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### Upcoming health-related events

Recently my inbox has been filling up with notes about upcoming events, so I thought I'd take some time to share them with you.

They are unrelated, and from my past experience, likely don't even begin to capture all the health related activities and lectures happening in our region. But here's what has been sent to me:

**Medical Society of Virginia and One Care of Southwest Virginia, Inc.** will hold to prescription drug abuse forums this weekend, one in Wytheville and the other in Dublin. The forum will be repeated in September in Richlands and Big Stone Gap.

The events are targeted at health care providers and pharmacy professionals to help prevent, identify and treat prescription drug abuse.

The forums come at a time when Virginia, and this part of the state in particular, has seen a mounting death rate from misuse of these drugs. Nearly 6,000 Virginians died in the past decade from drug overdoses. In 2009, 32 percent of overdose deaths occurred in the western part of the state.

Here are the details of when and where:

Sat., July 16: Wytheville Community College, Grayson Hall, Wytheville

Sun., July 17: New River Community College, Rooker Hall, Dublin

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration: <http://www.etsu.edu/com/cme/>

**Jefferson College of Health Sciences and the Coventry Commonwealth Games of Virginia** will host motivational speaker and Paralympic track and field medalist John Register Friday.

This is part of the annual [Coventry Commonwealth Games of Virginia](#), which is being held this weekend.

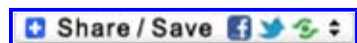
Register's talk will be at the college's student union, The Dog House, located on the fourth floor of Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital, 101 Elm Street SE in Roanoke. It kicks off at 11:30 a.m. and is scheduled for an hour.

**A free abdominal aortic aneurysm screening** will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Kmart on Franklin Road in Southwest Roanoke.

The group sponsoring the event claims that more than 1 million Americans have an undiagnosed abdominal aortic aneurysm. To screen people, a technician does an ultrasound of the abdomen, which is what will be offered at Kmart.

Advance registration is required. Call (866) 371-3592.

I should also point out that the program, which is called [Find the AAAnswers](#), is sponsored by the medical device company Medtronic.



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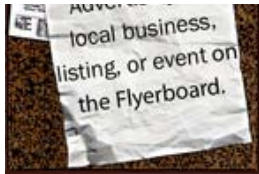
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