New Member Spotlight

Emergency Medical Specialists of Orange County (EMSOC) has cared for the patients of St. Joseph Hospital in Orange and CHOC Children's Hospital of Orange County for over 35 years. When they started, founder Dr. James Pierog and his partners evaluated and managed 20 adult and pediatric patients per day. Fast forward to 2014, EMSOC now sees more than 250 children per day in addition to more than 250 adults (180,000 patients annually). In addition, EMSOC began using scribes in the St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department in March 2004 and now has a subsidiary called ScribeMD. To learn more about EMSOC and its services, please visit: http://www.emsoc.net/.

Excerpts from a conversation with Linda Pierog, FNP, DNP, MBA, Practice Manager for EMSOC:

We are proud to be an independent physicians group. EMSOC has adapted to technology, changing practices, new processes, and the ever-challenging payment changes in the industry over the years. However, it has become more important to keep up-to-date with the management side of emergency medicine. So it was good to learn about EDPMA's resources such as the monthly newsletters and alerts. The information provides a greater awareness of the current issues other groups are dealing with, such as the changes in reimbursement due to the Affordable Care Act and electronic medical record management. We are closely watching the transition to payments based on quality measurements, working with our hospitals to achieve the best patient care. And the ACO movement is also on our radar. We joined EDPMA to be a part of the solution to the many challenges faced by emergency medicine practitioners. We look forward to attending Solutions Summit this year and networking with our peers.