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ACP "Information Blocking" Guidance for Physicians: Assistance for members to comply with new requirements.

Breaking News: HHS and ONC extend compliance dates!

Did you know? The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT's (ONC) 21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program Final Regulation was published on May 1, 2020. The rule aims to improve patient access to data and electronic health information exchange, or interoperability. The aspect that is directly related to actions physicians take is called information blocking.

Compliance requirements for information blocking rules were to begin on November 1, 2020. However, today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) released an interim final rule with a comment period that extends the compliance dates and timeframes necessary to meet certain requirements related to information blocking and Conditions and Maintenance of Certification (CoC/MoC) requirements. Compliance dates have been extended beyond April 2021. The HHS October 29, 2020 [release is available here](#).

ACP has compiled resources regarding the ONC and CMS final regulations aimed at improving interoperability and patient access to electronic health information. The ACP resources which provide additional information to help members comply with new requirements [can be found here](#).

Calling All Members: Are You Interested in Becoming More Involved with NYACP?

Viren Kaul, MD, FACP and the Member Engagement Committee invite you to join them.

The New York Chapter ACP's Member Engagement Committee could use your help and would welcome your participation! Whether you are a medical student, resident/fellow member, early career, established and practicing or senior member, your voice and contributions are important.

Please take a moment to consider this invitation and contact Loretta Ponesse (lponesse@nyacp.org), if interested. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd from 4-5pm. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience!

COMMITTEE MISSION AND GOALS: *The Member Engagement Committee is charged with activities related to membership recruitment and retention as well as assessing and evaluating the effectiveness and value of Chapter communications and its impact on membership.*

Committee Activities:

- *The Committee routinely monitors membership statistics and makes recruitment and retention recommendations to the Council for action and implementation.*
- *The Committee continually seeks members who might qualify for Fellowship and encourages them to pursue advancement to Fellowship.*



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- The committee is charged with the responsibility to advise and evaluate the effectiveness and value of all aspects of communication from the Chapter to the membership.

Important Reminder: Submit Attestation to NYSDOH After Taking the SCOPE of Pain Course!

To be in compliance with New York State's pain management, palliative care, and addiction training requirement, licensed prescribers must:

1. Complete three hours of CME Pain Management Training every three years ([Click Here for information about NYACP's course.](#))
2. File the self-attestation after completing the course



To submit your attestation online, access your [Health Commerce System \(HCS\) account](#) and follow these steps:

After logging in to the HCS website:

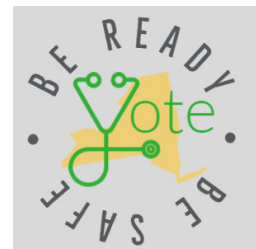
1. Top Right under “my content”
2. Select “ALL applications” then
3. Browse by letter “N” and the first application name is “Narcotic Education Attestation Tracking (NEAT)”
4. Select “NEAT”
5. Then follow the steps or [read the instructions here](#)

Prescribers that do not have access to a computer can request a paper attestation form by calling the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) toll-free at 1-866-529-1890. They may then complete the form and return it by mail to the address provided.

For auditing purposes, you should keep your course completion documentation for a minimum of six years from the date of the attestation deadline. Documentation must include the name of the course provider, name of the course, location it occurred, the date it occurred, and the number of hours completed.

Safe Voting in 2020

In September, the [NYACP Volunteerism Task Force invited you](#) to be part of a nationwide, non-partisan initiative to help patients register to vote and/or obtain an absentee ballot. NYACP members responded! [Voter now ranks New York State 2nd](#) in the number of voters engaged since July 5th. Thank you for the impact you have made!



Rank	State	Helped to register to vote	Made a plan to vote early	Participated in another way	Total people engaged
1	Pennsylvania	4870	4667	169	9706
2	New York	3999	2636	203	6838
3	California	3443	2051	114	5608
4	Illinois	2707	1648	77	4432
5	Michigan	1723	1270	43	3036

Helpful Resources for the 2020 Election:

- [New York State Voting Options \(Early Voting Ends 11/1/2020\)](#)
- [Find Your Early Voting and Election Day Polling Site](#)
- [Absentee Voting Information](#)
- [Board of Elections](#)

**ACP Webinar
Advancing to ACP Fellowship**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020
3:00–4:00 p.m. ET**



Join Matthew B. Carroll, MD, FACP, FACR, Chair of ACP's Credentials Committee, as he reviews the meaning and requirements for ACP Fellowship—a mark of honor and distinction within the internal medicine community. Each year, ACP Fellows are celebrated and inducted at ACP's annual Internal Medicine Meeting during the Convocation Ceremony. For more information about ACP Fellowship and to access application materials in advance of the webinar, visit www.acponline.org/facp.

[Registration](#)

**Webinar
Advances in Cardiovascular Risk Reduction**



December 3, 2020 • 7:45 AM-4:30 PM

Featuring a COVID-19 Presentation and Case Conference: Platelet expert and lead investigator, Dr. Jeffrey Berger, will share results from the Anticoagulation Strategies in COVID-19 clinical trial. Dr. Berger will present Challenging Cases in Antithrombotic Therapy, highlighting strategies to prevent clotting events in COVID-19 positive inpatients.

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