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New Medical Transparency Act Will Impact All Physicians

Most physicians are probably aware that, during the 2007 legislative session, the Colorado Legislature passed the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act, which significantly expands the information about individual physicians that will be disclosed to the public on the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners website. The flipside to that disclosure is a requirement effective January 1, 2009, that all physicians applying for an initial license to practice medicine or reinstating or reactivating an existing license must provide extensive information, and in some cases documentation, and must update the BME of any changes in the required information within 30 days of such a change. Physicians who held an active license prior to January 1, 2008, will be required to comply with the Act as part of the next license renewal cycle in May 2009.

DMS Works for Physician Interests

Colorado organized medicine was intimately involved in negotiations on this bill when it was introduced into the legislature. Although it grew out of a specific Colorado case, it is part of a movement across the nation for increased transparency regarding health care professionals and a more general emphasis on transparency in many arenas, including medicine's successful efforts to pass legislation in Colorado mandating increased transparency on the part of health plans with regard to contracting and physician ranking programs. Given this backdrop, every effort was made to influence

this legislation and remove the most onerous and intrusive elements, resulting in a better bill for physicians than would have otherwise been the case.

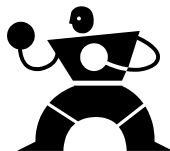
DMS sponsored two informational sessions presented by COPIC in-house council on the requirements of the Act in September and will present an additional program on the topic in January 2009 (date and location to be determined).

The specific information required to be disclosed under the Act is:

- Name
- Aliases
- Current address
- Telephone number
- Information regarding all medical licenses ever held
- Current Board certifications
- Practice specialty(ies)
- Affiliations with hospitals and health care facilities
- Current ownership interests in businesses
- Current employment contracts
- Public disciplinary actions against a medical license
- Agreements and stipulations to temporarily cease medical practice
- Involuntary hospital or health care facility privileging actions

Young Physicians Meeting October 23—Loews Denver Hotel. . .Info Coming Soon

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To locate information on the implementation process, physicians can visit the BME's website at www.dora.state.co.us/medical/physicianprofile.htm. From this page, physicians can access the Board's adopted rules and policies regarding the Act and an electronic profile by which they can submit their required information. The web based profile contains instructions for each required reportable element. Physicians who have questions regarding the profile can contact the BME physician profile administrator Tracey Martinez at tracey.martinez@dora.state.co.us or 303-894-5965. This page also allows physicians to view the completed profiles currently accessible in order to understand how the information will be displayed to the public.

Penalties for Noncompliance

Enforcement of the Act is complaint-driven, and the BME has not been charged with the responsibility for monitoring physicians' self-reported profile information. The legislation does authorize the Board to issue fines up to \$5,000 and gives them the authority to take disciplinary actions in cases of noncompliance with the requirement to report updated information and provide required documentation within 30 days of the action. The Act also prohibits the BME from renewing the license of a physician who has failed to pay an imposed fine.

More information will be forthcoming as implementation of the Transparency Act proceeds. If you were not able to attend one of the DMS information sessions in September, please look for information on our upcoming January program.

