Schedule II ...What To Do ...

This just isn’t about narcotics. In Missouri APRNs with a DEA may prescribe controlled drugs in Schedules III, IV, and V only. There is no authority for Schedule II drugs. If you treat and prescribe for patients with chronic disease states such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, hospice patients, and patients across the lifespan with ADHD or post surgical patients who frequently require Schedule II controlled substances this law directly affects your practice. Restrictions associated with APRN prescriptive authority for controlled substances result in limited patient access to justly needed medications and directly affects patient care.

Missouri APRNs have one of the most restrictive practice environments in the U.S. The Pearson Report rates Missouri as having an F+ grade when compared to other states for utilization and restriction of APRN practice. Only six states rank lower. Additionally, Missouri ranks 36th in the nation for access to healthcare (Missouri Hospital Association, 2011). When regulations are unnecessary they are barriers. These barriers are costly and can impede access to high quality and safe care for APRN patients (The APRN White Paper Task Force of the Missouri Council on Advanced Practice Nurses of the Missouri Nurses Association, 2011).

Now is the time to advocate for our patient’s care and contact your state legislator. Sending an e-mail is far better than not contacting your legislator at all. However, by writing a letter you will be making more of an impact and are almost guaranteed to receive a response. The more individualized your letter is, the bigger impact you’ll make. You are far more likely to persuade your legislator by being courteous and respectful (MONA, 2014).

For the area code 64108 our House Representative is Judy Morgan. To contact her via letter address it to: 201 West Capitol Avenue 101G, Jefferson City, MO 65101. To contact her via email send it to Judy.Morgan@house.mo.gov.

To find your state representative enter your information at www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup. Always be polite and concise. Keep everything relevant to the bill or issue in question. Never be threatening or insulting (MONA, 2014).

References:


Gasp! Radiology Review CEU!

Having troubles reading common chest and abdominal films...so are we! Join us for these great presentations demonstrating the techniques to analyze common radiographs (CXR & KUB) and reviewing concepts when ordering CT & MRI.

Dr. Mark Sinclair and Dr. Doug Rivard will be enlightening us on the finer points of reviewing radiography. Please mark your calendars for July 23rd!

Register now online at https://kcnapnap.enpnetwork.com/nurse-practitioner-events/31501-radiology-review

Location:
Bristol at Power & Light
51 E 14th St, Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 448-6007

Wednesday July 23, 2014
5:30-6:00pm Registration & Dinner
6:00-6:30pm Business Meeting
6:30-8:30pm Program, Q&A
8:30-8:45pm Evaluation
What’s the big deal with CHIP?

What will happen in 2015 to CHIP? CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) is the joint federal-state program that covers children in some families who have incomes too high for regular Medicaid. It covers about 8 million children in families with incomes from 100% to 400% of the federal poverty threshold, this varies by state. With the current federal poverty threshold at $23,550 for a family of 4, this leaves quite a gap for coverage.

In guidance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) CHIPs funding is due to run out in 2015. What will happen to these 8 million children in 2015? One suggestion was that children in the Medicaid expansion programs would stay in regular Medicaid and those in the separate CHIP programs would go into the health exchanges, “but there are some questions about how that would work and what those plans would have to do.”

Under the ACA states are not allowed to reduce eligibility and enrollment policies for children under Medicaid and CHIP before the fiscal year 2019. Whether Congress would renew CHIP funding for future years is unknown. In 2014 it is predicted that of all uninsured children 48% will be eligible for Medicaid, 20% will be eligible for CHIP, and 7.5% will be eligible for the premium tax credit (Foxhall, 2013).

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Welcome New Board Members

KC NAPNAP is happy to announce the following new board members:

- Megan McGown (secretary)
- Lindsey Hibler (membership chair)
- Deb Kapitan (treasurer)
- Kathy Mahoney (continuing education co-chair)
- Valerie Waddell (community service chair)

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KC NAPNAP New Website

We know that summer is in full swing and everyone is busy, but take a few minutes to relax in the air conditioning and check out our new website! You can locate the website at kcnnap.enpnetwork.com or through the Chapter page through www.napnap.org.

The website has many great features including a Member’s Only Section where active members will have access to information including power point presentations from previous CEUs.

If you have not currently become a member of the site or “followed” us yet, sign up now so you don’t miss any important updates or registrations for events. Feel free to contact our web master Brandi Missel through the website or at blmissel@cmh.edu with any comments, questions, or suggestions!