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Practice Management

New Updates to Medical Marijuana Course Cover Conditional Use

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce updates to the 4-hour Department-approved online course for medical use of marijuana developed by TheAnswerPage, an established online medical education provider.



The course has been updated to include additional information regarding the use of medical marijuana in each of the conditions covered in the Compassionate Care Act, based on available scientific evidence.

The cost to take the course is \$249. Practitioners taking the course will earn 4.5 hours of CME credit upon successful completion of the course. The new material is also accessible through TheAnswerPage's website at no extra cost for those who have already taken the medical use of marijuana course.

The course may be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.theanswerpage.com/library.php?sid=9>.

Practitioners who wish to register with the Department and certify their patients for the Medical Marijuana Program must complete this course. Please visit the Department's web page for more information about becoming a registered practitioner:

http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/medical_marijuana/practitioner/.

All Providers Must Take Action by July 1, 2016 to Avoid Medicare Payment Adjustments

The streamlined hardship applications reduce the amount of information that eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must submit to apply for an exception. This new, streamlined application process is the result of the Patient Access and Medicare Protection Act (PAMPA), which established that the Secretary may consider hardship exceptions for "categories" of EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs. Hardship exception applications are due by July 1, 2016 for EPs, eligible hospitals, and CAHs.

Applications and Instructions

The Medicare EHR Incentive Program 2017 hardship exception [instructions](#) and [application](#) for EPs and eligible hospitals are available on the Payment Adjustments & Hardship Information [webpage](#) of the EHR Incentive Programs [website](#). Please visit the EHR Incentive Programs. [FAQs page](#) for answers to [specific hardship exception questions](#).

Please note: CAHs should use the [form](#) specific for the CAH hardship exceptions related to an EHR reporting period in 2015. CAHs that have already submitted a form for 2015 are not required to resubmit .

Guide to Help Primary Care Practices Integrate Behavioral Health Services

A new guide is offering primary care practices practical guidance and a flexible framework to increase their ability to serve patients with depression, anxiety, and other common mental health issues.

Produced by Montefiore Health System and United Hospital Fund, [Advancing Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care: A Continuum-Based Framework](#) delineates the specific steps to advancement: identifying preliminary, intermediate, and advanced stages of eight different

components of behavioral health practice integration, and provides broader guidelines on getting started, including establishing priorities, articulation of goals, and determination of existing and potential resources.

As the guide explains, behavioral health disorders contribute to decreased quality of life and increased health care costs, yet they frequently go undiagnosed and untreated, with only 22 percent of adults with common mental health disorders receiving care. Even when conditions are identified by primary and specialty care providers, patient follow-up on referrals is low. These factors make increasing capacity for treatment of behavioral health conditions in primary care settings a core strategy for improving access to and quality of care.

"With so many alternative payment models being developed and the transition to value-based care, many physicians in practice, especially in primary care medicine, are eager for just this kind of guidance," said Linda Lambert, Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. "While the framework will undoubtedly have relevance for large provider groups, we are pleased that this paper and its recommendations were designed with the flexibility to work for smaller practices and physicians who operate independently. If integrating behavioral health care into primary care practices is going to work, it has to work for the smaller practices as well, which the authors clearly understood."

The work to create the guide was supported by a UHF grant with significant contribution from the NYACP. *Advancing Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care: A Continuum-Based Framework* is available from UHF's website at <https://www.uhfnyc.org/publications/881131>.

Member Recognition

Published Articles

Calvin X. Pan, MD, FAASLD, FACG, FACP - Dr. Pan was recently published in the June 2016 issue of *New England Journal of Medicine*. The article details a large multiple center randomized control trial he conducted for the prevention of vertical transmission and global control of hepatitis B. Dr. Pan advocated that the Department of Health in New York City or other cities with a high concentration of Asian immigrants should adopt the policy of mandating physicians to perform a HBV DNA screening test at the second trimester during pregnancy. Providing antiviral treatment to hepatitis B mothers with high viral load during the third trimester should be a government response to control hepatitis B.

