

Progress Report

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VIP Physician Resource Center

Connect the Docs, XiMED and Scripps Physician Partners are now all members of the Physician Resource Center -- SD private physician constituents now exceed 1,000. The VIP Physician Resource Center's mission is to support private practice.

Coming Events

1. **Successful Weight Loss Options for Your Patients**, presented by Pacific Bariatrics, Johnson&Johnson, and Somae Health @ Vibra Hosp., 2nd Floor, **Tues, Jan 17** - 12:15
2. **10 Things To Know About Treating Workers' Comp Patients**, by Andrea Stevens and San Diego Orthopaedic Associates, Vibra Hospital, 2nd Floor, **Tues, Jan 24** 12:15
3. **Key Financial Ratios to Increase Profitability**, you can participate in this CMA presentation as a Webinar or a lunch discussion @ Vibra Hospital, **Wed, Feb 1** 12:15

Good News - Medicare Cuts Postponed

Medicare reimbursement cuts were postponed by Congress again, but only for 2 months. Contact your congressional reps to have the reimbursement system fixed permanently!

[Click here for latest news and contact info](#)

New Kaiser Contract

Physician Partners is pleased to announce our new Kaiser contract that supplements Scripps Mercy Hospital's new contract. Kaiser patients requiring specialty inpatient care are covered by this contract. Physician participation is limited to certain Specialists.

HCFA 5010 - Postponed to March 2012!

Due to several reported snafus implementing the new HCFA 5010 requirements, CMS has postponed enforcement of the new requirements until March 31, 2012. For those of you who are having issues submitting according to the new requirements:

[Click Here- 5010 Webinar conducted by Maureen Brooks of CHMB](#)

[Click Here - Wall Street Journal - Watch for 5010 Billing Snafus](#)

Guide to Reducing Unintended Consequences of EHRs

This online resource was designed to help anticipate, avoid, and address problems that can occur when implementing and using an EHR. We hope this information helps you!

[Click here for the complete guide](#)

Did You Know?

iPhone apps rated as "very helpful" for physicians include [Epocrates](#), [Living Medical Textbooks](#), [iAnatomy](#), [Diagnosaurus DDX](#), and [MediBabble Translator](#). Some of these are free. Thanks to Dan Thies, VestaCare, one of our PRC members, for this valuable information. See the complete list of sites and brief descriptions of the resource material at our websites, [Physician - Partners Bulletin Board iPhone Apps](#) and [VIP Health Connect Bulletin Board - iPhone Apps](#).

Updated Referral Source

The website with a dash, [physician-partners.com](#) has been updated. Check your listing, and send us a photo and your web address. This can be a great referral tool.

Welcome New Members

Physician Partners welcomes its newest members: Drs. Mohammad Arab, Farschad Birdjani, Kathy Clewell, Victor Coelho, Mayra Dillon, Greg Lewis, John Nassar, Michael Sullivan, and Wahidullah Wahidulla.

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