Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities. As always, my previous updates can be found at www.mag.org/executivedirector. Please feel free to share this update with others.

**Tort Reform**

Please see the following amicus brief that we filed in the Georgia Supreme Court with the American Medical Association addressing whether a damages-only trial is sufficient when liability and damages are inextricably intertwined. The AMA Litigation Center follows tort issues nationally and brought this case to our attention. Filing this amicus brief is consistent with MAG’s strategic priorities. The amicus brief can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG__AMA_file_amicus_brief_with_Georgia_Supreme_Court____.aspx.

**HealtheParadigm**

MAG’s technology platform continues to grow with new participants. HealtheParadigm allows you to have all the information on your patients in addition to providing data analytics for your practice. Please see the following e-newsletter that can be found at https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-Latest-HealtheParadigm-News-For-You.html?oid=1126469770723&aid=0GqnTTTNoc. In addition, please see the following videos to give you more insight into the value of the platform - https://players.brightcove.net/2947921199001/default_default/index.html?videoId=596903396001.

Currently, we have received grants to pay for the interface costs which means these costs are now covered. This has been a challenge in the past. This savings can be anywhere from $1,000 to $20,000, which is now covered by the grants. The actual cost of HealtheParadigm is nominal. For more information, please contact Ryan Larosa at rlarosa@mag.org.

**Top Docs Videos**

Please note MAG’s Top Docs Shows can now be found “where you listen to your favorite podcasts.” Top Docs can be found on Stitcher, Google Player, Apple Podcasts and Spotify. In the event you missed the last two shows, please see the following link - https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/Resources/_TopDocs_Radio_Recordings:

1. Experts discuss LGBTQ healthcare issues – https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New__Top_Docs__show_addresses_LGBTQ_healthcare_issues.aspx
2. Alzheimer Awareness - https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New__Top_Docs_Radio__show_addresses_Alzheimer_s.aspx

**MAG Doctor of the Day Program**

During the General Assembly, MAG provides a physician and a nurse to treat minor ailments for the legislators and their staff. This year, the physician and nurse provide life-saving treatment to a patient who was having a heart attack. A big thank you to Dr. Larry Anderson and Ruby Butts, RN for providing immediate care when the patient passed out. The story can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG__Doctor_of_the_Day____nurse_credited_with_saving_life_.aspx.
As always, if you should need anything, please do not hesitate to call.

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