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Amid opioid crisis, insurers restrict pricey, less addictive painkillers

At a time when the United States is in the grip of an opioid epidemic, many insurers are limiting access to pain medications that carry a lower risk of addiction or dependence, even as they provide comparatively easy access to generic opioid medications. The reason, experts say: Opioid drugs are generally cheap while safer alternatives are often more expensive. READ MORE

EHR scribes save time, but do they produce accurate health data?

Electronic health records have been endlessly criticized, fairly or otherwise, for distracting physicians from their patients, extending long work days, and creating burnout conditions for highly-trained providers. To overcome these challenges, many organizations are turning to EHR scribes who are specifically trained in the art of...
Physicians designing unique APMs for MACRA

Diagnostic Imaging
In the shift to value-based care, The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act's Alternative Payment Models offer incentives to physicians who provide high-quality and cost-efficient care as it applies to a specific clinical condition, care episode, or population. Examples include Comprehensive Primary Care Plus and the Oncology Care Model. But, what if CMS let physicians design their own APMs based on how care is actually delivered? The MACRA law allowed for that in the form of the Physician-Focused Payment Model, an opportunity for physicians to work with CMS to develop new types of APMs.

Boosting physician wellness: Lessons from Stanford at Medicine X

Stanford Medicine
In a small, informal workshop at Stanford Medicine X recently, a group of medical students, doctors and others met to discuss one of the biggest problems plaguing health care today: physician burnout. By some measures, it affects more than half of all U.S. physicians — and that figure is growing.