

PM Update



Bringing relevant issues to practice managers

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1. ISMIE's Website, Hot Off the Launch Pad

Check out the fresh look of [ISMIE's redesigned website](#), with enhanced features, updated content and a new risk management learning center.

There's also an [Education for Staff](#) web page!

Enjoy the exceptional readability and intuitive navigation options on the new site. Check out www.ismie.com on your computer, iPad or handheld device.

Login assistance

If you are a representative requesting a username and password on a policyholder's behalf, please complete and submit the [Username and Password Request Form](#).

2. Transition Coming Up? Be Sure to "Pack" Your ISMIE Coverage

Help your medical practice minimize the hassle of any transition to another employment setting by informing staff that there's probably no need to switch from ISMIE to another medical liability insurance carrier. After all, ISMIE has always

insured doctors in large group practices and hospital settings, in addition to solo and smaller practices.

If your office anticipates a transition in the near future, please contact ISMIE's Underwriting Division at 800-782-4767 or [by email](#) for assistance. We will work with your office to overcome any potential barriers and customize the coverage according to need.

3. ISMIE Mutual in the News

Did you know that for the sixth year in a row, ISMIE Mutual will distribute new dividends to eligible policyholders? Dividends will total more than \$17 million for 2012-2013, bringing total dividends since

the program's inception to \$91 million.

Yet another good reason to continue with ISMIE!

[Read more about this year's dividend.](#)

4. All Hands on Deck to Prep for a Practice Assessment

It takes a team effort to manage the risks associated with running a medical practice. So if your physician is planning to sign up for a practice assessment, why not join him or her at one of ISMIE Mutual's risk management sessions? "Preparing for Your Practice Assessment" will be offered on the following dates and times for policyholders and their staff.

- **Live seminar on March 23 for all clinicians and their staff; registration begins at 8:30 a.m., seminar runs from 9 - 11:30 a.m.**

[Staff registration](#)

[Physician registration](#)

- **One-hour webinars specific to a physician's area of practice**

[March 26; 11 a.m. - For pathologists and their staff](#)

[March 26; 1 p.m. - For hospitalists and their staff](#)

[March 27; Noon - For radiologists and their staff](#)

[March 28; Noon - For anesthesiologists and their staff](#)

[March 29; Noon - For office-based clinicians and their staff](#)

[March 30; Noon - For emergency medicine specialists and their staff](#)

A practice assessment offers a unique opportunity to help fine-tune your systems and reduce risk in the practice. Here's another big bonus: Policyholders may earn a 5% premium discount for two policy years!

Please note: A practice assessment for your office must be requested by the priority date of April 1 to guarantee completion in 2012.

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

5. Tdap Vaccine to Stanch Spread of Whooping Cough

The busy season for school physicals is fast approaching, bringing along the flurry of school physical forms. Here's what's new for the coming school year.

Students entering sixth and ninth grades in the fall will now be required to provide proof of a Tdap vaccination, along with the school physical forms already required for these grades. The new vaccination requirement is in response to the rise of whooping cough among school children in Illinois.

The [Certificate of Child Health Examination Form](#) has been revised to include the new Tdap requirement and other changes. For more information, check out the [frequently asked questions related to school physicals](#).