Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities. My previous updates can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/About_US/Executive_Director_s_Page/Public/About_US/Executive_Director/Executive_Director_s_Page.aspx?hkey=cd0ff2f5-d747-40b2-9254-cb4662265b4d.

House of Delegates
The MAG House of Delegates is less than two weeks away. Just a few reminders as we prepare for the meeting:

1. Any new resolutions or updates can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/Events/HOD_Resources/Public/Events/House_of_Delegates_2017.aspx?hkey=a1b26c21-bf18-49cf-bf73-bf7ede95f045. Please note there may be a few additional resolutions posted in the next few days.

2. Continuing Medical Education
   a. Exercise/Mimetics/Ischemic Conditioning CME
      David C. Hess, M.D., the dean of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, will make a ‘What doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger’ presentation in the Regency Ballroom at the Hyatt from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 21 – just before the first session of the HOD. Dr. Hess will discuss 1) how physical exercise reduces stroke and heart attack and dementia and 2) how exercise mimetics can be used to help for patients who are unable or unwilling to exercise and 3) ischemic conditioning.

   b. Quality Matters – The Data Dilemma
      Laura McCrary, Ed.D, vice-president of Kansas Health Solutions, will present on the data dilemma at the MAG Board of Directors meeting on Friday, October 20. All are invited to attend this presentation and will receive free CME. Dr. McCrary will discuss 1) review quality metrics and select appropriate measures; 2) analyze quality reporting requirements, understand what is at stake, and formulate a plan for quality reporting; 3) access longitudinal medical records to favorably affect patients’ care and community health; 4) calculate the use of business intelligence analytics to improve patient

Top Docs Radio Show
The Top Docs Radio Show continues to be a success for MAG. Our most recent numbers show that the Blue Cross Blue Shield ER policy was downloaded over 11,000 times (https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG__Top_Docs__show_on_Anthem_ER_policy_now_online____.aspx). Additional Top Docs shows now online include Brian Hill, M.D. and Direct Primary Care, which can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_MAG__Top_Docs__show_on__membership_model_now_online____.aspx.

MACRA CME
On Thursday, October 12, MAG’s Second District Medical Society and KaMMCO Health Solutions are offering a free CME on MACRA in Thomasville, Georgia from 6-8:30 pm. More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG__KaMMCO_to_host_free_MACRA_CME_event_in_Thomasville.aspx.
American Medical Association and MAG
MAG signed onto a letter drafted by the AMA that was sent to Congressional leaders to urge them to enact legislation that will ensure that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has the “flexibility [it needs] to continue [its] transitional approach to the implementation of the Quality Payment Program (QPP).” More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_among_100__groups_u rging_flexibility_in_CMS_approach_to_QPP_.asp. Special thanks to all the work the AMA is doing for physicians at the federal level.

American Board of Medical Specialties
ABMS is launching a major initiative to address some of the concerns with MOC. Please see the following statement - https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/ABMS_launches__major__board_certification_initiative.aspx. Please note we still have the meeting set for December 4 with ABMS and others.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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End Distracted Driving - http://tinyurl.com/ydf69c4k