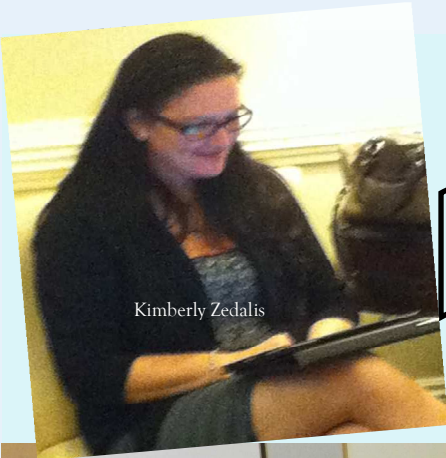
Jane—Still Teaching

Leo Baca   Scott Zielske
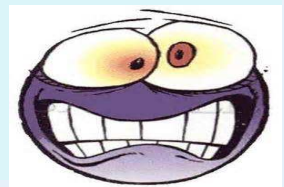
Terry — Moderator

Kimberly Zedalis
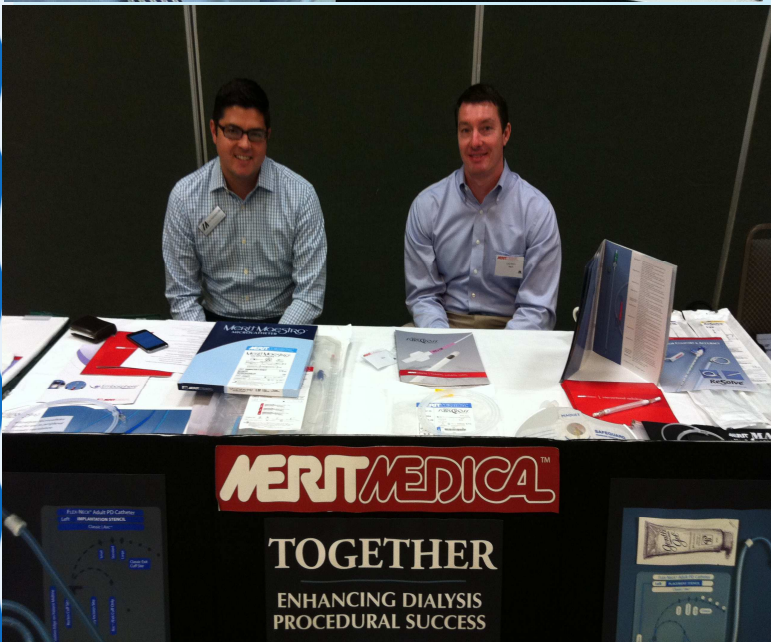
THE EXAM

Phil Sessions

Leslie Jenkins—He answered every question correctly!!

Nothing to worry about concerning the Recertification Exam. The participants found the exercise to be enjoyable!! See the 2005 people next year!!

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Jeff Vogel, MD

ICD-10-CM Myths

□ It's just a coding issue
□ My IT staff are responsible for the changes
□ I can rely on my vendor to take care of it
□ My billing company will take care of it
□ My clearinghouse will take care of it
□ It won't require many operational changes
□ The Physicians don't have to be involved
□ We don't need to budget for ICD-10-CM
□ We have plenty of time
□ It will be delayed again……

BUSTED Myth

Dorothy Henslee
Key Note Speaker
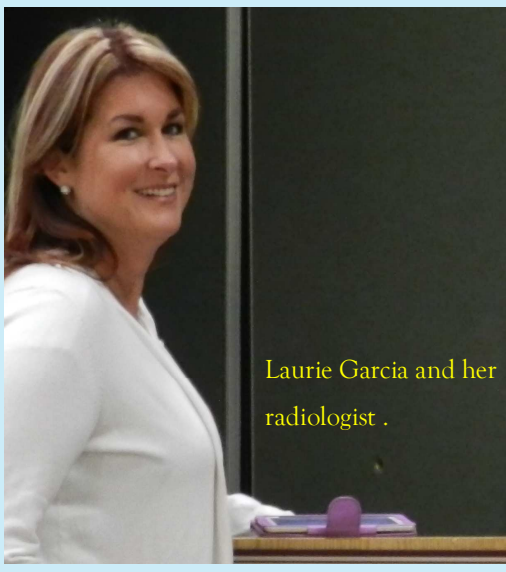
Her important topic

Educational Program

ARPE Educational Symposium — Exceptional !!

Sean Willey

discussing interventional procedures

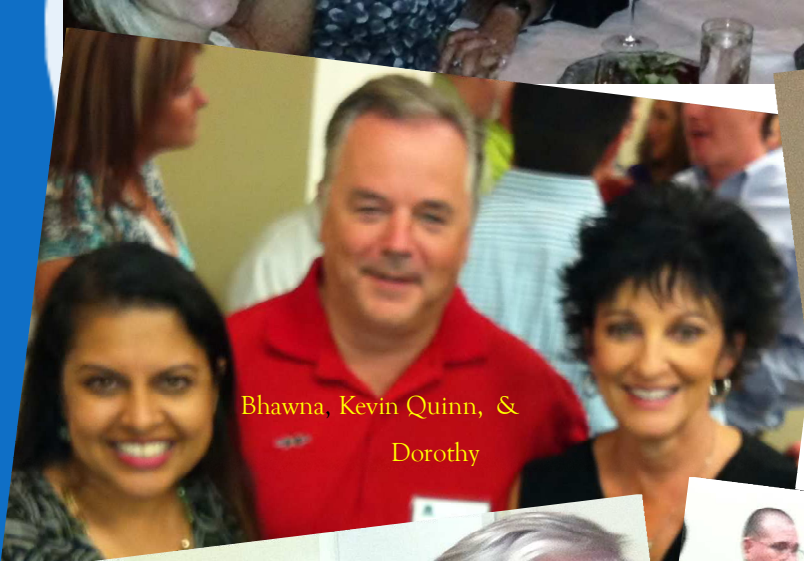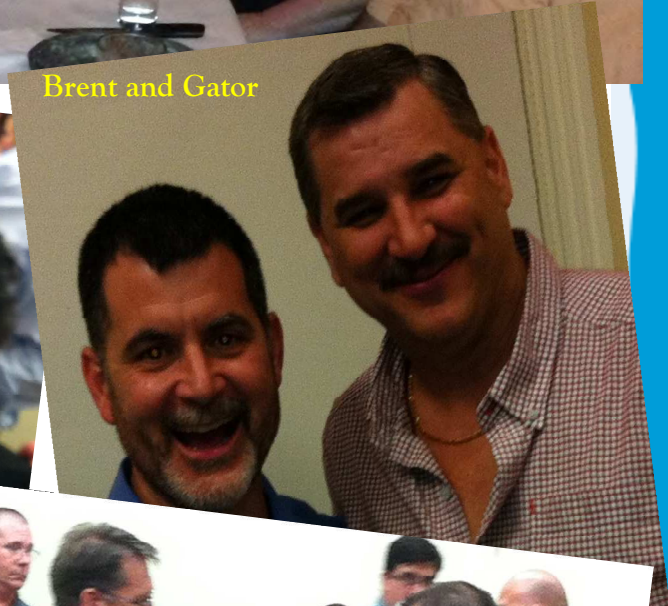Laurie Garcia and her radiologist .

Scott Zielske   waiting to impart knowledge

Social Events

Good food, drinks and company

Lunch

Dinner

Brent and Gator

Bhawna, Kevin Quinn, & Dorothy

Diane Newham & Leslie Jenkins

Mike Coleman getting serious