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Dear Colleague:

The holidays are almost here, giving us pause to reflect on the many blessings we have received and look forward to what the New Year will bring. This year, we have all experienced some turbulence and uncertainty, and may find it harder to feel that sense of joy. There are some things that carry us through – our love of family, our thanks for the hard work of those around us and hope for better times.

At the CMA Foundation, we too are reflecting on what the hard work of our volunteers and staff has accomplished and are looking forward to what is on the horizon for 2010.

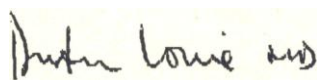
This year we -


-  Celebrated 10 years in the fight to improve antibiotic prescribing and reduce antibiotic resistance. California, through the Foundation’s leadership, surpasses the national norm for prescribing and continues to maintain lower levels of resistance.
-  Demonstrated the improvement in diabetes care for solo and small group practice physicians, creating a model to support these physicians to provide the right care at the right time to the right patient.
-  Fought for physicians in private practice who care for underserved patients to be recognized as a part of our nation’s safety-net, going to bat to raise Medi-Cal rates to equal those of Medicare.
-  Joined forces with a national team of leaders to help stem the tide in the spread of obesity, expanding the reach of our experience and resources nationwide.

Your support has helped us to help our physicians, medical students and communities and we are so very grateful for this support. We understand that in these unpredictable financial times making a decision to support the CMA Foundation may not be as easy a decision to make. To continue to serve our physicians and communities, support will be even more critical. Your contribution of \$100 will enable us to distribute 20 Diabetes as a Cardiovascular Disease or 30 Respiratory Tract Infection and Influenza Toolkits. It will help us to help physicians educate their communities about overweight and obesity prevention.

The CMA Foundation is the foundation for California’s physicians and everything we do is aimed at helping you improve the health of your patients and your communities. Thank you for your support which enables us to make a difference in the health of California. Please join us today to support your foundation, the CMA Foundation.

Sincerely,


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