A Call for Abstracts

13th Annual Doctors’ Recognition Day Symposium, Poster Presentations & Physicians’ Exposition
Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Conference Center - Bronx Campus at 1200 Waters Place, Bronx, NY
Poster Session, Physicians Exposition Opens 3:00 PM – Symposium 5:45 PM

Hosted by:  Bronx County Medical Society
Westchester County Medical Society
NY Chapter American College of Physicians

Abstracts should be submitted to the Bronx County Medical Society on or before Thursday, February 18, 2016. Submit the abstract via e-mail only to bxcms@msn.com

- All Physicians, PHD’s, Residents/Fellows and Medical Students are invited to submit an abstract.
- There is no administrative cost to submit an abstract(s)
- Primary/First author submit no more than 2 abstracts. If you choose to submit 2 abstracts, please submit them together. If both are selected for poster presentation, they will be positioned next to each other. This will enable you to discuss your posters with the judges
- Primary/First author must be present at the Poster Session - Wednesday, March 30, 2016 – 3 PM to 5:45 PM
- Maximum length for abstract is 400 words. Title, authors and institution affiliations are not included in word count. Do not include captions from photos or graphs in abstract text.
- Select an Abstract Categories
  1. Research – implies the use of scientific method to derive original data in the patient care setting.
  2. Clinical Vignettes – involves the presentation of one or more patient encounters that illuminate unique observation of a known disease, or that describe a novel disease process.
  3. Health Policy/Medical Education – refers broadly to any original, systematic, scientific analysis of, or model for, health care education or health care policy.
  4. Population Health - Population Health Management is the aggregation of patient data across multiple health information technology resources, the analysis of that data into a single, actionable patient record, and the actions through which care providers can improve both clinical and financial outcomes.

The body of the abstract should include background, methods, results and conclusions. Clinical medicine submissions should include clinical relevance.

All abstracts should be submitted as email attachments in MS WORD.doc
- Font – Arial – Font size 12
- Select a Category
- Title of your abstract – all in caps & bold
- Next line – list all authors first name than last name than MD, DO or MS

Sample

CATEGORY  CLINICAL

OLFACTORY AND GUSTATORY HALLUCINATIONS: A CASE REPORT OF A WOMAN WITH A CAUDATE AND PUTAMEN LESION AND RARE SOMATOSENSORY HALLUCINATIONS.
Panagiota Korenis, MD, Mallika Kucheria, MD
Department of Psychiatry, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE - MARCH 30, 2016

13th Annual Doctors’ Recognition Day
Symposium, Poster Presentations & Physicians’ Exposition
Mercy College - Conference Center - Bronx Campus
1200 Waters Place, Bronx, NY 10461

3:00 PM
Registration opens in the Foyer
Refreshments will be served

3:00 PM – 5:45 PM
Physicians Expo – main hallway/foyer to the Auditorium

3:00 PM – 5:45 PM
Poster Presentations - Conference Rooms 1260 & 1270

Poster Presentation Chairs
David M. Jakubowicz, MD, FACS
Realba Rodriguez-Iglesias, MD

Poster Reviewers /Judges
Gurkan F. Taviloglu, MD, FACC, FACP, FCCP
Peter Wyer, MD, Advisor
Michael Pisacano, MD
Koku Gasinu, MD
Michelle Stern, MD
Uel Alexis, MD

Symposium - Conference Center Auditorium
“Population Health”
The Paradigm Shift in the Health Care Delivery System

5:45 PM
Welcome to Mercy College
Timothy L. Hall, President

VIP’s, Introductions & Acknowledgements
Shervin Mortazavi, MD
President Bronx County Medical Society

Housekeeping & Program Orientation
Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP
Scientific Program Chairman

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM
Keynote Address
David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Dean
Jefferson College of Population Health
Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM
Q & A

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM
Panel Discussion
Amanda Parsons, MD, MBA – Moderator
Montefiore VP – Community & Population Health

Panelists
Amanda Ascher, MD
Anna Flattau, M.D.
Jay Schechtman MD., MBA
Manuel G. Vazquez, MD
Isaac Dapkins, MD

7:45 PM
Poster Awards
Research Best in Category 1 Award
Performance Improvement Best in Category 3 Awards
Clinical Best in Category 3 Awards
Population Health - Best in Category 1 Award

Peer to Peer Excellence in Medicine Awards
In recognition of the contributions made to enrich the lives of Patients through Exemplary Care and Dedication
A Call for Nominations was sent to Hospital, Clinics, etc in early January.

Register for the Conference on or before March 24th

Name & Title ______________________________________
Office/Hospital/Clinic _______________________________
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You are encouraged to submit this registration form via e-mail to: bxcms@msn.com
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Q & A with Jennifer K

EHR Meaningful Use Audits - CMS wants its money back!

Question:
An accounting firm contacted me and asked for documentation confirming I qualified for my meaningful use payments. They are saying I have to return the money. What should I do? Dr. G

Answer:
Meaningful use payment audits are not new. We have been seeing them for a few years now. The bad news is the auditors are paid based on recoupment, so they are not interested in being shown you have met the standards. The good news is the qualifications in the first instance were pretty specific, so if you attempted to comply and have decent records, you will likely prevail under the microscope. The important lesson to learn here is to keep good records in your compliance measures. If you took the time to certify you qualify for the meaningful use incentive payments, you or your affiliated vendor contracted to assist you, should have some sort of tabulation of metrics you met to qualify in the first place. DO NOT WAIT to dig up your support. Most of the problems I see in these audits is many of my clients wait until the last minute to even look at the audit request, and then deadlines are missed and the auditors are out for blood with collection efforts. Be organized in your response, and keep great records. You also would benefit from representation, so your presentation is professional, your office is kept out of communications and you will be less likely to be pushed around.