New Masters, Fellows and Awardees from IM 2016

- **Joseph Wayne, MD, MACP** - New ACP Master
- **Susan Stewart, MD, FACP** - Recipient of ACP's James Bruce Award for Preventive Medicine
- **William Morgan Jr., MD, MACP** - Recipient of ACP's Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award
- [List of Newly Elected ACP Fellows](#)
- Pictures from Convocation

Members ... Are You Thinking About Applying for ACP Fellowship?



"Fellowship in the College is an honor. It is a mark of esteem and distinction from colleagues who recognize accomplishments and achievements over and above the practice of medicine."

By applying for Fellowship, you are not only honoring yourself and the mentors who were Fellows before you, but you are also inspiring medical students, residents and early career physicians who will follow you by showing them that you are among the best and brightest in Internal Medicine.

As an ACP Fellow, you are authorized to use the initials "FACP" after your name as long as your membership with ACP remains current. You are also encouraged to get more involved in the College at the national and Chapter levels.

Physicians in practice or a subspecialty fellowship who have been Resident/Fellow Members or full Members in good standing *for at least two years* since the completion of residency may consider applying for advancement to Fellowship.

NYACP wants
you!

Basic requirements for advancement to Fellowship are:

- Certification in Internal Medicine or Neurology
- Professional activity in Internal Medicine, a combined Internal Medicine specialty, a subspecialty of Internal Medicine, or Neurology
- Experience in practice or in an academic position (including subspecialty training) for two years since the completion of residency
- Medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice)
- ACP membership in good standing for 2 years (as a Resident/Fellow Member or full Member) following residency completion
- Continuing professional development and scholarly activities, including continuing medical education as a student or teacher
- Teaching (institutional and community-based): hospital committee work; and/or volunteer and community service, especially in the voluntary provision of medical care

In addition, to meeting the basic requirements, you must show evidence of:

- *Continuing Education*: subspecialty certification, recertification, advanced degree(s), or MKSAP® completion
- *Active ACP Participation*: ACP membership for at least 5 years, attendance at chapter/national meetings, abstract competition judging, MKSAP or exam question review, or committee/council participation
- *Publications*: Publication of at least two articles, abstracts, books, book chapters, or online media
- *Leadership*: Medical director, committee chair or member, or working group responsible party

The application process:

1. **Step One** – Ask two current ACP Masters or Fellows to complete and submit sponsorship forms on your behalf.
2. **Step Two** – submit the required application form, a copy of your current CV, sponsoring forms or letters, and the Fellowship initiation fee.
3. **Step Three** – Submit a personal statement providing your reasons for wanting to become an ACP Fellow and information NOT found on your CV or the required application form.

Once your application packet is submitted, you will receive a confirmation from ACP's national office. The application packet will then be reviewed by your NYACP Governor, ACP's Credentials committee and, lastly, ACP's Board of Regents. Upon election, you will receive formal notification in writing that you have been approved for Fellowship. Fellowship elections are held bimonthly.

For additional information about any of the requirements for Fellowship, visit www.acponline.org/FACP .

NYACP Career Link Update

Keep updated on the latest positions posted on the Chapter's Career Link Resource Page:

Internal Medicine or Subspecialty-trained Physician. (New York City)

Unique Private Internal Medicine Practice Opportunity - Morledge Medical is a very progressive, small private practice in Manhattan. We provide general internal medicine care, occasional off site care (i.e. house calls) and travel medical consultations including all vaccinations. We are looking to employ a bright, energetic and enthusiastic general internal medicine or subspecialty-trained physician. Presently, the practice employs two physicians and two physician assistants . ([See More](#))

Two Full Time Noninvasive Clinical Cardiologist (Oceanside, NY)

South Nassau Communities Hospital, one of the region's largest hospitals, with 455 beds, more than 900 physicians and 3,000 employees, has openings for two full time noninvasive clinical cardiologists to practice in a community based teaching hospital as part of a growing hospital-based Cardiology Faculty Practice. Looking for both senior experienced cardiologists as well as more recently graduated junior faculty. Must be Board Certified / Board Eligible in cardiology. Certification in imaging desirable. Please send CVs to aaron.glattmd@snch.org

addressed to Aaron E. Glatt, MD, Chairman of Medicine, South Nassau Communities Hospital, One Healthy Way, Oceanside, NY 11572 . ([See More](#))

