

EDUCATION

NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting Presentations Available Online

We hope you had the opportunity to attend the NY Chapter ACP's Annual Scientific Meeting last month in Buffalo, New York to take advantage of the onsite 7.5 cme hours, 20 MOC points and additional 18 cmes for the weekend board prep. By attending this one weekend you would have gained a significant jump on your professional continuing education. The dynamic plenary and thought provoking breakout sessions were well received. The Chapter is now offering the faculty presentations in pdf format online, in the **Member's Only** section of the Chapter Website. Please go to www.nyacp.org, use the Resource tab and click on the Resource Library and then on the Education tab. Sign in with your member log in information:
Username: nyacpmember (no spaces)
Password: benefit

DOT Medical Examiners Training Program now offered by the NYACP

As a **NEW member benefit**, the Chapter has partnered with CAFP to provide an online DOT examiner training for members. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has established a National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners which requires that all medical examiners who conduct physical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers must complete a training course and pass a certification examination prior to May 21, 2014 to be listed in the upcoming directory as a Certified Medical Examiner. This course is delivered completely online, and can be utilized for those who wish to certify after May 21st for future directory listing. For additional information or to register for the online training course, please go to the Chapter's Website at www.nyacp.org.

ADVOCACY

Final NYS Budget Adopted for 2014-2015

The New York State Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 was passed on Monday, March 31st, making it the fourth year in a row the budget was passed on time.

There are several items that were of importance to our members, and we will publish a full update on our website within the week. There are changes to allow **nurse practitioners with more than 3600 hours of service** to have a collaborative relationship with a physician(s) and/or a hospital through a privileged physician in the same specialty as the NP. This language will be an option for the NP who can use the new "relationship" or continue to use the prior collaborative practice agreement and protocols if already in place. The Education Commissioner, in consultation with the Health Commissioner, will issue rules for documentation of the collaborative relationship in a form to be attested by the NP and updated as needed. The form will require identification of the collaborating physician, the parameters agreed upon and methods to resolve differences in treatment methodologies. Physician judgment will prevail in diagnosis and treatment disagreements if the form does not specify such provisions.

New **HIV language** was approved that replaces the requirement for a separate written consent when an HIV test is ordered.

Please watch emails for a full Budget Update on our [Advocacy Page](#)

Check our Facebook Page for Recent Advocacy Pictures of our Interns/Residents in Action!

QUALITY

Colon Cancer Screenings Practice Improvement

Ms. Elise Collins, from the New York State Department of Health will present "Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in Practice: Using the Evidence Base to Implement Meaningful Systems Change" on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 12-1pm. This educational session will be presented in a webinar format.

Improving colorectal cancer (CRC) screening rates saves lives. "Approximately 3,500 men and women die from colorectal cancer each year in NYS. Early detection of colorectal cancer, through regular screening, can substantially improve survival rates.

Initiatives that improve colorectal screening rates have additional benefits for physicians:

- CME credit that is being offered for practice improvement projects by the American College of Physicians and American Medical Association.
- PQRS Medicare and Meaningful Use quality measure reporting requirements and incentives.

At the end of this program, physicians will be able to implement meaningful system changes by using evidence based strategies that have proven to be successful in increasing screening rates in medical practices.

New OCR Security Risk Assessment Tool offers help for small practices to comply with HIPAA Security Rule

Read more about this tool [here](#)
Or contact [Laurie Cohen](#), our Chapter's attorney at Nixon Peabody for details.

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