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Reminders

2022 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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

REGISTER TO ATTEND THE MSD 2023 INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2023 at the Smyrna Opera House, located at 7 W. South St., Smyrna, DE at 6:00pm. To register <http://c.planetreg.com/MSDInterim2023>.

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New COVID Variant on World Health Org's Radar

Medscape is reporting that a new COVID-19 variant, Arcturus (formally Omicron subvariant XBB.1.16) is being watched closely by the World Health Organization (WHO) after being detected in late January. Arcturus hasn't yet made the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) watchlist, and pediatricians are seeing children with itchy or sticky eyes, similar to conjunctivitis or pink eye. Arcturus has been reported in several states, including Delaware. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/tummhxdb> and <https://tinyurl.com/yjhkn969>.

COVID Public Health Emergency HIPAA Notifications Enforcement Discretion Exp.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced that the Notifications of Enforcement Discretion issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act during the COVID-19 public health emergency will **expire at 11:59 pm on May 11, 2023**, due to the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. OCR is continuing to support the use of telehealth after the public health emergency by providing a transition period for health care professionals to make any changes to their operations that are needed to provide telehealth in a private and secure manner in compliance with the HIPAA Rules. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4wzcv3d>.

Risk of Protection Failure for Certain Surgical N95 Respirators, Masks

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a safety communication recommending consumers, health care professionals, and facilities to not use certain surgical N95 respirators by O&M Halyard, and to use caution with certain surgical masks and pediatric face masks by O&M Halyard. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yzdpmv>.

Recall of Philips Reworked DreamStations

Philips Respironics is recalling certain reworked Philips DreamStation CPAP and BiPAP machines because some devices were assigned incorrect or duplicate serial numbers during initial programming. This duplication can cause therapy to be delivered using the wrong prescription or factory default settings. Additionally, it may fail to deliver any therapy at all. The FDA has identified this as a Class I recall, the most serious type of recall. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yamrxa7t>.

DOJ Seeks to Halt to March ACA Ruling

After a federal judge in Texas last month overturned the Affordable Care Act provisions that required health insurers to provide some free preventive care services (such as cancer screenings and HIV drugs), the U.S. Department of Justice is seeking a court order to stay the ruling while the case goes through an appeals process. The Texas Judge's ruling means patients would have to pay for some preventive services that are now free. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2jukfphj>.

Blue Rocks MSD Event

Tickets are available to watch the Wilmington Blue Rocks take on the Aberdeen Iron Birds on **Tuesday April 25, 2023**. Game time is **6:35 pm** at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington. This is an MSD member only event. Tickets are free for MSD members and will be provided via email prior to the event date. To register <https://reg.planetreg.com/E3673746250570>. **MSD 2023 Membership dues must be current to attend.**

Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

This live virtual class will be held on **May 4 & 5 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Setting high performance standards in the front office will lead to more informed and satisfied patients, smoother workflow, and a healthier revenue cycle. Attendees will learn essential responsibilities to excel in a patient-interfacing role. Emphasis on quality care measures, overall patient satisfaction, workflow, compliance, and the bottom line are key ingredients that make-or-break office success. Class includes discussion on new health care communication and compliance challenges. Instructor covers skills and techniques to handle difficult, stressful situations with more confidence and clarity. An online post-lecture assessment will be administered. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS23>.

MSD Pubs and Politics

Register to attend MSD's Pubs & Politics event being held on **Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 pm** at **Frazier's Restaurant In Dover**. This event series is for MSD members. Join your colleagues for the second Pubs & Politics event of the year, featuring a chance to hear and discuss issues one-on-one with state legislators, all the while enjoying good food and beverages. To register <https://tinyurl.com/unmmz99e>.