

ASMAC 2020 Fall Webinars

Kick-Off Sessions Begin October 2, 2020

Racism: A Public Health Crisis

Date: October 2, 2020

Time: 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST

Speakers and Facilitators:

- **Francisco Silva, JD**, Senior Vice President, California Medical Association
- **Debra Cohn, JD**, Senior Washington Counsel, American Medical Association
- **Almeta Cooper, JD**, Principal, The AECOoper Group
- **Brian Vandenberg, JD**, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, American Medical Association
- **Sidney Welch, JD**, Office Managing Partner, Healthcare, Akerman, LLP

Description: The purpose of this session is to reinforce inclusive behavior and language and ensure that anti-discrimination, inclusion, and equal opportunity are strategic priorities for medical societies, health care, and physician workplaces. This session will include updates from several medical societies as well as an opportunity for small group discussion.

Arctic Survival Teambuilding and Personal Development Exercise

(Human Synergistics Virtual Professional Development Program)

Date: October 3, 2020

Time: 11:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST

Facilitators: Cathryn Stratton and Greg Pepe, JD

Description: This is an interesting educational activity. If you ever find yourself working collaboratively on a solution, this is an interactive exercise that teaches group problem-solving and consensus decision-making skills. Groups must work together on this critical group problem solving exercise. You will be working in small groups to solve an age-old question – “What is most important to the group’s survival?”

COVID-19: THE IMPACT ON PHYSICIANS AND PRACTICES

Date: October 13, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST

COVID-19: LEGAL STORIES FROM THE TRENCHES

Speakers:

- **Tom Conley, JD**, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP
- **Richard Levenstein, JD**, Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, PA
- **Greg Pepe, JD** (Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, PC)

Description: This session will focus on the legal experiences and lessons learned during the pandemic. Speakers will discuss legal issues and implications of practice issues, PPP Loans, real estate use issues caused by COVID-19.

PHYSICIAN PRACTICE TRENDS

Speakers:

- **Emily Carroll, JD**, American Medical Association
- **Kimberly Horvath, JD**, American Medical Association
- **Alexis Pierce, JD**, American Medical Association
- **Kyle Thomson, JD**, American Medical Association,

Description: This session will cover important developments caused by pandemic conditions including telehealth; scope of practice, access to coverage & special enrollments, and vaccines.

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[RACE TO A VACCINE: OPERATION WARP SPEED](#)

Date: October 20, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST

Speaker:

- **Robert Popovian, PharmD**, Pfizer, Inc

Description: This session will cover important developments caused by pandemic conditions including telemedicine; vaccines (pharmacy scope of practice), testing mandates, and scope of practice.

[WHEN PHARMACIES BLACKLIST PHYSICIANS](#)

Date: October 20, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST

Speakers:

- **Daniel Blaney-Koen, JD**, American Medical Association
- **Cassie Korando, JD**, Shawnee Health Services and Development Corporation
- **David Porter**, Illinois State Medical Society
- **David Steed, JD**, Cornelius & Collins, LLP

Description: Following the publication in 2016 of CDC's opioid prescribing guidelines, many state legislatures, health insurance companies, pharmacy chains and PBMs decided to enact, implement and require strict thresholds for prescriptions of opioid analgesics. While these actions all have largely embraced arbitrary thresholds and created incredible challenges for many patients with pain, there have been additional, unintended consequences.

This session will explore the use of arbitrary—and proprietary—decision-making processes by pharmacies and others to place physicians on de facto “blacklists” whereby a pharmacy informs a physician that he or she will no longer be able to have any prescriptions for a controlled substance filled by that pharmacy chain. You will hear from attorneys whose clients have received such letters, the lengths that have been undertaken to resolve the issue(s), and the impact on the physicians and their patients.

Coming Soon....

[An Update on Physician Health Programs: What Every Physician Should Know](#)

(Date & Speakers TBD)

[AMA and CMA Litigation Update: Following the Tobacco Control Act](#)

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