Delaware State Innovation Model (SIM) Practice Transformation Support

Enroll Now for Practice Transformation Support

The Medical Society of Delaware/MedNet was selected by the State of Delaware and the Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) and currently provides primary care practice transformation support **at no cost** to primary care private practices to prepare for Delaware's health care reform initiatives. Primary care practice transformation is a key component of the State's Health Innovation Plan. MSD/MedNet and our partner, HealthTeamWorks, are committed to supporting Delaware physicians as they strive to meet the daily demands of the practice of medicine and enhancing the health of our communities.

The benefits of working with MSD/MedNet include the possibility of positioning your practice for improved reimbursement, a proven approach that emphasizes a
customized hands-on personalized service for you and your staff that insures minimal disruptions to the daily office work flow, complimentary educational webinars, and most of all, you will be working with the state's premier physician organization that understands your needs and expectations.

Space is limited. Enrollment is open now for practices interested in receiving support.

Contact Michelle Seymour, Quality Improvement Coach at 302-224-5188 to enroll or to learn more about how you and your practice can benefit from MSD/MedNet practice transformation services.

**MSD Hot Topic CME Lecture**

*New Delaware Regulations Affecting Your Practice*

The Medical Society of Delaware is offering a members only *Hot Topic CME* lecture on the new 2017 Delaware regulations that may affect your practice from **6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21** at the MSD Conference Center. This Hot Topic CME will provide an overview of new regulations effective in 2017 including Opioid Prescribing, Pre-Authorization, and Pre-Notification
MSD Practice Management Education Session

New Delaware Regulations Affecting Your Practice

The next session of the MSD Practice Management Education series is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 from 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. David Mangler, Director, Delaware Division of Professional Regulations, and Susan Jennette, Investigative Supervisor, Delaware Insurance Department, will provide an overview of new regulations effective in 2017 including Opioid Prescribing, Pre-Authorization, and Pre-Notification Bills.

The educational activity is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Learn more and register.

EMS Policy For Response to MAUs and Physician Offices

Medical Directors Publish Procedures
The Delaware Office of Emergency Medical Services has established statewide policy and procedures regarding Delaware's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response to walk-in medical practices, subsequent patient care, and transportation to hospitals.

Read more.

DPH Creates Opioid Fact Sheets for Distribution

One Fact Sheet Is For Patients; Second Fact Sheet For Prescribers

The Delaware Division of Public Health's (DPH) Office of Emergency Medical Services has created two opioid fact sheets for use and distribution in the community. One is aimed at patients and the other is aimed at clinicians. DPH is asking its partners to print, share, forward, and distribute the flyers.

In the continuing effort to combat opioid misuse, DPH is working to make the Help is Here website an ever more robust central home for information. New resources for prescribers and the general public will be added to the site in the near future.

Have You Renewed Your
MSD Membership?

*Medical Society Advocates, Provides Education for Delaware Physicians*

MSD membership renewals were due on January 31, 2017. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. Without your support, MSD could not be involved in the changing health care arena to advocate for your interests, be here to assist you and your staff with the business side of the medical profession, or be able to provide quality and timely education for you and your staff. Never lose sight of the value of your membership. Membership does matter and MSD has outlined the top accomplishments addressed on your behalf during this past year. Without your support as a member, MSD would not exist. As you review these top accomplishments, think about what the health care environment in Delaware would look like without MSD working on your behalf.

Recruit a colleague and save on next year's renewal. For further information regarding your membership, please contact Sharon Malgire at 302-224-5197 or Sharon.Malgire@medsocdel.org. Together we can positively influence critical issues affecting physicians and patients today!
Avian Influenza Epidemic in China

Infection Should Be Considered in Travelers from China

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has alerted state health agencies of increasing concerns regarding human transmission of avian influenza following the report of the fifth annual epidemic of avian influenza A (H7N9) virus in mainland China. The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is alerting Delaware physicians of the emerging threat among travelers returning from China.

Clinicians should consider H7N9 virus infection as a possible cause among travelers returning from China with severe respiratory illness, especially if they have had exposure to poultry. January 28, 2017 was the Chinese Lunar New Year which is typically associated with increased travel to and from China. Read more.

MSD Supports AMA's Prior Authorization Principles

Principles Will Be Used in Multi-Pronged Advocacy Campaign

MSD-sponsored legislation to
Regulate Prior Authorizations was passed and signed by the Governor in 2016. This Delaware law went into effect January 1, 2017, requiring written and published clinical criteria, notice to changes in policy, aggregation and publication of statistics of prior authorization programs, and elimination of retrospective denials of a prior authorization once issued.

In furthering the campaign, the Medical Society of Delaware has indicated its support of the AMA's Prior Authorization and Utilization Management Reform Principles. The principles were created by a 17-member coalition of state medical associations, national medical specialty societies, national provider associations, and patient organizations that have been actively engaged on prior authorization issues. The principles will form the foundation of a multi-pronged advocacy campaign with health plans, benefit managers, accreditation organizations, and other health care stakeholders to reduce the administrative burdens and barriers to timely patient care associated with prior authorization and other utilization management programs.

**Attorney General Warns About Lead Generators**
Consumer Protection Unit Has Investigated Complaints About Services

Attorney General Matt Denn's office warns Delawareans to be wary of online lead generators or list services that claim to provide potential client leads to certain professionals, particularly real estate agents.

The Consumer Protection Unit of the Delaware Department of Justice has investigated complaints about lead generators or list services that claim to provide advanced or superior advertising services for local professionals to drive more potential clients to those professionals. In exchange, they often require large up-front payments and include contracts that protect the lead generator more than the professional. Read more.

Pending Member

Shachi Patel, MD

MSD members have 30 days from publication to comment regarding an applicant applying for MSD membership. Please contact Sharon Malgire at 302-224-5197 or Sharon.Malgire@medsocdel.org.

"Rerum Cognoscere"
The Latin phrase *Rerum Cognoscere* translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

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### Upcoming Events

**February 11** - Delaware Chapter American College of Physicians Meeting, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., John Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital.

**March 2** - American College of Physicians and Medical Society of Delaware Young Physician Sections’ How to Be An Impactful Physician…A Guide to Advocacy for the Young Physician, 5:15 to 7 p.m., MSD Conference Center.

**March 4** - Beebe Healthcare’s Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: The Role of Integrative Health in the Management of Chronic Pain, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Irish Eyes Restaurant, Lewes.

Visit our Calendar of Events Page for Delaware Medical Education Opportunities.