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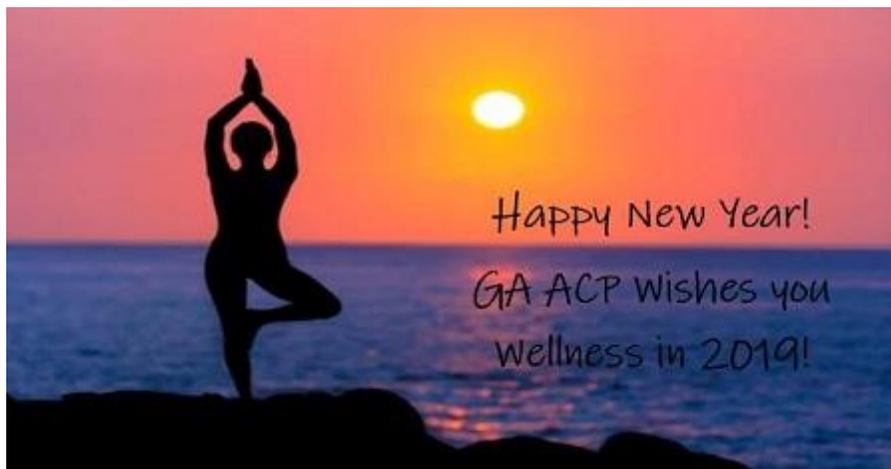
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INDUSTRY NEWS

The 4th Annual Georgia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (GCCRT) Forum



American Cancer Society

Wednesday, March 6

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (EST)

Georgia State University, College of Law
85 Park Place NE, Atlanta GA 30303

Presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield & Amerigroup

It is 2019. Let's continue the blue momentum and move towards action that will lead to an 80 percent colorectal cancer screening rate in EVERY Georgia Community. Join us as we celebrate our continued successes and

efforts to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in Georgia and discuss our path ahead. Learn about the new National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable campaign, 80% in Every Community and the 2018 ACS CRC Screening Guide lines. Learn what the current data is telling us, real clinical successes to increase CRC screening rates, foster collaborations and so much more! [READ MORE](#)

ACP releases principles to guide patient partnership in health care



ACP

In a new position paper published in Annals of Internal Medicine, ACP has released a set of principles that aims to solidify the role of patients and families in their care plans. In "Principles for Patient and Family Partnership in Care," ACP cites increasing evidence that patient and family partnership in care can improve health outcomes, practice efficiency, and patient and professional satisfaction. The paper outlines recommendations for how to implement each principle in daily practice. A related ACP toolkit provides practical resources to help physicians implement ACP's principles for patient and family partnership in care in their practice. [READ MORE](#)

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Will 2019 be the year healthcare in Georgia improves?



Atlanta Daily World

Despite a new lineup of legislators — as well as a new governor and lieutenant governor — many healthcare issues in the upcoming session of the Georgia General Assembly will have a familiar look. They are largely the same ones that have percolated under the Gold Dome in past years. Healthcare regulations. Surprise medical billing. Rural healthcare. Medical marijuana. Yet something new just got created that may serve as a vehicle for legislation to shake up Georgia healthcare. [READ MORE](#)

What to know about the telehealth upsides of Medicare Advantage plans



Telehealth Healthcare Finance

This past October, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services came out with an eagerly anticipated new rule expanding the ways providers can use telehealth and get paid by Medicare Advantage plans. The biggest way the rule changes the status quo, once it goes into effect in 2020, is that providers will be able to keep track of a patient's health through remote monitoring and consumers will be able to connect to their physicians through telehealth from their homes. [READ MORE](#)

3 ways to make electronic health records less time-consuming for physicians



Harvard Business Review

Physicians in the United States are justifiably upset by the amount of time they spend using electronic health records. This is true across primary care physicians and specialists, and it contributes to physician burnout. The annual cost of physicians spending half of their time using EHRs is over \$365 billion (a billion dollars per

day) — more than the United States spends treating any major class of diseases and about equal to what the country spends on public primary and secondary education instruction. This is a problem that can be solved now by taking three steps. [READ MORE](#)

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