BC/BE Internists

South Nassau Communities Hospital, one of the region's largest hospitals, with 455 beds, more than 900 physicians and 3,000 employees, is currently seeking BC/BE internists for our well established large Hospitalist Program. The ideal candidate(s) will be Board Certified/Board Eligible in Internal Medicine with strong clinical and interpersonal skills. ([See More](#))

Physician (Pittsford, NY)

The primary care physician provides direct patient care at Lifetime Health Medical Group practices; including the diagnosis and management of all appropriate medical conditions. The primary care physician follows policies, procedures and clinical guidelines as developed by the Chief Medical Officer, Medical Director, and group to ensure excellent quality outcomes, service, and cost effectiveness. ([See More](#))

Outpatient-Only Internal Medicine Position (Albany, NY)

This busy and well-respected general Internal Medicine practice, part of a premier multi-specialty medical group, provides an excellent opportunity with partnership potential if desired, for an Internal Medicine Physician who is Board Certified or has plans to become Board Certified. This private-practice provides the opportunity to enjoy a personally and professionally rewarding career as you live and work in one of the most highly desired communities in the Greater Albany, NY area. ([See More](#))

If your hospital or practice is interested in posting for a position on the Chapter's Website, please go to the following page for further information: [NYACP Career Link](#).

Education

NYACP Scientific Meeting Recap:

There are few better ways to enhance your knowledge, earn CME credits and MOC points than was experienced by attendees at the NYACP Scientific Meeting in Westchester, NY on June 4. The meeting was rated highly by attendees and our members learned through a variety of plenary, breakout and ABIM MOC sessions throughout the day. Members enjoyed the Resident and Medical Student poster competition, timely educational programs on emerging issues, outstanding networking opportunities and informational exhibits.



Thank you to our members who attended and to our expert faculty.

Mark your calendar for next year! The Scientific Meeting, the Chapter's premier educational event, will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Rochester, New York on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

The Chapter would like to congratulate the winners of the Resident and Medical Student Poster Competition:

Resident/Fellow Clinical Vignette

1st Place: Nabeel AlQsous, MD - Unity Hospital, Rochester, NY
(tie) 2nd Place: Sania Sultana, MD - Montefiore Medical Center (Wakefield)
(tie) 2nd Place: Charudatta Wankhade, MD - Lincoln Medical Center

Resident/Student /Fellow Research

1st Place: Hadiyah Audil - Albany Medical College
2nd Place: Peter Patalano - SUNY Downstate Medical Center
3rd Place: Peter Congelosi -SUNY Upstate Medical University



Resident/Fellow Patient Safety, Quality and Outcomes Measurement

1st Place: Lauren Panebianco – SUNY Upstate Medical Center

Resident/Fellow Advocacy and Public Policy

1st Place: Alexandra Sokolova, MD - Nassau Medical Center

Student Clinical Vignette

1st Place: Rani Berry, Albany Medical College

2nd Place: Abhishek Shenow - SUNY Downstate Medical Center

3rd Place: Karen Yang - Stony Brook University Medical College

2016 District Meetings

SAVE-THE-DATE

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - Nassau District Meeting

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Akbar Restaurant - 2 South Street, Garden City NY 11530

6:00pm Registration • 6:30pm Dinner and Educational Program

More information will be available shortly.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Thursday, September 29, 2016 - Brooklyn District Meeting

A MULTIPLE SMALL FEEDINGS OF THE MIND

Gargiulo's Restaurant - 2911 West 15th Street, Brooklyn NY 11224

6:00pm Registration • 6:30pm Dinner and Educational Program

More information will be available shortly.

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Mount Sinai Hospital

One Gustave L. Levy Place • New York, NY 10029

This half day program will include the popular Resident and Medical Student Poster competition and the Resident Dr's Dilemma competition. The online submission forms will be available by June 10th.

To submit your team for the Dr's Dilemma competition - please use the following form: [Dr's Dilemma Team Form](#).
