

June 13, 2017

NYACP Scientific Meeting Recap

There are few better ways to enhance your knowledge, earn CME credits and MOC points than was experienced by attendees at the NYACP Scientific Meeting in Rochester, NY on June 3. The meeting was rated highly by attendees and our members learned through a variety of plenary and breakout sessions that included topics such as Medication Management of Diabetes, Common Maneuvers for Diagnosing Joint Pain, Opioid Overdose Prevention, Infectious Disease & Travel Medicine, and many more.

There were also 6 ABIM MOC sessions throughout the day that updated attendees on multiple topics such as Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, Cardiovascular Disease, and Pulmonary Disease.

Attendees also spent time viewing posters at the Resident and Medical Student poster competition while in between sessions, where over 100 posters were on display from myriad medical students and residents.

Mark your calendar for next year! The Scientific Meeting, the Chapter's flagship educational event, will be held at the Westchester Hilton in Rye Brook, New York on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

The Chapter holds its semi-annual Resident and Medical Student Poster Competition at our Scientific Session. We would like to congratulate all who entered. 323 posters were reviewed in the preliminary phase, and 120 abstracts were accepted for the final live competition reflecting 21 Medical Students and 99 Resident/Fellows.

Resident/Fellow Clinical Vignette Winners:

1st Place: Rami Jabbour, MD - Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center
2nd Place: Deep Shah, MD - Rochester General Hospital
(tie) 3rd Place: Hamdy Ahmed, MD - Rochester General Hospital
(tie) 3rd Place: Will Carroll, MD - Stony Brook University Hospital
(tie) 3rd Place: Tasleem Katchi, MD - Westchester Medical Center

Resident/Fellow Research Winners:

1st Place: Pallavi Koppartyh, MD - SUNY Upstate Medical University
(tie) 2nd Place: Muhammad Rajib Hossain, MD - Interfaith Medical Center
(tie) 2nd Place: Kavisha Patel, MD - Jacobi Medical Center / Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Resident/Fellow Quality, Advocacy and Public Policy Winners:

1st Place: Aishwarya Bhardwaj, MD - University at Buffalo
2nd Place: Christopher Schaefer, MD - Albany Medical College

Medical Student Clinical Vignette Winners:

1st Place: Osagie Igiebor - Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center
2nd Place: Hassan Khan - Saint Barnabas Medical Center
3rd Place: Kyle Koster - University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Medical Student Research Winner:

1st Place: Raynata Ramkhelawan - Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

Medical Student Quality, Advocacy and Public Policy Winner:

1st Place: Fatima Hosain - Albany Medical College

[There are pictures from the event available on the Chapter's facebook page.](#)

Education

Albany Meeting: Scope of Pain/Managing Pain and Opioid Use and Buprenorphine Waiver Training

On June 9, 2017, NYACP in collaboration with Boston University School of Medicine, St. Peter's Health Partners, NYSDOH, the Alliance for Better Health, and others hosted a full day of educational programming at the Radisson Hotel in Albany, NY. The morning session provided physicians and other prescribers an opportunity to fulfill NYS's 3-hour pain management education requirement while the afternoon segment offered buprenorphine waiver training.

There were approximately 55 attendees at each session. Faculty for the pain course included Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH, FACP, FASAM, Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and Melissa Weimer, DO, MCR, Chief of Behavioral Health & Addiction Medicine at St. Peter's Health Partners in Albany. Dr. Weimer also served as faculty for the buprenorphine waiver training along with Bruce Trigg, MD, Consultant, Harm Reduction Coalition, NYC.

Final Live Pain Courses to Fulfill NYS Pain Management Education Mandate

New York State's deadline for 3 hours of CME for Pain management and opioid prescribing education is July 1. To assist with satisfying the course requirement, NYACP will be holding 2 final live events before the July 1 deadline:

Southern Tier District: June 22, 2017.

5:30PM -9:00PM. Traditions at the Glen, Johnson City, NY. [Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

Brooklyn District: June 22, 2017.

5:00PM -9:00PM. SUNY Downstate, Alumni Auditorium. Brooklyn, NY. [Flyer](#) • [Register Here](#)

If you are unable attend these live events, the online course can be taken here.

Advocacy

2017 ACP Leadership Day in Washington DC

ACP's Leadership Day was held in Washington DC on May 23-24, 2017. The NY Chapter delegation consisting of 11 members, 4 residents, 1 medical student and staff visited with federal representatives and/or staff in the offices of: Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and 12 of our elected officials in the House of Representatives.

