

EDUCATION

Save the Date – GALA BALL to Honor ACP for 100 Years of Service Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Hotel Thayer, West Point

The NY Chapter ACP is excited to announce a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American College of Physicians by hosting a Centennial Gala on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the historic Hotel Thayer in West Point, New York.

This Black Tie Gala will be dedicated to our members, and will honor current and future leaders and contributors to medicine in NYACP. A limited number of tickets will be available, so mark your calendar now for this once in a lifetime event! Along with honoring our outstanding members, the evening will be filled great food, friends and dancing!

Watch for upcoming details of the event, including an exciting essay competition highlighting your thoughts on the most significant healthcare advances and accomplishments over the last 100 years.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER for the Chapter's one-hour webinar on Colorectal Cancer Screening on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from Noon to 1:00 pm. This webinar is designed as a lunchtime opportunity to assist clinicians in improving colorectal cancer screening rates within their practices. To register, go to www.nyacp.org

ADVOCACY

"Doctors Across New York" A Vital Program for our Future

NYACP held a series of meetings at the State Capital last week along with representatives from several state healthcare organizations as part of the Physician Workforce Advisory Group (WAG). Meetings focused on the need for continued support and expansion of funding of DANY (Doctors Across New York). Several DANY award recipients were present to tell the story of how they settled into a community and began their medical career with the assistance of this vital State-funded program.

DANY was designed to promote recruitment and retention of physicians providing care to underserved populations across New York. We met with State Senators and Assembly Representatives to discuss the benefits of a strong primary care foundation in the State. Legislators were actively engaged about the looming physician shortage, especially in primary care, the increase in insured patients due to New York's health Benefit Exchange, and the need for a solid primary care workforce to keep New Yorkers healthy. In addition to DANY, the WAG also promoted the continued funding of the PCSC (Primary Care Service Corps) to support the growth of allied health providers to increase effective care teams.

LINK to DANY programs and Q & A:
http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/doctors/gracuate_medical_education/doctors_across_ny/eligibility_criteria.htm

QUALITY

Are You Ready for ICD-10

With just a little more than 7 months before medical practices have to switch to the vastly more complex ICD-10 coding system, only about 9% of medical practices have made "significant progress" toward that end.

In an effort to help member practices transition as smoothly as possible before the implementation date of October 1, 2014, many great resources are available to our members to assist in preparation.

Suggestions for steps that your practice can take to get ready for ICD-10 are to talk with your software vendor, billing service and payers. Identify changes in your practice needed to convert to the ICD-10 code set, recognize the need for staff training, conduct internal testing prior to the deadline and conduct external testing with your vendors.

Go to the ACP resource page for training videos, reference manuals and other resources.

http://www.acponline.org/training_practice/payment_coding/coding/icd10.htm

You can also go to the CMS website
<http://www.cms.gov/icd10>

Specific questions about ICD-10 can be directly sent to CMS at
icd10questions@nobis.org

Go to our webpage under the Quality section for this full article and additional resource links.