

NEWS FOR PHYSICIANS

- *Medical News You Can Use*, digitally published each day by Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) staff with a local emphasis on matters affecting physicians.
- *The Bulletin*, a quarterly OCMS digital publication produced locally with local medical features and articles.
- Through MSSNY: *The Daily, eNews*, an electronic bulletin with updates on the week's developments and reports on the status of relevant bills in the legislature. Also, *News of New York*, MSSNY's monthly digital newspaper for in-depth coverage of society activities and important issues for physicians.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS

- OCMS-staffed Referral Service available for members only
- Insurance programs available include
 - ★ Disability Income
 - ★ Medigap
 - ★ Life
 - ★ Medical Savings Accounts
 - ★ Auto and Homeowners/Renters
- *The Onondaga County Medical Society Pictorial Membership Directory annual digital publication*--annual listings of all member physicians and numerous healthcare resources
- Endorsed vendors in personal lines of insurance coverage, collection services, and others. Many are at 'members only' pricing.
- Magazine discounts
- Several consumer services are available at Medical Society member rates from MSSNY & OCMS through a long list of vendors: Dunn Tire, Dish TV, Dell Computers, Empower FCU, Bank of America, subscription services and many others.

- Seminars, forums, home study courses, workshops, webinars. Timely clinical and organized medicine related topics. Many have CME credits available.
- The ability to contribute and participate in Political Action Committee (MSSNY PAC) activities.
- Workers' Compensation rating and IME rating fee waived for members. \$525 savings.
- Free for Members: MAMI Interpreter Services wall sign featuring the top 15 CNY languages.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS PHYSICIANS AT ALL LEVELS OF MEDICINE

- A designated Upstate University medical student representative on the OCMS governing Executive Council. Annual reception and invitations to all CMS events seeks to involve those new to the field of Medicine.
- Resident representation on the Executive Council for information sharing. Grand Rounds education sessions conducted for these young professionals. Networking receptions are held regularly for young physicians.
- Retired physicians attend luncheons to mingle with other retirees as well as seek ways to mentor physicians and participate in activities to support OCMS events.

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND BENEFITS:

www.oncms.org
www.mssny.org

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Medical Society services help members solve their practice challenges. Member discounts repay dues many times over.

LEGAL & CONTRACTUAL ASSISTANCE

Through OCMS general counsel, Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, PA:

- FREE initial legal consult for up to one hour
- Hotline for legal questions (888) 861-1141.
- Members receive a discounted rate
- Contract review and negotiation
 - Restrictive covenants
 - Non-compete clauses
- Employment issues
 - ★ Physician compensation issues: understand your true worth when negotiating with employers!
 - ★ Ongoing relationships with employers
 - ★ Employment agreements
 - ★ Understanding your rights
 - ★ Conflict resolution
- Assistance when seeking to change compensation or employment models
- Statutes, regulations, court decisions on medical-legal and ethical matters
- Legal Resources section on MSSNY website containing additional assistance: www.mssny.org.
- Discount on *Legal Manual for Physicians*, co-published by NYS Bar Association and MSSNY

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- OCMS annual Ask the Carriers conference provides office staff the chance to directly ask insurance carriers about procedures and policies.
- Home study courses satisfy state licensing requirements
 - ★ Child Abuse Identification and Reporting
 - ★ Infection Control & Barrier Precautions
- Over *FIFTY ONLINE COURSES* offer CME.

Groups can select topics for on-site programs or request new ones. Topics have included

- ★ Concussion treatment
- ★ Physician compensation models
- ★ Optimizing reimbursements
- ★ Global payments under health system reform
- ★ Avoiding audit problems
- ★ Medical-legal implications of social networking
- ★ Physician employment agreements and compensation
- ★ Local seminars conducted include physician stress & burnout, physician wellness, Lyme disease prevention and telemedicine

OTHER RESOURCES

- OCMS links physicians relocating to our area with Chamber of Commerce resources
- Residents and medical students have a voice at OCMS & MSSNY through Executive Council representation, local and statewide sections.
- Leadership training & committee involvement.
- Online *Young Physician Network* for referrals and to connect with other YP members.
- The Annual Resident & Fellow Competitive Poster Symposium at the House of Delegates.
- Social and business networking events, statewide gatherings.
- OCMS physicians have access to the Medical Society booth at the NYS Fair to promote their practice or public health issue.

ADVOCACY

Working together, OCMS leaders and MSSNY legislative experts and lobbyists advise and advance the objectives of physicians with local, state and federal governments. Here is how Onondaga County physicians are affected:
The Medical Societies

- Work to curb factors that contribute to exorbitant medical liability costs, which affect all physicians directly through increased costs, even for group employed physicians. In recent years this could have resulted in large cost increases.
 - Give physicians a voice in addressing the major local, state, federal issues such as aspects of healthcare reform and implementation. Such issues affect all in the practice of medicine.
 - Ensure that health system reform does not diminish or dilute the physician's role in directing patient care.
 - Prohibit inappropriate "economic credentialing" of physicians.
 - Ensure that global payments under new delivery models are distributed appropriately and give adequate weight to the value of physicians' services.
 - Recognize differences in education and appropriate scope of practice for physicians vs. allied health professionals.
 - Restore balance to a system that has allowed insurance companies to profit excessively at the expense of patients and physicians.
 - Work to prevent further unfunded mandates.
- Online Grassroots Action Center* enables you to contact your legislators and provides sample messages about current proposals that you can modify with your individual concerns and experiences and send by mail or email.

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