

# PROGRESS REPORT | Nov 11, 2015

#### **Education & Networking Events**

- 1. **PQRS 2015 –Avoid the 4% Penalty**, Webinar, Wed, Nov. 18, 12:15 p.m.
- 2. Physician Resource Center Showcase Thurs, Nov. 19, 5:30 7:30 p.m.
- Chip Cards, Security & Payment Arrangements, presented by Capital Bankcard, Webinar, Wed, Dec. 2, 12:15 p.m.
- 4. **Q&A with Scripps Employee Health Plan, Updates for 2016,** Webinar, Wed, Dec 9, 12:15 p.m.
- 5. **PQRS 2015–Avoid the 4% Penalty,** Webinar, Wed, Dec. 16, 12:15 p.m.

#### RSVP 619-359-6600

#### **<u>Bottom Line Solutions:</u>** We're proud to offer our members bottom-line solutions:

- <u>Viveesa</u> <u>Private Healthcare Advocates</u>, is the newest Physician Resource Center member. Viveesa, collaborating with physicians, assists patients in navigating the complicated healthcare system.
- <u>Lee & Associates</u> Commercial Real Estate for Medical Practices. They help evaluate and negotiate leases at no cost to you as the lessee.
- <u>Capital Bankcard</u> provides EMV-compliant merchant processing, & ability to set up structured patient payment arrangements. Our members are seeing average savings of \$1,000/physician/year.
- Workers' Comp Fee Schedule Calculator By special arrangement with DaisyBill, Partners members
  can access DaisyBill's workers' comp fee schedule calculator at 50% off the monthly toolbox fee.

For more information on *Viveesa, Lee & Associates, Capital BankCard Options*, or any of our other fine Physician Resource Center members, email: <a href="mailto:veronica@partnersdocs.com">veronica@partnersdocs.com</a>

# Physician Resource Center Showcase - Don't Miss Out!

Benefit from our launch into clinical integration, learn about some of the important 2016 healthcare mandates, and maintain your independence.

- Launch of Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups
- Live Demo of Health Gorilla Clinical Connectivity for Scripps Health
- HIPAA & CyberRisk review by Cooperative of American Physicians
- Vendor Fair, with door prizes!
- Delicious appetizers prepared by Chef Michel

Thurs, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m., Scripps Mercy Hospital, West Auditorium

#### **New Business Associate Agreements**

Physician Partners is updating its BAAs. After 13 years, the Business Associate Agreement is being updated to incorporate changes like access to patient data via Health Gorilla - Clinical Connect, secure messaging & referrals, digital lab orders, and other new technology. Please return the new BAA promptly.

# **PORS Participation is Critical this Year**

Non-participation in PQRS this year means a 2% Medicare penalty in 2017, plus a 2% penalty for non-participation in the Value Based Modifier program. Next monthly PQRS webinar –Wed, Nov. 18th!

# ICD-10 - How was the transition?

Our ICD-10 page is a great resource! Go to: <a href="https://www.physicianresourcecenter.com">www.physicianresourcecenter.com</a> for specialty-specific info. CMS is also providing a phone line for physicians to call to get help with ICD-10 transition questions, and to check on claims submission. <a href="https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/topics/icd-10">https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/topics/icd-10</a>

#### **Market Your Practice with a Free Website!**

Give patients access to your patient forms, link to your patient portal, & accept appointment requests!

# <u>Health Gorilla - Clinical Connectivity</u> – Scripps Labs on board!

- Scripps Health announced, effective Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Scripps lab results will be available via Health Gorilla Clinical Connectivity. Members can order tests, view results electronically, and share the information with
  other treating physicians.
- Android app available this month!
- This is a FREE member benefit that can help improve office work flow, and help you achieve MU2! <u>Click here to get started</u>

#### **Payor Updates**

 Aetna has sent a MediCal contract to physicians (called Aetna Better Health). This is not part of our contract with Aetna and reimbursement is not at our contract rates.

#### **Physician Updates**

- Congratulations to Dr. Marc Gehr, who has retired after 26 years of practice in California.
- Dr. Michael Verdolin opened a new practice, Pain Consultants of San Diego, 7051 Alvarado Rd, #101, La Mesa, 91942 Tel: 619-625-1144
- Synovation Medical Group (Dr. Vijay Babu, Dr. Casey Fisher, Dr. Anita Hickey, Dr. Brandon Van Noord) opened a new office at 15525 Pomerado Rd, #E1, Poway, Tel: 619-325-1161

#### **Welcome New Members**

Welcome our new members: Dr. Frederic Martin (*Neurology, San Diego*), Dr. Joshua Matthews (*Orthopaedic Surgery, Tierrasanta*), and Dr. Lisa Underwood (*OBGyn, Tierrasanta*).

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

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