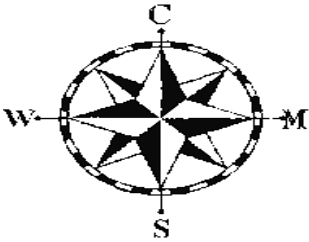


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Take Action



Senate Bill 717 legislation that eliminates the requirement for nurse practitioners (CRNPs) to collaborate with physicians and allows them to practice independently remains awaiting consideration in the legislature. It's quite possible this bill could be considered by the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee in the coming months.

Maintaining physician-led, team-based care in Pennsylvania remains a priority for the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED), and we continue to strongly oppose this bill.

We urge all Pennsylvania physicians to do two things:

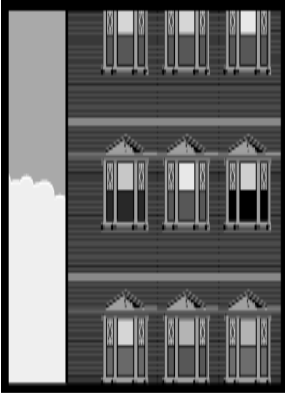
1. **Contact your Senator and reiterate your opposition to SB 717.**
2. **Contact your local hospital administrator(s) and express to them that you oppose SB 717.** On April 15, hospital administrators were invited to participate in a conference call with The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) to discuss whether or not individual hospitals will be actively supporting the independent practice of CRNPs in our state. More to follow.

With the complexity of our health care system ever increasing, patients need both physicians and nurse practitioners coordinating their care and sharing information for the benefit of the patient. The collaborative agreement ensures that patients have direct access to a physician when their care requires a more highly trained professional. Eliminating this network of support would not only be contrary to team-based medicine, but has the potential to jeopardize patient care.

Talking Points are available on the PAMED website.



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MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LOANS

The Westmoreland County Medical Society is sponsoring its annual Medical Student Educational Loan Program which offers loans to eligible medical students.

To be considered for the program, students must be attending an accredited school of medicine and they must be present or past residents of Westmoreland County.

The loan program was initiated with proceeds from a fund established by the Westmoreland County Medical Society with receipts from a polio immunization drive in 1964.

Over the years, the Fund has been supplemented by donations from the Westmoreland County Medical Society, interest income, charitable organizations, doctors and other individuals.

Applications for the loan fund are available through the Westmoreland County Medical Society Office, 231 South Main Street, Suite 207, Greensburg, PA 15601 or on our website at www.wcmspa.org.

Deadline for applications is May 9, 2016.



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DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING NEW AT PAMED'S WEBSITE?

Did you go to www.pamedsoc.org and wonder if you stumbled onto the wrong website?

We can assure you that you've landed on the right site – you were simply among the first to see PAMED's newly designed website that will make it easier to find the information and resources you need to thrive in the business, practice and life of medicine. The new website debuted on April 14, 2016.

The username and password members used for the old website will still work on this new website. The main URL (or web address) remains the same – www.pamedsoc.org – but some of the internal pages you bookmarked may no longer work.

