

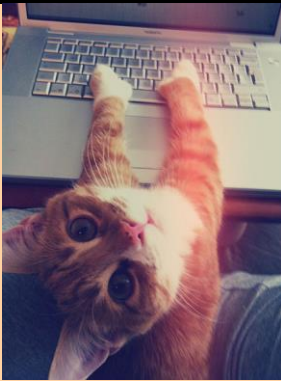
NEWS & NOTES  
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No kitten, this is serious.



### Dr. Sneed's Blog

Dr. Peter Sneed, current Northern Michigan HealthCare Network (NMHN) President, has a **new** blog posting regarding the changing world of healthcare. This blog is available on the home page of the NPO website at <http://www.npoinc.org/2015/03/dr-sneeds-blog-2/>. Please take a minute to read the blog and please ask your physicians to do so too. There is a spot for comments so please feel free to share your thoughts, including what you would like to see covered in future blogs!



## HOW THE NPO PHARMACIST CAN ASSIST YOUR PRACTICE

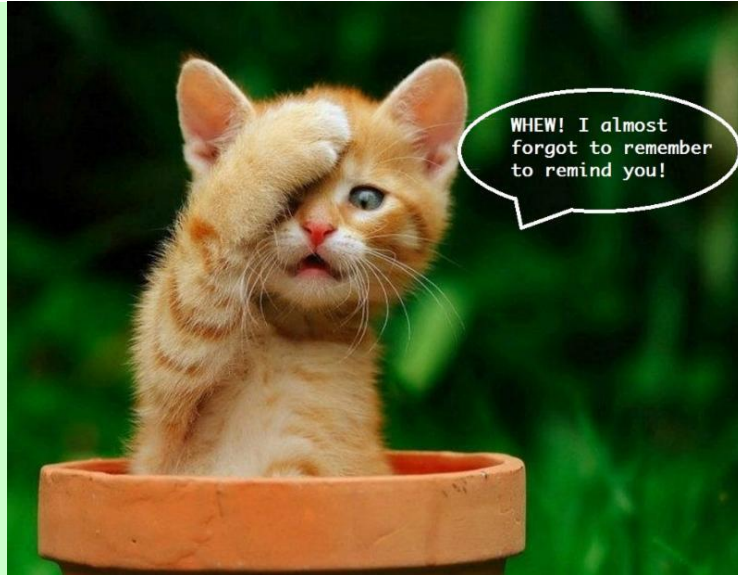
NPO Pharmacist Kathleen Brown provides Medication Therapy Management for local physician's offices. Recently, she was requested to assist a reluctant patient with a complex drug profile. This collaborative setup yielded beneficial outcomes for both the patient and prescriber. May

Kathleen help you complete interventions like the following for your patients?

Identified and resolved for the patient and prescriber:

- Patient reports breathing difficulties. Once-daily administration of a scheduled inhaler prescribed to be taken twice daily is addressed. Similar problem for anti-cholinergic inhaler: reports using only one inhalation instead of two. (Pharmacist went over disease state information, the correct dosing, and explained why proper use of these medications is so important).
- Patient fails to use short-acting inhaler as needed. (Pharmacist encouraged patient to carry inhaler with her and begin use as needed).
- The patient did not demonstrate proper administration technique for all of these inhalers. (Patient was educated and demonstrated corrected technique back. Physician was consulted concerning use of a spacer).
- Provider did not have device supply order forms from the Asthma Coalition. (Pharmacist provided and a valved holding chamber (spacer) given to patient).
- Patient says prescribed bisphosphonate hasn't been taken in "awhile," and reports incorrect (noon) administration. (Patient education about the drug and disease state provided. Pharmacist reiterated the medication needs to be taken first thing in the morning with no food or drink for 30 minutes and physician ordered a new prescription. Motivational interviewing used to prompt adherence).
- (Pharmacist provided follow-up calls to the patient, verifying proper administration technique for inhalers and addressed adherence on all medications. Pharmacist provided information from follow-up calls to the physician).

As an NPO member, Kathleen is available to you as a resource for dosing, drug interaction information, prescription law and so much more. Medication Therapy Management can help improve the health and outcomes of your patients and practices, and is covered for patients with your referral. Give Kathleen a call 231-935-9194 to start collaborating.



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**Ya gotta play to win!**

**The current Trivia Question is relative to Dr. Paquette's performance in the film "Population Management Using a Registry", which is the *first 17 minutes* of the trilogy.**

**[Click here to watch](#)**

**After watching Dr. Paquette's role in the film, please send your answer to this question:**

*"How does Dr. Paquette use the data from The Registry?"*

to Bryanna at [bpataky@npoinc.org](mailto:bpataky@npoinc.org) before April 7th

You already know that all correct answers received before the deadline will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 downtown gift certificate for either Traverse City, Manistee, or Petoskey! Why WOULDN'T you play?



## Member Connections

### EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Closure of Sleep Specialists office has left the following available:

Veterinary Scale . 400lbs flat	\$175.00
Adult BP Cuff	\$ 10.00
File Cabinets - 72" x 35" 7 beige, 2 black	\$ 20.00 each
72" x 46" 1 beige	\$ 25.00
Exam Gloves Medium - 7-7.5 6 boxes of 200	\$ 40.00
ThinkCentre computer processor w/keyboard & monitor	\$180.00

If interested, please email [moenrabish@gmail.com](mailto:moenrabish@gmail.com)

**Medical Assistant needed:** Small, friendly, growing Family Medicine office looking for Medical Assistant. Must be good with computers and willing to help in all areas of the practice. Starting at 20-24 hrs/wk, developing to 35-40 later in the year. If you enjoy interacting with patients, are creative in getting around obstacles, love working with coworkers on; increasing quality and efficiency of care and patient satisfaction, then Send resume to YourHealth Family Medicine 6176 US Hwy 31S, Grawn, MI 49637.

