

# NEWS & NOTES FROM NPO

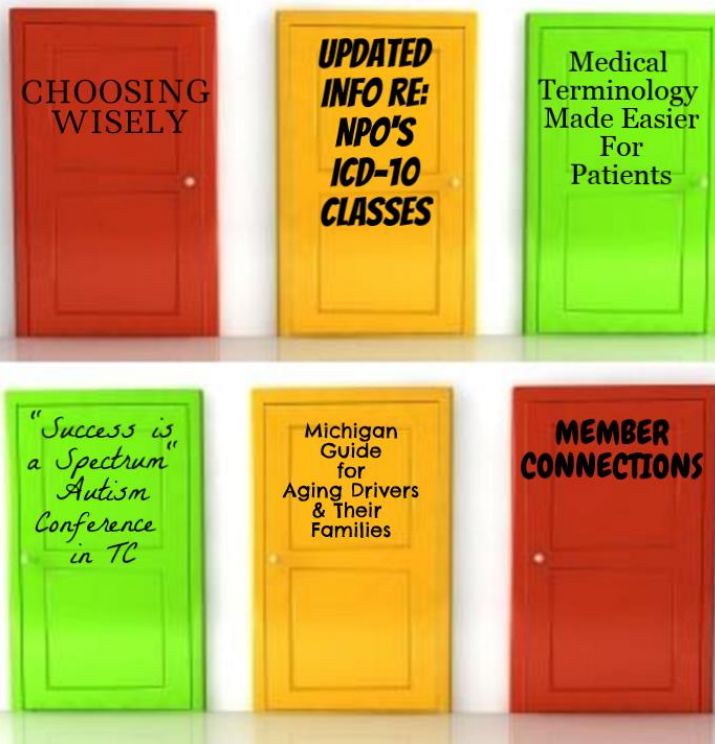


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## Decisions, Decisions...



Choices, choices, choices...

*"Success is a Spectrum"  
Autism Conference in Traverse City*

Autism Alliance of Michigan will be in Traverse City on August 27th from 9am to 3pm to host the



**CHOOSING WISELY** has certainly made some good choices with their *newly updated website!* One exciting new feature is that they have provided mobile and tablet-friendly versions! **AND**, if you check the Lists tab, it is much easier to find the recommendation that you want!

[\*\*CHECK IT OUT HERE!\*\*](#)

**Updated info re: NPO's ICD-10 Classes:**

We are still able to accept a few more attendees for the September ICD-10 Training Classes, but they are going fast!

The 9/14 sessions in Petoskey (1pm - 4pm for billers & office staff, and 5pm - 8pm for providers ONLY) will be at the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation Building.

The 9/23 & 9/24 sessions in Traverse City (times are the same as in Petoskey) will be at the NPO Offices.

Please contact Bryanna - [bpataky@npoinc.org](mailto:bpataky@npoinc.org) if you have any questions or would like to register.

"Success is a Spectrum" Autism Conference for care givers and service providers. Practical tools, strategies, and resources that can be used immediately to help improve the lives of those affected by autism will be shared. For schedule & registration, [CLICK HERE.](#)



**MICHIGAN'S GUIDE for AGING DRIVERS and THEIR FAMILIES**

For an excellent resource regarding aging drivers, mobility/independence, and safety, [click here.](#)



For job postings, office space, equipment for sale, etc, please [CLICK HERE](#)

**QUICK LINKS**

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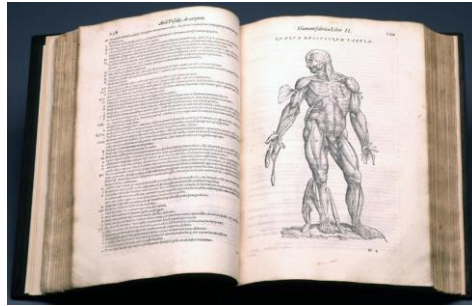
[NPO Calendar](#)

**Medical Terminology Made Easier for Patients Thanks to a Web-Based Tool**

A patient's misunderstanding of health information is often

a result of the patient having low health literacy skills. Many times as health professionals we find ourselves using technical terms which are familiar to us, without recognizing these technical terms are confusing and unfamiliar for patients. The University of Michigan, along with the University of Illinois at Chicago created a Plain Language Medical Dictionary Google application utilizing a grant from the National Library of Medicine. The web-based tool was built using the Center for Disease Control's *Plain Language Thesaurus for Health Communications*. Users are able to browse through a list of high-level medical terms and find the plain language equivalent terms. The web-based tool can be found by

[Clicking here](#)



Alas, Dog rarely Chooses Wisely...



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People love funny pictures!"



**YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD. YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.**

~ Dr. Seuss

Always feel free to contact us with any questions, or suggestions.

The NPO Newsletters are for you. We would love your feedback.

Thanks!

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