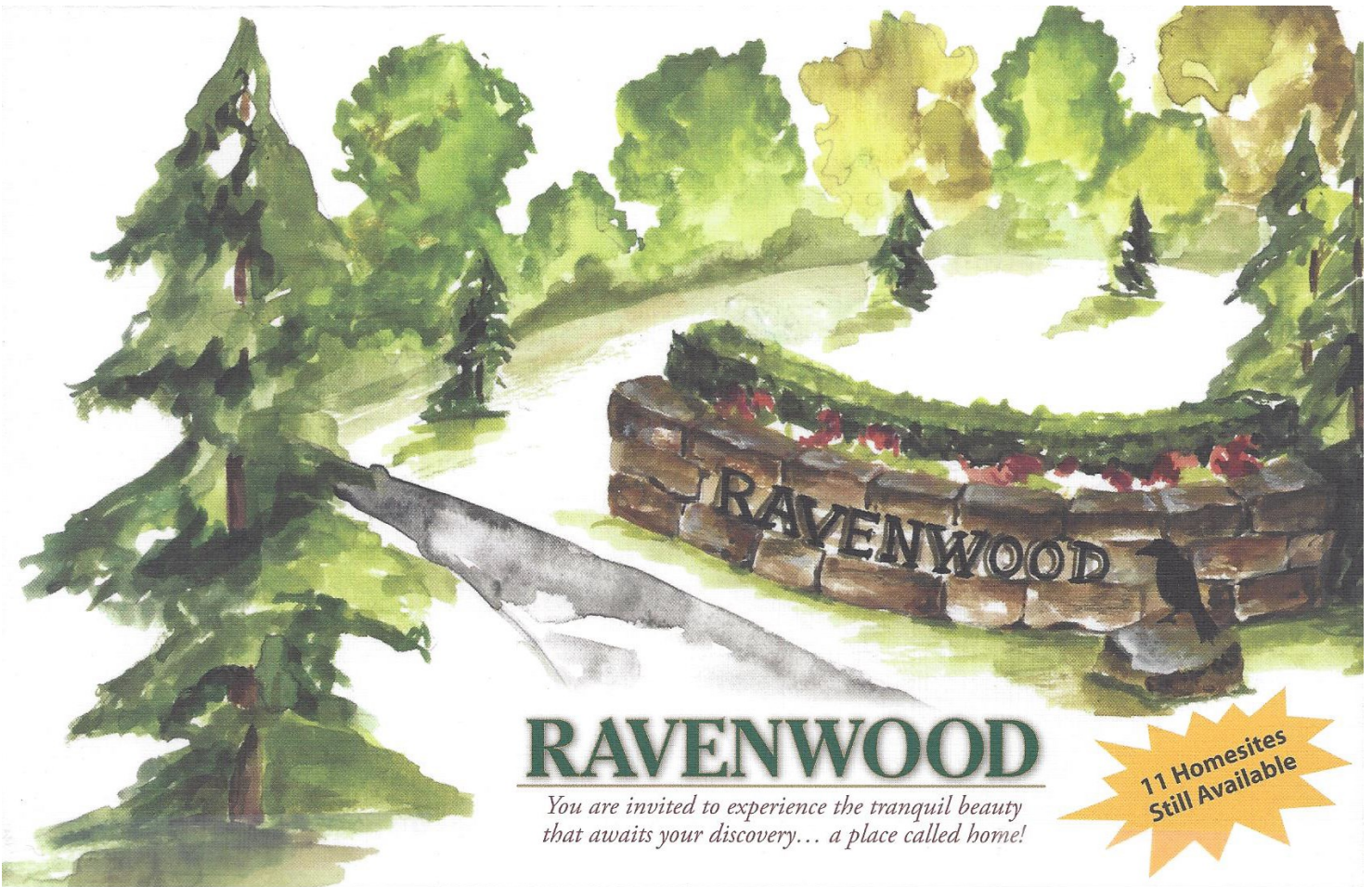
If you have any problems accessing your log-in or finding resources on the website, please email stat@pamedsoc.org or call our Knowledge Center at (855)-PAMED4U (that's 855-726-3348).

Here are some highlights on the new site:

- A simplified home page navigation allows you to find information on advocacy, educational/CME programs, and resources available to members.
- You can search for articles based on topic and filter that list based on other criteria (such as legislation PAMED supports or legislation that PAMED opposes).
- A newsfeed and Twitter feed on our home page allow you to see the most current content.

