2017 GA ACP Advocacy Day with the Patient Centered Physician Coalition

On Thursday Feb. 23, GA ACP & The Patient Centered Physician Coalition hosted our Annual Advocacy Day at the Georgia Capitol. It was a beautiful day at the Gold Dome and we had a record turnout with 60 members from across the state in attendance! Our very own Chapter Governor, Dr. Walter J. Moore, was moderator for the event which also included guest speakers, Frank W. Berry, Commissioner Georgia Department of Community Health and Brian Robinson, President of Robinson Republic. Members made their way to the Capitol Ropes to meet with their legislators and discuss our legislative priorities. The day was an immense success! We encourage you to get involved; make our priorities known to your local legislators!

Click here for information regarding our legislative priorities, how to find out who your legislators are and their contact information is on our website.

Click here to check out all our pictures from Advocacy Day!

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ACP aims to reduce administrative burden on doctors

MedPage Today
An avalanche of paperwork may be destroying the physician-patient relationship and driving some doctors out of practice, and the American College of Physicians is again demanding an end to it. For the ACP, this is familiar territory: Back in the early 1990s, the American Society of Internal Medicine (which later merged with ACP) launched a cut the red tape campaign. The ACP recently published a new framework for identifying unnecessary and duplicative administrative tasks in Annals of Internal Medicine. In addition to launching its framework, the ACP is also sending advocacy letters to key decision-makers, designing listening sessions and providing an administrative burden took-kit all focused on reducing the burden on physicians. READ MORE

Healthcare reform in America

Forbes
The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the American Health Care Act (AHCA) represent alternative visions of how healthcare should be delivered in the United States. The ACA starts with the premise that all Americans should have healthcare coverage and that growth in healthcare costs should be significantly reduced over time. The AHCA started with the premise that all Americans should have their choice of healthcare plans and that ACA taxes should be repealed. While the AHCA could not muster the votes to move forward in the House, the president and Republican leaders in both chambers vow to tackle healthcare reform again, perhaps even sooner than many of us expected. READ MORE

Why is no one using our patient portal?
Patient portals and the functionality they offer have the potential to increase access to service, improve convenience and more effectively engage patients and consumers. They can also increase efficiencies for both patients and their providers. Unfortunately, some of those who have adopted patient portals complain that they have made the investment, only to realize low adoption and utilization rates. So, why might patients not be using your patient portal?

ONC updates SAFER guides, outline best practices for EHR configuration

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT has updated its SAFER guides, first published in 2014, outlining recommendations for optimal use of electronic health records to ensure patient safety. The SAFER guides – it stands for Safety Assurance Factors for Electronic Health Record Resilience – were first published in 2014, but the evolution of clinical technology since then necessitated new versions, according to ONC Chief Medical Information Officer Andrew Gettinger, MD.

Georgia Senate gives final approval on medical marijuana expansion

The Senate on Thursday, March 30, gave final passage to a measure to expand Georgia’s medical marijuana program. By a vote of 45 to 6, Senators approved a revised version of Senate Bill 16, sending it to Gov. Nathan Deal for his signature. The bill would make six conditions eligible for treatment with a limited form of cannabis oil allowed in Georgia: Alzheimer’s disease, AIDS, autism, epidermolysis bullosa, peripheral neuropathy and Tourette’s syndrome. Patients in hospice care also could possess the oil.

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