

EDUCATION

High Value Care Curriculum Available Online and at Chapter Scientific Meeting

ACP has released a new version of its High Value Care Curriculum, an instructional program jointly developed by ACP and the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine to train physicians to be good stewards of limited healthcare resources.

The original 10-hour program, released in July 2012, has been updated and condensed into a 6-hour program, based on user feedback. The new version includes multimedia content and a toolbox for program directors so they can measure curricular impact and individual resident performance in high value care.

The six 1-hour sessions include:

- Eliminating Healthcare Waste and Over-ordering of Tests
- Healthcare Costs and Payment Models
- Utilizing Biostatistics in Diagnosis, Screening and Prevention
- High Value Medication Prescribing
- Overcoming Barriers to High Value Care
- High Value Quality Improvement

The curriculum is FREE and available at <http://hvc.acponline.org/curriculum.html>

Chapter Scientific Meeting to Feature HVC Curriculum

Jonah Feldman, MD, FACP, will present a consolidated version of the High Value Care modules for residents at the next Chapter Scientific Meeting on March 21, 2014. More details can be found online: www.nyacp.org/annualmeeting

ADVOCACY

Engaging Policymakers to Assure the Viability of Small Physician Practices

Following our Chapter Leadership conference earlier this year, many activities have centered on the plight of small practice survival and growth.

Meetings have been held with the New York State Commissioner of Health, and a variety of suggestions have been exchanged which would allow the State to focus on the needs of small practices relating to Health Information Technology, technical assistance for Patient Centered Medical Home certification, patient centered care and the potential for shared services between independent practices.

The Chapter also worked with the United Hospital Fund (UHF) and the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC) to sponsor the fourth in a series of annual conferences to seek long term sustainability of patient centered care and payor alignment.

The goal of the meeting was to produce a series of action steps that providers, payers and policy-makers should take to spur the growth and sustainability of patient centered care and to achieve a more effective and efficient health system for all New Yorkers.

The Chapter's PCMH Committee continues to monitor the development of medical homes across New York State.

QUALITY

Medicare Influenza Reimbursement Rates Listed by County

National Government Service has released the New York Influenza Tip Sheet for the 2013-2014 flu Season.

This five page tip sheet includes Medicare CPT Codes and reimbursement rates listed by area and counties.

Payment allowances for codes for which products have not yet been approved (including but not limited to CPT codes 90687 and 90688) will be provided when the products have been approved and pricing information becomes available to CMS.

You may access the tip sheet by visiting the Chapter's Medicare/Medicaid section in the member-only Resource Library.

<http://www.nyacp.org/resourcelibrary>

Improving Diabetes Care through Patient Engagement

The Chapter is hosting a 1 hour webinar on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:00pm to help physicians identify and apply patient engagement techniques that result in improved patient outcomes in diabetes care, increased Medicare reimbursement and satisfies Maintenance of Certification requirements. You can participate in this webinar from the convenience of your home or office.

Details on how to register are available on the Chapter's website.

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