

March 24, 2016

Advocacy

Call to Action! Two 2016-2017 New York Budget Provisions Need Your Voice!

In Governor Cuomo's 2016-2017 proposed budget, there are two provisions that are of great concern to physicians that are currently being debated between legislative leaders. Decisions will be made within the next seven days - so you need to act NOW:

- Excess Medical Liability Coverage funding is cut by \$25 million, eliminating 55% of physicians from receiving this coverage at no charge. This cut will essentially eliminate excess coverage for all primary care physicians across New York State.
- Continue and expand Doctors Across New York (DANY) funding which is crucial for increasing our physician workforce to meet underserved area and community needs.

NYACP has created two separate legislative action alerts so you can communicate directly with your representatives in the State Senate and the Assembly, as well as the Governor. To send an email, go to our [Legislative Action Center](#) - it will take you LESS than ONE MINUTE to enter your nine digit zip code and get to an email template. Please be sure to modify the email to reflect your own practice setting and your personal concerns.

You can also click on each of the legislative action links below to send your email:

- [Restore Full Funding for Excess Medical Liability Coverage](#)
- [Increase and expand funding for Doctors Across New York \(DANY\)](#)

Your immediate action will help to focus budget discussions on maintaining both of these funds.

Practice Management

Two-Part Webinar Series on End of Life Care Decisions Using eMOLST is Now Open for Registration!

Honoring the preferences of patients and their families is a critical element in providing quality end-of-life care. To help physicians and other health care providers discuss and convey a patient's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment, **Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)** was created with approval from the New York State Department of Health. Under New York State law, the MOLST form is the only authorized form in New York State for documenting both non-hospital DNR (do not resuscitate) and DNI (do not intubate) orders.

To assist with understanding eMOLST and its implementation, NYACP is conducting a two-part educational webinar series:

Part I: eMOLST : Digital Transformation of NY MOLST

Thursday, April 7, 2016 (8:00 am - 9:00 am): [Register Here](#)

New York has had an operational web-based eMOLST application and electronic registry since 2011. New York's eMOLST allows providers to electronically complete the goals for care discussion, follow the ethical framework and all legal requirements to complete a MOLST form, including physician signature, online from NYSeMOLSTregistry.com. This web-based application also serves as the registry of MOLST forms for New York State so providers can retrieve a patient's eMOLST and pick up where their colleagues may have left off in the discussion or review/renew the eMOLST form at a care transition.

Part II: Implementation of eMOLST

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (8:00 am - 9:00 am): [Register Here](#)

This webinar will follow-up the introductory eMOLST webinar, focus on technical questions, and implementation. This session is designed to help attendees get started on eMOLST implementation. There will ample time for discussion.

Speakers:

- Pat Bomba, MD, FACP, *Chair, MOLST Statewide Implementation Team & eMOLST Program Director*
- Karen Orem, MPH, *eMOLST Administrator*

Get Smart Campaign from New York State DOH and CDC Highlights Antibiotic Resistance

The "Get Smart (Know When Antibiotics Work) Campaign" is a collaborative effort between the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC has provided grant funding to New York State in an effort to combat antibiotic resistance and the "superbugs" that arise from avoidable prescribing of antibiotics.

To get a handle on where New York stands, the "Get Smart Campaign" analyzed 2013 Medicaid claims data on prescribing for adult upper respiratory infections and found that in 11 counties in New York State, over 55 percent of provider visits resulted in antibiotics being prescribed for adults with upper respiratory infections (URIs). [This map shows that data.](#)

Some healthcare providers say they prescribe antibiotics even when they know they are not indicated because of pressure from patients for a post-office visit "takeaway". There is concern that they might get negative reviews on patient satisfaction forms if patients are denied antibiotics.

[In addition, ACP has released a clinical guideline for Appropriate Antibiotic Use for Acute Respiratory Tract Infection in Adults that coincides with these issues.](#)

If you are interested in joining the "Get Smart" effort in New York State or becoming a "champion" of appropriate antibiotic prescribing (setting an example helps every community), please contact Mary Beth Wenger, Project Coordinator of the New York "Get Smart Campaign" at 518-474-1036 or email her at: marybeth.wenger@health.ny.gov.

Education

Weekend Board Review in Buffalo a Resounding Success

Last week, NYACP and Catholic Health Systems co-sponsored a Weekend Board Review Course in Buffalo, New York. Over 65 Residents and Members attended the two day session that offered 18 CME credits.

The session was facilitated by Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP, Chris Paras, DO and Niket Sonpal, MD, and covered key areas which will be addressed on the Board Review exams, both for certification and recertification. The session was well received by attendees, and engendered lively discussions throughout the weekend. We encourage members who need to update their knowledge for the recertification exam to attend future NYACP sponsored Board Review Courses.



Dr. Paras preps attendees at the board review course

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2016 Dates to Remember

District Meetings

- **DIETARY STRATEGIES FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RISK REDUCTION**
Thursday, May 19, 2016 ? 12:30pm - 5:30pm
Jointly provided by the NYU Post-Graduate Medical School and the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians
NYU Langone Medical Center - Alumni Hall, Farkas Auditorium
550 First Avenue, New York NY 10016
[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)
- **ADVANCES IN CARDIOVASCULAR RISK REDUCTION**
Friday, May 20, 2016 ? 7:45am - 3:45pm
Jointly provided by the NYU Post-Graduate Medical School and the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians
NYU Langone Medical Center - Alumni Hall, Farkas Auditorium
550 First Avenue, New York NY 10016
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