

March 18, 2015

Advocacy

Governor Cuomo Has Signed E-Prescribing Delay Into Law!

Late last Friday, March 13, Governor Cuomo signed legislation S.2486(Hannon)/A.4274 (McDonald) into law to delay by one year the implementation of New York's e-prescribing requirements. While the mandate to electronically transmit all prescriptions, including controlled substances is delayed until March 27, 2016, we urge all members to continue to work with their vendors now to get their e-prescribing software up and running as soon as possible. Those who have already begun e-prescribing including controlled substances have reported great satisfaction and success. There are extensive resources for finding certified vendors and preparing your practice for implementing e-prescriptions available on the [NYACP website](#).

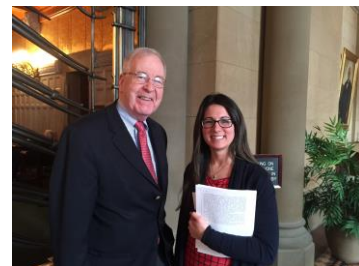


The e-prescribing requirements were a part of the State's Internet System for Tracking Over Prescribing (I-STOP) laws, enacted in 2012. I-STOP requires all prescribers to 1) consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) prior to prescribing Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances and 2) electronically transmit all prescriptions. To do so, each prescriber must have an individual Health Commerce System Account (HCS) to gain access to the PMP registry at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>

In addition, I-STOP also made changes to some controlled substance schedules, created a Prescription Pain Medication Awareness program, and a method for safe disposal of unused prescription medications. For more details on all I-STOP related updates, continue to monitor the [NYACP Resource Page](#).

The Chapter's Resident/Student Advocacy Internship - An Exciting Experience

This past month we were able to host our 25th advocacy intern, Brianne Navetta, MD, at the Chapter offices in Albany. Brianne is a third year internal medicine resident from the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System who, while with us, took a keen interest in learning the basic structure of our political system and the process of New York State government. By attending legislative sessions and through individual legislative visits with our Chapter staff, Brianne now understands how her role as a physician can impact legislation.



On her rotation, she was able to advocate a variety of Chapter positions on legislation such as requiring meningococcal vaccine for adolescents, Medicaid reimbursement rates in New York State, funding for Doctors Across New York (DANY), the development of retail clinics, regulating urgent care and office based surgery centers, banning the sale of flavored tobacco and including electronic cigarettes within the Clean Indoor Air Act. She was truly able to understand how the government works while experiencing how organized medicine can work within our political system to improve the lives and health of patients.

Brianne, as she leaves her rotation in Albany, is fully aware of the tools and resources that will help with her own advocacy efforts in the future and has developed skills to effectively communicate her interests and



those of her patients to elected leaders and appointed officials.

The two pictures feature Brianne with Senator Kemp Hannon of Long Island, Chair of the Senate Health Committee, and working with Linda Lambert, the Chapter Executive Director, to review one of the three sets of proposed budget bills!

Practice Management

National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16th

[National Healthcare Decisions Day](#) is promoted each year to inspire, educate and empower the public, as well as providers, about the importance of advance care planning. It is an initiative to encourage patients to express their wishes regarding end of life healthcare decisions and for providers and facilities to encourage early discussion of these issues.

Help your patients learn what forms and information will help them in making end of life decisions. The NYS Department of Health has endorsed the Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form and created an informational portal on the [NYS DOH Webpage](#). As April 16th approaches, be sure to help educate your patients on end of life decisions.

Education and Events

With spring just around the corner, your Chapter has been busy working with Committees, the Department of Health, and District Leaders to schedule dinner meetings, conferences and grand rounds throughout the State. Please save the dates for the following events and webinars, summarized below. Click on the link to get to more details on each meeting.



March

March 25 (7-8 pm) Statewide Chapter Webinar: Chronic Care Management: How to Get Paid by CMS-[Register Here](#)

March 25 (3:30-8 pm) Bronx District: 12th Annual Doctors' Recognition - [Details and Registration Information](#)

March 27 (7:30-5:10 pm)- March 28 (8:30-12:05 pm) Hudson Valley Capital District: Outpatient Management of the Big 7 (DM, HTN, CAD, CHF, COPD, Obesity)- [Details and Registration Information](#)

March 31 (6-8 pm) - Commissioner's Grand Rounds - [Details and Registration Information](#)

April

April 16 - Bronx District Meeting - *details provided soon!*

April 16 (6-8 pm) Southern Tier District: Primary Care Provider Update-[Details and Registration](#)

April 18 (9-1pm) Suffolk District: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Prep)-[Details and Registration](#)

April 21 - Syracuse District Meeting-*details provided soon!*

May

May 1-New York State 2015 Clinical Conference on HIV and Hep C (6:30-4:30 pm) Rochester District - [Details and Registration](#)

May 6 - Buffalo District Meeting-*details provided soon!*

May 6 - Nassau District Meeting-*details provided soon!*

May 7- Rochester District Meeting-*details provided soon!*
May 8-Advances In Cardiovascular Risk Reduction (7:45-4:30 pm) Manhattan District-[Details and Registration](#)
May 12-Southern Tier District Meeting-*details provided soon!*
May 13- Queens District Meeting-*details provided soon!*
May 16-Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)(9-1pm) Nassau District-[Details and Registration](#)
May 16-NYACP Gala (6-11 pm)-West Point - [Details and Reservations](#)

June

June 25- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) (9-1pm) Bronx District-[Details and Registration](#)

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