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Reminders

2019 MANDATORY HIPAA & OSHA TRAINING

Time is running out to become complaint with the mandatory HIPAA & OSHA training. Schedule today with MSD's Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

See list of Affinity Partners at <http://tinyurl.com/affinitypartners>

CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

Need a conference room? Contact Patrick Rita at 302-224-5189.

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSocietyofDelaware/>

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MSD Announces New Affinity Partner IDShield

MSD is pleased to announce a new affinity relationship with IDShield. IDShield provides identity theft services protecting your personal information from getting into the wrong hands. Their plan benefit offers a \$1 million protection policy, unlimited service guarantee, identity, credit, social media monitoring with real time alerts, username and password combination monitoring, full-service identity restoration, child monitoring (family plan only), and 24/7 emergency access. **MSD members receive a discounted rate!** For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/MSD-IDShield>.

Outbreak of *E. coli* Infections Linked to Romaine Lettuce

The CDC is advising that consumers not eat and retailers not sell any romaine lettuce harvested from Salinas, California: such as whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine, and packages of precut lettuce and salad mixes which contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad. If you are buying romaine lettuce at a store look for a label showing where the romaine lettuce was grown. It may be printed on the package or on a sticker. If the label says "Salinas" (whether alone or with the name of another location), don't buy it. If it isn't labeled with a growing region, don't buy it. While Delaware has not had any reported cases, our surrounding states which include PA, NJ, MD, and VA, have reported cases. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/RomaineEcoli19>.

CDC Announces Vaping Lung Injury Cases Rises to 2,290

As of November 20, 2019, 2,290 cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated lung injury (EVALI) have been reported to CDC from 49 states. Forty-seven deaths have been confirmed in 25 states and the District of Columbia, with 3 confirmed deaths in Delaware. The latest national and state findings suggest THC-containing e-cigarette, or vaping, products, particularly from informal sources like friends, or family, or in-person or online dealers, are linked to most of the cases and play a major role in the outbreak. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CDCVape2019>.

MSD Practice Management & Education Session 2020 Insurance Payers Workshop

Please join us for the next Practice Management & Education Session, 2020 Insurance Payers Workshop, **Tuesday, January 14th from 8:00 - 11:00 am**, at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent General Campus. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Cigna, CMS, Highmark Delaware, Highmark Health Options, and United Healthcare will present on the latest changes and updates that will affect your practice and patients' health insurance plans for the upcoming year. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/2020IPW>. **Seating is limited!**

New Resources Available on the QPP Resource Library

CMS has posted several new Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) resources on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) Resource Library. For more information visit <https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library>.

Give the Gift of Warmth – MSD Winter Drive

This year, MSD is collecting socks, hats, and gloves for infants, children, and adults to be donated to the Ministry of Caring. The Ministry of Caring is a community-based non-profit organization that provides a network of social, health and support services for those living in poverty, including the homeless and working poor, in the greater Wilmington, Delaware area. Please drop off your new or very gently used items at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing Newark, DE from **November 23 – December 6**. A collection box for donation drop offs will be located in the entrance area by the Christmas tree. MSD thanks you for your donation and generosity. For more information on the Ministry of Caring and how to make a monetary donation please visit <https://www.ministryofcaring.org/>.

MSD Observes Thanksgiving

The Medical Society of Delaware wishes all of our members and affiliates a warm and happy Thanksgiving holiday. The MSD offices will be closed on November 28-29 and reopening Monday, November 25.