

EDUCATION

Internal Medicine Board Review Course - Two Weekends in May

NYACP and Methodist Hospital are co-sponsoring a 4-day Internal Medicine Board Review Course designed to assist PGY – III residents in preparation for the Boards in Internal Medicine.

The review course will take place on May 4 & 5 and May 18 & 19, at New York Methodist Hospital. This live activity is designated for a maximum of 32 **AMA PRA Category I Credits™** by New York Methodist Hospital.

Taught by faculty drawn from major academic teaching centers, this intense four-day course over two weekends provides in-depth teaching, access to the professors for further questions and a published curriculum at a fee far less than similar preparatory courses.

The following topics will be discussed: Cardiology, Endocrinology, Hepatology, Gastroenterology, Primary Care, Hematology, Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Rheumatology, Pulmonary/Critical Care, Dermatology, ENT, Ethics and Stats.

Registration will be available shortly and accessible on the Chapter's website: <http://www.nyacp.org/education>

The registration fee for residents is \$450 and \$500 for attending physicians. Discounted registration is available - \$350 for groups of five or more.

Please contact Karen Tucker, CMP, NYACP Director of Education at ktucker@nyacp.org or call at 518-427-0366 for more information.

ADVOCACY

Regional Extension Center to Develop Patient Portal

The Chapter met with representatives from the New York eHealth Collaborative, one of the State's federally designated Regional Extension Centers to discuss plans for a patient portal. The initial and final service areas for the portal are still being defined.

Chapter leadership expressed concern with integration amongst existing portals and potential costs to physicians and their patients.

Physicians will need to understand how these portals can be utilized in meaningful ways and how they will need to position their practice information.

NYACP expressed the need to create a meaningful feedback mechanism regarding the implementation of the portal to share with members.

The NYACP HIT Committee is actively monitoring and providing input. Details will be forthcoming as the model is designed and tested.

For more information please visit our website page dedicated to Health Information Technology: <http://www.nyacp.org/hit>

Drug Distribution Shortages

NYACP was a primary part of stakeholder discussions to bring drug and biological product shortages as an issue to the NYSDOH Health Commissioner which resulted in his swift action to petition the federal government to address the shortage issues.

QUALITY

National Healthcare Decision Act Day is Tuesday, April 16th

Physicians are encouraged to discuss and document patient preferences for end of life care decisions as part of a process called advanced planning. Proper documentation and effective communication of patients' preferences are critical to assuring that their decisions will be honored; a key element in rendering quality patient centered care.

NYACP urges physicians to educate & empower patients regarding the importance of noting their end of life preferences by completing the proper documents. These include a living will, healthcare proxy, and in some circumstances, a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) form.

As a general rule, the MOLST is intended for patients with serious health conditions who: 1. want to avoid or receive any or all life-sustaining treatment; 2. reside in a long-term care facility or require long-term care services; and/or 3. might die within the next year.

The MOLST form is the only authorized document in NY that can be used to convey non-hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) and Do Not Intubate (DNI) orders. All health care professionals are required to comply with medical orders in the document.

Details on how to access advanced planning forms, communicating with patients and how to fill in the form visit: <http://wp.me/p14utW-tP>

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