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CIGNA REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE! New Option Report on Feb 11!

Education & Networking Events

1. **Physician Mixer, North County**, hosted by California Head & Neck Specialists (Drs. Mehta, Chang, Calzada and Battaglia), 2390 Faraday Ave, Carlsbad, Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.
2. **Simplify Your Practice IT**, Webinar, presented by Beanstalk Computing, Wed, Feb. 10, 12:15 pm
3. **Part 2: Social Media for your Practice**, Webinar, presented by Christina Thielst, Wed, Feb. 17, 12:15 pm
4. **A Pivot to Value**, Webinar, presented by athenahealth, Wed, Mar. 2, 12:15 pm
5. **Improve Your Collections**, Webinar, presented by Transworld Systems, Wed, Mar. 9, 12:15 pm
6. **Patient Data Connectivity**, Webinar, presented by Health Gorilla, Wed, Mar. 16, 12:15 pm
7. **Mark Your Calendars! Office Manager Luncheon**, Wed, Mar. 30, Vibra Hospital

RSVP 619-359-6600

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **OfficeWorks** – Medical Office Staffing provides temporary and temp-to-hire personnel for medical offices.
- **Viveesa – Private Healthcare Advocates**, helps physicians help their patients to resolve problems.
- **Capital Bankcard** provides chip-compliant credit-card processing, & structures patient payment plans. Our members are seeing average savings of \$1,000/physician/year.

For more information on our other fine Physician Resource Center members, email: dustin@partnersdocs.com

PQRS 2015 – Avoid the 4% penalty in 2017 - Submit through a Registry until March, 2016

3 more weeks!! Physicians can submit 2015 PQRS data via the registry method ONLY UNTIL March 4, 2016. \$100 discount on the registry's fees for Physician Partners members. Non-participation = 4% penalty in 2017.

New Privacy Practice Toolkit for Your Office

We want to help you be protected! If you've returned your BAA, a new Privacy Practices Toolkit will be sent to you next week. Implement these policies in your practice to make sure you're protected in case of a PHI breach.

Health Gorilla - Clinical Connectivity – Scripps Labs on board!

- *Scripps Health lab ordering and results are available via Health Gorilla - Clinical Connectivity.* Members can order tests, view results electronically, and share the information with other treating physicians.
- An app is available for both Apple and Android devices
- FREE member benefit that helps improve office work flow and helps achieve MU2! [Click here to get started](#)

Payor Updates

- **Cigna** – reimbursement increases March 1. Return your Option Report to benefit.
- **Aetna Better Health** – is a MediCal product and is not included in Physician Partners Aetna contract.

Expand Your Practice Marketing!

Post an article on the Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups website for increased practice visibility!

National University Interns are Available to Help Your Practice

Do you have a special project you want done but haven't got the manpower to spare? Our Physician Resource Center can help arrange for interns from NU's Schools of Nursing, Healthcare Admin., Public Health, Analytics, & Informatics. <http://physicianresourcecenter.com/portals/internship-programs/>

Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups – Website Is Live!

Scripps AMG is our new collaboration between Scripps Mercy Physician Partners, Mercy Physicians Medical Group, and Scripps Health. A brand new web presence, new free patient mobile app, Health Gorilla-Clinical Connectivity, are just some of the benefits the new collaboration will offer participating physicians!

Updates

- **Drs. Robert Goldklang, Steven DiLauro, and Adrienne LaJoie**, are joining Genesis Healthcare Partners. They will continue to see patients at their offices in Encinitas and La Jolla.
- **Drs. Casey Fisher and Anita Hickey** have relocated their Poway office to 15725 Pomerado Rd, #210, Poway Ph: (858) 432-7880
- **Dr. Joshua Pal** added a second location at Coastal Pain & Spinal Diagnostics, 6221 Metropolitan St, #201, Carlsbad Ph: (760) 753-7127
- **Dr. Alexander Salloum** opened a new office at 450 Fourth Ave, #401, Chula Vista Ph: (619) 567-7007

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: Dr. Alexander Battaglia (*Otolaryngology, Carlsbad*), Dr. Michael Cutler (*Family Medicine, Poway*), and Dr. Steven Kossman (*Medical Oncology, San Diego*).

Physician Partners mission is to improve patient access by increasing the viability of physician practices.