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## ISMIE Mutual's Base Premium Unchanged for 2016-17!

Value, service and innovation – these are the hallmarks of ISMIE Mutual coverage, and for 2016-17, policyholders will receive even more protection without any change in their base premiums.

“For nearly a decade, ISMIE Mutual has held Illinois premiums essentially flat,” said ISMIE Chairman Harold L. Jensen, MD. “Many of our policyholder partners are actually paying less than they were 10 years ago when factoring in premium credits for participation in our risk management program and dividend distributions.”

If you have any questions about your coverage, feel free to contact ISMIE's Underwriting Team at 800-782-4767 or by email at [underwriting@ismie.com](mailto:underwriting@ismie.com). If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.



## Two New Dates for *Dissecting Diagnostic Error* Seminar

If you missed the popular *Dissecting Diagnostic Error* program earlier this year, you and your team are in luck. ISMIE has added two new dates for this informative seminar series – September 9 in Springfield and October 26 in Glen Ellyn.

The program presents an analysis of the latest research and solutions clinicians can use to improve their diagnostic accuracy and skills, featuring:

- Mark Graber, MD, a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) panel behind last year's "Improving Diagnosis in Health Care" report, who will discuss major findings from the report and how electronic medical records can play a role in better diagnostic practices.
- Gurpreet Dhaliwal, MD, a practicing emergency medicine physician, hospitalist, and author of "Blueprint for Diagnostic Excellence," who will offer guidance on diagnostic tracking and feedback systems, metacognition, real-time learning and practical skill development.



Mark Graber, MD

The September 9 Springfield session will be held from noon-3 p.m. at the Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams Street, and the October 26 event will run from 9 a.m.-noon at the Crowne Plaza, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn.

Eligible policyholders may earn a 1% premium discount and *AMA-PRA Category 1 Credit*.™

To register, call ISMIE Risk Management at 800-782-4767, ext. 3300, email [riskmanagement@ismie.com](mailto:riskmanagement@ismie.com) or go to [www.ismie.com/DissectingDiagnosticError](http://www.ismie.com/DissectingDiagnosticError) online.



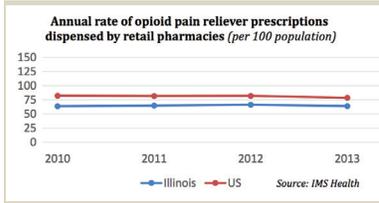
Gurpreet Dhaliwal, MD

## Are Your Patients Insured by Land of Lincoln Health?

The Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) announced last month it would take action to close down Land of Lincoln Health, the financially struggling Illinois health insurance co-op. The DOI is helping some 49,000 Illinois policyholders to new coverage, but for full information, check the Illinois State Medical Society's comprehensive online coverage at [www.isms.org/LandOfLincoln](http://www.isms.org/LandOfLincoln).

## Preventing Opioid Abuse and Neglect: We Are In This Together

**How Illinois Fares Nationally:**  
Illinois ranks lower than the national average for prescribing opioids:

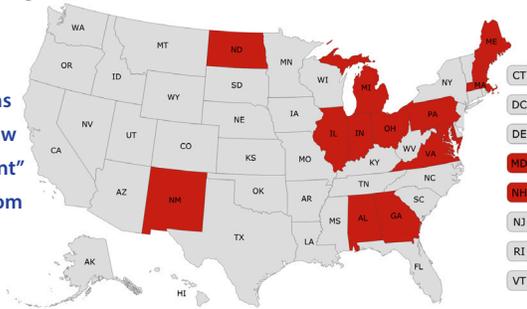


**Illinois' Legislative Action:**  
Passed in 2015, HB 1 is tackling the problem through:

- ✓ Expansion of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program
- ✓ Greater access to opioid-blocking emergency drugs
- ✓ Insurance parity for addiction treatment and mental health services
- ✓ Many other comprehensive provisions

### We're Still Facing a Significant Problem:

Before the state passed HB 1, Illinois was one of 14 states that saw a "statistically significant" overdose death rate from 2013 to 2014.



For more information, visit the ISMIE practice resource website at [www.ismie.com/opioids](http://www.ismie.com/opioids)



## They're at it Again ...

### The Copyright Comedy Hour

Exactly how many ways can you split a split personality?

Ask Stephen Colbert, the real-life CBS talk show host and creator of Stephen Colbert, the fake Comedy Central talk show host character modeled on real cable news talk show hosts.

With us so far?

During the GOP convention two weeks ago, the real Colbert dusted off the fake Colbert and put him to work. That is, until Comedy Central's attorneys apparently called to remind Colbert about a small wrinkle in U.S. copyright law that usually add up to three magical words: "Cease and desist."

And that's how "Stephen Colbert's identical twin cousin" was born. On July 27, the next-to-last night of the Democratic National Convention, Colbert announced that "thanks to corporate lawyers, the character of 'Stephen Colbert,' host of *The Colbert Report*, will never be seen again."

Or WILL he?

After all, there's a rumor that CBS, formerly part of the Viacom universe that still owns Comedy Central, might merge again with Viacom, leaving the Eye Network in charge of everyone. Which, in all truthiness, could make all the Colberts, their reunited employer and everyone's lawyers very happy.

Got it? Now explain it back to us.