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## Ortho News This Week

### More Information Regarding Secure Prescription Forms Clean-up Legislation Passes and is Signed into Law



Below is a notice from the Medical Board of California notifying you that clean-up legislation – AB 149 – has passed and been signed into law regarding the requirements for “secure prescription forms” needed in order to write a prescription for controlled substances.

**None of this applies to you and your office if you are sending in the prescriptions electronically.**

1. If you were able to comply with the new secure prescription forms with the 16-digit serialized numbers mandated by the Department of Justice as of January 1, 2019, **you can continue to use these forms until January 1, 2021**. Be aware, however, that these new forms do not actually meet the nationwide standards for a secure prescription form as the serialized number can not be read as a bar code. Expect more changes by the Department of Justice.
2. The Department of Justice has until January 1, 2020 to come up with a new serial number for the prescription pads that meet the nationwide standards. The new number will be shorter, uniquely serialized, and have a scannable barcode.
3. **January 1, 2021**- is the key date by which prescribers **must start using the new prescription pads** developed by the Department of Justice.

**So, you have until January 1, 2021 to use up all prescription pads you were using before January 1, 2019, or prescription pads you bought to comply with the January 1, 2019 law.**

You will still want to order the secure prescription pads from a Department of Justice approved printer. The list of eligible printers will likely be updated as well.

Direct any questions to the COA office –916-454-9884 or [admin@coa.org](mailto:admin@coa.org)

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Dana C. Covey, MD, honored with 2019 Tipton Leadership Award



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Dana C. Covey, MD, received the 2019 William W. Tipton Jr, MD, Leadership Award during yesterday's Your Academy 2019 event. The annual award honors and celebrates the life, accomplishments, and qualities of the late Dr. Tipton, an orthopaedic surgeon, educator, and former AAOS chief executive officer. Dr. Covey was recognized for his outstanding leadership and service to the orthopaedic community and patients, both in the United States and abroad. [READ MORE](#)

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## Death by a thousand clicks: Where electronic health records went wrong



Fortune

The pain radiated from the top of Annette Monachelli's head, and it got worse when she changed positions. It didn't feel like her usual migraine. The 47-year-old Vermont attorney turned innkeeper visited her local doctor at the Stowe Family Practice twice about the problem in late November 2012, but got little relief. Two months later, Monachelli was dead of a brain aneurysm, a condition that, despite the symptoms and the appointments, had never been tested for or diagnosed until she turned up in the emergency room days before her death. [READ MORE](#)

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### When to Be a Nice Doctor - and When to Stop

In his most recent medical malpractice case study, CAP's General Counsel Gordon Ownby analyzes a lawsuit against an internist who was alleged to have improperly prescribed Durezol to his patient. Every month Mr. Ownby provides commentary on a real-life litigated case for his monthly column "Case of the Month." Read it here: <https://www.caphysicians.com/cotm1>

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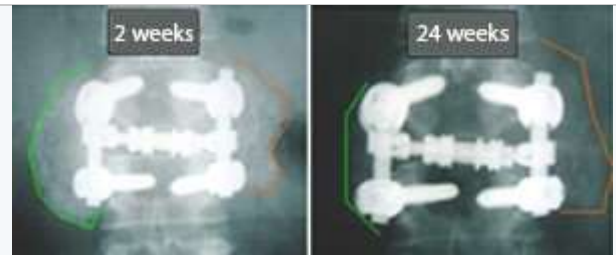
All rooms have upper/lower cabinets. Private office has window. Available days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and also Saturday. Free-standing office building with ample parking in Toluca Lake/North Hollywood on Riverside Drive. For immediate showing and more information please contact Marina Mazanians at 818-209-6528 or [overload805@yahoo.com](mailto:overload805@yahoo.com).

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