

December 19, 2016

Practice Management

Significant Changes Coming to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration Renewal Process

Effective January 1, 2017, the DEA is eliminating the informal grace period which the agency has previously allowed for registrants to renew their registrations. Only one renewal notice will be sent to each registrant's mailing address approximately 65 days prior to the expiration date; no other reminders to renew the DEA registration will be provided.



The notice also advises that online capability to renew a DEA registration after the expiration date will no longer be available, and that failure to file a renewal application by midnight EST of the expiration date will result in the "retirement" of the registrant's DEA number. The original DEA registration will not be reinstated. In addition, paper renewal applications will not be accepted the day after the expiration date. If DEA has not received the paper renewal application by the day of the expiration date, mailed in renewal applications will be returned and the registrant will have to apply for a new DEA registration

[To read more, click here.](#)

New York in the Midst of Large Outbreak of Mumps

Article courtesy of Politico

There have been 63 cases of mumps reported at SUNY New Paltz during the fall semester, according to the state's Department of Health, part of a nationwide spike in the virus that has state and federal officials reminding people of the importance of vaccinations.

Through Dec. 9, New York State reported 147 confirmed or probable cases of mumps, the most since 2010 and a six-fold increase from the 24 cases documented in all of 2015. Across the country, there have been more than 4,000 cases of mumps, the most since 2006 and more than three times as many as were reported in 2015. Roughly half of those cases come from a rapidly [growing outbreak in Arkansas](#), which has public health officials concerned because the majority of people suffering symptoms have been immunized.

[To read more, please click here](#)

CMS Updates Guidance Regarding Registering Off-campus Outpatient Departments

Article courtesy of Nixon-Peabody



On December 5, 2016, CMS issued guidance reminding hospital providers to identify off-campus outpatient

departments correctly on the CMS 855A enrollment form. Such guidance comes after CMS [issued its final rules](#) implementing the site-neutral payments provisions of Section 603 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. The rules provided, and the CMS guidance noted, that, effective January 1, 2017, non-excepted off-campus departments of hospital providers will be paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rather than under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System.

[To read more, click here.](#)

New York DOH Weekly Influenza Report

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza activity year round in New York State (NYS) and produces this weekly report during the influenza season (October through the following May.)



- There were 351 laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, a 29% increase over last week.
- Of the 1,489 specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, 49 (3.29%) were positive for influenza.
- Of the 27 specimens tested at Wadsworth Center, 2 were positive for influenza and they were influenza A (H3).
- Reports of percent of patient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI3) from ILINet providers was 1.67%, which is below the regional baseline of 3.00%.
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was 95 a 2% decrease over last week.
- There have been no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this season.

[To read the full report, click here](#)

End-of-Rotation Handoffs Associated with In-hospital Mortality, Study Finds

Article courtesy of ACP Hospitalist



End-of-rotation transitions may heighten mortality risk in internal medicine inpatient care, a study found.

To examine the association of end-of-rotation house staff transitions with mortality among hospitalized patients, researchers conducted a multicenter cohort study of 230,701 patients admitted to internal medicine services in 10 Veterans Affairs hospitals. Patients who were admitted prior to an end-of-rotation transition and died or were discharged within 7 days following transition were stratified by type of transition (intern only, resident only, or intern and resident) and compared with all other discharges (control). An alternative analysis comparing admissions within 2 days before a transition with admissions on the same 2 days 2 weeks later was also conducted.

The primary outcome was in-hospital mortality. Secondary outcomes included 30-day and 90-day mortality and readmission rates. A difference-in-difference analysis assessed whether outcomes changed after 2011 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) duty-hour regulation changes. The [study](#) was published by JAMA on Dec. 6.

[To read more, please click here](#)

Education

NYACP is Hosting Eight Live MOC Learning Sessions in February 2017

NYACP Members register by January 2nd to receive special Holiday Pricing!

Earn up to 20 ABIM MOC points and 20 CME Credits™ per day or a total of 40 ABIM MOC points and 40 CME Credits™ credits during the month of February!

Long Island - February 4, 2017

The Melville Marriott, 1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville NY 11747
2016 Update in Endocrinology: *Michael Radin, MD (8:00am-10:00am)*
2016 Update in Nephrology: *Naveed Masani, MD, FACP (10:30am-12:30pm)*

Albany - February 4, 2017

The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12205
2016 Update in Hospice and Palliative Medicine: *Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP (8:00am-10:00am)*
2016 Update in Infectious Disease: *Charles Hyman, MD, FACP (10:30am-12:30pm)*

Manhattan - February 11, 2017

Weill Cornell Medical College (Uris Auditorium), 1300 York Ave, NY NY 10065
2016 Update in Rheumatology: *David Goddard, MD, FACP (8:00am-10:00am)*
2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine: *TS Dharmarajan, MD, MACP (10:30am-12:30pm)*

Syracuse - February 11, 2017

The Double Tree Hotel, 6301 NY-298, East Syracuse NY 13057
2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine: *Sharon Brangman, MD, FACP (8:00am-10:00am)*
2016 Update in Sleep Medicine: *Robert Westlake, MD, FACP (10:30am - 12:30pm)*

[Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Upcoming Educational Events

Webinar: Smoking and Treatment, Part 3

Thursday, January 12, 2017

(12:00 pm- 1:00 pm)

Motivational Interviewing and Brief Action Planning for Smoking Cessation in Primary Care

Speakers: [Susan Lane, MD, FACP](#) and [Steven Cole, MD, FAPA](#)

[Read More and Register Here](#)

District Meetings

SAVE-THE-DATE

Queens: Thursday, March 2, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) Changes to MOC

(2) Proving LGBT-welcoming Care

(3) Update on MACRA

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Brochure and Registration information coming soon

SAVE-THE-DATE

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting & Poster Competition: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Hyatt Regency Hotel

125 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604

Registration Information and Brochure coming soon!

Member Accomplishments

Nick Fitterman, MD, FACP, Chapter President: whose “invited Commentary” was published in the December 12, 2016 online JAMA Internal Medicine on the subject of “Why Oxygen is Not Necessary for All STEMI’s” [<< Read the Abstract and First Page here](#)

Congratulations, Dr. Fitterman!
