

**Medical Director's Report  
Board of Health  
September 2012**

Unfortunately I will miss your meeting in September, as I will be on vacation.

**General Activities:**

Activities of the past month included doing the usual orders review and policy review.

In addition, met with the new Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Douglas MacQueen, who is working for Cayuga Medical Center. In a roundtable discussion with members of the department we reviewed issues of importance to our respective specialties and areas of cooperation and collaboration. It was a most productive meeting and we look forward to a most productive relationship.

**Hydrofracking:**

In the Ithaca Journal August 21, 2012 was an announcement of a collaboration between Guthrie Health Care which covers parts of Pennsylvania and New York State and Geisinger Clinics and Health System (largely based in PA ) who are launching a health impact study of hydrofracking on their own initiative.

We should become familiar with this effort and support its intent. I believe we should point out to New York State policymakers that this is being launched precisely due to the lack of reassuring evidence that the public's health has been and is protected.