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Live Events	Date and Time	Registration Fee	Speakers	CME	CE
It's Back to School Time: Managing Asthma and Anaphylaxis in the Classroom and Beyond	Saturday, September 27 8am–12pm	No Charge	Dan Atkins, MD Stan Szeffler, MD Ronina Covar, MD	3.75	4.2
Women's Health Conference: New Challenges, New Opportunities	Saturday, October 4 8am–3:15pm	\$25	Esther Langmack, MD Cecile Rose, MD Saralyn Mark, MD	6	7
The Denver TB Course (The longest running TB course in the U.S.)	Wednesday–Saturday October 22–25	\$780 General \$455 Fellow, Resident	Michael Iseman, MD Charles Daley, MD	22	25
Real-time qPCR Hands-on Training and Biostatistics Courses	Tuesday–Friday November 4–7	\$875 2-Day Hands-On Course \$875 2-Day Biostatistics Course \$1,500 4-Day Hands-On and Biostatistics Courses	Mikael Kubista, PhD Preveen Ramamoorthy, PhD	—	—
Health Effects of Cigarette Smoking & General Approach to Smoking Cessation	Saturday, November 8 8am–12pm	No Charge	Barry Make, MD Heather LaChance, PhD	3.5	3.7
Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) Course	Thursday–Friday December 18–19	\$400 Physicians \$300 Residents, Nurses, PAs and allied health professionals	Stephen Frankel, MD Michael Schwartz, MD	15.75	18.5
31st Annual National Jewish Health Pulmonary & Allergy Update at Keystone Resort, Colorado	Wednesday–Saturday February 4–7	<i>Early Bird Fees valid until November 30, 2008:</i> \$550 MDs, DOs, PharmDs and industry partners \$450 NPs, PAs, RNs and other allied health professionals	Richard Martin, MD Erwin Gelfand, MD Harold Nelson, MD	15	24
Online Courses	Website	Registration Fee	Participating Faculty	CME	CE
Optimizing Asthma Control (three-part series)	www.optimizing-asthma-control.info	No Charge	Ronald Balkissoon, MD, MSc David Buether, MD Harold Nelson, MD	1–4	—
Insomnia: Recognition & Intervention	www.insomnia-intervention.com	No Charge	Teofilo Lee-Chiong, Jr., MD Amy Robinson Ikelheimer, PhD Wilfred Pigeon, PhD	1.5	1.8
The National Asthma Educator's Certification Review Course	www.cmelogix.org	\$200	Allidah Hicks, MS, RN, AE-C Ann Mullen, RN, MSN, CNS, AE-C	5	5.5
Atopic Dermatitis – The Itch That Rashes: Soak and Seal Skin Care	www.cmelogix.org	\$40	Noreen Nicol, FNP, MS, RN	.75	1

