

March 13, 2017

Practice Management

NYACP/BU CME Pain Management Course Available Now!



New York State has mandated a minimum of 3 hours of CME in 8 clinical areas to be completed by July 1, 2017 for all licensed physicians and other prescribers with a valid DEA registration number.

NYACP and Boston University School of Medicine have joined together to offer an online course that is free to all ACP members and non-members. This online educational activity allows you to take the course at your own pace and complete the 3-hour training as your schedule permits. This course is accredited for 3-hours of CME Category I Credits™ and 3 ABIM MOC points.

You can read more and easily access this FREE online training course through NYACP's website: www.nyacp.org/paincourse. On this page be sure to read all instructions. Registration and login must be completed on the separate Scope of Pain website, accessed through the previous link.

Health Commissioner Zucker Extends E-Prescribing Waiver Period by One Year



On March 2, Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker released a letter extending the waiver period for e-prescribing "for certain exceptional circumstances in which electronic prescribing cannot be performed due to limitations in software functionality." This blanket waiver is effective from March 26, 2017, until March 25, 2018. Before March 25, 2018, the Commissioner will determine whether the software available for electronic prescribing has sufficient functionality to accommodate each of these exceptional circumstances.

The Department further acknowledges that, while many nursing home/residential health care facilities have adopted electronic prescribing, there remain some facilities in which electronic prescribing may not be currently possible due to technological or economic issues or other exceptional circumstances, including a heavy reliance upon oral communications with the prescriber and pharmacy. Those waivers include:

1. A practitioner prescribing a controlled or non-controlled substance either through an Official New York State Prescription form or an oral prescription communicated to a pharmacist serving as a vendor of pharmaceutical services, by an agent who is a health care practitioner, for patients in nursing homes and residential health care facilities as defined by PHL § 2801; and
2. A pharmacist serving as a vendor of pharmaceutical services dispensing a controlled or non-controlled substance through an Official New York State Prescription form or an oral prescription communicated by an agent who is a health care practitioner, for patients in nursing homes and residential health care facilities as defined by PHL § 2801

There are also ten applicable e-prescription exceptions, mostly involving compound drugs, such as:

- Prescriptions containing two (2) or more products, which is compounded by a pharmacist;
- Prescriptions compounded for the direct administration to a patient by parenteral, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous or intraspinal infusion;
- Prescribing a controlled or non-controlled substance that contains long or complicated directions;
- Any prescription containing certain elements required by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that are not able to be accomplished with electronic prescribing;
- Any prescription containing a controlled or non-controlled substance under approved protocols for expedited partner therapy, collaborative drug management or comprehensive medication management.

To see the full text of all ten exceptions, [please click here](#).

Newly Released FAQ by RM&S Helps Navigate the New Patient Protections for Step Therapy

In 2016, New York passed a new law to protect patients when health insurance companies utilize Step Therapy protocols. These protocols, also known as “Fail First” protocols, are policies that establish a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a medical condition are approved for coverage by a health insurance plan for a patient. The new law adds protections for patients when they are required to use step therapy protocols and includes an improved process for a patient to appeal a required step therapy protocol. To assist with navigating the new law, an FAQ was developed by Reid, McNally & Savage, LLC. [To access this FAQ, please click here](#).

NYACP and Tobacco Cessation: Aiming to Improve the Health of All New Yorkers

NYACP has been working for the past year to provide tobacco cessation education and resources to physicians across the state to [improve the frequency and effectiveness of tobacco cessation interventions](#).



The initiative educated over 1,100 physicians in 2016 through 9 grand rounds, 2 Chapter district events, 2 Chapter annual meetings, and 3 webinars.

The main educational session consisted of a lecture highlighting the latest research in tobacco cessation interventions. Two in-depth webinars, one on e-cigarettes and the other on motivational interviewing, were also offered to expand on information covered in the main presentation.

All three webinars have been recorded and posted to the [NYACP tobacco webpage](#), along with links to tobacco cessation resources.

Special thanks to the our Physician Advisory Group:

- Linda Efferen, MD, MBA, FACP
- Roy Korn, Jr., MD, MPH, FACP
- Harshitha Kota, MD
- Marlene Lobato, MD, FACP
- Susan Stewart, MD, FACP
- Mary Rappazzo, MD, MACP

The Chapter is grateful for their expertise and dedicated service in advising and guiding Chapter efforts, serving as faculty, gathering tobacco cessation resources, and developing curricula. With increased frequency and effectiveness of tobacco cessation interventions, we can ultimately reduce tobacco use rates and improve the overall health of all New Yorkers.

Education

Upcoming Educational Events

Final Chance to Register!

NYACP Weekend Board Review Course in Buffalo

Co-sponsored by NYACP and Catholic Health Systems

Earn up to 27 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)!™

Friday, March 24-Sunday, March 26, 2017

Catholic Health Administrative & Regional Conference Center • 144 Genesee Street • Buffalo, NY • 14203

Chapter members who are preparing to take the exam for Board Recertification or first-time Certification can take advantage of this unique Board Review Course.

