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Best States to Practice

The Journal Club of the Department of Psychiatry at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, discussed Dr. Eskew's article on evaluation of potential practice locations,¹ with about 10 residents and one faculty member participating.

The article was emailed to all members of the group, and then an hour-long discussion was conducted. Overall the article was received very well, and all participants felt that they learned about an area that is not covered in residency didactics. A number of residents from other groups asked to get copies of this article after they heard about it from participants in our group. Here are the comments and feelings from the participants.

Positive comments:

- All believed the content of the article was very revealing about a reality different from what is understood while in academic training. They were surprised by the amount of variance between rules, regulations, and actions in different states.
- Most were surprised that some states regulate types of practice and equipment. Residents were very interested in how certificate of need was possible in a "free market society."
- Most were unaware that state medical boards vary so greatly in how they regulate practice and the effects that this can have on a business model.
- All but one participant felt this article was very informative and wished these topics were part of the curriculum.
- All expressed a desire to see similar articles that were dedicated to a psychiatric practice.
- Most were surprised to hear how insurance is not the only way to receive payment.
- All were surprised but grateful to learn that insurance fraud can be alleged for much more than just billing services that were never provided.

 All were surprised that insurance commissioners and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have limited oversight over cash-only practices.

Negative comments:

- All wished to have this information applied to specific specialties instead of staying so general.
- · All were unaware that AAPS exists.
- One resident did not like that the source was AAPS, that the Journal is not listed in databases like Medline/Pubmed, and that AAPS has published articles that are considered controversial and rejected by many in medicine.
- This resident also did not agree with ranking states by a point value without giving strict criteria about what determines +1, 0, or -1. He insisted that rankings were invalid without point values being strictly defined and published in the article, for example, how many pages of state regulations makes a state 0 or -1.

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 Eskew P. Which state best suits your medical practice—an analysis and reference guide. J Amer Phys Surg 2014;19:115-121.

Erratum

In Dr. Timothy Marshall's article in the summer 2014 issue,¹ an incorrect reference was cited for the statement that "statins actually increase rather than decrease CVD risk in women, the young, and people with diabetes." Reference 13 should be: Sultan S, Hynes N. The ugly side of statins: systemic appraisal of the contemporary un-known unknowns. *Open J Endocrine Metab Dis* 2013;3:179-185. Available at: http://dx.doi. org/10.4236/ojemd.2013.33025. Accessed Feb 8, 2015.

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