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New Georgia law pertaining to use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program — enrollment required by Jan. 1, 2018

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The purpose of this communication is to inform you of a new Georgia law requiring use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. This new law is a result of bill HB 249 which Gov. Deal signed on May 4, 2017. It impacts all Georgia physicians/prescribers requiring use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The bill was designed to address opioid abuse in the state. The resulting law requires reviewing PDMP information on a patient when prescribing a controlled substance or a benzodiazepine beginning July 1, 2018. READ MORE

Antibiotic Stewardship Program available for physician practices

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Antibiotic resistance is among the greatest public health threats today, leading to an estimated 2 million infections and 23,000 deaths per year in the United States. Although antibiotics are lifesaving drugs that are critical to modern medicine, infections with pathogens resistant to first-line antibiotics can require treatment with alternative antibiotics that can be expensive and toxic. READ MORE

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Healthcare IT News
Personalized care depends on a lot more than a person's molecular makeup. In fact, it more often stems from larger external forces that exert a profound and often unnoticed impact on wellness: air and water quality, financial stability, the ability to get healthy groceries and even broadband internet access. "Precision medicine is about more than the genetics and the drugs," said Vikram Bakhru, MD, is chief operating officer at ConsejoSano, a Spanish-language health services and patient engagement platform. READ MORE

Employers paying heavy price for opioid epidemic

The Bakersfield Californian
Some business owners and managers may prefer to keep their heads in the sand rather than confront the nationwide opioid addiction epidemic that is impacting their workplaces. That's understandable. Laws and procedures regarding the use of illegal drugs are much more straightforward when it comes to enforcing "drug-free workplaces." Dealing with the use and abuse of legal prescription drugs can be more
challenging. But the National Safety Council, a nonprofit organization that promotes health and safety, recently released a report and industry-specific calculator that is intended to be a big slap on the head to employers who chose to believe "ignorance is bliss." READ MORE

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