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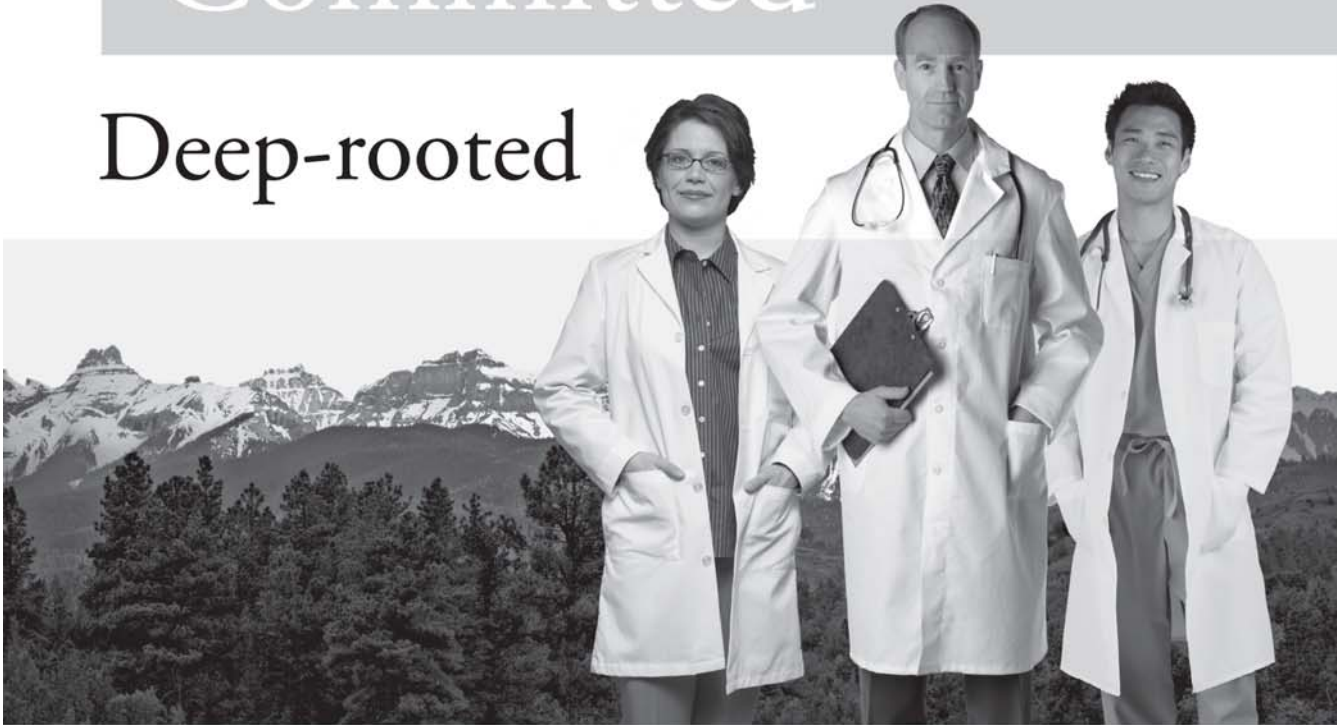
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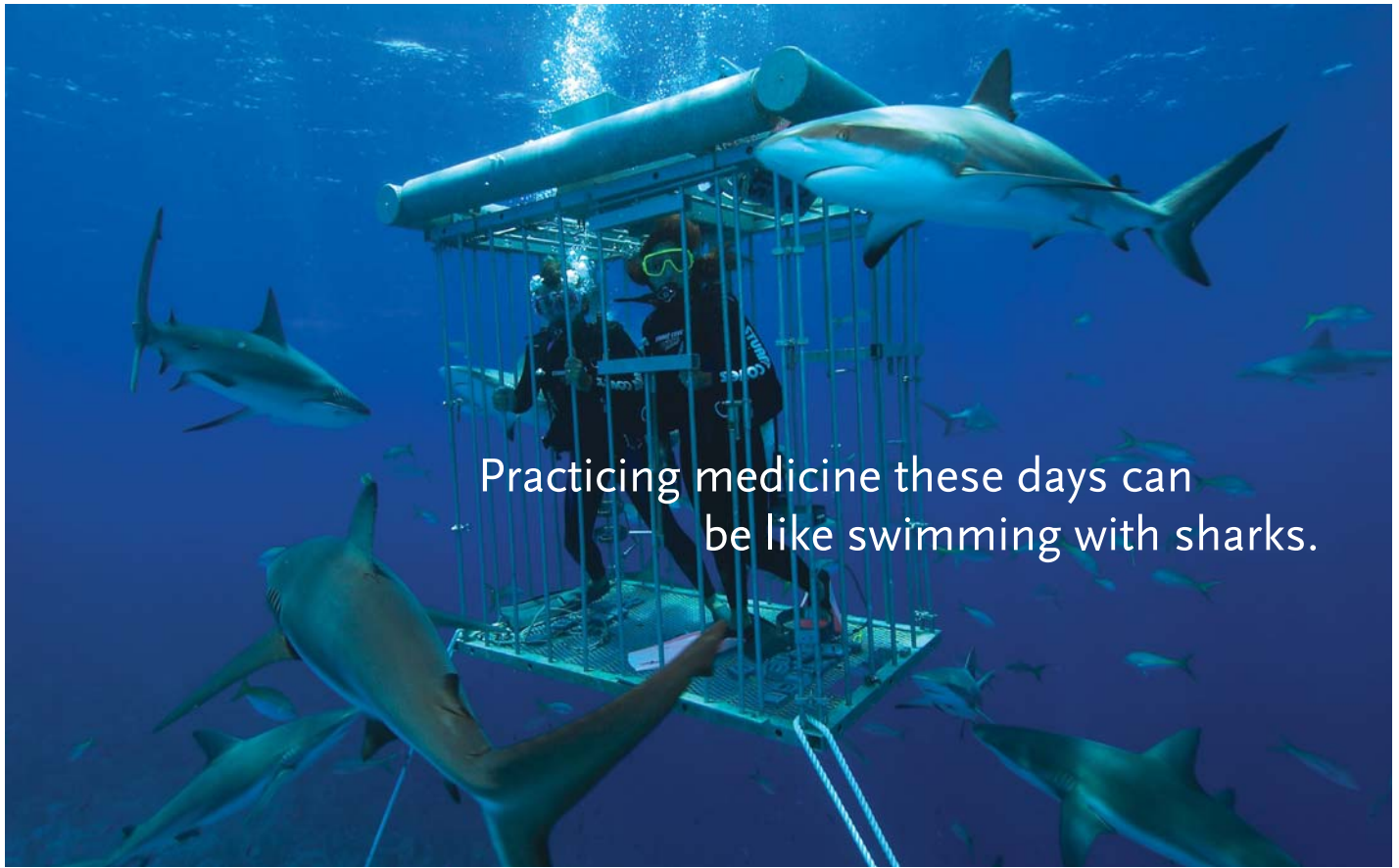


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