

## Infectious Disease Spread Prompts Practice Concerns

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### 1. Michigan Physicians: Get Vaccinated to Prevent Further Whooping Cough Outbreaks



Physicians with the Michigan State Medical Society this week strongly urged parents across Michigan to get their children vaccinated against pertussis and other vaccine-preventable diseases as a whooping cough outbreak sweeps through one school in northern Michigan.

According to the Grand Traverse Health Department, as of Monday evening there have been 10 confirmed cases and as many as 83 probable cases of whooping cough at the Grand Traverse Academy in Traverse City, prompting school administrators to close the entire school and cancel all school activities for the week.

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### 2. MSMS Partners with The Rybar Group

In our ongoing effort to bring additional value to your membership, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) is pleased to

#### ICD-10: Are You Prepared?

December 2, 2014  
Somerset Inn - Troy

Get tips and tools to make the transition to ICD-10 easier and to help your office come through the end of 2015 without financial problems. The class includes information about where your practice should be at this time and steps to help achieve identified goals the rest of the way to the October 1, 2015 implementation date.

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#### Complete Coding Updates for 2015

December 2, 2014  
Somerset Inn - Troy

December 3, 2014  
MSMS Headquarters - East Lansing

December 3, 2014  
Online Webinar

Which ICD-9 and CPT codes affect your practice? Which affect your reimbursement? What Medicare updated information is available before the New Year? Come and learn the most up-to-date information on new CPT codes to be used January 1, 2015, and information about the ICD-9 codes that you should



announce our latest partnership with The Rybar Group. MSMS understands the time and technical expertise involved in making sure your practice is optimizing its reimbursement and maintaining its efficiencies and compliance. The Rybar Group was

selected by MSMS because of their innovative and results-oriented approach.

The Rybar Group has been providing health care financial consulting and related health care regulatory services to hospitals, health care systems and provider's since 1989. Their highly experienced team is committed to assisting their clients in maintaining their financial viability through compliant, efficient business operations. The Rybar Group strives to ensure that their clients receive optimal reimbursement with integrity while meeting quality initiatives and compliance standards.

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### 3. SGR, Ebola, MOC, and Unionization Discussed at AMA Interim Meeting

The Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates discussed, debated, and acted upon on a number of critical health care issues during the AMA Interim meeting on November 7-11 in Dallas.

Some of the topics included SGR repeal, Ebola, meaningful use, maintenance of certification, e-cigarettes, and physician unionization.

For more details about these topics and actions of the AMA House of Delegates, [click here](#).

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### 4. HIPAA Privacy in Emergency Situations

In light of the Ebola outbreak and other events, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), is providing a bulletin to ensure that HIPAA covered entities and their business associates are aware of the ways in which patient information may be shared under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in an emergency situation, and to serve as a reminder that the protections of the Privacy Rule are not set aside during an emergency.

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### 5. What to expect in Michigan Legislature's "lame-duck" session

With only nine days left to pass new laws before the end of the calendar year, the Michigan Legislature is now in, what's called, "lame-duck" session. A "lame-duck" session occurs whenever the Legislature meets after its successor is elected, but before the successor's term begins.

have been using for the past months.

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Activate Your Voice

Bridge has outlined some of the issues likely to come up in "lame-duck", but the Michigan State Medical Society remains focused on our key issues. MSMS remains watchful on the following: Senate Bill 2 and scope of practice issues; Auto No-Fault; raising awareness of Immunizations; and, expedited partner therapy.

Earlier this week, Doctor Phillip G. Wise, Chair of MSMS' Committee on State Legislation and Regulations, met with many lawmakers. The discussions were centered around the issues mentioned above, but went even further into detail with regards to Certificate of Need, Maintenance of Certification and Graduate Medical Education.

To read the Bridge article in full, please click [10 issues to watch in Legislatures' "lame-duck" session](#)

## 6. Pay Your MSMS Dues by Year End to Get Deduction

Whether it's legislative advocacy, practice services, or educational programming that makes your membership in MSMS worthwhile, remember that those benefits won't last unless you renew. Remember: up to 87 percent of your dues may be tax deductible. Pay your dues before December 31, to take advantage of that on your next tax return!

### THREE WAYS TO RENEW:

1. Call MSMS Membership Coordinators Heather Pratt (517-336-5719) or Hannah Dingwell (517-336-5762) to pay by phone.
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