

November 9, 2018

Advocacy



2018 New York State Elections: How the Results May Impact Your Practice

For the first time in a decade and just the second time in more than 50 years, Democrats will control the New York State Senate as of January 1 with 40 of the 63 seats and a clear majority. While the Republicans have led the New York State Senate for decades, with a brief two year stint by Democrats in 2009-10, the balance of power will now shift to interesting and challenging times as the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly each offer their plans, priorities, and issues.

When Governor Cuomo proposes his 2019-2020 State Budget in early January, the Senate and the Assembly will be poised to ensure their own priorities are considered during review, amendment and negotiation procedures. The budget must be passed by April 1st. Before, during and after the budget negotiations, individual legislators and Departments from within the Administration will introduce and discuss their own "bills" of interest until session ends in mid-late June.

Important issues for physicians likely to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session include a single payer system, recreational use of marijuana, medical liability, physician assisted suicide, healthcare workforce and scope of practice issues, among many other public health related subjects. We will see a brand new, first-time Chair in the Senate Health Committee, Gustavo Rivera from the Bronx, and Assemblyman Gottfried of Manhattan will return as the Assembly Health Committee Chair.

Your Chapter, as always, will remain diligently involved in monitoring all of these proposals, and we ask you to continue to read our enews as it comes out bi-weekly in YCIA (Your Chapter in Action).



New White Papers from NYACP Committees Examine Geriatric Shortage, 2010 FHCDA

Two new white papers have been released by New York Chapter American College of Physicians (NYACP) Committees, one from the Geriatrics Task Force and one from the Ethics and Professionalism Committee. Links to the white papers are provided below.

The Ethics and Professionalism Committee - *"New York State's 2010 Family Healthcare Decisions Act (FHCDA): What NYACP Members Need to Know About Withholding and Withdrawing Life Sustaining Therapies for Adult Patients Without Capacity"*

[Read the white paper here.](#)

The Geriatrics Task Force - *"A Better Understanding of Geriatric Medicine"*

[Read the white paper here.](#)

Practice Management



NY Department of Health Looking for Input Regarding Advance Care Planning

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) is gathering information from stakeholders who use advance care planning documents and/or have advance care planning and end-of-life care conversations with patients and their families.

Physicians who use the New York State Department of Health MOLST Form or eMOLST are asked to provide input about use of MOLST and other advance care planning documents. DOH intends to address practice patterns and appropriate changes to improve the process and the forms.

[Anyone who wishes to provide input to the Department of Health regarding MOLST, Nonhospital Do Not Resuscitate, and Health Care Proxy forms can do so here.](#) or can email ALTCteam@health.ny.gov. **The deadline for comments and feedback is November 16.**

The Chapter has already provided comments and feedback, but the strength of improving the MOLST process is dependent on as much feedback as possible from physicians who engage in Advance Care planning discussions.



Extortion Scam Targeting DEA Registrants, Including Physicians

DEA is aware that registrants are receiving telephone calls and emails by criminals identifying themselves as DEA employees or other law enforcement personnel. The criminals have masked their telephone number on caller id by showing the DEA Registration Support 800 number. **Please be aware that a DEA employee would not contact a registrant and demand money or threaten to suspend a registrant's DEA registration.**

If you are contacted by a person purporting to work for DEA and seeking money or threatening to suspend your DEA registration, submit the information through this link:

[Extortion Scam Online Reporting](#)

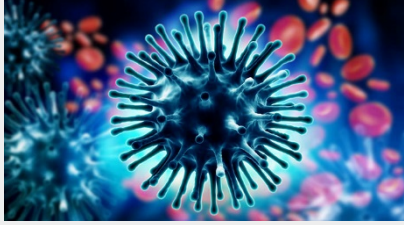


New: ACP Practice Advisor® Opioid Risk Management Module*

This online tool can help your practice enhance patient care and office efficiency. The [Opioid Risk Management](#) module (*ACP Practice Advisor log-in required*) has resources to help mitigate risk and improve outcomes for patients and medical practices. It includes tools to address the major components of the Blueprint for Prescriber Education for Extended Release and Long-Acting Opioid (ER/LA) Analgesics.

**Free access is available through 12/31/18.*

[More Opioid Treatment Resources can be found here](#)



Influenza Resource Sheet

The National Governmental Resources Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) recently released a helpful information sheet for this year's influenza season. It covers Medicare reimbursement rates and coding guidelines, as well as educational products for all health care providers. It also contains helpful links to immunization-related websites, like the Food and Drug Administration, National Vaccine Program, Immunization Action Coalition, and more!

The Chapter is well represented on the CAC with two NYACP Masters, John Maese, MD, MACP, and Ed Stehlik, MD, MACP serving.

[You can view the fact sheet here.](#)



CMS Releases Letter on Reducing Administrative Burdens

On Thursday, November 8, CMS released a letter to physicians outlining how the agency is reducing burden through reform of documentation and coding requirements. An excerpt:

"CMS has been hard at work to address the burden placed on clinicians by federal health care regulations. Through [CMS]' "Patients over Paperwork" initiative [they] are collecting feedback and updating policies in Medicare and Medicaid that are outdated, duplicative, or overly burdensome."

[You can read the full letter here.](#)



Promoting Interoperability: Attestation and Financial Support with NyeC

The New York eHealth Collaborative's Medicaid Eligible Professional Program (EP2) provides free assistance and a hands-on approach to help your practice successfully achieve Promoting Interoperability (formerly Meaningful Use) objectives.

Eligible practices can receive up to \$34,000 in incentive payments through New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The EP2 Program is only open to providers who started participating in the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program in 2016.

[You can find out more here.](#)

Education



Chapter Webinar: Healthcare Social Media #HCSM

Date: November 12, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 pm

New to Social Media and don't know where to begin?
This Webinar will:

- Identify what social media means in healthcare
- How is social media relevant my job?
- An overview of different platforms
- Introduction to twitter

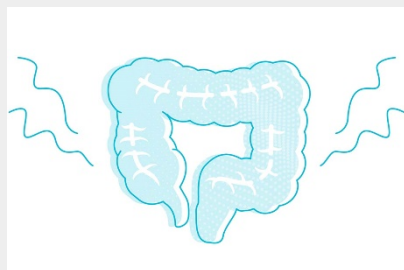
[Register Online](#)



New Podcast Episode: Marie T. Brown, M.D., on Medication Adherence

Moving Medicine, an AMA podcast aimed to highlight innovations and emerging issues impacting physicians and public health issues, recently released a new episode featuring Marie T. Brown, MD, MACP, former Governor of the Illinois Chapter of ACP. The episode was centered around medication adherence, and Dr. Brown discussed how to create connections with patients to support medication adherence. This podcast is updated weekly, so make sure to check back frequently!

[Listen and subscribe with iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#)



Webinar - Colorectal Cancer Screening: The Best Test is the One That Gets Done

*Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the
NYS Cancer Consortium*

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Presenters:

*Dr. Dorado Brooks, VP Cancer Control Interventions,
American Cancer Society*

*Dr. Heather Dacus, Director, Bureau of Cancer
Prevention and Control, NYS Department of Health*

[Register Here](#) • [View the Online Flyer](#)



**Chapter Sponsored Event:
Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training**

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12211

[Register Online](#)
