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2022 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2022 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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Richard Henderson, MD Receives Coveted Tilton Award

The Tilton Award, recognizing medical achievement in the state of Delaware, is named after James Tilton, MD, a revolutionary war surgeon, first Army Surgeon General of the U.S., and founder and first President of the Medical Society of Delaware. One has to set unparalleled stewardship for the profession to be considered for this prestigious award. This year, the Medical Society of Delaware and the Tilton Society of Delaware welcomed Richard W. Henderson, MD into the select group of individuals who have been bestowed with this award. Congratulations, Dr. Henderson! You are well-deserving of this award! To read Dr. Henderson's acceptance remarks visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrtc9ca6>.

69% Increase in Cyber-Attacks Targeting the Health Care Sector

Cybersecurity incidents and data breaches continue to increase across all industries. A 2022 cybersecurity firm report noted a 69% increase in cyber-attacks targeting the health care sector. The number of data breaches occurring in the health care sector also continue to rise. Seventy-four percent (74%) of the breaches reported to OCR in 2021 involved hacking/IT incidents. In the health care sector, hacking is now the greatest threat to the privacy and security of PHI. A timely response to a cybersecurity incident is one of the best ways to prevent, mitigate, and recover from cyberattacks. The HIPAA Security Rule requires regulated entities to implement policies and procedures to address security incidents. This means regulated entities need to have a plan in place and documented for responding to security incidents (suspected or known). Having a plan established and documented is essential to being able to detect security incidents quickly in order to respond to and recover from security incidents effectively. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/4r5vys58>.

Cyber Security & HIPAA Education Session

How vulnerable is your practice when it comes to HIPAA requirements and Cybersecurity? Registration is open for the next Practice Management & Education Session on **November 9, 2022, from 12:00-1:00 pm**. This virtual session will be presented by Dwayne Downs, MSD, Training & Compliance Coordinator and Sharon Ruth, USI, Healthcare Client Advocate, MSDIS. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HIPAAcybersecurity>.

"Superhero for Hope" 5K Run/Walk

STILL TIME TO REGISTER for the Annual "Superhero for Hope" 5K Run/Walk! The Medical Society of Delaware will host its 5th Annual Campaign for Kids...It's OBVIOUS" 5K Run/Walk on **Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Rockford Park, Wilmington**. This family-friendly event is being held in conjunction with a Community Health and Wellness Fair, co-hosted by MSD, Mom's House, and Vision to Learn. **Registration begins at 8:00 am. Back by popular demand is the "Oat Bowl" featuring a make-your-own oatmeal bowl with a variety of fixings.** Race participants will also enjoy t-shirts and other post-race food and refreshments. For more information and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4rtxkner>.

Concerns of "Tripledeemic"

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is concerned about the possible impact of a 'tripledeemic' of respiratory viruses caused by the flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19. This week's flu report to be released today, will show an increase of 71 cases for week 42 of the season (compared to a statewide total of 25 cases for the first two weeks). Additionally, new to the influenza surveillance report this year (found at <https://tinyurl.com/4zt8jmx>), is the added data on RSV, which is increasing as well. RSV cases have jumped to 261, an increase of nearly 100 over the previous weeks' totals. DPH is aware of the impact that hospitals are experiencing and are continuing to monitor the situation. DPH is working to increase public awareness of these respiratory viruses, encouraging vaccinations against flu and COVID-19, reminding the public of mitigation strategies such as frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick.

Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals for Year 2023

Delaware law requires that, in order for medical professionals to renew their license, they must attest that they have completed training on 1. how to recognize child sexual and physical abuse, exploitation, and domestic violence, 2. your reporting obligations under the Medical Practice Act and Regulatory Provisions Concerning Public Health. The 2023 Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals (<https://tinyurl.com/paku7cc8>) will be available on January 1, 2023. Licensed physicians must take the 2023 Mandatory Reporting training even if they recently completed mandatory reporting training. This training must be completed before every medical license renewal.