Course Content:

This three-day course will cover pertinent topics you need to review for the upcoming exams. The topics will include: Cardiology, Nephrology, General Internal Medicine, Oncology, Hematology, Rheumatology, Neurology, Pulmonary, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology and Infectious Disease. The faculty will be Conrad Fischer, MD, FACP; Chris Paras, DO; and Niket Sonpal, MD.

[Board Review Information](#) • [Fax Brochure](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Need additional information? Please contact Karen Tucker at ktucker@nyacp.org

This Activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NYACP). The University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences designates this live activity for a maximum of 27.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

Take a Look, Build a Life, Make a Difference in Upstate New York

Are you a medical student interested in primary care or an internal medicine resident thinking about your career path? The New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians and Iroquois Healthcare Association (IHA) are



once again partnering to offer an all-expense paid "Take a Look" Tour in Upstate New York.

Join us for a 3-day, all inclusive trip to Upstate New York to explore the practice opportunities! The next available tour will take place April 26, 27 & 28, 2017, highlighting opportunities in the Central New York and Finger Lakes Regions.

The tour will introduce you to primary care practice settings, including hospitals, clinics, and private practices, and will also incorporate several recreational activities so those on the tour can get a feel for what life in these communities would be like during non-working hours.

Spouses are welcome and encouraged to join. Expenses are fully covered by the Tour. Please see the FAQ sheet and Take A Look Flyer for additional information. We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues as well; you do not have to be an ACP member to attend the tour.

For more information about the "Take a Look" Tours, please contact: Meg McCarthy, NYACP Special Projects Manager at mmccarthy@nyacp.org or call 518-427-0366. Use the links below to access the "Take a Look" Tour flyer and FAQ sheet:

- ["Take a Look" Tour flyer](#)
- ["Take a Look" Tour FAQ sheet](#)

[Register for the Take a Look Tour today!](#)

Webinars

Basics of the Quality Payment Program: A New Era in Medicare Reimbursement for Clinicians
Tuesday March 21, 2017 • 6:00 pm EST



Objective: To provide a basic understanding of how the Quality Payment Program will change reimbursement for clinicians under Medicare Part B, including a discussion of payment adjustments, incentives, and the transition from legacy payment programs.

The session will include an overview of the technical resources and in person assistance available to assist physicians and other clinicians in becoming successful under the new payment system.

Presenter:

Frank M. Winter
Partnership Manager, New York Regional Office of External Affairs
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Register here](#)

District Meetings - Save the Date!

Suffolk: Thursday, March 23, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind

(1) Peer Discussion on "Population Health Management: Standardization of Diabetes Care"

(2) Healthcare Transformation: The Drive Towards 'Value Based Payment'
Insignia Restaurant - 610 Smithtown Bypass, Smithtown NY 11787

6:00pm Registration / 6:30pm Dinner and Educational Program

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Syracuse: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) You Can Be an Eye Expert

(2) Acute Stroke Therapies

Pascale Italian Bistro at Drumlins • 800 Nottingham Road • Syracuse, NY 13224

Buffalo: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) Statin Therapy: Reconciling Recent Recommendations

(2) Gout Update: Some New Thoughts on an Old Disease

Rizotto Ristorante • 930 Maple Road • Williamsville, NY 14221

Hudson Valley South: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) CKD

(2) Update on New Medications for Diabetes

(3) Update on VTE

Westchester Burger Company • 275 S. Ridge Street • Rye Brook, NY 10573

Rochester: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Managing Pain and Opioid Use: An Educational Program on Compliance with NYS Prescribing Laws

Pomodoro Grill, 3400 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

5:30 Registration/ 6:00 Dinner and Educational Program

Bronx: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

14th Annual Doctors' Recognition Day Symposium, Poster Presentations & Physicians' Exposition

Bronx County Medical Society, Westchester County Medical Society and NYACP

Mercy College, Conference Center - Bronx Campus - 1200 Waters Place, Bronx NY

Poster Session, Physicians Exposition Opens 3:30pm - Symposium 6:00pm

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

Hyatt Regency Hotel

125 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604

Two New Educational Opportunities in Strategies for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction

Jointly Provided by the NYU Langone Medical Center and NYACP

Thursday, May 11, 2017

ADVANCES IN CARDIOVASCULAR RISK REDUCTION:

IMPROVING TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES

Offering 7.50 Hours of AMA PRA Category I Credits™

7:45am - 4:30pm

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Friday, May 12, 2017

DIETARY AND LIFESTYLE STRATEGIES

FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RISK REDUCTION

Offering 5.0 Hours of AMA PRA Category I Credits™

7:15am - 1:30pm

[Event Flyer](#) • [Online Registration](#)

Member Benefits

Auto Insurance Reduction Course

The Chapter continues to offer a 6-hour Insurance and Point Reduction Course that is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and available to NYACP members, their families, office staff and friends. This convenient online member benefit allows registered "students" the ability to start and finish the course within 30 days for only \$42.00. The benefit includes a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance (liability, no-fault and collision) and up to 4 points off of your driving record (if applicable). More information can be found [by clicking here](#).



Lower Your Car Insurance Rates
6 hr Online Course - NYACP Member Benefit

No Classroom Required
Up to 30 Days to Complete
Up to 10% Insurance Reduction
Up to 4 Points Off Driving Record

> Start Course

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