

# OCMS

Oakland County Medical Society

Empowering Physicians. Advancing Medicine.

# E-Bulletin

OCTOBER 2009

## OCMS Calendar of Events

### October 14th

OCMS Board Meeting  
The Community House  
Birmingham  
5:30p.m. Dinner  
6:00p.m. Meeting

### October 26th

OCMS Legislative  
Committee Meeting  
The Community House  
Birmingham  
8:00-9:00a.m.

## Congratulations to the new OCMS Executive Board

### President

Donald Peven, MD

### President-Elect

Sherwin Imlay, MD

### Immediate

### Past President

Michael Genord, MD

### Treasurer

Barry Auster, MD

### Secretary

Joann Smith, MD

## Welcome to our new OCMS Board Members

Anil Kumar, MD  
Robert Phillips, MD  
Gary Sarafa, MD

## The OCMS Legal Series Presents “Protecting and Enhancing Your Bottom Line”

The Community House, Birmingham

Tuesday, December 1st

5:30-7:30p.m.

Don't miss this introspective look at how  
physicians can protect and improve their financial  
health in today's competitive economy.

Moderated by:

**Robert S. Iwrey, Esq.**

*The Health Law Partners, P.C.*

Featured Speakers:

**Jessica L. Gustafson, Esq.**

*The Health Law Partners, P.C.*

**Adrienne D. Dresevic, Esq.**

*The Health Law Partners, P.C.*

**Henry Lee, Esq.**

*Howard & Howard, P.C.*



This seminar is co-sponsored with the  
Oakland County Bar  
Association.

This seminar is complimentary to all OCMS members.

To register or for more information please contact the OCMS office at  
248-773-4000 or Cindy Dady, Assistant Director, [cdady@msms.org](mailto:cdady@msms.org).

## OCMS Legislation Update

On September 30, the state legislature approved a continuation budget for one month, but no action was taken by the legislature with respect to the physician tax. This was a direct combined result of extensive work by medical society staff and numerous personal contacts by physicians in Michigan.

Much now depends on whether or not the governor signs the Michigan Department Community Health (MDCH) budget, which passed the House and Senate with an 8% cut in Medicaid reimbursements to physicians and other health care providers.

With the continuation budget in place, legislators now have until November 1 to finish the FY 2010 budgets. During this time, it remains important for physicians to contact their state representatives and tell them not to balance the budget with a physician tax. To find your legislators' contact information or to view samples of legislative letters on this issue, visit the OCMS web site or contact OCMS to assist you at 248-773-4000.

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## **CME Calendar**

**October 6, 2009**

**Hotel Baronette, Novi**

Health Insurance 101

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative

ICD-10 Coding Preview

It's About Time: Office Efficiency

RAC Audit

**October 9 & 10, 2009**

**Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City**

Conference on Bioethics

**October 21, 2009**

**Somerset Inn, Troy**

Billing for Primary Care

Billing for Physician Extenders

Symposium on Retirement Planning

**October 22, 2009**

**Somerset Inn, Troy**

It's About Time: Office Efficiency

Documentation for Doctors: E&M Coding

The Master Series: Defining the Next

Decade of Health Care

Audit Your Practice

Successful Strategies for Patient

Satisfaction

**October 23, 2009**

**Somerset Inn, Troy**

Preparing for the OIG: Are You Compliant?

Orthopedic Billing and Coding

Stark Laws

Surgical Modifiers and More

For more information on the CME programs listed above visit [www.msms.org/eo](http://www.msms.org/eo) or call (517) 336-7581.

## **We Have a New Look!**

OCMS has changed its look, to better state who we are and what we do. In two weeks we will be launching our first ever Membership Microsite. This will work as an enhancement to our current web site, to illustrate at a glance why each and every physician should be a member. It will include fast information on what we offer and how to join.

We'd love to hear why you are a member of OCMS and MSMS. Share your thoughts with us! E-mail Donna LaGosh at [dlagosh@msms.org](mailto:dlagosh@msms.org), or call OCMS at 248-773-4000.

## **H1N1 Updates**

Keeping You Informed

### **H1N1 Vaccine Administration Coding and Payment**

To enable a successful H1N1 immunization campaign, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have developed two new H1N1 codes for the Medicare program:

G9141—Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes physician counseling)

G9142—Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration

They have also indicated that the H1N1 vaccine will be provided free of charge to immunizers. For H1N1 vaccine administration, Medicare will pay the same rate as it does for administering seasonal flu vaccine, about \$21. In addition, for both seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccine administration, Medicare will pay 100% and patients will not be charged any co-pays or deductibles.

For more information on H1N1 coding and payment go to [www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1).

### **OCMS Web Site H1N1 Updates**

OCMS will be providing you with the most up-to-date information on H1N1 on our web site's CDC page. We receive this information from several different resources including Flu.gov, the Center for Disease Control, the AMA, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Oakland County Health Division.

