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Upcoming Events

LAST CHANCE to Sign up for the MSMS Foundation Golf & Tennis Classic



Enabling the Foundation to offer grants is its major fundraiser, the annual Golf & Tennis Classic. The 23rd annual event will take place on Monday, June 1, at Forest Akers - West Course in East Lansing. Forest Akers Golf Courses are recognized as two of the best public golf

courses in the state of Michigan. The event will include 18 holes of golf or "a friendly game of tennis," as well as lunch, refreshments, and an Afterglow Reception.

[Download the registration and sponsorship form >>](#)



ICD-10 Coding: How Confident Are You?

June 4, 2015
MSMS Headquarters

Do you think you can code ICD-10 but haven't had any formal training yet? This session is geared toward the experienced biller/coder that thinks they may have a handle on ICD-10 coding. The first half of this session will discuss the ICD-10 guidelines and where they may differ from ICD-9. The second half of this session will be hands-on coding exercises to get you comfortable with the ICD-10 codebook layout and the specificity of ICD-10 codes.

If a physician registers for this class, he/she may bring one office staff for free!

[Details & Registration >>](#)

Are You Concerned About Getting Paid After October 1, 2015?



If you are concerned about getting paid after the October 1, 2015 implementation of ICD-10 then you'll want to register for the Michigan State Medical Society's ICD-10 Summit. On Thursday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansing Community College West Campus, Michigan

Health Plans will be on hand to speak about their readiness, testing efforts and outcomes.

Throughout the morning, a basic overview of ICD-10 guidelines and how they may differ from ICD-9 will be a key topic. Resources will be available to you for implementing ICD-10 in your practice, as well as educational resources for proper training.

Connecting Michigan for Health 2015

June 3-5, 2015
Lansing Convention Center

The event offers physicians and clinicians a uniquely educational

The afternoon will feature presentations from the Michigan Health Plans on their readiness for ICD-10, their testing process, and what they have found with any testing that has already been done. The Health Plans will also provide additional resources available to you.

Register today by visiting [>>](http://www.msms.org/ICD10Summit)

Protecting Patients. Protecting Physicians.

Legislation to negatively alter Michigan's leading auto no-fault is currently being considered in the legislature. If these proposed changes are enacted, both you as a physician and the patients you see, could be adversely affected. We need your financial support to make sure this does not happen.

Please join your colleagues in the fight, and support the political arm of your Michigan State Medical Society, the Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC).

Physician involvement is essential to keeping medicine a priority in Michigan. Do your part by donating to MDPAC by visiting MDPAC.org today. By giving, either as an individual or a practice, will ensure your voice is being heard.

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Awkward Patient Collection Calls Made Easy

When one of your patients has a past-due bill, do you dread or procrastinate over having to make a collection call? And when you make the call, do you feel anxious, or uncertain of what to say and how to say it? It's only natural to have misgivings; collection calls can be difficult and even confrontational. And what's more, if these calls aren't handled correctly, they can damage your patient relationships, cause a decline in patient retention, and put your office at risk.

The trick is to make the experience positive for both your office and the past-due patient. But how does that happen? MSMS Practice Solutions partner, IC System, has put together 10 easy steps to ensure you're prepared for your next collection call. By using these steps, you can get to the root of the problem and negotiate a payment, all while retaining your important patient relationships.

[Download the 10 simple steps infographic and share it with your staff today >>](#)

opportunity to hear experts from Michigan and around the U.S. discuss recent breakthroughs and exciting, emerging developments in the rapidly-maturing health information sector.

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