IPPS Interim Meeting Highlights

Hawaii Convention Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii
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At the fifth Interim Meeting of the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (IPPS), chaired by Peter Rutherford, CEO, Confluence Health, leaders from physician-led integrated systems throughout the country traveled to Hawaii for peer-to-peer learning, networking, education sessions and policy discussions.

IPPS Welcomes New Governing Council Members

The governing council welcomed 2 new members: Russell Libby, MD, Virginia Pediatric Group and HealthConnect IPA; and Betty Chu, MD, Henry Ford Health System.

Educational Programs Focus on Physician Burnout, Opioid Epidemic

The full-day meeting featured 2 CME programs with a morning session on physician burnout featuring Lotte Dyrbye, MD, Mayo Clinic; and Michael Tutty, PhD, AMA.

Dr. Dyrbye defined burnout as a syndrome of feeling emotionally exhausted, depersonalized and calloused toward patients, all of which can lead to decreased effectiveness at work. She discussed options for organizations to address burnout starting first by assessing the degree of burnout. A reaction panel included IPPS members, Michael Suk, MD, Geisinger Health System; Robert Lee, MD, The Iowa Clinic; and Russell Libby, MD, noted above. Dr. Tutty’s slides and a link to a publication on physician burnout by Dr. Dyrbye and others can be found on the IPPS meeting website.

The second program featured Carol Havens, MD, The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG), who shared the work she is leading at TPMG on opioid safety. The project's mission is to ensure that the organization provides safe, appropriate care to patients, and that physicians have the tools and support for consistent opioid prescribing, monitoring and documentation. The initiative has shown significant results such as a 42% reduction in opioids prescribed since 2013, a 30% reduction in the number of patients on high doses, and more. View Dr. Havens’ slides.

Save the Date

The next meeting of the IPPS will be held during the AMA Annual Meeting, Friday, June 8, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois.
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