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Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Ankush Bansal** (Pain Medicine, Carlsbad), **Dr. William Burrows** (Dermatology, Encinitas), **Dr. Rebecca Cherry** (Pediatric Gastroenterology, La Jolla), **Dr. Farah Dawood** (Cardiology, Chula Vista), **Dr. John Hernreid** (Hospitalist, Encinitas), **Dr. Tuan Mai** (Cardiac Electrophysiology, Hillcrest), **Dr. George Mendenhall** (Cardiac Electrophysiology, La Jolla), **Dr. Keshav Nayak** (Cardiology, Hillcrest), **Dr. Sonia Ponce** (Cardiology, Chula Vista), **Dr. Gregory Ranches** (Pulmonology, Hillcrest), **Dr. Sanjum Samagh** (Orthopaedic Surgery, Encinitas), **Dr. Albert Sharf** (Cardiology, National City), **Dr. Sean Skelton** (Otolaryngology, La Mesa), **Dr. Richard Tran** (Hospitalist, Encinitas), **Dr. Sheri Tran** (Pulmonology, Encinitas), **Dr. Christopher Yi** (Vascular Surgery, Escondido) and **Dr. Alexander Zabaneh** (Ophthalmology, National City).

Congratulations to Scripps Health for being named the #1 health system in San Diego!

EPIC

Physician Partners is assisting Scripps Health in reaching out to independent physicians for the EPIC rollout at Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego and Chula Vista. Physicians need to sign up for and attend training, or they will be unable to see patients at the Mercy hospitals. If you have questions, please contact Beth Reed: beth@partnersdocs.com

CURES

Effective 10/2/18, physicians must consult the CURES database before prescribing controlled substances to a patient for the first time, and at least once every 4 months thereafter. For more info, call (916) 210-3187 or go to CURES@doj.ca.gov

New Medicare ID Cards

As you've probably seen by now, Medicare is in the process of replacing all beneficiary ID cards. Medicare beneficiaries have been instructed to destroy their old card and start using the new card as soon as they receive it. The new cards will be issued between now and April, 2019.

Physician Bulletin Board

Unique space in Mission Valley, 1300 sf office space in med/surg building, single story, free parking, easy freeway access. Includes reception area, waiting room, treatment room, office, bathroom, etc. *Contact Physician Partners for more info on this opportunity, or to place an ad.*

Scripps ACO

Please make sure to send any practice changes to the Scripps ACO, at ScrippsACO@scrippshealth.org 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 Affiliated Medical Groups

ScrippsAMG.com continues to improve your ranking on Google search, placing physician and practice profiles solidly on page 1! Our Spanish-language site had an increase of 600% overall, with more than 1000% in the SD Metro area. Our marketing efforts on your behalf continue to gain value!

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

Merritt Hawkins – is the leading physician search and consulting firm in the US, and they help with nurse practitioner and physician assistant recruiting, too.

For more information on how to take advantage of Physician Partners member benefits, call 619-359-6600 or email: contact@partnersdocs.com

Physician Updates:

- Dr. James McClurg (Orthopaedic Surgery) has relocated to 5830 Oberlin Dr., #102, San Diego 92121: Ph: (619) 297-9500

Make sure to let us know if you have a change of address, phone, etc. We will notify the payers for you. contact@partnersdocs.com

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.