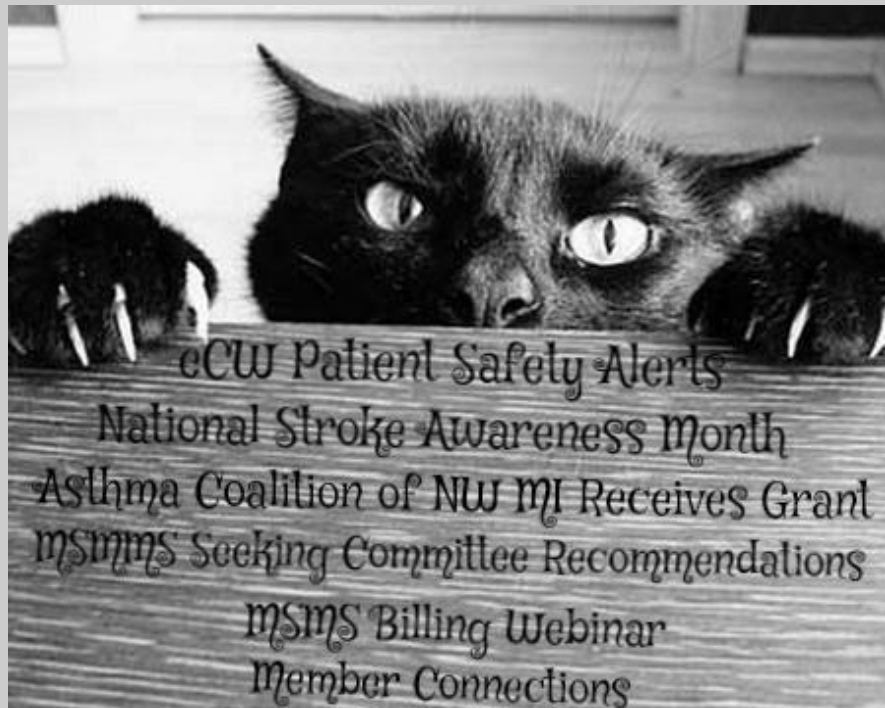


NEWS & NOTES FROM NPO



May 13, 2016 (*Friday the 13th - still Friday, so don't worry, be happy!*)



eCW PATIENT SAFETY ALERTS

Ed Worthington (NPO's Coolest IT Guy Ever) wants to share some important documentation on patient safety issues the eCW posted to their support portal.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) for information on Communication - Coping Templates

[Click Here](#) for information on Medication Entry

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month - Resources Available

Stroke kills almost 130,00 of the 800,00 Americans who die of cardiovascular disease each year - that's 1 out of every 19 deaths from all causes.

More than **795,000** people have a stroke each year in the US. Of those:

- 610,000 of those are first or new strokes.
- 185,000 or nearly 1 of 4 are recurrent strokes.
- About **25%** die at the time of the stroke event or soon after.
- **15%-30%** remain **permanently disabled** & their families live with the disabling effects of stroke.
- Total annual stroke costs to the nation are about **\$38.6 billion**.
- Transport of stroke patients to the hospital results in faster treatment, yet one-third of stroke patients do not call 911 and use EMS to get to the hospital.
- Gaps remain in the quality of care provided to acute stroke patients.

These resources are available to help raise awareness about stroke prevention among your patients -

- **Act F.A.S.T**(Face drooping, **A**rm weakness, **S**peech difficulty, **T**ime to call 911) if someone is having a stroke. [Click Here](#)
- **Understanding Stroke Risk in Women** infographics (English & Spanish) [Click Here](#)
- **Dr. Michael Frankel's Coverdell Story: Understanding Better Care for Stroke Patients** (YouTube video) [Click Here](#)
- "Stroke & You" fact sheet series [Click Here](#)
- **Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Program**

Asthma Coalition of NW MI Receives Grant to Provide Supplies

The Asthma Coalition of Northwest Michigan has received a grant from the Munson Healthcare Foundations to provide supplies to patients with asthma who cannot afford them.

The funds provided by the Munson Healthcare Foundations will help supply low income asthmatic patients with holding chambers with masks, peak flowmeters, and educational materials.

If physicians/providers would like to receive asthma supplies for your low income patients, please contact Karen Kain, Ph.D, RRT-NPS; Munson Medical Center Respiratory Care, at **231-935-6736** or kkain1@mhc.net

MSMS Seeking Recommendations for Committee Members

The Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors is seeking your suggestions for adding new members to the current 12 MSMS committees. Committee service provides leadership opportunities and a chance to share expertise essential to the functioning of MSMS.

For a list of the committees and their functions, and information on how to submit your recommendations,

[CLICK HERE](#)

MSMS BILLING WEBINAR

May 19, 2016

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

MSMS Headquarters, East Lansing

\$200 MSMS Members

\$250 Non-Members

This session for physicians, billers, coders, office managers and billing managers will address Modifiers, RVUs, Explanation of Benefits, Medicare Manual, NCCI Edits, Payer Websites, Non-Physician Practitioners, Date of Service for Interpretations, OIG Work Plan and MSMS Medical Records Guide.

Call Marianne BenHamza at (517) 336-7581 to sign up, and you will receive webinar login information by 5/17/16.



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May all your irrational
superstitions
haunt you today.

