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Upcoming Events

ProAssurance Loss Prevention Seminars**
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June 16
American College of Cardiology
2400 N. St. NW
Washington, DC
5:30pm - 8pm

**"On the Waterfront"
Annual Meeting and Social**

Wednesday
October 20, 2010

FTC Delays "Red Flags Rules" Deadline Again, Until December 31, 2010

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has delayed the compliance deadline of the Red Flags Rule until December 31, 2010. With this extension, MSDC will be working with the AMA and other national societies to convince the FTC and Congress to amend the rule to exempt physicians from this additional requirement.

MSDC has joined with the American Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association in pursuing legal action against the FTC over the "red flags rules."

US Senate Addresses Medicare Payment Cuts Today

When senators return from their vacations today, June 7, they will be considering a proposal to temporarily patch the Medicare cuts once again - this time for 19 months. The new proposal being considered by Congress would provide payment updates of 2.2 percent for the remainder of 2010 and an additional 1 percent increase in 2011. However, in 2012 the SGR formula will once again go into effect and payments will be cut by an estimated 33 percent!

Congress needs to hear from you! Call your representative and senators today using the AMA's toll-free grassroots hotline at (800) 833-6354 and then send an email using the form [found here](#). Urge them to end their mismanagement of these important health care programs, and honor their commitment to military families and older Americans

For more information and to view the AMA's medicare document, please [click here](#).



Version 5010 of the HIPAA Transactions Begin January 1, 2012 - Start Early!

Version 5010 of the HIPAA transactions will be required for use by physicians on January 1, 2012. Version 5010 corrects technical issues, accommodates new business needs and provides overall improvements from the current 4010 version. Physicians who currently conduct electronic administrative transactions, such as checking a patient's eligibility, filing a claim, or receiving a remittance advice, either directly with a health plan payer or a clearinghouse, will need to be prepared to send

6:00pm-9:00pm
Phillips Restaurant
900 Water Street, SW

Registration:
\$60/members;
\$105/members/spouse;
\$50/students/residents;
\$80/non-members

RSVP by October 15 to
Barbara Allen at
allen@msdc.org
(202) 355-9403

On-site Registration will
increase in cost by \$20
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and receive only the 5010 version of the HIPAA transactions starting on the compliance deadline.

The AMA has various resources to help physicians implement the 5010 HIPAA transactions. This flier will help you start preparing today to prevent future cash flow interruptions and disruptions in transaction processing.

For more information on your HIPAA compliance, please [click here](#).



Exclusive Rate for MSDC Members

Join a global panel of experts in the discussion of existing and promising alternatives to animal experimentation.

**Hurry! Registration discount
available until July 11 at:
<http://support.pcrm.org/MSDC>**

A Continuing Medical Education event
(Category 1, maximum 16.5 credits)

How Reform Law Integrity Provisions Impact Your Practice: What You Need to Know and Implement Now

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, signed into law by President Obama, contain a number of key provisions intended to increase the government's ability to:

- Ensure only legitimate health care providers and suppliers are enrolled in federally funded health care programs
- Reduce improper payments
- Curtail activities that undermine the financial integrity of Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

The enrollment, referral and ordering, and payment provisions in the new law may have an immediate impact on your practice and your patients. The AMA is actively seeking clarifications from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on how it intends to implement these provisions.

For more information, please [click here](#).

CDC Health Alert: Potential Contamination with Certain Intravenous Metronidazole, Ondansetron, and Ciprofloxacin

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting healthcare professionals not to use certain intravenous (IV) bags of metronidazole, ondansetron, and ciprofloxacin because of potential contamination. FDA has received reports of floating matter in IV bags manufactured by Claris Lifesciences Limited, in Ahmedabad, India.



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Microbiological analysis identified the matter in one of the bags as a Cladosporium mold. Molds of this type can cause infections in susceptible patients, such as immunocompromised individuals. At this time, FDA is not aware of any reports of injuries due to administration of these products. Affected products include any metronidazole, ondansetron, and ciprofloxacin manufactured by Claris Lifesciences Limited and sold under the following labels: **Claris, Sagent Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer, West-Ward Pharmaceuticals.**

For more information, please [click here](#).



