

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 23-19

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Reducing Administrative Burdens Associated with ImmuNet and  
Maryland's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

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Whereas, beginning July 1, 2018, all physician prescribers in Maryland are required to request at least the prior 4 months of a patient's prescription monitoring data before initiating a course of treatment for the patient that includes prescribing or dispensing an opioid or benzodiazepine; request a patient's prescription monitoring data at least every 90 days until the course of treatment that includes an opioid or benzodiazepine has ended; and assess the prescription monitoring data before deciding whether to prescribe or dispense or continue to prescribe or dispense an opioid or benzodiazepine; and document in the patient's medical record that the prescription monitoring data was requested and assessed; and

Whereas, beginning October 1, 2019, all physicians administering vaccinations in the State of Maryland are required to be reported to Maryland's Immunization Information System, ImmuNet; and

Whereas, PDMP querying and ImmuNet data submission may be done through CRISP, Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients; and

Whereas, complying with the reporting and documentation requirements associated with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and ImmuNet are unfunded mandates which are administratively burdensome for physicians and their staff and/or require the purchasing of additional CRISP connectivity software in most electronic medical/health record systems; and

Whereas, administrative burdens are a key driver of physician stress and burnout; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to support physician wellbeing while also ensuring the consistent, speedy, and accurate patient data querying and transmission to CRISP; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, work with the relevant state agencies and other relevant stakeholders to address administrative challenges faced by physicians in querying, accessing, and submitting data to the prescription drug monitoring program and ImmuNet.

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As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its November 2, 2019.