

In This Issue

- New E-Prescribing Regulations
- ONC Final Rule – Information Blocking
- Practice Management Session Lunchtime Webinar
- New Flu Vaccine Toolkit
- New COVID-19 Alert Tool Kit

Reminders

2020 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2020 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

MSD CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page for continued updated guidance on COVID-19 at <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19>

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSocietyofDelaware/> or @medicalsocietyofdelaware and turn on your notifications.

MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

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

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE INSURANCE SERVICES (MSDIS)

MSDIS offers a complete portfolio of insurance products and services. For more information visit: <http://www.usi.com/msdis/>

Contact MSD

302-366-1400
MedicalSocietyofDelaware.org
To unsubscribe contact
Kristie Stewart at
302-224-5196
Kristie.Stewart@medsocdel.org

New E-Prescribing Regulations

As a provider or pharmacist, you should be aware of the new Delaware Electronic Prescribing law, which will change how medications, including controlled substances, are prescribed for patients. Delaware is transitioning from written to electronic prescriptions. New Delaware and federal legislation will require e-prescribing, with some exceptions, starting January 1, 2021. The federal "Substance Use-Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act" was signed into law October 24, 2018, and mandates e-prescribing for all controlled substances covered under Medicare Part D, with a few exceptions. In Delaware, House Bill 115 was signed into law June 27, 2019, which expands this requirement to all prescriptions, with certain exceptions. For more information including a link to HB115, visit <https://tinyurl.com/EPrescribingDE> or <https://tinyurl.com/DELHB115>.

ONC Final Rule - Information Blocking

In early March, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) published a final rule that detailed requirements for implementation of the new "Information Blocking" rule put in place under the 21st Century Cures Act, which is intended to enable more widespread access, use and exchange of patient data. The final rule requires all physicians to come into compliance with the new requirements beginning November 2, 2020. While the rule makes several important changes to electronic health record (EHR) vendor technology, including improving usability and interoperability, the rule also states that physicians are required to establish a new compliance framework to handle all medical record requests coming into their office. Information blocking rules require physicians to respond to and release patients' medical records for most requests they receive, unless an appropriate exception can be claimed. Please note that HIPAA compliance rules are still in effect. Starting in November, 2020, physicians will want to examine and update if necessary, all policies and procedures their organization uses to manage medical record requests. Documenting how a physician applies exceptions and their organizational policies to each information request will be important in maintaining compliance with the information blocking rules. While the American Medical Association has requested a one-year extension on this Rule, we want to make sure you start examining your policies on providing medical records information (with patient approval) upon request to ensure compliance while they await a decision from the Federal Government.

For more information on the new rule see the following resources from ONC.

- Information Blocking Overview - <https://tinyurl.com/InfoBlocking>
- Information Blocking Actors - <https://tinyurl.com/InfoBlockingAct>
- Information Blocking Exceptions - <https://tinyurl.com/InfoBlockingExcp>
- ONC Overview of the Cures Act Final Rule - <https://tinyurl.com/ONCFinalRule>

For additional fact sheets and webinars visit the ONCs website <https://tinyurl.com/ONCResources>.

Practice Management Session Lunchtime Webinar

Connect to Lead: Caring for Yourself and Others During the COVID-19

Mark your calendar for the next Practice Management Education lunchtime webinar on Wednesday, October 28th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. This session, "Connect to Lead: Caring for Yourself and Others During COVID-19," presented by Curi, will provide an overview of how to recognize major factors influencing work-life balance and the key drivers of burnout. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/PMSWebinar>.

New Flu Vaccine Toolkit

Knowing that you and everyone in your office already invests a great deal to mobilize patients to get a flu vaccine, DPH created a comprehensive communications toolkit to support your efforts. The toolkit has everything you need to easily and effectively educate your patients and motivate them to fight the flu by getting the vaccine. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/DELFLUTOOLKIT>.

New COVID-19 Alert Toolkit

DPH has created a communications toolkit to support your efforts for notifying patients about the COVID Alert Delaware Exposure Notification System (ENS) app developed by NearForm in partnership with the State of Delaware. This free smartphone app is available to all who live, work or go to college in Delaware in the Google Play Store and the App Store. After downloading the app, you will be able to use your phone in the fight against COVID-19 without compromising your privacy or personal information. For more information visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/covidalert/>.