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**Appropriate Patients
for Topical Therapy:
Important
Considerations**

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IMPORTANT END OF YEAR PLANNING

Add COA's non-profit foundation, the "California Orthopaedic Foundation" to your list of charitable organizations deserving your support. Contributions are tax deductible.

PUSH for change in patients' access to orthopaedic care.

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ACP/AAFP Clinical Guideline Updates

The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recently revised their clinical Guidelines for Pain to recommend topical NSAIDs as first line therapy for the treatment of non-low back pain from musculoskeletal injuries in adults. Listen to Dr. Gudin share his insights for clinicians.

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NEW COA MEMBER BENEFIT

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VERADIGM STAND-ALONE ePRESCRIBING PLATFORM

As of January 1, 2022 two things will change in prescribing medications:

1. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) is requiring that Part D prescriptions for Medicare patients for controlled substances must be submitted electronically.
2. California is mandating that all prescriptions be submitted electronically.

To assist COA members in complying with these requirements, COA has partnered with Veradigm (a business unit of Allscripts) to offer its members access to a stand-alone application for e-prescribing. A stand-alone option allows physicians to e-prescribe even though they do not have an EHR system in their practice.

Veradigm ePrescribe is fully compliant with all California and federal mandates and has the following capabilities:

- Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)
- Connectivity to CURES - California's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) within the ePrescribing workflow
- Ability to access patient-specific drug price information at the point of care via Veradigm RxTruePrice

Veradigm is offering COA members a 15% discount on their e-prescribing app.

- \$29 per health care provider per month with ads
- \$33 per health care provider per month without ads.

For more information, [listen to the video presented at COA's 2021 Annual Meeting](#). Helena Molyneux can be contacted at: 908-283-1364 or helena.molyneux@veradigm.com.

[Click her to sign-up for the COA program.](#)



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Congress Passes Bill To Delay 6% of Medicare Cuts

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Congress passed a bill (S. 610) to delay 6% of the Medicare cuts from going into effect Jan. 1 and reduce most of a 3.75% cut from the Conversion Factor Update (see breakdown with updates highlighted below). If signed into law, the measure will provide short-term relief for physician practices across the country who would otherwise be faced with an up to 10% decrease in payments.

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