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Effective March 27, 2016, electronic prescribing for both controlled and non-controlled substances will be required in New York State.

This mandate does not apply to veterinarians. Electronic prescribing of both controlled and non-controlled substances is currently permissible in New York. In order to process electronic prescriptions for controlled substances (EPCS), a prescriber must select and use a certified electronic prescribing computer application that meets all federal requirements. Each unique certified computer application used to electronically prescribe controlled substances must first be registered by the practitioner with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE).

Please be aware that implementation timelines for EPCS software vary and may be lengthy. If you have not already begun this process, BNE strongly recommends that you begin immediately.

Prescribers who have certified EPCS software and have completed the registration process are highly encouraged to begin electronically prescribing instead of using paper, to allow for time to resolve technical or workflow issues prior to the mandate’s effective date.

Useful information related to electronic prescribing, including frequently asked questions, information regarding the EPCS registration process, and a downloadable patient-centered brochure to help your patients better understand electronic prescribing can be found on our website at www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic.

If you have any questions about the electronic prescribing mandate, please call 1-866-811-7957, option 1.

E-PRESCRIBING VENDOR
The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY), New York State’s principal non-profit professional organization for physicians, residents and medical students, and DrFirst, a leading provider of healthcare IT solutions, announced today that MSSNY has selected DrFirst as its official and recommended provider of e-prescribing software to its membership. MSSNY’s decision to search for, evaluate and officially endorse an e-prescribing vendor was spurred by the New York Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP) legislation which mandates that all patient medications be e-prescribed beginning March 27, 2016.

E-Prescribing Waiver Applications are Now Available from NY Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

With March 27, 2016 as the date that all prescriptions must be electronically submitted, the New York Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement has announced the availability of the Electronic Prescribing Waivers (EPW) application on the Health Commerce System (HCS).

A prescriber must have a HCS account in order to file an electronic prescribing waiver. Using the HCS account is the quickest way to file the EPW application. This application allows an institution, medical group practice or an individual practitioner to submit a request for a waiver from the requirement to electronically prescribe. Following are links to instructions for completing the online application on the Health Commerce System, based on the type of requestor:

- **Institution**
- **Medical Group Practice**
- **Individual Practitioner**

If you do not have an HCS account, a paper version is NOW available upon request. Please contact the BNE at 1-866-811-7957, option 1. The paper form is available for applications for institutions, group practices and individual practices and will be sent to requestors.

If physicians experience difficulties with their HCS account, please call: 1-866-529-1890.

If a prescriber experiences any issues with the on-line Electronic Prescribing Waiver, they should call 1-866-811-7957.
The PROBLEM: Addiction to prescription drugs and deaths from overdoses

- Drug overdose deaths in New York have risen 56% since 1999
- Nationwide, drug overdose was the leading cause of death from injury in 2012
- Most drug overdose deaths (53%) are caused by prescription drugs
- Each month, 6.2 million American adults use prescription drugs non-medically

Deaths from opioid pain reliever overdoses are four times the rate of heroin and cocaine deaths combined and, as a percentage of total prescription drug overdoses, are up:

- 415% for women since 1999
- 265% for men since 1999

New York Fights Back

As part of the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP) Act, all New York practitioners, pharmacists and other individuals authorized to prescribe, administer or dispense controlled substances will be required to:

- Consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Registry before prescribing Schedule II - IV controlled substances.
- Electronically prescribe legend drugs (eRX) and controlled substances (EPCS), beginning March 27, 2016.

How Can the PMP and E-Prescribing Help?

Checking PMP and using electronic prescribing systems streamline clinical workflows and provide critical security measures designed to:

- Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse by making it easy to spot overprescribing
- Prevent “Doctor Shopping” by making it easy to see a patient’s controlled substance prescriptions from other providers
- Prevent Prescription Fraud by eliminating paper prescription pads that can be stolen, altered or forged

Ready, Set, Go!

New York providers, hospitals, pharmacies and extended care facilities are moving quickly to meet the March 27, 2016 deadline:

- 97% of NY pharmacies are eRx-ready
- 94% of NY pharmacies are EPCS-ready

DrFirst Makes it Easy to Get Started

DrFirst’s EPCS Gold enables you to breeze through identity proofing and two-factor authentication and seamlessly send electronic prescriptions for controlled substances to retail or mail order pharmacies within your existing e-prescribing workflow.

Need to Catch Up?

If your health system, medical practice or acute care facility isn’t ready, DrFirst can help:

- (866) 989-1415 or www.drfirst.com

Sources: Centers for Disease Control; DrFirst analysis of data obtained from Definitive Healthcare, SureScripts, DrFirst customers and other publicly available material; National Institute on Drug Abuse; State of New York Department of Health
Are You Spending too Much Money

REMINDER FROM NYS DOH: REGARDING THE NEW YORK STATE PHYSICIAN PROFILE

Public Health Law Section 2995-a requires each physician to update his or her profile information within the six months prior to the expiration date of their physician registration period. You can update your profile:
- Online, if you have a Health Commerce System (HCS) account, by logging on to https://commerce.health.state.ny.us and click on the Physician Profile Survey icon to review and update the profile information;
- If you do not currently have an HCS account and would like to request an application on-line, go to https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html to apply. If you are not able to login to the HCS site, please contact their support line at 1-866-529-1890 for assistance.

Help Desk at 1-888-338-6998.

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