



NEWS & NOTES FROM NPO



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July 27, 2016 Dawg Days of Summer.

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Physicians: a good opportunity to come together to learn more about working together to remain independent. Please bring a colleague, too!



**Delivering Accountable Care
Physicians Partnering
Tuesday August 16, 2016
5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Traverse City Golf and Country Club
1725 South Union Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

5:30 – Reception

6:00 – Presentations Begin

- Dr. Peter Sneed – Patient/Provider Partnership
- Dr. Scott Monteith – Team-based Care and Integrating Behavioral Health
- Dr. Nathan March – Collective Independence
- Panel Discussion

Please RSVP by August 10, 2016

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**Light Dinner and Refreshments will be served*

From the IT Department

Please see the following article for a physician's view on how & why Cloud hosting can ease some of the administrative burden involved in owning and maintaining an EMR in a small practice.

"A new study says that less than 60 percent of physicians are using EHRs, and the smaller the practice the less likely they are to use an EHR. Smaller, independent practices have always been slower to adopt EHRs. And it's no wonder when you consider what a client-server EHR can cost. But today, there are cloud-based EHRs that are so much more affordable. Cost shouldn't be a factor in EHR selection anymore."

[Click here for article](#)



NPO's INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY WORK IS TURNING HEADS!

Executive Insights/Health System Management has published an article, "The Care Coordination Triangle", featuring NPO!

[CLICK HERE TO READ!](#)

Practice Manager Meeting:

BEING MORTAL

RECRUITING QUALITY EMPLOYEES!

The Traverse City PAHCOM (Professional Association of Health Care Office Management) chapter and NPO are looking at ways to work together. The Traverse City chapter of PAHCOM is inviting all NPO members to their monthly meetings as a trial to see if a collaborative effort between NPO and PAHCOM would be sustainable. The trial began in July and it will continue through September. PAHCOM membership is not required during this trial to attend meetings. NPO will be reaching out after the trial meetings to survey practices on their experience. Please come and see what you think; you won't be disappointed! The next PAHCOM meeting is:

Title/Topic: Recruiting Quality Employees

Speakers: Multiple

Date: 8/17/16

Time: 07:30 AM - 09:00 AM

Questions? Email Jamie Schichtel jschichtel@mhc.net

[TC CHAPTER WEBSITE](#)

Traverse City Opera House
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Film Screening: 6:15 - 7:15 pm
Discussion: 7:15 pm

There will be a free screening and panel discussion of the PBS Frontline film *BEING MORTAL*, based on the best-selling book by Atul Gawande, MD, exploring the hopes of patients & families facing terminal illness & their relationships with care providers. For more information, and to sign up, please

[Click here.](#)

OPIOID PRESCRIBING CHECKLIST

Improving the way opioids are prescribed through clinical practice guidelines can ensure patients have access to safer, more effective chronic pain treatment, while reducing the number of people who misuse, abuse, or overdose from these drugs.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the CDC's Checklist for Prescribing Opioids.

MEET OUR MEDICAL DIRECTORS

Northern Physicians Organization (NPO) recently announced the appointment of its Medical Directors.

Manistee Area Medical Director

Dr. Joel Anhalt is a family practice physician practicing in the Manistee area for over 12 years. His practice is located in Arcadia, where he lives with his wife, Krista, who is also a physician, and his four children. He received a B.S. from Grand Valley State University and his Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. His residency was in Family Practice at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, MI. He enjoys running, fishing, and attending his children's athletic events.

Traverse City Area Medical Director

Dr. Gail Gwizdala is an internist practicing at Thirlby Clinic in Traverse City, Michigan for the past 23 years after having been at Henry Ford Hospital as physician in charge of the Southfield office. She received a Ph.D from Montith College as well as a B.S. in Biology at Wayne State



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University. Her doctorate was from Wayne State University School of Medicine and residency training at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. She enjoys traveling, visiting with her children, and gardening.

Petoskey Area Medical Director

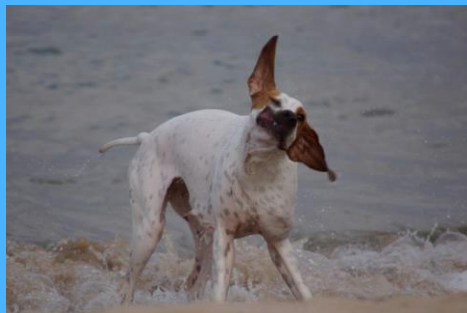
Dr. Melanie Manary is an internist/geriatrician practicing in Petoskey, MI for over 25 years. She is a partner in Internal Medicine of Northern Michigan. She received a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in public health, an M.D. from Wayne State University and an M.B.A. from University of Michigan. Her Internal Medicine training was at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She enjoys road biking, skiing, kayaking and gardening. She lives with her husband, Chuck Huebner, and has two adult sons.

We are very pleased to have these three physicians providing leadership and support to NPO physician members!



July 27th is Bagpipe Appreciation Day. Please, show a bagpipe some appreciation.

NPO is committed to providing great resources to our members!



Too hot? Shake it off... only 151 days until Christmas!

**Always feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions.
The NPO Newsletters are for you.
We would love your feedback.
THANKS!**

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