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## Upcoming Events

### Douglas A. Edema, MD, MPA, FACHE: Developing Powerful Physician Leadership



While some may view the future of health care as uncertain, Douglas A. Edema, MD, MPA, FACHE, recently found himself "jealous" of third year medical students he was speaking with.

"Not that I would want to go back to being a third year medical student," Doctor Edema joked.

While not necessarily envious of the grunt work that comes along with becoming licensed to practice, Doctor Edema does have a tinge of jealousy for the medical technology these future doctors will have at their disposal. With medical advancements both big and small seemingly happening every day, Doctor Edema expects the future of medicine to be rooted in physician accountability and leadership.

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### Michigan Doctors Love Second Opinions

If there's one thing physicians believe, it is this: patient care comes first.

That is why we work so hard to apply the best knowledge, skills and experience to our work. It is also why we welcome second opinions



### ICD-10 Coding: How Confident Are You?

September 28, 2015  
 MSMS Headquarters  
 East Lansing

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. We ask that each attendee bring 5 de-identified chart notes to use for the coding exercise. This will help identify any documentation gaps you may have in your office that may impact being able to code in ICD-10. Also, you will need to bring your ICD-10 book to use for the coding exercise. Come join us to confirm what you do know and



from other physicians, whose ideas may differ from our own. Most times, the second opinion will support the first diagnosis but -- in some unique cases -- patients may need something different.

Too often, patients with serious medical needs worry about asking for a second look at their case. Perhaps they are afraid of offending

their physicians, or maybe they don't like the added time and cost. Whatever the reason, they should know it's OK to double-check a serious, life-altering diagnosis.

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## Common Medicaid Drug Formulary One Step Closer



With the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) recent release of and stakeholder meeting on the [draft Medicaid Health Plan Common](#)

[Formulary](#) for the upcoming Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) contract, Michigan Medicaid is one step closer to implementing a common drug formulary. In their press release, the MDHHS stated:

"In order to reduce program costs and streamline drug coverage policies for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries and providers, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has decided to pursue a formulary that is common across all contracted health plans for the next contract. A common formulary will better align coverage across health plans. The intent is to reduce interruptions in a beneficiary's drug therapy due to a change

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in health plan."

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## Timely Topics & Flexible Schedule - Why You Shouldn't Miss the 150th Annual Scientific Meeting



Physicians of all specialties, residents, students, nurses, and all other health care professionals are invited to participate in the MSMS Foundation's 150th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), Tuesday, October 20 - Saturday, October 24, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Take

this opportunity to learn about the cutting-edge clinical advances from local and national experts, catch up with colleagues while attending special events, and see the latest innovations from medical industry vendors.



[Learn more, review the schedule & register online >>](#)

## Student Loan Interest Rate vs. APR



The following article was written by SoFi, which is an MSMS Practice Solutions member. MSMS Practice Solutions was designed to provide MSMS members with a resource for both their business and personal needs -- to save time and money. Learn more about our

partners at [msms.org/PracticeSolutions](http://msms.org/PracticeSolutions).

Pop quiz: What's the difference between interest rate and APR? As a student loan borrower, you've seen these terms on countless forms and websites, but you probably haven't had time to really meditate on what they mean. After all, you're busy with school, work, life and a lot of other things that are a whole lot more interesting than memorizing student loan terminology.

What you probably do know is that student loan interest rate affects how much money you'll spend on paying back your loan, whether you're refinancing student loans or taking out a new loan. And if saving money is important to you (or, at the very least, not spending more than you have to), it helps to understand some of the words that ultimately impact your loan payments and your



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