

John Young, M.D. Installed as MCMS President

John Young, M.D., an OB-GYN, was installed on April 29th as the Society's 106th president. Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown administered the Oath to Dr. Young at the well-attended event at Woodmont Country Club. Dr. Young will serve with Drs. Robert Karp, President-Elect; Betsy Ballard, Vice President; Duane Taylor, Secretary; and Brent Faulkner, Treasurer; and Audrey Corson, Immediate Past President.

Swine Flu Guidance on Website

The Medical Society will provide the most recent updates on the developing swine flu situation here in Maryland on our website. For updates, go to www.montgomerymedicine.org.

Thank You to MCMS Delegates for Their Service

MCMS was well-represented at the recent MedChi House of Delegates meeting on April 25th. MCMS's resolution asking the AMA to work to delay or eliminate penalties for nonadoption of EMR and e-prescribing was passed. The following MCMS physician members were delegates: Drs. Brian Avin, Betsy Ballard, Amy Byer, Wilhelmina Camina, Audrey Corson, Kamalinee Deshpande, Michael Dobridge, Brent Faulkner, Irwin Feuerstein, Mark Geier, Walter Gibling, Robert Karp, John Glancy, Shannon Pryor, Stephen Rockower, Mark Seigel, Bruce Smoller, Joe Snyder, and John Young.

Have you been audited by Highmark? Are you frustrated with the process? Join us May 13th

We know you are frustrated, and you have a right to be! On Wednesday, May 13th at Suburban Hospital at 6:00 pm, Montgomery County Medical Society has arranged for you to share your concerns with Highmark decision makers – Dr. Andrew Bloschichak, Highmark Medical Director, and Dr. Barbara Connors, CMS Regional Medical Director. They will provide an overview of the CERT (Comprehensive Error Rate Testing) program passed by Congress which led to the conduct of the audits. Com and let them know what is happening to your practice of medicine. To RSVP, contact Kristi at 301.921.4300 or kbroadfoot@montgomerymedicine.org.

Educational Program: *Managed Care Contract Analysis & Negotiation* – Tuesday, May 19th

Speakers: Shelby Boggs & Maureen McCarthy Does today's small to medium sized practice have leverage with the payors or not? The answer is...it depends. The reality is there are only a few unique sets of circumstances where it is possible. This program provides insight into the payors' strategic priorities and how they translate into potential physician leverage points. The cost to attend is \$50 for MCMS Members and their staffs and \$125 for prospective members. The meeting will be held at MCMS Headquarters beginning at 5:30pm with dinner and registration, followed by the program. To RSVP, please contact Kristi Broadfoot at 301.921.4300 or kbroadfoot@montgomerymedicine.org.

May 5th Seminar Announced: Health Information Technology: A Prescription for Today

The Universities at Shady Grove and the Rockville Institute will offer this program on Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m. as part of their Contemporary Social Issues Seminar Series. The presentation will examine the benefits and concerns of the growing adoption of health information technology and the important role in transforming the American health care system. The program will be held at the Universities at Shady Grove, Building III, Room 3241. Reservations are not necessary.



It's Time for Spring Cleaning and Getting Your Practice's Policies in Order!

Do you have an employee manual?

Are the policies up to date with Maryland and federal law?

Stein Sperling, an MCMS Advisory Board member and Stakeholder Partner, has agreed to provide our members with a customized employee manual for your practice at a reduced cost.

Call Karen Shapiro, Esq. or Darla McClure, Esq. today to discuss your needs today!

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