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### Vice President Joe Biden Opens ACCC Meeting

In this inspiring video to attendees at the ACCC 33rd National Oncology Conference, Oct. 19-21, Vice President Biden talks about the Moonshot Initiative, breaking down siloes, improving access to clinical trials, the importance of receiving cancer care in the community where you live, and more. [accc-cancer.org/biden](http://accc-cancer.org/biden).



### What Are Your Peers Saying about Oral Oncolytics?

ACCC's free webinars provide insight, including top barriers and challenges, adherence and toxicity issues, and more: [attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1397447768538574852](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1397447768538574852). Learn strategies to improve patient education and adherence at: [attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5474632597402095108](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5474632597402095108).



### Empowering Patients, Engaging Providers: The Future of Patient- Centered Care in Oncology

Continue the conversation started at the ACCC Institute for the Future of Oncology forum in June 2016 where participants identified seven key elements required to provide true patient-centered care. [accc-cancer.org/institute/pdf/2016-WhitePaper-Empowering-Patients-Engaging-Providers.pdf](http://accc-cancer.org/institute/pdf/2016-WhitePaper-Empowering-Patients-Engaging-Providers.pdf).



### Missed the 2016 ICLIO National Conference? Download the Presentations Today

"What's Ahead in Immuno-Oncology? Indications & Combinations," "Developing Your Immuno-Oncology Dream Team: Coordination of Care and Collaboration among Specialist," "Alternative Payment Models and Methods for Immunotherapies," and more. Audio podcasts available soon. [accc-iclio.org/iclio-national-conference-presentation-slides-9-30-16](http://accc-iclio.org/iclio-national-conference-presentation-slides-9-30-16).

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## Feeling Negative Revenue Cycle Effects of High-Deductible Health Plans?

### Try These 5 Tips.

1. Communicate with your patients early about costs and options.
2. Conduct eligibility screening early.
3. Collect from patients at the point-of-care.
4. Offer patients options.
5. Have the right staff in place to help patients.

Source: MedEvolve.  
[medevolve.com](http://medevolve.com).



## 2016 Employer Health Benefits Survey

- Annual family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance rose an average of **3%** to \$18,142 in 2016.
- The recent trend in part reflects covered workers moving into high-deductible plans, which offer lower average premiums.
- **29%** of all workers were in high-deductible plans—up from **20%** in 2014.
- **83%** of covered workers face a deductible for single coverage that averages \$1,478. That's up \$159 or **12%** from 2015, and \$486 or **49%** since 2011.
- **51%** of all covered workers face deductibles of at least \$1,000 annually for single coverage.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation/Health Research & Educational Trust. [kff.org/health-costs/report/2016-employer-health-benefits-survey](http://kff.org/health-costs/report/2016-employer-health-benefits-survey).



### Health Insurance Benefits

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## Survey on Drug Costs: Employers Prefer Private Sector Solutions

- When it comes to pharmacy benefits, employers' top concern is reducing costs; the two most important objectives: reducing overall costs (**54%**) and reducing patient premiums and other out-of-pocket costs (**45%**).
- **70%** think the private sector is better equipped than the government to manage pharmacy benefits.
- **60%** of employers say new government interventions would lead to higher prices—only **18%** say they would lower prices.
- More than half (**54%**) of employers think drug companies are primarily to blame for higher costs.

Source. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association. [pcmanet.org/images/stories/uploads/2016/north%2ostar%20opinion%20employer%20%20memo.pdf](http://pcmanet.org/images/stories/uploads/2016/north%2ostar%20opinion%20employer%20%20memo.pdf).



## Tips for Recruiting a Physician Assistant

1. Consider personality & temperament
2. Provide role clarity
3. Communicate expectations in writing
4. Hire new graduates
5. Offer a signing bonus
6. Pay attention to state laws and regulations.

Source. Cryts A. Tips for Recruiting the Perfect Physician Assistant. [physicianspractice.com](http://physicianspractice.com).



## CMS Reports Hospital Rates Down Nationally

- Rates of potentially avoidable hospital readmissions fell in **49** states and the District of Columbia from 2010 through 2015; Vermont is the lone state without a decline.
- Readmission rates fell **8%** nationally over the five-year period.
- These data confirm the hard work of hospitals to reduce readmissions by improving patient safety and increasing care coordination.
- Potentially avoidable hospital readmissions that occur within **30 days** of a patient's initial discharge are estimated to account for more than **\$17 billion** in Medicare expenditures annually.

Source. CMS. The CMS Blog. [blog.cms.gov/2016/09/13/new-data-49-states-plus-dc-reduce-avoidable-hospital-readmissions](http://blog.cms.gov/2016/09/13/new-data-49-states-plus-dc-reduce-avoidable-hospital-readmissions).

