

March 10, 2000 Minutes
Lightning Data Center
Centura Health
St. Anthony Central

Quote of the Month:

"Have you noticed that the clinical anecdote has almost disappeared?... We have statistics now, and no case is worthwhile unless we can collect a series and apply some complex statistical formula to it to make it significant somehow -- although who could deny the significance of a specific illness for the individual patient... And so, the great clinical tradition dating back to Hippocrates.. Sydenham, and Osler, is gradually dying out... In the 'age of Progress' no one wants to be thought traditional, much less old fashioned."

J Borgstein, The Lancet 1999;354:2151

1. The meeting started at 11:30 am and adjourned at 1:30 pm.
2. Members present: Anderson, Barron, Cherington, Collier, Foley, Glancy, Holle, Kahkoska, Kamin, Lines, Losleben, Kithil, M Kummerfeldt, P Kummerfeldt, Olson, Prudhomme Rossie, Rovenstien, Simmons, h Wachtel, Whiteside, Yarnell.
3. Ron Holle of National Severe Storms Laboratory, NOAA, Norman, Oklahoma provided us with a wonderful lecture, U.S. Lightning Casualties over the Past 100 Years. Much discussion followed Ron's presentation.
4. Members of Outdoors Technology company of Colorado Springs gave a brief presentation of their newly developed lightning detector. They plan to give a more detailed talk at a future meeting.
5. Warren Simmons announced that he is retiring from his office with the Colorado Golf Association and will be moving to Scottsdale, AZ. We all wish Warren good luck. It is well known that although one can move from Colorado, one cannot leave LDC. We hope to see Warren here at future meetings when his travels bring him back to Colorado.
6. These minutes reflect the comments of members present and do not represent official positions of LDC.
7. Next meeting: Friday, April 14, 2000 at 11:30 am in the Main Auditorium of St. Anthony Central Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Scientific Committee