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Dangerous Drug Sent Nearly 2,000 New Yorkers to Hospitals Between April 1 and June 30

On July 17, Governor Cuomo called for stronger Health Department regulations to combat the sale of synthetic cannabinoids in New York State. These dangerous, man-made compounds have resulted in a dramatic increase in hospital visits and poison control center calls. The sale and possession of dozens of synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts were banned by the Department of Health at the urging of Governor Cuomo in August, 2012. These new regulations will expand the existing list of banned substances to include new chemical compounds that drug producers have begun to make since 2012.



“This rash of medical emergencies is proof positive that these synthetic drugs are dangerous and a threat to public health,” Governor Cuomo said. “These new, stronger regulations will allow us to crack down on these harmful products and stop those who seek to skirt the law in order to sell these drugs and the misery that comes with them.”

Resources for New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, are available at the State’s toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline, **1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369)**. The HOPEline is staffed by trained clinicians who are ready to answer questions and offer treatment referrals. Additional resources are available through the NYS OASAS website [here](#). A list of addiction treatment providers is available [here](#).

To read the full article, [please follow this link](#).

Practice Management

Ending the Epidemic: An HIV/AIDS Discussion Series



As part of New York State's Ending the Epidemic initiative, a series of Statewide Regional and NYC Borough discussions are scheduled to engage community partners and gather input on the HIV/AIDS epidemic, ultimately moving the **Ending the Epidemic Blueprint** to action.

These discussions will give physicians an opportunity to have an open forum with other local physicians to provide input on service gaps, confer strategies to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, identify local leadership, and provide an opportunity for participants to engage in planning discussions to identify best practices, local resources and next steps in responding to key recommendations of the Blueprint.

Please follow the links below to register:

- [Syracuse - August 3](#)
- [Buffalo - August 12](#)
- [Rochester - August 13](#)
- [Albany - August 18](#)
- [Hudson Valley - August 24](#)
- [Bronx - August 31](#)
- [Manhattan, Upper - September 21](#)
- [Manhattan, Lower - September 22](#)
- [Brooklyn - September 24](#)
- [Queens - October 13](#)
- [Staten Island - October 14](#)
- [Nassau County - November 12](#)
- [Suffolk County - November 13](#)

New ICD-10 Webinars - Register Today!

The Chapter, in conjunction with National Government Services (NGS), is hosting a webinar on the upcoming implementation of ICD-10 on two different dates.

This webinar will provide physicians with an overview of ICD-10-CM and will assist you with planning for the mandated ICD-10-CM transition by October 1, 2015. The session will include testing opportunities and transition stages that will help you prepare your office for the upcoming implementation.

Note: As per the CMS IOM Publication 100-09, Chapter 6, Section 30.1.1, National Government Services cannot make determinations about the proper use of codes for the provider. Answers to questions related to ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM coding can be found on ACP's ICD-10 Coding Page, or by [clicking here](#).

Webinar Dates

- August 6, 2015 (6:00 - 7:00 pm) - [Register Here](#)
- August 19, 2015 (12:00 - 1:00 pm) - [Register Here](#)



Member Benefits

The New York Chapter ACP is excited to offer these **exclusive benefits** for our members!

DOT Medical Examiners Training Course

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) now requires all medical examiners who conduct physical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers to complete a training course and pass a certification examination. To assist physicians in completing the necessary training course, NYACP continues to collaborate with the California Academy of Family Physicians to offer a convenient online course option. The cost is \$350 for ACP members and \$500 for Non-ACP Members. Additional information and registration details [can be found here](#).

Auto Insurance Reduction Course

The NYACP continues to offer a 6-hour Insurance and Point Reduction Course that is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and available to NYACP members, their families, office staff and friends. This convenient online member benefit allows registered "students" the ability to start and finish the course within 30 days for only \$42.00. The benefit includes a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance (liability, no-fault and collision) and up to 4 points off of your driving record (if applicable). More information can be found [by clicking here](#).

Infection Control Course

This NYS Health Department approved training course is easy to use and offers a maximum of **4.0 AMA PRA Category I Credits™**. For only \$50, physicians and all licensed health care professionals can successfully complete an approved infection control course that is required every four years as part of their license renewal mandate. This convenient online course offering is provided by NYACP in collaboration with MSSNY. [More information can be found here](#).

Education

Internal Medicine Board Review Course

Friday, Sept. 18-Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

Lenox Hill Hospital
100 East 77th Street
New York, NY 10065

[Online Registration Open](#)
[View the brochure here](#)

The Chapter is excited to announce that a weekend IM Board Review Course has been scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18 - Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 in New York City. Chapter members who are preparing for Board Recertification or first-time Certification can take advantage of this unique IM Board Review course. Based upon recommendations from Chapter members who have attended previous Board Review courses, the weekend class is being offered over 3 days (Friday-Sunday).

Course Content:

This three-day program will cover all the pertinent topics you need to review for the upcoming Internal Medicine Exam or to begin your recertification process. The topics will include:

Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 4:00 - 10:00 pm

- Welcome & Registration
- Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Nephrology

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 8:00 am -7:15 pm

- Rheumatology
- Hematology
- Oncology
- Neurology

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

- Endocrinology
- Pulmonary
- Gastroenterology
- Infectious Disease

Faculty:

Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP
Chris Paras, DO
Niket Sonpal, MD

Cost:

The registration fee for the three day program is \$540 per person, which includes all materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Residency Programs sending multiple residents can contact the Chapter to find out about special registration pricing for five or more residents from the same training program, please email Karen Tucker at ktucker@nyacp.org

To Register:

Online: [Register online here!](#)

To register by Fax or Mail:

[Use this form](#) and fax it to 518-427-1991 or mail it to:

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Attn: Karen Tucker, CMP
744 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum - *Only 1 week left to submit your abstract!*

Deadline to submit your abstract is Friday, July 31, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

The Chapter is accepting abstract submissions for the poster session that will be held during the Resident and Medical Student Forum on Saturday, November 14th, 2015 at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Last fall, we had over 375 abstracts submitted with approximately 100 accepted for the onsite competition. Don't miss this opportunity to stand out from the crowd and show your Program or Clerkship Director that you are willing to take that extra step to take your career to the next level! The online peer review and final judging are done by Masters and Fellows of the College. All submitted abstracts and posters can be included on your CV under scholarly activity!



Winners of the competition receive an expense paid trip to ACP's IM2016 in Washington DC to represent NY in the National Poster Competition! New York sets a very high standard for acceptance of posters, and if you are a winner, you will be profiled on the Chapter's and ACP's website!

You can easily [Submit Your Abstract Here!](#)

To make sure your abstract is ready, use the [Complete Abstract Checklist!](#)

For all abstract information and forms and guidelines, go to the chapter website at: [NYACP Abstracts](#)
