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Don't miss this timely opportunity to visit with your colleagues and learn about important legislative matters! **"The Legislative Landscape: Policy, Politics & Physicians"** will be presented by CMA's senior VP and chief lobbyist, Janus Norman, who manages CMA's state government relations and oversees political operations. Mr. Norman will discuss the California policy and political playing field, critical legislation affecting physicians, what CMA is doing for you, and how you can make an impact on legislators. A question and answer period will follow his presentation.

The 2016 MLCMS Membership Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 2** at Crush Italian Steakhouse in Ukiah from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are **free for MLCMS members**. Spouses, guests and nonmembers are \$39 each. [See the invitation](#) for more information, to RSVP or purchase tickets.

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[:: November election ballot measures](#)

CMA's Board of Trustees has approved positions on several ballot measures for the November 2016 election. Visit cmanet.org to see comments and endorsements.

[:: Oct. 25: Physician Aid-in-Dying: A Physician Conversation](#)

In June, California became the fifth state to allow physicians to prescribe medication for terminally ill patients who wish to end their lives through provisions of the End of Life Option Act. SCMA's Physician Aid-in-Dying Task Force is hosting a meeting at Partnership HealthPlan in Santa Rosa on Oct. 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to discuss requirements of the **California End of Life Option Act**. Attendees will also hear first-hand about the "Oregon Experience," a panel discussion, and wrap-up with an understanding of the resources needed for physicians and their patients. The \$20 cost includes registration and dinner, sponsored by Partnership HealthPlan. Reservations are required; seating is limited to 50. Please RSVP to rachel@scma.org.

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CMA Practice Management Tip of the Month

"Proactive scheduling strategies can reduce disruptions and long patient wait times" is the focus for October. [Click here](#) to download CMA's tip sheet. This monthly publication is a great resource for MLCMS practice managers and physicians alike.

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The Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit association, supports local physicians and their efforts to enhance the health of the community. Founded in 1938, MLCMS is affiliated with the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

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