

EDUCATION

****New Webinar**** **Colorectal Cancer Screening**

The Chapter will be hosting a one-hour webinar on Colorectal Cancer Screening on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from Noon to 1:00 pm.**

This webinar is designed as a lunchtime opportunity to assist clinicians in improving colorectal cancer screening rates within their practices.

Primary care physicians and other clinicians will learn techniques to increase their practices' colorectal cancer screening rates.

To register, go to www.nyacp.org

The NYACP Annual Meeting and Board Review Course

Sign up early and make sure to reserve your space for NYACP's Annual Scientific Educational Meeting on Friday, March 21st and the Weekend Board Review Course scheduled for Saturday March 22-Sunday March 23. You can choose to attend any one day or all three depending on your educational needs and goals.

For information of the variety of courses offered and complete details, go to the NYACP Website at www.nyacp.org.

The Chapter has a limited number of overnight rooms held for our meeting guests with a special rate of \$119 until February 21, 2014. You can contact the hotel directly to make your reservation at 716-845-5100 mention code "NYACP".

ADVOCACY

Governor Proposes New York State Budget for 2014-2015

Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled his \$142.1 billion Executive Budget late last week, and the Chapter has been reviewing the multiple proposals which impact our member practices.

While we are highlighting a number of issues for your attention, we will be posting a more detailed summary on our website Advocacy page at <http://www.nyacp.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3321>

The following issues are of interest and importance and will impact the practice of Internal Medicine in New York:

- Continuation of funds for Doctors Across New York
- Out of Network Coverage
- Funding to promote HIT connectivity through SHINY
- Establishment of Limited Service Clinics within Retail Spaces
- Changes to Nurse Practitioner Collaboration
- Extension of 2nd layer of Medical Liability Coverage
- Extension of HCRA which funds hospitals and supports "public good programs" including GME
- Elimination of written consent for HIV testing
- Elimination of some CON requirements for hospitals
- Elimination of IPRO audits of resident work hours (seen as duplication of ACGME oversight)

QUALITY

Expanding Utilization of MOLST in Advanced Healthcare Decision-Making

Following several years of participation in a statewide collaboration, the first MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) Executive Committee Meeting was hosted by NYACP on January 22, 2014. A variety of stakeholders participated in the strategic planning session led by Patricia Bomba, MD, FACP.

The MOLST form was created to conform to the procedures and decision-making standards set forth in New York's Family Health Care Decisions Act.

The recently created Executive Committee met to develop a short-term and long-range strategic plan; examine sustainability needs; set priorities and timelines; define roles & responsibilities for the Executive Committee and the Implementation Team and to discuss the NYS proposed rule on advanced planning.

The MOLST Implementation Team meets regularly to disseminate information; create a forum for discussion about implementation issues; and to establish a centralized repository of information about MOLST and end-of-life quality of care decisions.

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