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Health Policy

Narcotics to Naloxone: Promoting Productive Policies

10/25/2021 | 12:30:00 PM - 1:20:00 PM

Faculty: Rachel Haroz, MD

Attend this course to explore the latest & greatest challenges & potential policy solutions to the opioid crisis. Updates on innovative emergency department policies, effective state drug monitoring programs and legislative initiatives, and federal programs and pending legislation developed to promote reduction in opioid prescribing, naloxone distribution, & treatment of opioid use disorder will be covered.

- Discuss effective POLICY initiatives for appropriate opioid prescribing, including prescription drug monitoring programs, guidelines, & prescriber feedback.
- Review effective emergency department based ALTO and MAT POLICIES.
- Discuss innovative state and federal POLICY addressing harm reduction (such as needle-exchanges/supervised injection facilities), ALTO, Narcan distribution, and MAT.

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Dx: Medical Racism - What's the Treatment?

10/25/2021 | 12:30:00 PM - 1:20:00 PM

Faculty: Jenice Baker, MD, FACEP

Implicit bias and racism have promoted health care disparities that affect emergency care. The speaker will present data illustrating the results of these disparities in addition exploring actions you can take as a citizen, emergency physician, and neighbor to create and improve public health, hospital, and departmental policies aimed to eliminate healthcare disparities.

- Briefly define systemic racism and implicit bias.
- Present public health and emergency care data illustrating the results of policies influenced by racism and implicit bias.
- Focus of the talk: Provide examples of new or improved healthcare POLICY in the settings of public health, hospitals, and emergency departments for which participants can advocate as citizens and physicians.



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#NoSilenceOnEDViolence: Enacting Bulletproof Policies & Legislation

10/25/2021 | 1:30:00 PM - 1:50:00 PM

Faculty: Nikita Joshi, MD

Half of reported workplace violence occurs in the healthcare setting. In 2018, half of emergency physicians reported having been physically assaulted on the job. It's time to stop violence in the ED by changing policy to keep us safe! We'll discuss staggering statistics regarding violence in our EDs as well as emergency department and hospital policies put in place to reduce healthcare provider assault. We will review model state legislation aimed to reduce workplace violence in healthcare, the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act, (HR 1309) passed by the US House in Fall 2019, and the next legislative steps to protect and defend emergency clinicians from violence in the workplace.

- Explain the nature of workplace violence in healthcare, particularly in emergency medicine, risk factors that may contribute to increased violence, and the vast underreporting of workplace violence within hospitals.
- Discuss effective practices and policies developed by hospitals and emergency departments leading the way in reducing violence perpetrated against healthcare providers and how to champion administrative support for these innovations.
- Identify proposed or enacted state and federal legislation aimed to reduce healthcare or ED workplace violence and how to champion political support to counteract the problem.

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Tort Hot, Tort Cold, or Just Right: Would Goldilocks Practice EM in Your State?

10/25/2021 | 3:30:00 PM - 3:50:00 PM

Faculty: Diana Nordlund DO, JD, FACEP

Malpractice reform, often known as medical tort reform, has been tackled in a number of states, but attempts at passing similar regulations on the federal level have failed since the 1970s. As of 2016, thirty-three states have imposed caps on any damages sustained in medical malpractice lawsuits. Is your state a physician friendly practice state? If not, what action should you and your physician colleagues take to protect yourself and your patients' access to care?

- Define medical malpractice tort reform.
- Explore effects of tort reform; address cost malpractice insurance, cost of healthcare, access to care.
- Provide examples of actions physicians and physician organizations can take to enact or further medical malpractice reform on a state basis.



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Alternative Payment Models: Exploring the Reimbursement Frontier

10/25/2021 | 5:00:00 PM - 5:20:00 PM

Faculty: Jennifer Wiler, MD, MBA, FACEP

Does your group meet the CMS's APM requirements? If so, you're excused from MIPS and eligible for a five percent bonus! Gear up to understand your group's options. The speaker will discuss the latest developments in APMs for emergency physicians & how your practice may fit into an APM in the future.

- Describe the current state of alternative payment models including participation of emergency physicians.
- Analyze the role of emergency medicine in future alternative payment models as they mature; include a discussion of AUCM.
- Explain the likely impact of alternative payments models on emergency physicians in varied practice settings; include preliminary data from ET3 (if implementation not delayed further).

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#InsuranceFail: Surprise Billing Update 2021

10/26/2021 | 10:00:00 AM - 10:20:00 AM

Faculty: Alison J. Haddock, MD, FACEP

The issues surrounding the out-of-network/balance billing debates have engulfed clinicians, politicians & consumers from DC to Olympia. The increasingly narrow networks offered by the fewer & fewer health plans have decreased patient access and increased patient cost-sharing while increasing insurance company profits. The discussion will highlight existing state out-of-network billing legislation and an update on pending or enacted federal legislation.

- Briefly review the environmental landscape with key terms, concepts, disputed issues and areas of agreement amongst insurers, physicians, and consumers.
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of out-of-network state legislation that has been effective in both protecting patients and providing clinicians a meaningful and accessible reimbursement dispute resolution process.
- Discuss successful lobbying & public relations strategies to achieve “win-win” solutions for patients & physicians including opportunities & threats resulting from pending or recently enacted federal legislation.



