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NEW Stuff

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Brent Driskill** (Otolaryngology, La Mesa), **Dr. Steven Emmet** (Dermatology, San Diego), and **Dr. Linda Woo** (Otolaryngology, Chula Vista).

San Diego Gastroenterology in Hillcrest recently added **Dr. Sajiv Chandradas** to their family of physicians, joining Drs Andrew Cummins, Suja Dubois, Kishore Gaddipati and Sally Stipho, and their 2 PAs.

ACI Data Submission

MIPS is comprised of 4 categories: Quality, Improvement Activities, Cost, & ACI – Advancing Care Information. You need to report at least some ACI information, through attestation, beginning January 2, 2018 (for the 2017 calendar year). Learn how you can submit info and receive credit for ACI. Attend our webinar on Jan. 3.

Quality Payment Program Hardship Exception

CMS is accepting Hardship Applications for those with problems submitting **Advancing Care Information** for MIPS. You can find the request for a Hardship Application at www.gpp.cms.gov/mips/advancing-care-information/hardship-exception or contact Physician Partners. The form is due by Jan. 1, 2018.

MIPS Exemption

For 2017, you are exempt from MIPS reporting if you billed \$30,000 or less in Medicare Part B services, or you saw 100 or fewer Medicare Part B patients, during 1 of 2 reporting periods. You do not need to complete a form to receive the exemption. To find out if you're exempt from reporting, go to <https://gpp.cms.gov/>

Scripps ACO

- Scripps ACO will be holding informational sessions about the new Scripps Community Connect for physicians who are interested in learning more about Epic. Events will be held on January 10 at Scripps Mercy, San Diego, and on January 17 at Scripps Mercy, Chula Vista.
- QualComm's ACO patients begin accessing care on January 1. The ACO sent specific plan information summaries.
- If you are a Scripps ACO participant, you do not need to submit MIPS Quality information this year, but you do need to report **Advancing Care Information**. Scripps has issued an update regarding reporting **ACI**.
- If you have questions about the ACO, or your participation in either ACO program, contact Eydie Strouse (Strouse.Eydie@scrippshealth.org) for practices south of the 52, or Stacy Pevney for practices north of the 52 (Pevney.Stacy@scrippshealth.org).

Scripps AMG

- **Website traffic continues to increase!** In November, over 1,800 phone calls were made to physician members' offices from visitors to the Scripps AMG website. That's a 20% increase over October! We're very excited to provide your practice this valuable member benefit.
- **Spanish Language Website Now Available** Our Spanish language patient site is now Live! MDs who have identified as Spanish-speaking are featured, along with Spanish translations of all info pages.

Senior Wellness Society – A New Way to Reach out to Your Patients

- Exceptional response to Senior Wellness Society Newsletter – over 40% read rate!
For more information, contact beth@partnersdocs.com

Education & Networking Events

- **ACI Data Submission** – by Natalie Nelson, Webinar, Wed, Jan. 3, 12:15 p.m.
Find past webinars and other useful information at physicianresourcecenter.com

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **Paragon Accountants – Tax time is coming!** Paragon is offering 30% off on 2017 tax return preparation to Physician Partners members who are 1st time clients. Contact Emerald: emerald@paragonaccountants.com.

Physician Updates:

- **Synovation Medical Group's** new location in Chula Vista: 340 Fourth Ave., #19, Chula Vista, 91910
Ph: (619) 761-5308.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year!

Physician Partners mission is to - Enhance the viability of private practices; Offer the advantages of a large medical group while respecting the autonomy of individual practices; Provide the cohesiveness and alignment of the medical community; and Support the transition to value-based, clinically integrated care.