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## **Coming Events**

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- Scripps Employee Health Plan Payer Roundtable Tues, Jan. 15, 12:15 p.m. Vibra Hospital Learning Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 555 Washington St., San Diego, 92103
- Risk Management Seminar, 3 CMEs presented by CAP Tues, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m. SD Marriott, Del Mar. RSVP to <u>egomez@CAPphysicians.com</u>
- **3.** What Will They Think of Next? Peering into the Abyss, Tom Gehring, SDCMS, Friday, Feb. 1, noon, Scripps Hospital, Encinitas

RSVP 619.260.7245

### Update on New Services

**Rx Savings** card saved patients in 2012 an average of \$21.00 per Rx. Partners provides these to member offices at no cost. <u>http://physician-partners.com/savings-card/</u>

*Clinical Studies Clearinghouse* lists member offices conducting clinical studies. For more info, click here: <u>http://physician-partners.com/clinical-studies/</u> or call 619.260.7245.

**Senior Wellness Visits** are encouraged by Medicare and pay 3x a regular office visit. Click to learn more  $\rightarrow$  <u>http://physician-partners.com/wellness-program/</u>

#### Payer Update

*Scripps Employee Health Plan*: Representatives will provide a plan overview and update on recent changes at the Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Payer Roundtable at Vibra Hospital.

<u>Diabetes Patient Instructions</u> developed by the Scripps Whittier Institute were adopted by the Partners Board. These can be distributed to patients and are available at: <u>http://physician-partners.com/news/post.php?id=20</u>

#### Medicare Bonus Programs

*PQRS:* You can still qualify for your Medicare bonus and submit your 30 patient surveys through the DocSite registry. DOS must be in 2012! Submission deadline is Feb. 15, 2013.

*Meaningful Use:* Feb 28 is the deadline to attest to Meaningful Use for the 2012 Incentive Program payment year. Questions  $\rightarrow$  Call CMS EHR Info Center @ 888-734-6433.

#### <u>Happenings</u>

*Dr. Joseph Stein* will assume responsibility for the Scripps CPOE project. *Dr. Kishore Gaddipati* joined San Diego Gastroenterology Medical Associates. *Drs Bruce Prenner and Jennifer Pendleton* are now *Allergy Partners of San Diego*. *Genesis Healthcare Partners* added a new office at 5395 Ruffin Rd. #202, San Diego.

#### Did You Know?

San Diego has 15,116 lawyers and approximately 7,200 practicing physicians.

#### Video Opportunites

Call 619.260.7245 if you want to be filmed in our video on "New Partners' Services".

#### Congratulations – Your Voice was Heard

Congress froze the proposed Medicare reimbursement cuts, but the battle is not over! Our resolution for 2013 is to provide programs and services that help improve the viability of your practice.

# Happy New Year from Physician Partners!