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MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

October 21-22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark
To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2021>.

2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2021 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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FDA Grants Full Approval To Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine biologics license application (BLA) for individuals 16+. It is the first of the three available COVID-19 vaccines to receive official approval from the FDA. The vaccine can now be administered when a public health emergency isn't in effect. As there is not yet enough data to include 12-to-15-year-olds or those immunocompromised persons eligible for a third dose under the full BLA approval, the original emergency use authorization (EUA) remains in place. The BLA approval for Pfizer includes a name change for the vaccine to **Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee)**. It is the same vaccine and the same dosage; only the name has changed. Because of the current supply of Pfizer in the marketplace, you will see both names co-circulating. For more details and information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2e9y44h6>.

Testing For COVID-19 In Children: Re-Issued Health Advisory

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has re-issued a health advisory with updated information to provide those in the medical community who care for children, an update on testing for SARS-CoV-2 in children with suspected coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) supports the implementation of public health surveillance that tests at a population level to identify local outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in communities. The AAP recommends using molecular tests such as reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction tests that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/2jyh4m28>.

Governor Carney Signs House Bill 100

Governor Carney on Thursday signed House Bill 100, which greatly expands mental health services in Delaware elementary schools. The Governor and bill sponsors have agreed to support technical changes to the bill in January to protect the intent of the legislation and ensure districts use additional funding to hire mental health professionals. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/6vrz68n6>.

MSD Hot Topic CME Event - Performance in Late Career Physicians

The Medical Society of Delaware presents the next Hot Topic CME on Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This virtual presentation is intended for physicians and will discuss physician aging and competency, as well as review of history, rationale, and implementation of age-based physician assessment programs. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HotTopicLateCareerPhysicians>.

Practice Management and Education Session – HIPAA Protecting Our Practices

Please join us for the next Practice Management and Education Session, presented by Dwayne Downs, MSD's Training & Compliance Coordinator. This session will provide an overview of HIPAA policy and procedures, how to implement a HIPAA plan and much more. This virtual event will be held on **Thursday, September 30th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. To register please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HIPAA>.

AMA Announces CPT Code Ready For Third Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

The CPT Editorial Panel has expedited approval of a new administration code that is unique to a third dose of the current COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna. For quick reference, the CPT codes and long descriptors assigned to third dose administration of the current Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are: **0013A** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) [COVID-19] vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5 mL dosage; third dose. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/3t7jeh3j>.

Prescribe Benzodiazepines Legally And Responsibly

The stakes have never been higher for you to be at the very top of your game in prescribing or even suggesting, benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepines for patients. The Delaware Division of Public Health "HelpsHereDE" webpage has resources to help talk with your patients effectively and make sure they use these medications safely. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/b2ppkwjp>.

CMS Expands Medicare Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding opportunities for people to receive COVID-19 vaccinations in their home. To ensure Medicare beneficiaries who have difficulty leaving their homes or are otherwise hard-to reach can receive the vaccination, healthcare professionals can now receive additional payments for administering vaccines to multiple residents in one home setting or communal setting of a home. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/5j3kv9wt>.