

# **Practice Matters**

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#### Reminders

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR MFOS CLASS!

Medical Front Office Skills classes scheduled for: May 16 & 17 at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, and June 13 & 14 at Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover.

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR CMC COURSE!

Certified Medical Coder course and exam scheduled for: October 11, 18, 25, November 1, & 8 at the MSD Conference Center in Newark.

# MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

See list of Affinity Partners at http://tinyurl.com/affinitypartners

#### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

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#### **CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE**

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#### **Blood Pressure Medication Recalled**

Macleods Pharmaceuticals Limited is voluntarily recalling one lot of Losartan Potassium/Hydrochlorothiazide combination tablets 100mg/25mg to the consumer level due to the detection of trace amounts of an unexpected impurity (NDEA) found in the finished products manufactured with an active pharmaceutical ingredient made by Hetero Labs Limited. The impurity detected is N-nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) and has been classified as a probable human carcinogen as per the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classification. For more information visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/FDABPM">http://tinyurl.com/FDABPM</a>.

#### Have You Renewed Your MSD Membership for 2019?

The Medical Society of Delaware depends on your membership to make important things happen that affect you and the practice of medicine. In 2018 we successfully passed legislation that increased primary care reimbursement rates, played a major role in limiting overpayment recovery by insurers to two years, and much more. We share important information with our members through our weekly Practice Matters, eNews & Views, and our bimonthly publication the Delaware Medical Journal. For questions about membership contact ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org.

## Get Certified! Medical Office Manager Course

REGISTRATION CLOSING FOR THE NEWARK CLASS! MSD, in partnership with the Practice Management Institute, is offering a Certified Medical Office Manager course on March 6, 7, 13 & 14 at the Medical Society Delaware Conference Center in Newark, and again on September 12, 13, 19, & 20 at Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover. The CMOM curriculum is a complete resource chosen by medical office professionals seeking to expand their skills and excel in a practice leadership role. Whether you are currently running a practice or want to acquire the skills to become a practice leader, the program will explain this role in detailed, easy-to-follow modules. Participants will gain a thorough foundation for managing a successful medical practice. For more information and to register, please visit: <a href="https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2019">https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2019</a>. Test your practice management knowledge by taking a free assessment at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CMOMTest">https://tinyurl.com/CMOMTest</a>.

# **MSD Practice Management Session: Emotional Formation**

Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on **Tuesday, March 12, from 8:00 am – 9:30 am** at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, DE with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. This Practice Management Session will focus on emotional intelligence, emotional formation and the need for both, the components of emotional intelligence and defining each part, a working model for professional and personal relationship development, how to increase leadership ability, improve decision making, increase staff morale, and much more! For more information and to register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/EmotionalFormation.

#### CMS Updates Opioid Prescribing Mapping Tool

The updated Medicare Part D mapping tool now allows users to compare Medicare Part D opioid prescribing rates in urban and rural areas at the state, county and ZIP code levels. In Medicare Part D, opioid prescribing rates at the state level in 2016 range from 2.9% to 7.4% compared to the national average opioid prescribing rate of 5.32% and is slightly higher in rural areas (5.47%) compared to urban areas (5.30%). For more information visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/OPITool">http://tinyurl.com/OPITool</a>.

### **Key Staff Members Return to Lead MedNet**

Medical Network Management Services of Delaware, LLC (MedNet), in conjunction with its partner HealthEC, is pleased to announce former MSD employees Michelle Seymour and Lori Ann Rhoads, CMPE have joined the MedNet leadership team. HealthEC and MedNet are working with the Physician Organizations to secure value-based contracts that will enable members to remain competitive as the industry transitions from fee-for-service to more advanced payment models. For more information visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/MEDNET2019">http://tinyurl.com/MEDNET2019</a>.

# MSD Affinity Partner Highlight – First Healthcare Compliance

First Healthcare Compliance has launched an online, cloud-based compliance program to help private physician practices navigate and manage the growing complexities of national health care rules and regulations. The program includes online training for staff, a 24/7 hotline, and a full support staff. The company's software and services are included as part of a subscription plan, with pricing based on the number of employees in a practice. Visit www.1sthcc.com.