Joseph Gutierrez, MD Heads to Chicago for the AMA Annual Meeting and Board of Trustee Election

MSDC's own Immediate Past President, Dr. Joseph Gutierrez, will be on the ballot at the American Medical Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL as a potential Trustee. Dr. Gutierrez champions many important issues for District physicians, such as:

- Proven, effective Medical Malpractice Reform
- Managed Care Reform and Proper Determination of Quality Care
- Permanent Medicare Payment Reform
- Penalty-free Private Negotiating
- Accurate HITECH Act Meaningful Use Definitions for Physicians' Practices' EMRs

His campaign website, <http://www.ioeg4amatrustee.com>, is the complete resource for Dr. Gutierrez's priority issues and solutions. Please visit his website for more information.

Joining Dr. Gutierrez in Chicago from the MSDC Delegation are Drs. Carlos Silva, AMA Delegate, Laura Tosi, Alternate AMA Delegate, Peter Lavine, Alternate AMA Delegate and Mr. Edward Shanbacker, Executive Vice President. Other MSDC members who will also be in attendance are Drs. Raymond Scalettar, Donald O'Kieffe and Louis Diamond.

The Society Welcomes Residents from George Washington University and Georgetown University Hospitals

Through the Graduate Medical Education departments at **George Washington University and Georgetown University**, the Medical Society of DC welcomes **over 500 active and capable residents** to the organized medical community in the District. We are a strong voice representing physicians in training and in practice, and this wonderful addition is testament to the possibilities of each physician at every stage of their career.

As a Society, we work to improve professional satisfaction and to increase the health of our District by following three key elements:

- **Serve, then lead**-We will serve our members and our community through all means available, and any required; our example will be how we encourage others to do the same.
- **Connect Physicians and Patients**-Physicians are the recognized experts in medicine, and must be available to expertly discuss their profession with colleagues and with their patients.
- **Support Practices**-Members need the competitive edge that can only be provided through Society membership; without the ability to sustain their practice, they cannot serve their patients. The Society has a responsibility for affordability to members and their patient.

So, welcome to your Society, from each Society to member to all of our new members from **George Washington University and Georgetown University**.

Forward Me!



Join 2,000 of Your Fellow Society Members for MSDC's Annual Meeting and Social

This year's Annual Meeting and Social is sure to be the "Deadliest Catch." We've been greenhorns too long - it's time to head to the docks and waterfront!

Join your colleagues at the flagship Phillip's Restaurant on October 20, 2010 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Overlooking the Washington Channel off the Potomac River, the spectacular dinner features over 30 fresh seafood selections caught daily, as well as regional Chesapeake and Atlantic specialty dishes, custom-order stations and non-seafood options for our land-lubbers.

Registrations are being accepted. Just contact Barbara Allen at (202) 355-9403 or allen@msdc.org to join the crew.

Registration is \$60 for members, \$105 for members and spouses, \$50 for students/residents, and \$80 for non-members.

Hurry and register soon - if you don't make the Captain's Log before Sail Date, registration at the door will increase to \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members, with no member/spouse or student/resident ticket available.



This is Your Time to Lead Your Society

The Leadership Development/ Nominating Committee will meet soon to develop a slate of candidates for Society officers. The election by mail ballot will occur in the fall. Offices on the ballot will be as follows:

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| • President-Elect | (1) | 1 year term |
| • Director, At Large | (3) | 2 year terms |
| • AMA Delegate | (1) | 2 year term |
| • AMA Alternate Delegate | (1) | 2 year term |

All you need to do to be considered by the Leadership Development/Nominating Committee or to recommend a colleague is to complete [this form](#) and return it to us with a C.V. and that's it!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Peter Lavine, MD, President at (202) 223-8600**, **Barbara Allen, Staff Liaison at (202) 355-9403** or allen@msdc.org, or Ed Shanbacker, Executive Vice President, at (202) 355-9401 or shanbacker@msdc.org.

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Animals, Research and Alternatives Conference

A Continuing Medical Education event (Category 1, maximum 16.5 credits)

August 26-27, 2010 · Washington, D.C.

Join experts from around the world fifty years after the development of the key model for the refinement, reduction, and replacement of animals in research.

Register today at: www.researchalternatives.org.

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