

April 29, 2015

Advocacy

Meningitis Lobby Day

On April 21, 2015, advocacy intern Harshitha Kota met with a passionate group of stakeholders representing patients, physician leaders and other industry groups at Albany's Capital Building to urge passage of the Meningococcal Immunization Bill (A.791/S4324). Sponsored by Senator Hannon and Assemblywoman Gunther, it would add meningococcal immunizations to the list of immunizations a child would receive before entering the 6th grade and a booster before entering 11th grade to align with CDC recommendations.

Patient advocates shared personal stories on how meningitis, a preventable disease, cost the lives of their loved ones.

While CDC recommendations are trusted and followed by the medical community, there is no current requirement enforcing meningitis vaccines in New York State. Passing the bill would help protect young children and adolescents, and potentially prevent outbreaks similar to the ones that have been publicized in recent months. Our advocacy interns continue their service during legislative session from January - June each year.

NYACP Leader Meets President Obama for SGR Repeal Signing



Dr. Flansbaum in the White House Rose Garden

NYACP Leader Bradley Flansbaum, DO, FACP, Chair of the Chapter's Health Benefit Exchange Task Force, traveled to Washington, DC to represent hospital medicine and celebrate President Obama's signing of this historic repeal.

The President spoke at a reception and mingled with the crowd, giving Dr. Flansbaum the opportunity to meet the President. NYACP's Advocacy activity helped lead to the invitation and is something that all of medicine can be proud of.



*The President
requests the pleasure of your company
at a reception to be held at
The White House
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
at four o'clock*

SHM Invitation to the White House SGR Repeal Reception

Practice Management

Five Facts about ICD-10

To help dispel some of the myths surrounding ICD-10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently talked with providers to identify common misperceptions about the transition to ICD-10. These five facts address some of the common questions and concerns CMS has heard about ICD-10:



ICD-10.
COMPLIANCE DATE OCTOBER 1, 2015

- 1. The ICD-10 transition date is October 1, 2015.**
The government, payers, and large providers alike have made a substantial investment in ICD-10. This cost will rise if the transition is delayed, and further ICD-10 delays will lead to an unnecessary rise in health care costs. Get ready now for ICD-10.
- 2. You don't have to use 68,000 codes.**
Your practice does not use all 13,000 diagnosis codes available in ICD-9. Nor will it be required to use the 68,000 codes that ICD-10 offers. As you do now, your practice will use a very small subset of the codes.
- 3. You will use a similar process to look up ICD-10 codes that you use with ICD-9.**
Increasing the number of diagnosis codes does not necessarily make ICD-10 harder to use. As with ICD-9, an alphabetic index and electronic tools are available to help you with code selection.
- 4. Outpatient and office procedure codes aren't changing.**
The transition to ICD-10 for diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding does not affect the use of CPT for outpatient procedures.
- 5. All Medicare fee-for-service providers have the opportunity to conduct testing with CMS before the ICD-10 transition.**
Your practice or clearinghouse can conduct acknowledgement testing at any time with your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Testing will ensure you can submit claims with ICD-10 codes. During a special "acknowledgement testing" week to be held in June 2015, you will have access to real-time help desk support. Contact your MAC for details about testing plans and opportunities.

Stay tuned for five more facts about ICD-10: coming to you soon in another CMS ICD-10 Email Update message.

ICD-10 Webinars Available for Part B Providers through NGS!

Transitioning to ICD-10-CM, a webinar for Part B providers will provide an overview of ICD-10-CM and will assist you with planning for the mandated ICD-10-CM transition. This session will include testing opportunities and transition stages that will help you prepare your office for the upcoming **implementation on October 1, 2015.**

As per the CMS IOM Publication 100-09, Chapter 6, Section 30.1.1, National Government Services cannot make determinations about the proper use of codes for the provider. Questions related to ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM are handled by the American Hospital Association's Coding Clinic. Details about this resource are available at <http://www.ahacentraloffice.org>.

