Fentanyl in Cocaine Contributing to Over Dose Deaths

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has issued a health alert to provide the health care community with information regarding the increased presence of fentanyl among the State’s drug overdose deaths and illicit drug supply. Additionally, the alert is to inform personnel that fentanyl does not show up on standard drug screens, and to provide recommendations for communicating important information with patients. For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/DEHA0D5199.

New Medicare Card: Transition Period Ends in 8 Months

Starting January 1, 2020, Medicare will only accept claims submitted with the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Medicare will reject any claims submitted with the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) with a few exceptions. For more information: https://tinyurl.com/MLN52.

MSD Practice Management Education Session

Registration closing! Please join us for a special MSD Practice Management Education Session on DE Sexual Harassment Law & Employer Obligations on Tuesday, May 7, from 8:00 am – 10:30 am at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, DE with video conferencing to Bayhealth, Kent General Hospital. This session will be presented by Linda Pappajohn, Director of HR Consulting Services, Allyson DiRocco, Attorney at Law, Morris James, LLC, and Jeff McBride, Second VP, USI Insurance, and will cover the new sexual harassment law employer obligations, how to comply with the law, and malpractice coverage. To register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/PMES2019.

MSD Hot Topic CME – Measles Outbreak

The Medical Society of Delaware is offering a members-only “Hot Topic CME” on Measles on Thursday, May 23 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center. Stephen Eppes, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics will discuss the public health strategies used to respond to the recent measles outbreak across the country. This educational activity is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/HotTopic2019Measles.

MSD Physician Leadership Series

Join your colleagues from across the state to learn about important leadership concepts specifically designed for physicians. The “Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development” is a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development which includes attendance at two required live sessions. This program will share the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and equip physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making to effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. REGISTER NOW AT: https://reg.planetreg.com/leadershipcohort2.

Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

Registration now open...The role of the medical office receptionist has changed in recent years. No longer are the duties of front desk personnel limited to answering the phone and making appointments for patients. Productivity of a staff member depends on knowledge, skills, and training. The next class is scheduled for May 16 & 17 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. To register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2019.

UD Telehealth Course

Telehealth initiatives hold exciting potential to address healthcare access issues in Delaware and beyond, whether from shortfalls in critical health care specialties, or in under-served geographic locations. Telehealth also provides innovative ways to meet the demands of an aging population, reduce inappropriate use of emergency departments, prevent hospital readmissions, bring care to the most appropriate setting and more. The University of Delaware is offering a 15-week, self-paced online course starting May 20th. For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/UDTel.

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