

December 8, 2016

Advocacy

Governor Cuomo Signs the Pharmacy to Pharmacy Transfer Bill



On November 28th, Governor Cuomo signed S7537/A1044 which amends the Public Health Law to allow a pharmacy, upon the patient's request, to transfer an e-prescription to another pharmacy effective March 1, 2017. This was a legislative priority for NYACP having heard from many members of the challenges faced as e-prescribing has been implemented - and this bill resolves many of those concerns. Support from other professional medical societies helped to emphasize the concerns across all medical specialties.

This new law eliminates much waste on both patients and our members' time when they had to re-issue scripts for reasons such as lack of supply in stock at time of fill, the patient for convenience stops at a different pharmacy or the patient has found another pharmacy to issue the drug at a cheaper price.

Chapter Approves 2017 Legislative Priorities

At the Board Meeting on December 7 in Queens, New York, the Chapter approved its 2017 State Legislative Priorities. These priorities are revised each year by the Health and Public Policy Committee and reflect the Chapter's strong advocacy focus on Access to Care, Quality of Care and Patient Safety, and Public Health and Health Care Delivery.

To see the NYACP 2017 Legislative Priorities, [please click here.](#)

Governor Announces New Initiatives Regarding HIV, Eliminating Barriers and Increasing Access to Service

Governor Cuomo announced on December 1st a series of new initiatives in the fight against AIDS - building on the state's blueprint to end the epidemic by 2020. Earlier in the week, the Governor signed comprehensive legislation to eliminate barriers to HIV testing and other sexually transmitted infections, increase access to prevention and treatment, and expand research capabilities. Governor Cuomo also called on the federal government to authorize \$45 million in Medicaid matching funds for critical programs supporting the battle against AIDS.

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NY Chapter Resolution Addressing "Cold Calling" Acted on by National ACP



At its recent Board of Regents meeting, the American College of Physicians (ACP) adopted the following statement on Unsolicited Communications (also known as "cold calling"):

ACP opposes unsolicited communications ("cold calling") of pharmaceuticals, durable medical equipment, supplies, and healthcare services that target patients and/or physicians and/or other prescribing clinicians including via direct mail, telecommunications, or facsimile. ACP believes this practice can lead to inappropriate treatment, interferes with the patient-clinician relationship, adds unnecessary costs to the health care system, and raises legal issues.

This statement began as a resolution from the NY Chapter and has been adopted by ACP as a formal policy stance, demonstrating that a member's idea for action can be turned into formal ACP policy.

Meet the New NYACP Governor-elect Designees!

Congratulations to the New York Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island Chapter Governor-elect Designee, Parag H. Mehta, MD, MBBS, FACP, and the New York Upstate Chapter Governor-elect Designee, Leslie F. Algase, MD, FACP. Our new Governor-elect Designees (GED) will undergo a year of training as a Governor-elect and then start their four-year term as Governor in the Spring of 2018.

As Governor, Dr. Mehta and Dr. Algase will serve as the official representative of the College for the New York Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island Chapter and the New York Upstate Chapter respectively, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level. Congratulations to our new Governor-elect Designees!

To learn about our new GEDs, please click one of the links below:



Parag H. Mehta,
MD, MBBS, FACP
[Governor-elect
Designee, New York
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Staten Island
Chapter](#)



Leslie F. Algase,
MD, FACP
[Governor-elect
Designee, New York
Upstate Chapter](#)

Practice Management

National Influenza Vaccination Week: What Does Medicare Cover?



National Influenza Vaccination Week ([NIVW](#)) takes place from December 4-10 and highlights the importance of continuing influenza vaccination through the holiday season and beyond. NIVW is a good time to communicate the importance of vaccination for people at high risk of developing serious influenza-related complications, including people with chronic health conditions and people aged 65 years and older. Now is a great time to vaccinate - to protect your patients, your staff, and yourself.

Medicare Part B covers one influenza vaccination and its administration each influenza season for Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare may cover additional seasonal influenza vaccinations if medically necessary.

For the 2016-2017 season, the CDC recommends use of the Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV) or the Recombinant Influenza Vaccine (RIV). The nasal spray influenza vaccine (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)) should not be used during 2016-2017.

For More Information:

- [Preventive Services](#) - Educational Tool
- [Influenza Resources for Health Care Professionals](#) - MLN Matters® Article
- [Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances](#) - MLN Matters Article
- [CDC Influenza](#) - website
- [CDC Influenza Information for Health Care Professionals](#) - webpage
- [CDC 2016-2017 Information for Health Care Professionals](#) - webpage
- Visit the [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) to find locations in your area that offer the recommended vaccines

Influenza vaccination is promoted on your patients' Medicare Summary Notices. Visit the [Preventive Services](#) website to learn more about Medicare-covered services.

Career Link

New Job Posting!

Neurologist • Westchester, NY

As we expand our neurological health services across the Northwell Health System, the Department of Neurology is seeking dynamic junior and senior neurologists to join our academic multi-disciplinary team at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Westchester. The ideal candidate will be Board Certified/Board Eligible in Neurology. [<<Read More](#)

For further information please contact Lourdes Guzman at Lguzman@northwell.edu or 212-434-4631.

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Education

Upcoming Educational Events

Webinar: Smoking and Treatment, Part 3

Thursday, January 12, 2017
(12:00 pm- 1:00 pm)

Motivational Interviewing and Brief Action Planning for Smoking Cessation in Primary Care

Speakers: [Susan Lane, MD, FACP and Steven Cole, MD, FAPA](#)

[Read More and Register Here](#)

NYACP is Hosting Eight Live MOC Learning Sessions in February 2017

*Earn up to 20 ABIM MOC points and 20 CME Credits™ per day or
a total of 40 ABIM MOC points and 40 CME Credits™ credits during the month of February!*

Long Island- February 4, 2017

The Melville Marriott, 1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville NY 11747

2016 Update in Endocrinology: *Michael Radin, MD* (8:00am-10:00am)

2016 Update in Nephrology: *Naveed Masani, MD, FACP* (10:30am-12:30pm)

Albany - February 4, 2017

The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12205

2016 Update in Hospice and Palliative Medicine: *Daniel Pomerantz, MD, FACP* (8:00am-10:00am)

2016 Update in Infectious Disease: *Charles Hyman, MD, FACP* (10:30am-12:30pm)

Manhattan - February 11, 2017

Weill Cornell Medical College (Uris Auditorium), 1300 York Ave, NY NY 10065

2016 Update in Rheumatology: *David Goddard, MD, FACP* (8:00am-10:00am)

2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine: *TS Dharmarajan, MD, MACP* (10:30am-12:30pm)

Syracuse - February 22, 2017

The Double Tree Hotel, 6301 NY-298, East Syracuse NY 13057

2016 Update in Geriatric Medicine: *Sharon Brangman, MD, FACP* (8:00am-10:00am)

2016 Update in Sleep Medicine: *Robert Westlake, MD, FACP* (10:30am - 12:30pm)

[Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

District Meetings

SAVE-THE-DATE

Queens: Thursday, March 2, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) Changes to MOC

(2) Providing LGBT-welcoming Care

(3) Update on MACRA

Il Toscano Ristorante • 42-05 235th Street • Douglaston, NY 11363

Brochure and Registration information coming soon

SAVE-THE-DATE

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting & Poster Competition: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Hyatt Regency Hotel

125 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604

Registration Information and Brochure coming soon!
