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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Medical Legal Committee Meeting - Thursday, December 7th
Board of Directors Meeting - Tuesday, January 9th
Practice Managers Meeting - Tuesday, January 23rd
Delegation Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 31st

For a complete list of times and locations for OCMS meetings, [click here](#).

LEGISLATIVE

Senate Bills 166, 167 – Controlled Substances Mandate

Lawmakers are considering new legislation in the state Senate – Senate Bills 166 and 167 – that adversely affects the ability of Michigan physicians to deliver quality care to patients by placing another needless bureaucratic hurdle between the two.

Senate Bill 166 would require physicians to run a Michigan Automated Prescription Systems (MAPS) report on all new patients when prescribing schedule II-V drugs, and Senate Bill 167 would implement punitive punishments for those failing to do so, including mandatory classes and sanctions under certain circumstances. [Click here for more information](#).

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Lt. Gov. Calley activates State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate response to Hepatitis A outbreak

[Click here to read this story](#).

Vaccination rates hold steady after ACIP Change

Medical professionals worried that vaccination rates would plummet after the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices dropped its recommendation promoting the use of live attenuated influenza vaccines before the start of the 2016-2017 influenza season. However, new research shows vaccination rates remained relatively stable. [Click here to continue reading](#).

LEGAL

Managing Difficult Patient Relationships

A patient responds to a postoperative complication with angry outbursts. Another is unable to pay his bill. A third refuses to comply with your recommendations so many times that terminating the relationship seems like your only option.

In these situations, what is your best course of action? How can you preserve a constructive physician-patient relationship when patients behave in challenging or unreasonable ways? When should you terminate the relationship, and how can you do it without exposing yourself to malpractice risk? [This report](#) addresses these questions and provides recommendations for how to handle these problematic patient scenarios.



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PRACTICE RESOURCES

Five best practices to meet MACRA Requirements by the end of the year

As the end of the third quarter of 2017 approaches, practices that have not yet developed their Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) plan face great urgency to complete their plan -- and those who have started may be feeling overwhelmed. Regardless of the reporting stage, [these steps can help guide practices to succeed.](#)

MSMS Practice Solutions

The Michigan State Medical Society saves physician members time and money through a variety of discount programs. From medical malpractice to compliance issues, MSMS Practice Solutions finds ways to decrease your expenses while continuing to practice medicine. [Click here to see the list.](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Transgender Patients: Providing Compassionate, Affirmative and Evidenced-Based Care - Wednesday, November 8th

[Click here to view the flier.](#)

MSMS 21st Annual Conference on BioEthics - Saturday, November 11th

This conference will discuss situations in which medicine or physicians may do more harm than good. This may occur when incidental findings are uncovered, indolent diseases are treated aggressively, and treatments cause morbidity and mortality. A broad range of topics will be discussed including preventive medicine, the search for miracles, end of life care and genetic testing.

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