

## Definition of a Certified Medical Assistant

Medical assistants are the only allied health professionals specifically trained to work in ambulatory settings, such as physicians' offices, clinics and group practices. These **multiskilled** personnel can perform *administrative* and *clinical* procedures. Physicians value this unique versatility more and more, as managed care compels them to contain costs and manage human resources efficiently. Not surprisingly, the demand for medical assistants is expanding rapidly.

What sets the CMA (AAMA) apart among medical assistants is the *certification*. A medical assistant first earns the CMA (AAMA) credential by passing a rigorous examination that requires a thorough, broad and current understanding of health care delivery.

Then, the CMA (AAMA) must renew the credential every 60 months. This means keeping abreast of new developments in the health care delivery field by participating in approved continuing education study programs, reading authoritative texts, and networking with other medical assistants who are certified. Health care delivery is changing every day. The CMA (AAMA) keeps changing with it.

The **CMA (AAMA)** credential is offered by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) - the only medical assisting organization granted **Official Observer Status** to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates. **The National Board of Medical Examiners** - responsible for many national examinations for physicians - serves as test consultant for the CMA (AAMA) Certification/Recertification Examination. As a result, the reliability and validity of the CMA (AAMA) credential is of the highest order.

The recertification requirement can be met by examination or through continuing education. Current certified status is required in order to use the CMA (AAMA) credential in connection with employment.

Please contact the AAMA for more information at [info@aama-ntl.org](mailto:info@aama-ntl.org).

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# Alaska Medical Assistant Society

Affiliate of American Association of Medical  
Assistants Presents

2011 Annual Conference  
April 15-16, 2011



Hosted by the Interior  
Chapter of Medical Assistants

Pike's Waterfront Lodge  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
(907) 456-4500



## Friday, April 15, 2011

### 8:30-9am Registration and Coffee

9am-10:30am

#### **The History of Asepsis**

Dale Hardy, PA

### 10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12noon

#### **Physical Fitness for Healthcare Providers**

Cheryl Warwick, Director of Fitness  
Alaska Club Fairbanks

### 12noon-1:30 Lunch with Sean Devlin

Abbott Laboratories

1:30pm-3:00pm

#### **Alaska and the Affordable Care Act**

Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA)

### 3:00pm-3:15pm Break

3:15pm-4:45pm

#### **Developing A Successful Team**

Paul Montini, Office Manager Dr. Tamai

### 5:00pm AMAS General Meeting

Pike's Waterfront Lodge

## Saturday April 16, 2011

### 8:30-9am Registration and Coffee

9am-10:30am

#### **Who Benefits From Physical Therapy?**

Wendy Johnson

### 10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12noon

#### **The Surgical Patient**

Stephanie Barney, PA-C

### 12noon-1:30 Lunch with Julie Flaatten

AAMA National Representative

1:30pm-3:00pm

#### **HIPPA and The New Regulations**

Kim McDermott

### 3:00pm-3:15pm Break

3:15pm-4:45pm

#### **Travel Consults in the Office**

Scott Conover, PA-C

6:00pm

#### **AMAS President's Banquet**

Pike's Waterfront Lodge

## Registration Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member Both days         | 150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member Friday Only       | 85.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member Saturday Only     | 85.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nonmember Both days      | 200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nonmember Friday Only    | 125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nonmember Saturday Only  | 125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student Both Days        | 40.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student Friday Only      | 25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student Saturday Only    | 25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | AMAS President's Banquet | 25.00  |

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Room Reservations at Pike's Waterfront Lodge are available for \$69/night plus tax Call (907) 456-4500 and refer to Leader #353546 for the discount.

The hotel is 5 minutes from Fairbanks International Airport and offers a complimentary airport shuttle.

Make check payable to AMAS and remit to Amy Samuel, CMA (AAMA) c/o 2888 Doughchee Avenue, North Pole, AK 99705 For any questions please email aksamuel@gci.net or visit [www.alaskamedicalassistants.org](http://www.alaskamedicalassistants.org)