Registration is open for the following dates:

Tuesday, 4/28/15
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
[Register for session](#)

Tuesday, 5/19/15
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
[Register for session](#)

Wednesday, 5/27/15
10:00-11:30 a.m.
[Register for session](#)

Wednesday, 6/10/2015
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
[Register for session](#)

Tuesday, 6/16/2015
12:00-1:30 p.m.
[Register for session](#)

Education

Syracuse and Manhattan District Meetings a Resounding Success!

Manhattan

NYACP's Manhattan District Meeting, "2015 Ebola Epidemic Update," was held on Tuesday, April 21 at the New York Athletic Club in New York, NY. The meeting included a panel discussion about the Ebola virus spanning the ethical considerations in treating the virus, personal experiences with the outbreak of the virus to what is happening now in Africa. **Michael LoCurcio, MD, FACP** was the educational session facilitator with the following panelists:

- **Michael Phillips, MD** - Medical Director for Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control, Associate Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine
- **Ellen Lee, MD** - Medical Director, General Surveillance Unit, Bureau of Communicable Disease, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Amit Uppal, MD** - Director, Medical Intensive Care Unit, Bellevue Hospital, Assistant Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine
- **Douglas Bails, MD** - Chief of Medical Service, Bellevue Hospital, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine
- **Ellen C. Meltzer, MD, FACP** - Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Healthcare, Policy & Research, Assistant Attending Physician & Associate Clinical Ethicist, Division of Medical Ethics, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center

Meeting attendees gave universal praise and spoke to the value of our local district meetings.

Syracuse

NYACP's Syracuse District Meeting, "A Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind," was held on Tuesday, April 21 at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY.

Three different subjects were featured. *Pneumococcal Vaccine: The Proper Use* was discussed followed by *The Treatment for Hepatitis C: New Tests, New Drugs, New Recommendations*. **Donald Blair, MD, FACP** - Professor of Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical Center explained the epidemiology of the Hepatitis C virus, discussed laboratory testing and diagnosis of HCV infection and designed a therapeutic regimen and monitoring plan for the treatment of the virus.

Linda Lambert, CAE, Executive Director of NYACP, gave an *Advocacy Update from Albany* and highlighted *New York's Healthcare Payment Models*. Attendees enthusiastically thanked Dr. Heisig, District President and the Chapter Leaders for arranging this "great way to meet with peers and learn".

Upcoming District and Educational Events



We hope you'll take a moment to review the following educational/dinner programs coming to your area in May. Your Chapter has been busy working with Committees, the Department of Health, and District Leaders to schedule dinner meetings and conferences throughout the State.

Rochester District

May 1, 2015

NYS 2015 Clinical Conference
on HIV and Hep C
RIT Inn & Conference Center
[Conference Brochure](#)
[Register & Program Details](#)

Buffalo District

May 6, 2015

Multiple Small Feedings
of the Mind
The Protocol Restaurant
[Event Flyer](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Nassau District

May 6, 2015

Multiple Small Feedings of
the Mind
K Pacho Restaurant
[Event Flyer](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Rochester District

May 7, 2015

Treatment for Hep C: New Tests, New Drugs
& Recommendations
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa
[Event Flyer](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Manhattan District

May 8, 2015

Advances in Cardiovascular
Risk Reduction
NYU Langone Medical Ctr
New York , NY
[Conference Brochure](#)

Southern Tier District

May 12, 2015

Multiple Small Feedings of
the Mind
Nirchi's-on-the-Avenue
[Event Flyer](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Queens District

May 13, 2015

Treatment for Hep C: New Tests,
New Drugs & Recommendations
Il Toscano Ristorante
[Event Flyer](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Nassau District

May 16, 2015

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
The Garden City Hotel
[Conference Brochure](#)
[Online Registration](#)

Syracuse District

May 21, 2015

The Role of the Primary Care
Clinician in HIV Care
Justin's Tuscan Grill
[Conference Brochure](#)
[Online Registration](#)

NYACP Gala Centennial Celebration - Space is still available!

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Hotel Thayer

[Click here for Details and Registration Information](#)