

EDUCATION

Internal Medicine Certification and Recertification Course – offered by NYACP on March 22-23, 2014

Mark your calendar for the Spring NYACP Board Review Course in Buffalo, New York! Are you planning on taking the ABIM Internal Medicine exam in 2014 or 2015? Are you ready to recertify?

Don't miss this unique opportunity to study with your peers and review the material with expert faculty. If you register for the Chapter's Scientific Meeting and the weekend Board Review Course, you will pay a significantly reduced fee for the combination of both meetings. Compared to other Board Review courses, the pricing is structured to give our Chapter members a huge benefit! For more details, go to: www.nyacp.org

This year, the Chapter's Board Review will be facilitated by Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP, a celebrated educator, physician and author of top-selling review books, including the *Master of the Board Series*. Dr. Fischer has taught Board Review Courses for over 21 years. By participating in this course you can receive up to a maximum of 18 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** and the opportunity to review board topics in: General Internal Medicine, Neurology, Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology, Oncology, Infectious Disease, Pulmonology, Nephrology and Rheumatology.

You may register online at:
<http://www.nyacp.org>

ADVOCACY

Primary Care Medicaid Rate Increase Retroactive Payments Now Available

Fee for service payment of the Primary Care rate increase for Medicaid began within payment cycle 1872 (7/4/13). Fee for service **RETROACTIVE** payment of the increase will begin with payment cycle 1892 (11/21/13). eMedNY will reprocess fee for service claims for dates of service on and after 1/1/13 at the increased rate to providers who submitted complete attestations. Information on the primary care rate increase can be found at:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/fees

For specific questions, please review the FAQ document or submit additional questions to: peri@health.state.ny.us.

NYS Health Department Conducts Statewide Stakeholder Meetings on the New Hep C Testing Law

The new State requirement to offer a Hep C screening test to every individual born between 1945 and 1965 goes into effect 1/1/14. The State will convene stakeholder meetings to collect information, input and comment about implementation. All meetings will be held from 10 am – noon:

- Albany on 12/5/13 at 1 University Place, Rensselaer
- Buffalo on 12/12/13 at the American Red Cross, 786 Delaware Avenue
- NYC on 12/16/13 at 90 Church St
- Syracuse on 1/9/14 at 217 S. Salina Street

QUALITY

New AHRQ Toolkit: Improving Your Office Testing Process

Approximately 40% of primary care office visits involve some type of diagnostic medical test. Sometimes, tests are lost, overlooked, incorrect or incomplete. It is estimated that nearly a quarter of all medical errors in ambulatory care settings are due to inadequate follow-up of abnormal test results. Go to:

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsroom/press-releases/2013/medoffice-toolkitpr.html>

This easy to use guide helps offices to manage their lab test results and patient follow-up in order to improve patient safety by increasing the reliability of the testing process in medical offices. Go to

<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/quality-resources/tools/ambulatory-care/office-testing-toolkit/officetesting-toolkit.pdf>

Additional information on the toolkit can be obtained @

http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsletters/research-activities/13nov-dec/Nov_Dec2013_RA.pdf

or by viewing a ten minute video @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaZvalktC-g&feature=youtu.be>.

Access Your 2012 eRx Incentive Program Feedback Report

Eligible professionals and group practices who submitted data for the 2012 eRx incentive program should access their reports:

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