



DR. SNEED's BLOG

Health Care in the United States has been, and continues to be, front and center as a topic of discussion and debate. This topic is dissected at the kitchen table of our homes as well as the halls of congress both in Lansing and Washington, DC.

As you may have heard me say, "health care has two important ingredients that without these ingredients, health care does not happen..... a doctor and a patient." We need great hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, physical therapists, home health care nurses, nursing homes, etc. but without a doctor and a patient, we do not have health care.

It is my belief that active engagement of all stakeholders gives us the best opportunity to change our current culture of health. We have long been a country where we wait until someone gets sick before treating the malady. Imagine what our world would look like if we were all constantly "chasing health" so that we prevented many of the illnesses that befall us.

Currently the United States spends a tremendous amount of money for the results that are achieved. This is why we still rank last among 11 industrialized countries when looking at access to care, cost of care, efficiency of getting that care, and the quality of care.

Donald Berwick, in 2008 spoke of the Triple Aim, improved patient experience, improved outcomes, and decreased cost. When we reach a point where all stakeholders are "chasing health", I believe we will concurrently be achieving the Triple Aim.

Recently, I was asked by a prominent community member, "where are the doctors in our battle with obesity?" Thus began a program in which physicians will be actively involved with this issue...not just in the doctors office where patients expect to hear about their weight. Imagine the impact if physicians walked at the Civic Center with patients every Friday evening. Discussions in the walk are centered around health and how we move forward as communities.

More to come in Chasing Health as we collectively make changes to how we live our lives and become a beacon for others to model.

"A Patient Heard the Message & Didn't Want Any More Opioids" - A Choosing Wisely Physician Story

This is one in a series of physician stories collected by Consumer Reports to share how conversations about Choosing Wisely are making a difference in patient care.

Mark Baker, MD - Emergency Medicine Physician, Hawaii

"We had a woman who was coming into our emergency department pretty frequently with abdominal pain. I have no doubt that she truly did have abdominal pain - she was in overall poor healthy, had renal failure, and diabetes - but there was no clear explanation for the cause of her pain."

[CLICK HERE FOR THE REST OF THE STORY...](#)

FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT - eCW Documenting Cervical & Breast Cancer

Screening Exclusions: *If you are a CPC+ practice on eClinicalWorks, please [click here](#) to view a document describing how to document Cervical Cancer Screening and Breast Cancer Screening Exclusions once for CPC+ and NPO's dashboard.*

PLEASE complete MSMS survey regarding the Pre-Authorization burden

Through the voices of its members, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) believes that prior authorization is overused and that existing processes are too difficult. Due to its widespread usage and the significant administrative and clinical concerns it can present, the MSMS believes that prior authorization is a hassle that needs to be addressed through a multifaceted approach to reduce burdens on physicians and patients. To confirm this position, MSMS asks you to answer a few questions related to your experience with prior authorization.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



TELEMEDICINE LEGAL ALERT HAS BEEN UPDATED Telemedicine in Michigan: What Physicians Need to Know

[Click Here for MSMS Legal Alert](#)

MSMS HUMAN TRAFFICKING WEBINAR

This On Demand Webinar fulfills the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking requirements.

*This is an AMA PRA Category 1 credit, and NP's will receive the same CME certificate as physicians, which can be used towards their education credits.

For more information, or to register, [click here](#) , or call or email Marianne Ben-Hamza, at (517) 336-7581 / mbsms.org.

NOTICE:

Please make note that the eEHX/CCMR Webinar Series held at noon every Wednesday HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

HELPFUL RESOURCES **&** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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"Let's Talk Turkey" MMC ACP Campaign - Want to host a session?

Time to start planning!!

What if you are asked to make medical decisions for your loved one? Do you know what they want?

Each one of us will face the death of a loved one at least once in our life time. Munson Medical Center's Advance Care Planning department has started planning for the "Let's Talk Turkey" fall campaign and is hoping you would like to host an event!

During this campaign, several FREE Advance Care Planning Workshops are held throughout the community aimed at helping to understand the importance of talking about medical wishes and putting them in writing in an advance medical directive. These sessions are two hours long and we will help participants...

- Consider future health care decisions and treatment preferences
- Learn how to effectively communicate healthcare choices by describing what is important and what personal values that influence decision making
- Avoid using vague terms such as "quality of life", "being a vegetable", or "pulling the plug".
- Recognize and understand the importance of choosing who would be a good person to communicate your wishes if you cannot communicate them
- Understand CODE STATUS and out of hospital DNR orders (MI-POST)
- Page by page walk through of Munson Healthcare's Advance Medical Directive and Treatment Preferences booklet

The time is now to start planning, before it's too late....

If you would be interested in hosting an event please contact Stephanie Van Slyke (info below) and she can get you on the schedule.

Happy Conversations-

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NPO is committed to providing great resources to our members!

