

Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. My previous updates can be found at [www.mag.org/executivedirector](http://www.mag.org/executivedirector).

### **Opioids and US Attorney's Office**

MAG and GSIPP met with United States Attorney for the Northern District, B.J. Pak, to discuss letters addressed to physicians on their opioid prescribing. We had a very informative and productive meeting. Letters that were sent to physicians were meant to be an education tool and were not indicative of a pending investigation against the physician. There may be more letters going out to physicians in the future. We would encourage you to let us know if you receive a letter. We are planning to have the US Attorney's office on a Top Docs show in the near future to better educate physicians on any further actions.

### **HealthParadigm**

MAG's technology platform continues to grow with new participants. HealthParadigm allows you to have all the information on your patients in addition to providing data analytics for your practice.

**Just a reminder that 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. The actual cost of HealthParadigm is nominal. For more information, please contact Ryan Larosa at [rlarosa@mag.org](mailto:rlarosa@mag.org).**

### **Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia**

MAG leadership and Anthem recently held a productive meeting on how to improve mutual relations. We had a very informative meeting and discussed ways on future communications. We agreed to proceed in good faith going forward. Please note this does not have any impact on the current litigation status of **MAG/ACEP v. BCBS**.

### **American Board of Medical Specialties**

ABMS Stakeholder Council just had its first in person meeting. One of the charges of the Stakeholder Council will be providing feedback to the ABMS Board of Directors on the implementation of the Vision Initiative Recommendations and other initiatives. Those of you that have responded to the ABMS Task Forces have had your name submitted and MAG has provided a cover letter. We will keep you informed as the matter progresses.

### **MAG Foundation and the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy**

Congratulations to the GPLA Class XI for their completion of the program and GPLA Class XII for beginning their journey. Please see the highlights at [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/MAG\\_Foundation\\_applauds\\_Georgia\\_Physicians\\_Leadership\\_Academy\\_graduates\\_introduces\\_new\\_class.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_Foundation_applauds_Georgia_Physicians_Leadership_Academy_graduates_introduces_new_class.aspx).

### **MAG Top Docs Show**

Special thank you to Anna Skold, MD for another great show on POLST, advanced directives and other end of life issues. Dr. Skold's interview can be found at [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/Expert\\_M.D.\\_addresses\\_advance\\_directives\\_end-of-life\\_on\\_new\\_Top\\_Docs.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Expert_M.D._addresses_advance_directives_end-of-life_on_new_Top_Docs.aspx).

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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