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Telemedicine Regulatory Changes Zooming to Your Practice

10/26/2021 | 10:30:00 AM - 10:50:00 AM

Faculty: Meeta P. Shah, MD

The COVID pandemic has brought rapid regulatory changes to the practice of telemedicine. The speaker will discuss how HHS and CMS regulations, under the president's 1135 waiver and the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, changed who can practice telemedicine, Medicare covered services, and HIPPA enforcement. In addition, licensure flexibility at state and federal level will be addressed. What, if any, of these changes can be expected to become permanent?

- Briefly introduce the role of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in telemedicine regulation.
- Review regulatory changes including, but not limited to, licensure and credentialing of telehealth providers, Medicare covered telehealth services, and HIPPA enforcement.
- Discuss what federal and state regulatory changes made as a result of the pandemic are expected to become permanent and their likely effects on the practice of telemedicine.

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Pandemic Policy Lessons from the Frontlines (Colin C. Rorrie, Jr. Lecture)

10/26/2021 | 1:30:00 PM - 2:20:00 PM

Faculty: Anne Zink, MD; Steven Stack, MD, MBA

Hear from two emergency physicians who battled COVID from the frontlines in their emergency departments as well as in the public eye on the political frontlines as the leader of the state Department of Health as they talk about the personal and professional challenges, lessons learned, and lasting state health policy changes that arose as a result of COVID.

- Briefly discuss how you came to be in your Dept of Health position and prior training/experiences that, in retrospect, were most beneficial in helping you weather 2019 as your state's public health leader.
- Explore the challenges and lessons learned during your COVID19 planning and response. Please discuss whether your role was made more difficult by party allegiance of your state leaders and if so, how you approached this challenge.
- Review any state health policy changes that were enacted during the pandemic and are expected to remain in place.



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Report Your MIPS or Your Paycheck Dips: Emergency Physician Compensation Update 2021

10/26/2021 | 3:30:00 PM - 3:50:00 PM

Faculty: Michael A. Granovsky, MD, FACEP

Physicians caring for America's 60 million Medicare patients are receiving payments based on quality of care over quantity of care via CMS's Quality Payment Program. The speaker will review MIPS, the value based payment modifier, reporting options including CEDAR, recent Quality Payment Program updates and the expectation for your bottom line.

- Review reporting strategies for & potential barriers to successfully meeting the MIPS reporting requirements.
- Develop strategies to ensure your individual & group financial success under MIPS.
- Briefly review COVID effects on MIPS reporting and associated payments.

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ReimbERsement 101: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You

10/27/2021 | 9:00:00 AM - 9:50:00 AM

Faculty: Michael A. Granovsky, MD, FACEP

Attend this course to discover the latest & greatest in reimbursement challenges & solutions from an expert. MIPS, QCDRs, alternative payments models, insurance denials. and more reimbursement opportunities will be covered via a fast-paced introduction & solution review.

- Explain basic definitions, participation options, & impact of MIPS on emergency physicians & describe the current state of alternative payment models including participation of emergency physicians.
- Explore options for legal & effective means of communication geared towards capturing reimbursement from the ED's largest payer, the patient & identify current denial tactics of commercial insurance companies.
- State the challenge & possible solutions to reimbursement caused by lack of recognition of independent freestanding EDs and telemedicine by CMS and commercial insurance.



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Climate Fever: Earth's Vital Signs are Changing Emergency Medicine Practice

10/27/2021 | 4:30:00 PM - 4:50:00 PM

Faculty: Renee Salas MD, MPH

Climate change influences human health and disease. Expectations for emergency care as a result of increasing heat, decreasing air and water quality, changes in vector ecology, increasing allergens, and severe weather related injuries will be discussed. What can we do to prepare for these changes? Is there a way we can mitigate these changes or are we too late?

- Discuss the impact of climate change on human health.
- Explore recommended changes to emergency care to address the impact of climate change on human health.

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Is Medicare for All Ready for Prime Time?

10/27/2021 | 4:30:00 PM - 5:20:00 PM

Faculty: James Mitchiner MD, MPH; Arvind Venkat, MD, FACEP

No health care policy idea has been more controversial than “Medicare for All.” Several progressive candidates have voiced support for a single-payer health care system, while critics argue such policies would be unaffordable. However, as the political rhetoric heats up, the terms of debate are often unclear. What’s the difference between Medicare-for-all and Medicare-for-some? Is there a difference between Medicare for All and single payer? What would such programs mean for physicians and patients in the US health care system? We'll look at the economics and potential effects on quality and quantity of care in the US.

- Define Medicare-for-All.
- Describe how Medicare-for-All would be financed
- List Advantages and Disadvantages of Medicare-for-All



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10 Ways in 20 Minutes: How to Shape Healthcare Policy

10/28/2021 | 9:00:00 AM - 9:20:00 AM

Faculty: Aisha Terry, MD, MPH, FACEP

As legislators & regulators increasingly impact our practice of emergency medicine, it is essential that we have a strong voice as healthcare policy is shaped. How do you rise above the noise in our state & national capitols so your view is heard? Learn key steps to hone effective messages, successfully communicate, & strengthen your impact.

- Recognize what makes a message effectively resonate with legislators & regulators.
- Define key communication channels for you to convey your message.