



Practice Management Meeting Tuesday, August 17th "How to Improve Collections at Your Front Desk":

The next Practice Administrative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the Founders Room at the MCMS Headquarters. Maureen McCarthy, CPA from our partner Snyder Cohn, will be giving advice and useful tips on how to make patients pay more of their bill upfront without leaving them feeling shaken down. Call 301.921.4300 to RSVP or go to our website (www.montgomerymedicine.org) for more information.

You Asked and We Delivered! Speed Referral Development Night for Practice Administrators, Thurs.,

August 26th: Set up much the same as speed-dating, each person has 5 minutes to make contact with another practice administrator in the area. It is at the MCMS Headquarters from 5:30- 7:30 pm with wine and hors d'oeuvres being served. This event has proven to be extremely successful as a networking avenue as well as a great place to gain new patients through referrals! Make sure to bring lots of referral packets and business cards. Please either Call 301-921-4300 or e-mail Anu (asetur@montgomerymedicine.org) to RSVP.

Save the Date for the Fall General Membership Meeting, Wed. September 15th: Join us as we kickoff the year with our big General Membership Meeting to be held at Woodmont Country Club at 6:00 pm. Keep checking the website for further details!

New Practice Administrator Listserv Started! MCMS has begun a new way for practice administrator members to exchange ideas, challenges and opportunities with each other. It's a Google Groups Listserv! Go to google.com, and search for MCMS Practice Managers. This is a Practice Manager member-only benefit. Questions? Email Susan D'Antoni at sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org.

Delegates Needed for MedChi Meeting in late September: MCMS has 25 delegate and alternate delegate slots available to participate in this two-day policymaking event. If you want to be a part of setting MedChi's legislative agenda, please join us! For more information about this opportunity, call Susan D'Antoni at sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org or 301.921.4300.

Get more involved in MCMS! Join a Committee: A Medical Society is only successful if the members are prospering from it. Make sure that you and your colleagues are reaping the full benefits of membership. Joining a committee is an easy and quick way to become more active and get your views heard! Read through the descriptions on the attached form and find one that best suits your interests. Please fax it back to 301.921.4368, or email the person noted as the staff liaison.

Member Survey Being Conducted Re: Impact on Your Patients' Health Due to the Recent Power Outages:

MCMS is gathering information about the impact of the prolonged power outages on your patients and your practice. The survey was sent out by email using SurveyMonkey so it is quick and easy to complete. We plan to communicate members' concerns directly to the Public Service Commission which oversees PEPCO. Please answer the survey today! If you didn't get it via email, go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/poweroutagehealthimpact>.

AMA Code of Conduct for Health Insurers Released: The AMA's House of Delegates instructed the AMA to create a Code of Conduct or a statement of standards for health insurers' administrative and clinical processes. It has now been released and is available at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/368/coc-principles.pdf>. It can be used in your contract negotiations with MCOs. It addresses cancellation and rescission, premiums and spending on services, access to medical care, respectful relations, medical necessity, benefit management, administrative simplification, physician profiling, corporate integrity, and claims processing.

MedChi Medicaid Crossover Survey: Let your voice be heard! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QZF9MDC> to complete MedChi's survey about how this edict from DHMH will impact your patients. Early results indicate that 60% of physicians responding who currently see Medicaid patients will be much less likely or will definitely not see Medicaid patients after this policy is implemented.

If you have questions about any of these news items and announcements, please call 301.921.4300.



Committee Member Sign-Up Form 2010-11

If you are interested in being more involved in MCMS, please join a committee! Please complete the form and fax it back to MCMS at 301.921.4368, or email the person noted as the staff liaison about your interest in the committee! Thanks!

Name: _____

Preferred Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

____ **Community Outreach Committee:** Committee members are committed to improving the health of our community. Working with Project Access, projects involving childhood obesity and collecting items for local charities are some of the goals for this committee in 2010-11. Chaired by Martin Golding, M.D. Staff: Susan Raskin: sraskin@montgomerymedicine.org. *Physicians and practice administrator members needed.*

____ **Third Party Payor Committee:** If you are knowledgeable about (or frustrated with) health plan policies and payment, want to learn more, we welcome your service on this committee! During 2010-2011, this Committee will assess what advocacy efforts members need in this arena, will serve as a resource to members on health plan and Medicare issues, and will develop one or more educational programs. Chaired by Burt Littman, M.D., and co-chaired by Madalene Greene, M.D. Staff: Susan D'Antoni: sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org. *Physicians and practice administrator members needed.*

____ **Legislative Committee:** Working with MedChi's Legislative Committee, MCMS' committee works during the year to develop relationships with Montgomery County legislators to enhance their understanding of Medicine's challenges. If you are interested in actively influencing legislation and regulations, volunteer to serve on this committee which plans the annual legislative breakfast and Day in Annapolis during the session. Chaired by Larry Green, M.D., and co-chaired by Stephen Rockower, M.D. Staff: Susan D'Antoni: sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org. *Physicians and practice administrator members needed.*

____ **Membership Committee:** MCMS' committee works during the year to recruit new members to MCMS and MedChi. If you are interested in working with staff to recruit your colleagues to join, please contact Susan D'Antoni sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org. *Physicians and practice administrator members needed.*

____ **Practice Management Education Committee:** Practice administrative members are encouraged to volunteer to assist MCMS to plan networking and educational events for medical practice staff and physicians. This committee plans monthly educational breakfast meetings and 1-2 day conferences on timely and valuable. Lead Chair: Jay Boucher. Staff: Susan D'Antoni: sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org.

____ **Emeritus Committee:** If you are a Forty-Year or Emeritus Member, we need you to help MCMS plan events you and your colleagues will enjoy! This group plans to get together at least 2-3 times this year at interesting places and good restaurants. Chaired by Michael Dobridge, M.D. Staff: Susan Raskin: sraskin@montgomerymedicine.org.

____ **"Rolling Stones" Committee:** If you are a baby boomer physician and desire more opportunities to network and socialize with other physicians of your genre, then volunteer to help us plan events this year. This is a new ad hoc committee which has been formed to cater to the interests of the Rolling Stones generation. Chair: Audrey Corson, M.D. Staff: Susan D'Antoni: sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org.

____ **Women in Medicine Committee:** Our Women in Medicine Committee is quite active holding 3-4 networking and educational events during the year. The Red Dress Event in February and the Fall Networking Brunch are just two of the successful events being planned for this year. Chaired by Kathy Huang, M.D., and co-chaired by Lynne Diggs, M.D. Staff: Susan Raskin: sraskin@montgomerymedicine.org.

____ **Young Physicians Committee:** Just starting your practice and need to build your referral base? The YP Committee is the perfect place for your efforts. The YP Committee holds several networking/educational events during the year at local restaurants, and its fun Speed Referral Development Night is being planned for late September. In addition, the committee will review new services and products for young physicians. Chaired by David Parver, M.D., and co-chaired by Ali Hendi, M.D. Staff: Susan D'Antoni: sdantoni@montgomerymedicine.org.

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