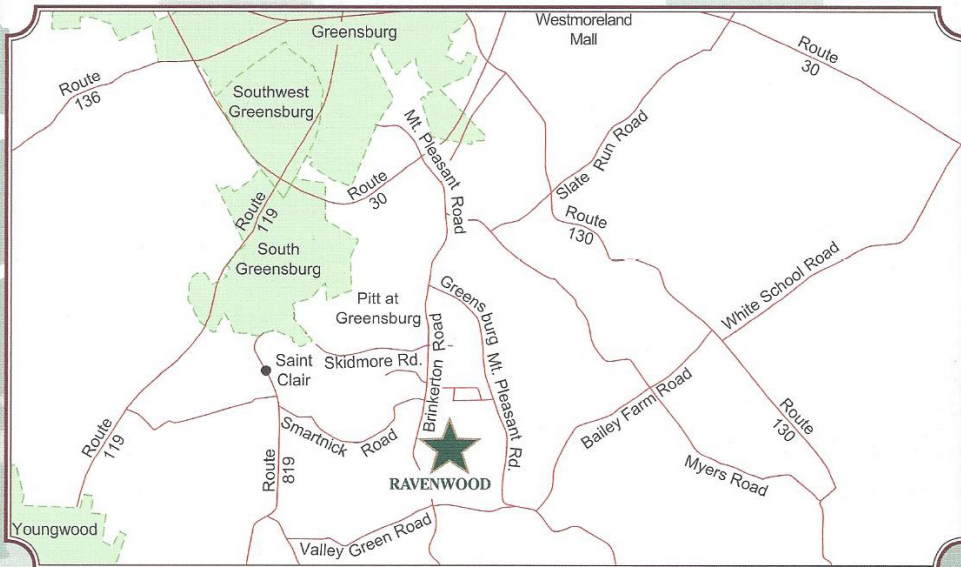
UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
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Rachelle Johns, MD	Daniel Vittone, MD	Henry Lewis, MD	Harry Speedy, MD	Norman Gebrosky, MD	George Austin, MD
Marcia Nelson, MD	Robert Stough, MD	Anthony Nicolette, MD	Jerome Gera, MD	Juan Lora, MD	Mouhanad Al-Fakih, MD
Wilma Light, MD		Steven Perry, DO	Robert Sanders, MD	Stephen C. Mills, MD	David West, MD
Michel Toret, MD		Chitrinee Sachakul, MD	Alan Christianson, MD	Chandra Punukollu, MD	Jack Smith, MD
Mohammad Zaitoon, MD		James Lynch, MD	Paul Myers, DO	Kathleen Catalano, MD	Geoffrey Joseph, MD
Geneen Dashefsky, DO		Christopher Hunzeker, MD	Hiram Gonzales-Ortiz, MD	Gregory Grabiak, MD	Justin Wentworth, DO
Bruno Casile, DO		Gustavo Gomez, MD	Lynn Broadman, MD	Rishi Kad, MD	Stephan Kowalyk, MD
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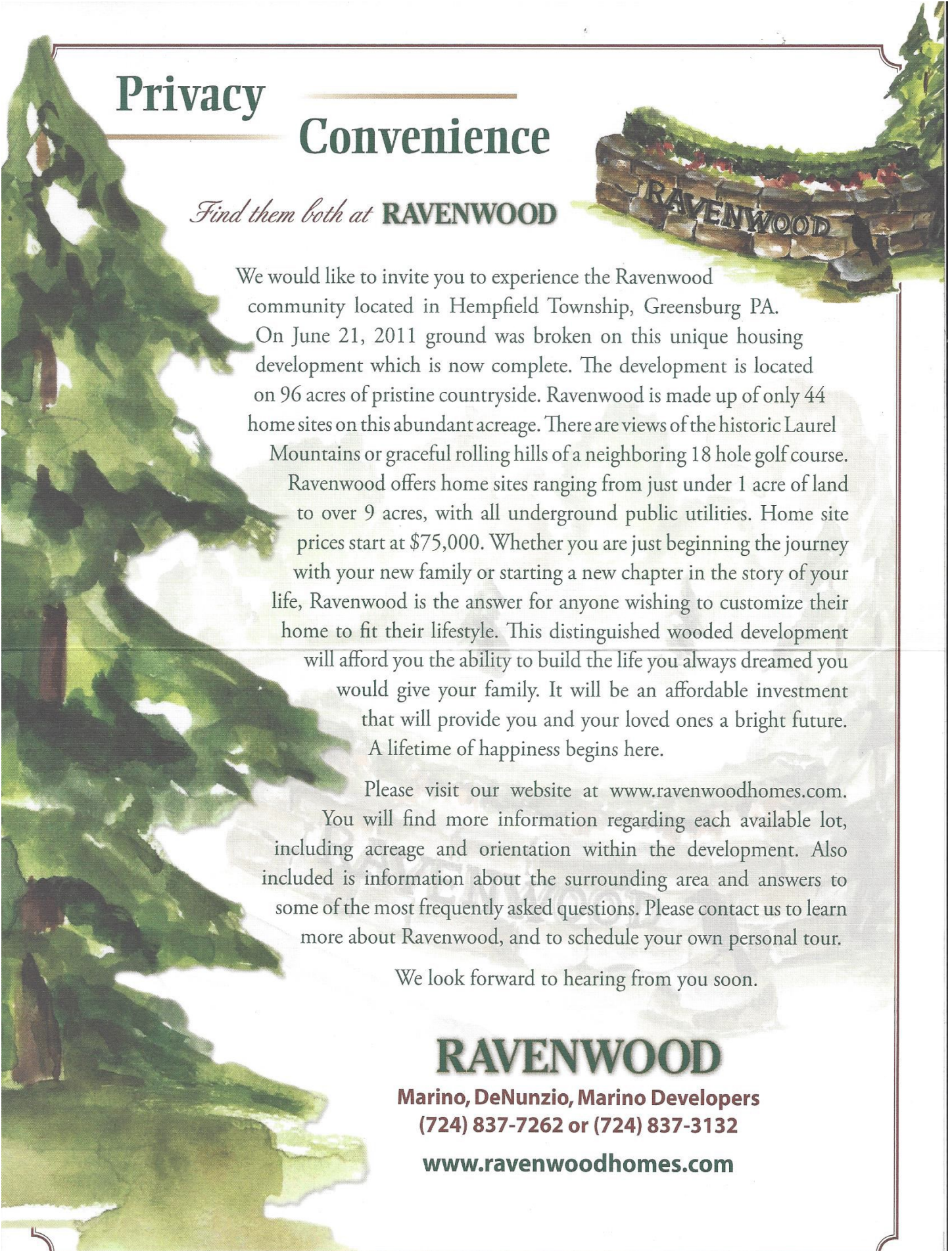
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GOVERNOR WOLF PROPOSES OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT CENTERS IN 2016-2017 BUDGET; APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's proposed 2016-2017 budget includes \$34.2 million for the implementation of 50 centers that would coordinate care for more than 11,250 PA Medicaid patients with opioid-related substance use disorders.