Discussion focused on:

- Reducing Unnecessary Administrative Tasks on Physicians and Patients
- Funding for Workforce, Medical and Health Services Research, Public Health Initiatives
- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Funding
- Medical Liability System Reform
- Protecting Affordable Health Care Coverage and Consumer Protections

Practice Management

National Government Services' NGSConnex Now Requires Multi-Factor Authentication

As of May 30, 2017, when you log into NGSConnex you will enter your User ID and password and will then be prompted to request a daily Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) code.

Please Note: If the Connex User in your practice/facility has not yet verified their email address with NGS, they must do so immediately. See the instructions listed below entitled *Email Verification Requirement in NGSConnex*

What is MFA?

MFA is the use of two or more different authentication factors to verify the identity of a user. When you log into NGSConnex the first authentication factor you use to verify your identity is your User ID and password.

MFA proactively uses a second authentication method by having you enter a security code emailed to your account's verified email address in NGSConnex. This daily security practice makes your information more secure and is a CMS requirement to have online access to protected health information.

If you require more information, please visit the [NGSConnex page here](#). (*Sign-in required*)

[In addition, you can view a short 2-minute Youtube video to walk you through the process here.](#)

New Medicare Cards Offer Greater Protection to More Than 57.7 Million Americans

New cards will no longer contain Social Security numbers, to combat fraud and illegal use

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is readying a fraud prevention initiative that removes Social Security numbers from Medicare cards to help combat identity theft, and safeguard taxpayer dollars. The new cards will use a unique, randomly-assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), to replace the Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) currently used on the Medicare card. CMS will begin mailing new cards in April 2018 and will meet the congressional deadline for replacing all Medicare cards by April 2019. Today, CMS kicks-off a multi-faceted outreach campaign to help providers get ready for the new MBI.

Providers and beneficiaries will both be able to use secure look up tools that will support quick access to MBIs when they need them. There will also be a 21-month

transition period where providers will be able to use either the MBI or the HICN further easing the transition.

Personal identity theft affects a large and growing number of seniors. People age 65 or older are increasingly the victims of this type of crime. Incidents among seniors increased to 2.6 million from 2.1 million between 2012 and 2014, according to the most current statistics from the Department of Justice. Identity theft can take not only an emotional toll on those who experience it, but also a financial one: two-thirds of all identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss. It can also disrupt lives, damage credit ratings and result in inaccuracies in medical records and costly false claims.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/ssnri/index.html>

Federation of State Medical Boards Updates Guidelines for Chronic Use of Opioids

This article is courtesy of ACP Internist

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) recently updated its guidelines on chronic use of opioid analgesics.

The guidelines focus on [safe and evidence-based prescribing of opioids](#) and treatment of chronic, noncancer pain and are not intended to create any specific standard of care.

The guidelines apply most directly to the treatment of chronic pain that lasts more than three months, or past the time of normal tissue healing. They do not encourage prescribing opioids over other pharmacological and nonpharmacological means of treatment, nor are they intended for the treatment of acute pain, perioperative pain management, cancer-related pain, palliative care, or end-of-life care, the authors noted.

[To read the entire article, please click here.](#)

CMS Webinar on Deadline Practices Regarding QPP and CMS Payment Adjustments

CMS will be hosting [a webinar](#) on June 15th to provide an overview of some of the upcoming deadlines practices are facing to avoid payment adjustments under QPP and other CMS payment programs, and to provide an overview of the CMS-funded technical assistance available to assist them in successfully participating in QPP and in transforming their practices. As you know, those practices that are successful can receive significantly higher reimbursement from CMS in the future, but many clinicians still have questions and concerns about this program, and are unsure where to go for help.

Date: June 15, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM

Registration: [Here](#)

National Government Services Hosts Listening Tours in New York State

National Government Services (NGS), the local coordinator of Medicare Provider Services for CMS, is planning to hold listening sessions at locations in New York in an effort to "find new ways to improve upon customer service." Such events are intended for physicians, practice managers and administrators to give feedback to NGS about

how to increase the effectiveness of their service to physician practices. The first event was in the Albany area on May 16th. The second session will be:

- **Long Island Region**
June 20, 2017 • 10:00 – 12:00
Northwell Hospital Long Island
1979 Marcus Avenue • New Hyde Park, NY 11042

During this event, NGS will be sitting down and listening to physician and practice managers' ideas about how they can improve service in areas such as the customer service from the call center, training offered through NGS webinars, use of the website, provider enrollment procedures and general professional service feedback.

If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend in person, please send your suggestions to lori.langevin@anthem.com.