For more information email: [yourhealth@yourhealthmed.com](mailto:yourhealth@yourhealthmed.com)

**The Walk-In Clinic** is currently seeking an energetic and enthusiastic part-time Physician Assistant. Must have exceptional bedside manner and clinical skills. Qualified candidates will have 1-3 years experience as a PA with demonstration of quality care in an urgent care and/or family practice. Experience using an EHR (eClinicalworks preferred) and MS office expected. Formal Physician Assistant training from an accredited program with NCCPA certification. Please send letter of interest and CV to [resumesfortwicorpih@gmail.com](mailto:resumesfortwicorpih@gmail.com).

**Mid-level provider (PA or NP) wanted for small Family Practice office.** Part-time, 24 hours/week. 2 days/week of patient care including acute visits and Medicare Annual Wellness visits plus 1 day/week Pay for Performance Program and Patient Centered Medical Home Initiatives. eClinical Works EMR experience preferred but will train the right person. Our patients appreciate quality care provided in a small office. Benefits include paid vacation, holidays and CME allowance as well as 401K IRA. Please see our website for practice information [cherrybendfamilycare.com](http://cherrybendfamilycare.com). Email letter of interest and resume to [madiganl@msu.edu](mailto:madiganl@msu.edu) or fax to 231.929.7934.

**PART TIME MEDICAL ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITY** Northern Pines Health Center, P.C. is currently seeking a part-time Medical Office Assistant. Familiarity with medical terminology preferred. Excellent computer skills are a must. Qualified candidates will possess strong organizational and communication skills.

Qualified applicants should email their resume to:

[keishasexton@northernpineshealthcenter.com](mailto:keishasexton@northernpineshealthcenter.com)

(Visit Our Website: [www.northernpineshealthcenter.com](http://www.northernpineshealthcenter.com))

**Northern Vision Eye Care** is seeking an experienced medical biller to work up to 32 hours a week (Monday through Thursday) to assist our part time medical biller. Candidate must possess current medical billing knowledge, and an extensive working knowledge of insurance companies. Duties will include medical and optical coding, billing, posting, and working insurance rejections. Must possess good customer service skills to deal with patient insurance and billing questions.

\* We are also seeking a full time ophthalmic technician. Prior experience preferred, but will train the right person. Strong science/medical background a plus.

All cover letters and resumes may be faxed, emailed or mailed to:

Office Manager  
Northern Vision Eye Care  
4033 Eastern Sky Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Fax: 231-932-9156  
Email: [kerri@nvec.biz](mailto:kerri@nvec.biz)

**Medical Assistant Back with some Front Office Duties as well.**

**Northshore Rehab PLLC**

PART TIME (2-4 days per week) medical office position available for an individual who is able to multi-task between the front office clerical duties as well as back office clinical duties.

Responsibilities to include the following: rooming patients, taking vitals, entering pertinent patient medical history/medications into the EMR. Check patients in/out, scanning documents into the EMR, answering the phones, making appointments. This position requires knowledge of the medical office and medical terminology. Previous medical office experience a plus.

Please send resume to [jobapplicant901@gmail.com](mailto:jobapplicant901@gmail.com) or fax to 231-947-5094

**Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology -**

Position available for a Medical Assistant:

Medical Assistant/Nurse

30-40 hours per week, full time benefits, working with a physician in 5 physician OB/GYN practice.

Please submit resume' and cover letter to:

Julie Hopkins, Practice Manager  
Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology, P.C.  
560 West Mitchell St., Suite 210  
Petoskey, MI. 49770  
Office Phone: 231-487-2340  
Fax: 231-487-2115  
Email: [jhopkins@bayviewob.com](mailto:jhopkins@bayviewob.com)

**Internal Medicine of Northern Michigan** is looking for full and part time MAs to join our clinical team! CMA, RMA or LPN required, EMR experience preferred.

Also seeking part time Medical Technologist. Requires ASCP or equivalent certification, completion of an accredited MT/MLT program and 1-3 years clinical laboratory experience. Must have excellent communication, problem solving and phlebotomy skills. Professional environment, competitive salary, M-F, no weekends or holidays.

Inquiries can be sent to [rfarrell@imnm.net](mailto:rfarrell@imnm.net).

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY** - Family Physician Office expanding medical team. [Click here for info.](#)

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"I don't like these curiosity levels one bit."



## INTERESTING BUT PROBABLY USELESS FELINE FACTS

Cats are the most popular pet in the United States: There are 88 million pet cats and 74 million dogs.

One legend claims that cats were created when a lion on Noah's Ark sneezed and two kittens came out.

A group of cats is called a clowder.

Cats and humans have nearly identical sections of the brain that control emotion.

Cats have 1,000 times more data storage than an iPad.

A cat can jump up to six times its length.

Cats use their whiskers to detect if they can fit through a space.

Cats have free-floating clavicle bones that attach their shoulders to their forelimbs, which allows them to squeeze through very small spaces.

A cat's carbon footprint is similar to that of a VW Bug, whereas a dog's is more like a Hummer.

A cat has been mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, for 15 years. His name is Stubbs.

***"Oh no! I overslept! I'm late! For my nap." - Garfield***

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