

## EDUCATION

### 2013 Pain Management & I-Stop Educational Webinar Series

NYACP is hosting a series of five educational webinars from July - September on the *Clinical Role in Pain Management and New Regulatory Requirements Regarding Prescribing of Controlled Substances: What Internists Need to Know*.

Faculty will discuss appropriate pain assessment and management with opioids and adjuvant analgesics including medication selection, titration, and conversion. In addition, faculty will (a) review NYS I-STOP Regulations and its impact on clinicians and (b) provide instructions on how to comply with the August 27, 2013 implementation date. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Registration is now available to members and non-members of the NYACP on the Chapter's website.

Please feel free to share these dates and registration details with your colleagues. There are a variety of dates and times available to you. Register online today:

<http://www.nyacp.org/education>

- Monday, July 22, 2013  
8:00am-9:00am
- Tuesday, August 6, 2013  
12:00pm-1:00pm
- Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
7:00pm-8:00pm
- Monday, August 26, 2013  
8:00am- 9:00am
- Friday, August 30, 2013  
12:00pm-1:00pm

## ADVOCACY

### First Step In Complying With the I-STOP Act

Effective August 27, 2013 New York State Public Health Law requires most prescribers of controlled substances to consult\* New York's online Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Registry through the Health Commerce System( HCS). The HCS is also used to order official NYS prescriptions and for important public health updates, pandemic and epidemic notifications and for patient informational resources.

The law is intended to help physicians gain a better understanding of a patient's controlled substance utilization across prescribers.

**In order to comply with the law physicians MUST establish a Health Commerce Account first.** New accounts are typically established within two weeks, however we suggest that you do not wait to register for your account as there will be an influx of requests as the date approaches. Note: If you already order NYS official scripts, you already have an HCS account.

Step-by-Step instructions on how to register for an account and how to access the PMP registry are available on the Chapter's I-STOP Resource Webpage:

<http://www.nyacp.org/ISTOP>

More detailed information will be in future issues.

\*Certain practitioners are exempt from consulting the registry in specific situations. To see a list of exempted practitioners please visit the Chapter's I-STOP Resource Webpage.

## QUALITY

### MEMBERS ONLY BENEFIT: Valuable and Actionable Quality Resources

Sorting through the copious amounts of research, best practices and guidelines on Quality related topics is an overwhelming task. That is why the Chapter's Quality and Patient Safety Committee conducted an extensive literature review to assist members in quickly identifying resources from a variety of highly respected agencies, organizations and authors.

Over 30 resources were selected that directly impact physicians and their practices in the areas of quality, patient safety, process improvement, transitions in care and handoffs.

This list is available to members only in the Resource Library on the Chapter website.

If you have not done so already, we encourage you to visit the Resource Library and access these materials at anytime. Several new items have been added including presentation slides from the Chapter's recent webinars: Creating a Culture of Continuous Improvement ; Quality Improvement in Healthcare 101; and Anatomy of Medical Errors.

Using the following username and password will grant you full access.

Visit: [www.nyacp.org/ResourceLibrary](http://www.nyacp.org/ResourceLibrary)

Username: **nyacpmember**

Password: **benefit**

Please note that your National ACP login will not grant you access to the New York Chapter ACP website.

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