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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.**
3. **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

Bottom Line Solutions: We're proud to offer our members bottom-line solutions:

- **Viveesa – Private Healthcare Advocates**, is the newest Physician Resource Center member. Viveesa, collaborating with physicians, assists patients in navigating the complicated healthcare system.
- **Lee & Associates – Commercial Real Estate for Medical Practices**. They help evaluate and negotiate leases at no cost to you as the lessee.
- **Capital Bankcard** 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: veronica@partnersdocs.com

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.

PQRS 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: www.physicianresourcecenter.com 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. <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/topics/icd-10>

Market Your Practice with a Free Website!

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

Health Gorilla - Clinical Connectivity – Scripps Labs on board!

- *Scripps Health announced, effective Nov. 11th, 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! [Click here to get started](#)

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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