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Ortho News This Week

Physicians decry unintended consequences of California's surprise billing laws



CMA

A new survey of California physicians illustrates serious unintended consequences from California's surprise billing law (AB 72) that will have long term impacts on patient access to care if not corrected. While the California law has protected patients from surprise bills, physicians are reporting serious problems that will substantially increase health care costs by accelerating consolidation in the health care market, jeopardizing the emergency care safety net and restricting patient access to in-network physicians. [READ MORE](#)

Stryker announces acquisition of Wright Medical



Healio

Stryker announced it entered a definitive agreement to acquire all issued and outstanding ordinary shares of Wright Medical Group N.V. for \$30.75 per share, or a total equity value of around \$4 billion and a total enterprise value of around \$5.4 billion, according to a press release. [READ MORE](#)

DWC Anaheim office has new address



California Department of Industrial Relations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) today announced its Anaheim office has a new street address. The office itself is not moving, but the street name has changed from PacificCenter Drive to the following: 1065 N Link, Suite 170 Anaheim, CA 92806 The office phone numbers remain the same. [READ MORE](#)

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The 5 elements of physician self-care



Medical Economics

Studies show that medical students have a precipitous drop in empathy levels within just months of starting their third-year clinical rotations. While there are a variety of proposed explanations for the transition from naïve pre-med idealist to world-weary cynic, one likely culprit is the de-emphasis on self-care which occurs during these rotations. [READ MORE](#)

E-learning educates medical students on safely prescribing opioids for chronic pain



News-Medical.net

Even in the era of the opioid epidemic and abuse, medical residents report feeling inadequately prepared to prescribe opioids responsibly to patients who medically need them. However, a safe opioid prescribing e-learning program effectively educates graduate students on safely prescribing opioids for chronic pain and is effective regardless of year in training, according to research from the University of California, Irvine. [READ MORE](#)

Immersion in virtual reality scenes of the Arctic helps to ease people's pain



Medical Xpress

Watching immersive 360 videos of icy Arctic scenes helps to relieve intense burning pain and could hold hope for treating chronic pain, a small study has found. Scientists from Imperial College London have found that using virtual reality headsets could combat increased sensitivity to pain, by immersing people in scenes of icebergs, frigid oceans and sprawling icescapes. [READ MORE](#)

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