Primary Care Scorecard Reveals a Health Care Sector in Peril

The first national primary care scorecard, co-funded by the Milbank Memorial Fund and The Physicians Foundation, finds (https://tinyurl.com/mu9xxe8w) a chronic lack of adequate support for the implementation of high-quality primary care across the United States. The Health of US Primary Care: A Baseline Scorecard Tracking Support for High-Quality Primary Care (https://tinyurl.com/2ay4njjx) offers unprecedented baseline trend data for the nation and, when available, for states across four key dimensions: financing, access, workforce development, and research. Scorecard findings are available in the report and a companion online dashboard (https://tinyurl.com/2p9462rb).

Executive Board OKs Development of Strategic Plan

The Executive Board has approved the development of a new strategic plan for the Medical Society of Delaware. This will build off our last strategic plan which was completed in 2015. MSD has engaged Aloysius Butler and Clark (AB&C), a marketing communications company headquartered in Wilmington, and specifically David Brond, AB&C’s vice president of strategy and planning, to facilitate our planning process. During development of our new three-year plan, which is anticipated to take six months to complete, we will be conducting primary research and holding several group meetings to define and prioritize measurable goals, strategies and action steps for MSD. All MSD members can expect to be asked for input into the plan at some point during the planning process through focus groups, surveys, and other means. In addition, a diverse, multidisciplinary strategic plan steering committee comprised of our members, staff and important stakeholders will be formed to assist in guiding the strategic plan development. Look for more information in the coming weeks!

Moderna Pledges Free Access to COVID-19 Vaccine

As the public health emergency ends, the United States government will no longer be providing vaccines at no cost. Facing reperussion after announcing it could charge between $110 and $130 per dose, Moderna recently announced the vaccine will continue to be available at no cost for uninsured people. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/yppuz8w8.

Recall of Nuclear Medicine 600/800 Series Systems

GE HealthCare is recalling the Nuclear Medicine 600 and 800 Series systems after identifying an issue with two mechanisms that prevent uncontrolled detector movement. First, there is a risk that the ball screw that serves as design mitigation for the suspended mass of the detector may fail. Additionally, some devices are also missing a safety key that should prevent the detector from a catastrophic fall when the ball screw fails. If the ball screw fails and the safety key is missing, the 1212 pound (550 kg) detector could fall, potentially crushing or trapping a patient. Read more at https://tinyurl.com/4a83bpjb.

Physician Burnout Webinar

The American Medical Association (AMA) is excited to announce an upcoming special virtual event on physician burnout, featuring a powerhouse lineup of speakers, including the U.S. Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA, and AMA President Jack Resneck, Jr., MD. Physician burnout demands urgent action, and the AMA is leading the charge. Join us on March 9 at 11 a.m. Central time and please share with your peers and members. To register visit https://tinyurl.com/2p99u9ja.

Top 10 Ways to Guarantee a Lawsuit

Save the Date for the next virtual Practice Management & Education Leadership Series: Top 10 Ways to Guarantee a Lawsuit on March 23, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm. This session is presented is presented by Beena Thomas, Senior Advisor Risk Solutions, CURI. More information to come!

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