

April 7, 2017

Practice Management



New York State Department of Health Releases Mandatory Prescriber CME Course FAQ

The NYS Department of Health recently released an FAQ document to answer questions prescribers may have about the mandated Pain Management CME course requirement which must be completed by July 1, 2017. [You can read the FAQ here.](#)



NYACP, in collaboration with Boston University School of Medicine, offers a free, online 3-hour course which meets the requirement of this State mandate.

[You can read more and access the course here.](#)

New Educational Initiative to Raise Awareness of Chronic Care Management

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) recently introduced *Connected Care*, an educational initiative to raise awareness of the benefits of chronic care management (CCM) services for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions and to provide health care professionals with support to implement CCM programs. *Connected Care* is a nationwide effort within fee-for-service Medicare that includes a focus on racial and ethnic minorities as well as rural populations, who tend to have higher rates of chronic disease.



As part of the *Connected Care* education initiative, CMS and HRSA or FORHP developed new resources to help educate patients and provide information for health care professionals. Some of the resources include:

- A toolkit for **health care professionals** with detailed information about CCM, and resources to help providers implement CCM;
- A **partner toolkit** that includes downloadable resources and suggested activities to get involved in the *Connected Care* initiative; and
- **Patient education** resources, including a poster and postcard that can be used in a clinical or community setting.

For more information on how to get involved with the CCM initiative and learn more about chronic care management, visit go.cms.gov/ccm. All resources are available online and can be ordered at no cost.

Sunshine Act: Program Year 2016 Open Payments Review and Dispute Period Began April 1st

Review and dispute opportunities for the Program Year 2016 Open Payments data publication began on Saturday, April 1, 2017 and will last until May 15, 2017. Physicians and teaching hospitals must initiate their disputes during this 45-day review period in order for any disputes to be addressed before the June 30th publication.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will publish the Open Payments Program Year 2016 data and updates to the 2013, 2014, and 2015 program years on June 30, 2017.

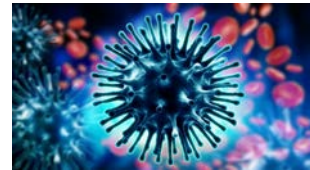
If You Have Never Registered In the Open Payments Database Before:

Make sure you have your National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number, and State License Number (SLN) before you begin. Initial registration is a two-step process and should take approximately 30 minutes:

1. Register in the CMS [Enterprise Identity Management System \(EIDM\)](#);
2. Register in the Open Payments system

New York DOH Weekly Influenza Report

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on influenza activity year round in New York State (NYS) and produces this weekly report during the influenza season (October through the following May).



During the week ending March 18, 2017:

- Influenza activity level was categorized as geographically widespread. This is the 13th consecutive week that widespread activity has been reported.
- There were 2,006 laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, an 13% decrease over last week.
- Of the 1,600 specimens submitted to NYS WHO/NREVSS laboratories, 213 (13.31%) were positive for influenza.
- Of the 74 specimens tested at Wadsworth Center, 41 were positive for influenza. 28 were positive for influenza A (H3), 9 were influenza A (H3) and 9 were influenza B (Yamagata), and 4 were influenza B (Victoria)
- Reports of percent of patient visits or influenza-like illness (ILI3) from ILINet providers was 0.98%, which is below the regional baseline of 3.00%.
- The number of patients hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza was 360, an 7% decrease over last week.
- There were no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this week. There have been seven influenza-associated deaths this season.

[Read the entire report here.](#)

Advocacy

Get Involved in Effecting Change with the NYACP Resolutions Process

What policy, practice, or public health issues impact you, your patients, colleagues, or staff? We want to hear from you!

Use the resolutions process to initiate change in our state or at the federal level right from your home or office.

The Resolutions Process is a mechanism for grassroots involvement in the affairs and policy discussions of the College and Chapter. Members who have an interest are encouraged to actively participate by submitting a short synopsis of the challenge to your practice and a proposed solution. Resolutions can address ACP/NYACP policy and also state and federal health policy issues. You may submit your resolutions at any time online.

[Visit the NYACP Resolutions page to learn more and to access the online submission form.](#) You may also contact your local Governor or Councilor if you would like to discuss your ideas further, or [let Chapter staff know if you would like additional assistance in developing a resolution.](#)

Over the past few years, topics such as payment reform, paperwork and administrative hassle, onerous regulations, public health, patient safety and membership services have been introduced as resolutions through our Chapter. Let your voice be heard!

Education

Upcoming Educational Events

2017 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting
Earn up to 8.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM and 30 ABIM MOC Points!



Saturday, June 3, 2017

[Register Here](#) • [Meeting Brochure](#)

The Chapter cordially invites you to join your colleagues in Internal Medicine at the next Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rochester, NY. Customize your meeting schedule and attend the sessions that most interest you while earning CME credits and Maintenance of Certification points.

MOC Topics Include:

- 2016 Update in Internal Medicine
- 2016 Update in Cardiovascular Disease
- 2016 Update in Pulmonary Disease
- 2016 Update in Endocrinology

Breakout Topics Include:

- Medication Management of Diabetes: Case Base Approach-Incorporating the Old and the New
- Pain Control: Common Scenarios and Therapeutic Approaches
- A Review of Common Orthopedic Maneuvers for Diagnosing Joint Pain
- Physician Wellness
- And much more!

[Read more about the 2017 NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting here!](#)

District Meetings - Save the Date!

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

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

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

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

Hudson Valley South: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind:

(1) New Paradigms in Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Medically Ill

(2) Managing Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

(3) Update on New Medications for Diabetes

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

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

Bronx: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Medical Marijuana in New York: Practical Application & Clinical Review

F&J Pine Restaurant • 1913 Bronxdale Ave • Bronx, NY 10462

Flyer and Registration information coming soon!

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

5:30pm Registration/ 6:00pm Dinner and 3-Hour NYS Pain Management Course Program

Flyer and Registration information coming soon!

Bronx: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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

Bronx County Medical Society, Westchester County Medical Society and the New York Chapter ACP

Mercy College, Conference Center - Bronx Campus - 1200 Waters Place, Bronx NY
Poster Session, Physicians Exposition Opens 3:30pm - Symposium 6:00pm

Resources

**New Annals Virtual Patient Series
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helping, or if there are unexpected surprises. No patient journey is the same. **Plus you will earn CME credit and MOC points along the way!**

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- Palliative Care in Advanced Heart Failure

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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](#).



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