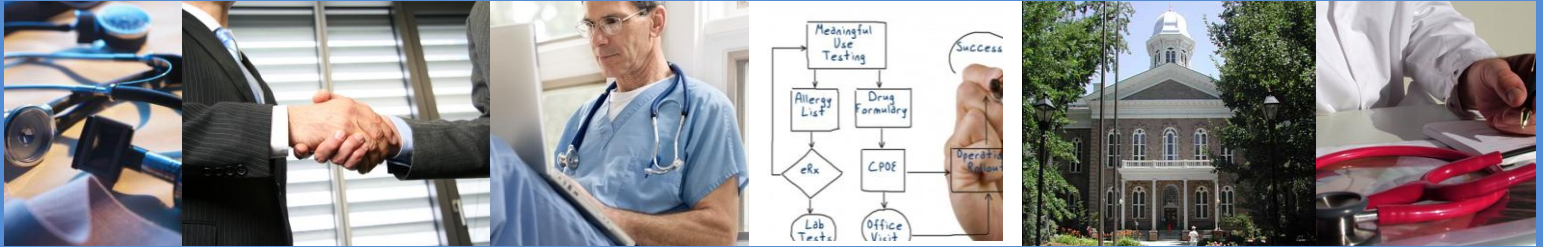




← Joint Membership →



ADVOCATE FOR PHYSICIANS IN NEVADA

Legislative

- The Washoe County Medical Society (WCMS) and the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) work with regulators and elected officials to evaluate the legal and regulatory landscape.
- The WCMS and NSMA develop the State Legislative and Regulatory Strategic Plan to ensure a collective voice on legislation that affects how physicians practice medicine.

Monitored Proposed Legislation

- The NSMA lobby team monitored almost 200 health related bills of the 1,093 bills and resolutions introduced in the 2015 Legislative Sessions.

Legislative Successes

- Protected physicians from cuts in Medicaid payments
- Defended voter-approved liability reforms
- Defined the role of Medical Assistants in the law as being under the supervision of a physician
- Secured Governor's veto of a measure that would have disallowed balance billing
- Negotiated improvement of patient protection laws
- Protected physicians from overly burdensome prescription monitoring and reporting of controlled substances.
- Protected physicians from the unlicensed practice of medicine through Telehealth in Nevada by allowing the boards to monitor the implementation of the Telehealth laws and regulate the practice.

RESOURCE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Physicians and Practice Managers

- CME Programs include: Seminars on timely ethical topics (mandatory for Nevada License renewal).

Community Leaders

- WCMS Mini-Internship Program: non-physicians observe the practice of medicine in a one-on-one setting with physicians.

TIMELY COMMUNICATION

On-Line Information:

www.wcmsnv.org | www.nvdoctors.org

WCMS/NSMA Social Media Platforms

Physician Referrals: More than 3,500 provided to public each year.

Publications

- Bi Monthly Newsletter exclusive to WCMS members
- NSMA E-Newsletters: Medicare & Legislative
- NSMA Politics & Policy Update
- NSMA Practice Management & Enhancement Newsletter
- WCMS Physician Member Directory

RESOURCES FOR PRACTICE MANAGERS

WCMS and NSMA members can improve their practice's performance with an array of practice management resources to help manage your practice more efficiently and effectively.

IMPROVE THE PRACTICE'S PERFORMANCE

- Annual free 3rd Party Payor Conference offered in Las Vegas & Reno areas.

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- They are the workshops of the association/society and are responsible for developing many of the policies and programs that assist physicians and improve the quality of medical care in our community.

PUBLIC HEALTH RELATIONS

Community Coalitions

- The NSMA monitors and provides oversight to educational, informational, and regulatory activities regarding communicable disease control.

Collaboration Efforts

- Safe Injection Practices Coalition
- Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition
- Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
- Immunize Nevada
- Prescription Drug Coalition

WCMS Speakers Bureau

- WCMS physicians from various specialties are selected to represent WCMS to the media and the community.

GPO DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Insurance | Office Supplies and Product Services | Law Services | Banking/Lending/Wealth Management

- Disability Insurance – 10-15% Discounts depending on the product
- Malpractice Insurance: 5% - 10% Discounts with various Malpractice Insurance Companies.
- Law Services: Discounts on select legal services including compliance audits and plans, and employment contract review.
- Discounts on office and medical supplies along with other goods and services.
- Advertising: Free classified advertising (up to 25 words) in our monthly newsletter (limit of 4 per year or one quarter page ad).
- Financial suite of products with savings packages tailored for medical practices and medical professionals.
- Low mortgage rates, mortgage loan reward benefits, and personal moving assistance concierge services.
- Credentialing software.