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Education & Networking Events

1. **How Physicians Benefit from Healthcare Advocates**, by Viveesa, Webinar, Wed, Jan. 20, 12:15 p.m.
2. **Physician Mixer, South Bay**, hosted by South Bay Surgical Associates (Drs. Hsu, Hsu, and Yu), Chula Vista, Thurs, Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.
3. **Save 8%-15% on Medical & Office Supplies**, by MedLine, Webinar, Wed, Jan. 27, 12:15
4. **Chip Cards, Security & Payment Arrangements**, by Capital Bankcard, Webinar, Wed, Feb. 3, 12:15
5. **Physician Mixer, North County**, hosted by California Head & Neck Specialists (Drs. Mehta, Chang, and Calzada), Carlsbad, Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

RSVP 619-359-6600

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **Viveesa – Private Healthcare Advocates**, is the newest Physician Resource Center member. Viveesa helps physicians help their patients to resolve problems and navigate the complicated healthcare system.
- **Lee & Associates – Commercial Real Estate for Medical Practices** helps evaluate and negotiate leases at no cost to you as the lessee.
- **Capital Bankcard** provides EMV-compliant merchant processing, & structures patient payment plans. Our members are seeing average savings of \$1,000/physician/year.
- **Workers' Comp Fee Schedule Calculator** – Partners members can utilize *DaisyBill's* workers' comp fee schedule calculator while also receiving 50% discount on the monthly toolbox fee.

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

PQRS 2015 – Submit through a Registry until March, 2016

Physicians can submit 2015 PQRS data via the registry method until March 1, 2016. Participating members of Physician Partners receive a \$100 discount on the registry's fees. Non-participation = 4% penalty in 2017.

600 BAAs Received!!!

The new BAA provides you added HIPAA security protection, and allows you to share clinical information with other Physician Partners members. Thank you, everyone, for your prompt responses!

New Privacy Practice Toolkit for Your Office

We want to help you be protected! When you return your BAA, a new Privacy Practices Toolkit will be sent to you. 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.
- Works on 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

- Scripps Employee Health Plan – reported that over 90% of employees will continue on their PPO and EPO plans in 2016, although they are offering a new HMO plan. [Read more](#)
- Workers Comp -- A new physician fee schedule is effective 1/1/16, with new conversion factors and RVUs. Increases to E&M procedures, but reductions for surgery, radiology and anesthesia are included.

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've wanted done but haven't got the manpower to spare? Our Physician Resource Center can help arrange for interns from National University's Schools of Nursing, Healthcare Admin., Public Health, Analytics, & Informatics. Take advantage of this free service, part of National University's Experiential Learning Programs. <http://physicianresourcecenter.com/portals/internship-programs/>

Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups – Website Going Live This Weekend!

Scripps AMG is a collaboration between Scripps Health, Scripps Mercy Physician Partners, & Mercy Physicians Medical Group. A brand new web presence, new free patient mobile app, Health Gorilla-Clinical Connectivity, are just some of the benefits launching this weekend!

Updates

- Dr. Edward Brantz moved to 3737 Moraga Ave., #B103, San Diego Ph: 858-273-6021
- Dr. Yogesh Patel opened a 2nd office, 690 Otay Lakes Rd., #110, Chula Vista Ph: 760-607-1735

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: Dr. Andrew Cummins (*Gastroenterology, Hillcrest*), Dr. Chrysten Cunningham (*Gynecology, Pacific Beach*), Dr. Jennifer Davis (*Pediatrics, Point Loma*), Dr. Thomas Kelly (*Pediatric Endocrinology, Hillcrest*), Dr. Joseph Moore (*Family Medicine, Pacific Beach*), Dr. Mahindokht Raiszadeh (*Family Medicine, Escondido*), Dr. Jeffrey Schweitzer (*Neurosurgery, Mission Valley*), and Dr. Keith Vaux (*Pediatrics, Point Loma*).

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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