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216<sup>th</sup>  
**ANNUAL  
ORATION**

WEDNESDAY  
FEB. 8, 2012  
BEECHWOOD HOTEL



*The Worcester District  
Medical Society  
would be honored by  
your presence  
as we continue this  
two century-old  
tradition.*

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ORATOR  
Charles A. Birbara, MD

Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
5:30 pm  
Beechwood Hotel, Worcester



**Charles A. Birbara, MD**

Charles Birbara is a Worcester native. He graduated from Harvard College and McGill University Medical School.

He was the first Chief Medical Resident at what is now Northwestern (University) Memorial Hospital in Chicago where he also did a fellowship in rheumatology. In 1970, he returned to Worcester as Assistant Chief of Medicine at the former Worcester City Hospital and for many years was involved with teaching the early entering classes of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. In 1989, he and Mary Coughlin, RN, BSN founded Clinical Pharmacology Study Group which has completed more than 250 clinical trials, primarily involving rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, pain and Crohn's disease. His work in these areas has resulted in more than 50 publications in peer reviewed journals, abstracts and poster presentations at national and international meetings.

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***"50 Years of Medicine;  
Less Art, More Science"***

*A fifty-year personal journey  
of involvement in treatment  
advances of inflammatory  
and degenerative disease;  
Where we are and  
what's to come.*



**PROGRAM**

5:30 pm — Social Hour / Registration  
6:00 pm — Dinner  
Oration will begin immediately  
after the dinner

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**REGISTRATION FORM – WORCESTER DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY – 216th ORATION**

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Send by  
Mail, Fax  
or Email  
to:

**Mail:** Worcester District Medical Society  
Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608  
**Fax:** (508) 754-6246 **Tel:** (508) 753-1579  
**E-mail:** wordmsa@massmed.org  
or  
**Register on-line:** www.wdms.org

**Registration and payment (if appropriate) must  
be received no later than February 2, 2012**

**Reservations for dinner must be honored**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please bill my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- WDMS Members & Alliance Members** ... No Charge
- Students/Residents** ..... No Charge
- Guests** ..... \$50
- Table of 8** ..... \$400

Visa MasterCard (circle one)  
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Name(s) of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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