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This week, on May 3rd, we had our inaugural Physician Engagement meeting. If you were not able to attend, these will be quarterly meetings for the physicians of NPO to gather, learn, build relationships and develop solutions to the changes in health care. We are fortunate in northern Michigan to have a physician community more engaged with each other than is seen in many parts of our country. Dr. Jessica Slocum gave a great review of the current state of end stage renal disease and all its complexities. We had a great mix of both Primary Care and Specialty physicians as well as a range of physicians just beginning their careers and those who are nearing retirement. It is quite clear that the successful health care solutions focused on the patient will come from such a group as we had last night. We need the wisdom of the physician who has been in practice for 30 years and we need to hear what matters to the physicians just embarking on their careers. Likewise, all of our patients need to have a Primary Care Doctor but on occasion they will also need to be cared for by

Upcoming Education Opportunities



The ADRCNM is northwest Michigan's trusted resource for information about supports and services for older adults and disabled persons.

They are holding 2 upcoming Education Events -

Working with Persons Who Have Disabilities on June 10th

and

a specialist in a variety of disciplines. All these groups need to communicate well to ensure that the patient is optimizing their health.

NPO's vision of the future and the organization's willingness to invest in Information Technology enables us to communicate as well if not better than most communities around the country. Our EHx Hub and the use of ADT data for population health is cutting edge and innovative technology. This IT focus continues to be something that we are improving and expanding.

Dr. Nathan March gave a wonderful overview and discussion on the importance of Physician Partnering. We have always been dependent on each other but in the new world of health care and population health management we are even more dependent for the successes of patient care, outcomes, and payments for care. These partnerships also extend to hospitals, SNF's, pharmacies, physical therapy, DME, care management, purchasers, CMH and the myriad of state and local agencies involved in health care.

As a large physicians organization we are able to assist solo independent practitioners with resources enabling them to maintain their independence and freedom. Tools like CybrCare, the new Curbside Consult, enables patients to often receive treatment without having long distance travel to specialist's offices and it allows the specialist to be compensated for work previously done as gratis. Behavioral health solutions are being worked on by our entire community of caregivers.

We are looking forward to the future with contracts designed to reward partnerships, removing administrative burdens by eliminating things such as prior authorization for medications, referrals, and radiology. We are committed to wellness and community health as our emphasis more than our current disease management. We realize the importance of identifying and supporting Social Determinants of Health. Patients may not get their expensive needed medication if they don't have the resources to buy food or put gas in their car. Watch your inbox for news of our next gathering in about 3 months.

Happy Spring. Go find a morel but don't share your spot!



Peter Sneed MD
President NMHN, NPO Board Member

eClinicalworks Patient Engagement Open House

NPO's Coolest IT Guy Ever, Ed Worthington, would like to let you know that on **May 12th, 2016 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm** the Munson Ambulatory Applications team and eCW are having a Patient Engagement Open House in **Dining Room 4 at Munson Hospital**. Nimisha Parekh, and eClinicalworks Patient Engagement Specialist, will be there to demonstrate the eClinicalworks Kiosk as well as discuss and answer any questions to Voice Messenger, Campaigns (used to manage population health), and/or the Patient Portal. **All providers, managers, and office staff are welcome!**

From the May 2016 BCBSM Record:

Motivational Interviewing Training on June 17th

For complete information and registration [CLICK HERE](#)

FREE Evidenced-Based Prostate Cancer Survivorship Care Online CME Course for PCP's

A newly developed, evidence-based Prostate Cancer Survivorship Care Online CME Course is available for primary care providers, including primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, residents and medical students.

This online interactive, evidence-based CME course has been developed by a team of experts in instructional technology, online course development, primary care delivery and prostate cancer survivorship care from both College of Education and School of Medicine at Wayne State University. This project is funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation.

The PI of this project is Jinping Xu, MD, MS, Associate Professor at Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences. The goal of this online interactive CME course for primary care providers is to deliver the evidence-based practice guidelines aimed at improving prostate cancer survivorship care.

The CME is **free** and participants receive **1.50 CME credits**.

Those participating in the study will receive a follow-up electronic questionnaire three months after completing the CME, and a \$20 gift certificate to thank them for their time.

[Click HERE for the link to the course](#)

**CMS ANNUAL TRAINING
on COMPLIANCE, FRAUD,
WASTE & ABUSE**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requires that health care providers who provide services for patients with Medicare must complete annual compliance, fraud, waste and abuse training. **To fulfill the requirements for compliance training and generate a certificate of completion**

[CLICK HERE](#)

For more information, please contact program staff at pcsc@wayne.edu.

**PAHCOM
Seminar & Vendor Fair**

The Traverse City Chapter of PAHCOM is hosting their 4th annual seminar and vendor fair at the Hagerty Center on May 20th. This promises to be yet another fantastic event! We are offering our early-bird registration special through the end of this week. You will not find a better program at a more reasonable price! See the attached agenda and registration form.

Our keynote speaker, Tracy Spears is a nationally recognized speaker on leadership and the co-author of the best-seller "What Exceptional Leaders Know". Tracy is an engaging, dynamic speaker who is well versed in health care and leadership. I promise you will not be disappointed!

Please share this information with coworkers and colleagues or anyone that you feel would benefit or enjoy this event. We hope to see you there!

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Please email me directly if you have any questions.

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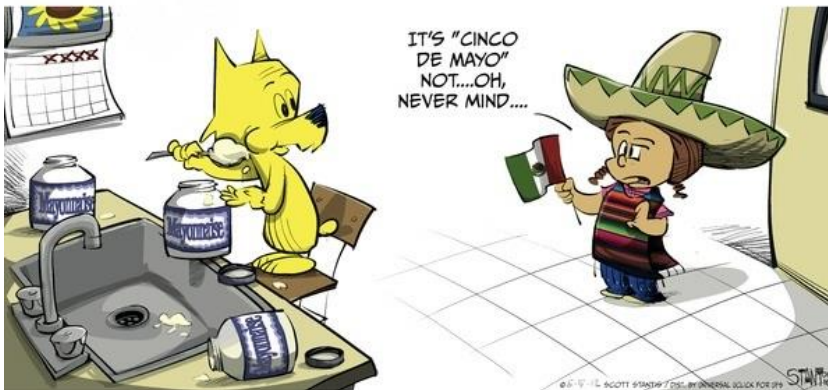
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