

October 2, 2014

Education

NYACP District Meetings

Syracuse District:

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind

Thursday, October 16, 2014:

6:00 pm registration/6:30 pm Dinner and Education Program
Craftsman Inn & Conference Center

[Event Flyer](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Manhattan Districts:

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

6:00 pm registration/6:30 pm Dinner and Education Program
New York Athletic Club

[Event Flyer](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Buffalo District:

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind

Thursday, October 23, 2014

6:00 pm registration/6:30 pm Dinner and Education Program
The Protocol Restaurant

[Event Flyer](#)

[Online Registration](#)

Suffolk District:

A Combination Approach to Managing Hyperlipidemia

Monday, October 27, 2014

6:00 pm registration/6:30 pm Dinner and Education Program
Blackstone Steakhouse

[Event Flyer](#)

[Online Registration](#)

For more details please go to the
[Chapter's Education Events Page.](#)

NYACP Webinars

How Does the Physician Payment Sunshine Act Impact You?

Tues. Oct. 7 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

[Register Online Here](#)

Update on the New York Electronic Prescribing Mandate by the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

Tues. Oct. 14 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

[Register Online Here](#)

Practice Transformation: From the Bottom to the Top - Experiences of a Small Practice

Tues. Nov. 18 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

[Register Online Here](#)

Did you Miss..

*You can view the following webinars on the
[Chapter's Recorded Webinar Page](#)*

**Understanding the Changes to ABIM's
MOC Program Webinar** (Password is
benefit)

**In Search of Joy In Practice:
Innovations in Ambulatory Care
Webinar** (Password is benefit)

Quality

CMS Releases 2013 PQRS and eRx Feedback Reports

CMS has recently released the 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and 2013 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program feedback reports. These reports are now available for eligible professionals who submitted quality data on Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Part B services between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.



Individual eligible professionals who submitted 2013 PQRS data, or individual eligible professionals and group practices who submitted 2013 eRx data, can retrieve their 2013 Feedback Reports through two methods:

- National Provider Identifier (NPI)-level reports: These reports can be requested through CMS' [Communication Support Page](#) by creating a NPI-level feedback report request. The report will be sent electronically to the email address provided in the request within two to four weeks.
- Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) - level reports: These reports contain NPI level detail and are available for download on the [Physician and Other Health Care Professionals Quality Reporting Portal](#). To access a TIN-level report on the Portal, you must have an Individuals Authorized to Access CMS Computer Services (IACS) account. To request an IACS account in order to access the portal, check out the [IACS Quick References Guides](#).

Group practices who participated in the 2013 PQRS Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO) can access PQRS feedback through the 2013 Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs). The 2013 QRURs can be accessed by authorized representatives of groups and solo practitioners at: <https://portal.cms.gov> using a valid Individual's Authorized Access to the CMS Computer Services (IACS) User ID and password. For more information on the QRURs and Value Modifier, please access the Physician Feedback Program/Value-Based Modifier website

For more information on interpreting the data in the report, check out the [2013 PQRS Feedback Report User Guide](#) and/or the [2013 eRx Incentive Program Feedback Report User Guide](#).

If needed, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk for assistance. They can be reached at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or via qnet-support@hcqis.org from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.

Practice Management

NY State Physician Organizations and Public Health Officials Launch "IMMUNIZE NY"

In an effort to address the rise of preventable diseases due to lack of immunization, New York State physician groups and public health officials have launched a program to encourage New Yorkers to be vigilant in keeping their immunizations up-to-date.

The New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NYACP), along with The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY), the New York State Chapter of Academy of Family Physicians and the New York State Association of County Health Officials have launched "IMMUNIZE NY" to promote immunizations within the adult population. The campaign strongly encourages adults to discuss immunizations with their physicians and to ask specifically about pertussis, influenza, pneumococcal, HPV and shingles vaccinations.

Preventing diseases through vaccine is one of the five public health priorities for the New York State Department of Health. The Affordable Care Act's prevention provisions now cover vaccines that are

recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) with no co-payments or other cost-sharing requirements when those services are delivered by an in-network provider.

For information on how to stay vaccinated this season, as well as more comprehensive background information, check out these websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/nis/adult/index.html>

<http://www.vaccines.gov/basics/>

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2013-2017/plan/stds/

The CDC Recommends New Treatment for Adults with Pneumonia

Recently, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) that details **new recommendations** on treatment for adults against pneumonia. These changes create a new standard of care that will be important for practicing physicians to consider if a patient presents with pneumonia. More details on the recommendations can be read [here](#).

Advocacy

The Countdown to E-Prescribing (eRx)

As many of you are aware, the e-prescription mandate under the I-STOP Act will go **into effect on March 27, 2015**. Educational webinars are being held to better prepare physicians and their practices for the transition. Your Chapter has diligently participated in activities with the NYS Department of Health, Board of Regents, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and others to represent challenges to physicians as the new rules go into effect.



In the meantime, if you are a physician that is unsure of how to proceed in the coming months, here are some things you can do to prepare:

- **For physician practices who don't already have an electronic medical records system that can provide electronic prescriptions**, see a list of "stand alone" e-prescribing software [here](#).
- **For practices that have an EMR**, immediately contact your IT administrator or your vendor to obtain further info about your system readiness for **eRx** and for documentation required for your registration.
- **If you haven't registered already, you must file the [EPCS registration form](#), which can be e-mailed to narcotic@health.state.ny.us.**
- **New York State also has** specific regulations pertaining to issuing electronic prescriptions for controlled substances. ([here](#))

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For more information, please contact info@nyacp.org