The centers, called "Centers of Excellence (COEs)," would offer a patient-centered, team-based approach to help patients stay engaged in the treatment process. The goal of the centers is to integrate behavioral health, primary care, and substance use treatment.

PA's Department of Human Services (DHS) is now accepting applications for the creation of these COEs. Submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 6, 2016. DHS plans to select potential candidates by May 20 and make its final selections by June 17.

Organizations that wish to apply must:

- Either be enrolled as a Medical Assistance (MA) provider at the time of application or, if not currently an MA provider, must be enrolled by Sept. 1, 2016.
- Be willing to attest that they will not charge Medical Assistance recipients cash for any opioid use disorder related services.
- Have and make use of an Electronic Health Record within 18 months of being designated a COE.

DHS also says that it is highly recommended but not required that the COE obtain a patient-centered medical home (PCMH) certification from an accredited organization within 24 months of being designated a Center of Excellence.

DHS plans to award selected COEs \$500,000 in funding so that each COE can:

- Deploy a community-based care management team of licensed and unlicensed professionals.
- Track and report aggregate outcomes.
- Meet defined referral standards for drug and alcohol, as well as mental health, counseling.
- Report on standard quality outcomes.
- Participate in a learning network.

If the 2016-2017 enacted budget allows, DHS expects to implement phase one of the initiative on October 1, 2016.

Physicians can access more resources - including CME and prescribing guidelines - to help them address the opioid abuse crisis at PAMED's Opioid Abuse Resource Center.

Meet Licensure Requirements with PAMED CME

PAMED members can access more than 40 **FREE** patient safety and risk management CME credits. Get started with these popular activities:

- **Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse:** Meets PA's child abuse reporting training requirements
- **Addressing PA's Opioid Crisis: What Health Care Teams Need to Know:** Offers sessions on prescribing guidelines and naloxone
- **CME Consult:** Compendium of articles offering six credits

Explore even more online, on-demand PAMED CME.

PHASE 2 OF HIPAA AUDIT PROGRAM LAUNCHED - WHAT SHOULD PHYSICIANS EXPECT?

The Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced on March 21, 2016, that it has launched the second phase of its HIPAA Audit Program. OCR will review the policies and procedures adopted and employed by covered entities and their business associates to ensure that they meet the standards and specifications of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules.

Most of the audits will be desk audits, although there will be onsite audits. OCR Director Jocelyn Samuels announced that there will be more than 200 desk and onsite audits, according to FierceHealthIT.

The first set of audits will be desk audits of covered entities, and a second round of audits will focus on business associates. OCR says desk audits will be completed by December 2016. A third set of audits will be onsite and will examine a broader scope of requirements from the HIPAA Rules than desk audits. Some desk auditees may be subject to a subsequent onsite audit.

Every covered entity and business associate is eligible for an audit. These include covered individual and organizational providers of health services, health plans of all sizes and functions, health care clearinghouses, and a range of business associates of these entities.

OCR has begun sending emails in order to obtain and verify contact information to identify covered entities and business associates to determine which are to be included in potential auditee pools.

Once contact information is obtained, a pre-screening questionnaire about size, type, and operations of potential auditees will be sent. The questionnaire will ask entities to identify their business associates.

What's the bottom line for physicians and practices?

Physicians and practices are encouraged to review spam or junk email folders to ensure that emails from OSOCRAudit@hhs.gov are not being classified as spam in error. Entities that do not respond may still be subject to an audit, and OCR will use publicly available information about the entity when creating its audit pool.

Practices may also want to prepare a list of business associates in order to be ready to provide this information on the pre-screening questionnaire.

HIPAA Resources from PAMED

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) provides resources to help you understand and implement the various components of HIPAA. PAMED members have access to the following tools:

- HIPAA Security Toolkit, which includes policy and procedure examples that you can customize to meet your needs
- Notice of Privacy Practices example, which will help you prepare one reflecting your privacy practices
- Legal briefs related to medical records and other PHI

Members with questions about HIPAA can also call PAMED's Knowledge Center at 855-PAMED4U (855-726-3348).

MODEL MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS

A well-functioning medical staff is essential to delivering quality care in a license health care facility. The Pennsylvania Medical Society has developed a medical staff toolkit to help medical staffs in Pennsylvania work more efficiently. They are available on the PAMED website.

OPIOID ABUSE

The problem: Opioid abuse and overdose is a growing epidemic. This crisis spans nearly every state in the U.S., but has hit Pennsylvania particularly hard. Nearly 2,500 deaths were reported in Pennsylvania as a result of drug overdoses in 2014, and more people die from drug overdoses than in car accidents.

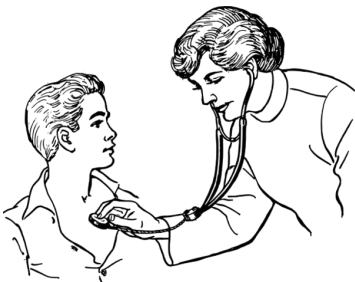
The solution: A multi-pronged approach that includes physicians, patients, and health care organizations like the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) working collaboratively to address this increasing crisis.

PAMED, in collaboration with other stakeholders, has developed several resources to help Pennsylvania physicians combat the growing opioid abuse epidemic. Additional resources are in the works. They are the voluntary Opioid Prescribing Guidelines and the CME's addressing Pennsylvania's Opioid Crisis. Details are available on the PAMED Website.

Physician leaders will be adding an Opioid Awareness Day at the state Capitol. PAMED leaders will meet with legislators and/or their staff to talk about what PAMED has done so far to address the growing opioid abuse epidemic - including working with the state and other stakeholders to develop voluntary prescribing guidelines and continuing medical education for physicians - and more importantly, what it plans to do going forward to continue to educate physicians and empower patients.

OPIOID PRESCRIBING AWARENESS DAY

- ◆ **Start Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 9:00 AM
- ◆ **End Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Event Type:** Meeting
- ◆ **Location:** Harrisburg, PA
- ◆ **Address:** State Capitol, Harrisburg PAMED Headquarters, East Park Drive, Harrisburg



Westmoreland County Medical Society General Membership Meeting

**Pasta Bar Buffet:
DeNunzio's Italian Chophouse
at
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport
on Wednesday
May 25, 2016**

**Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktails 5:30 PM
Buffet at 6:30 PM**

AGENDA:

- **INTRODUCTIONS AND BRIEF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
- **PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR AWARDS**

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