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TO: COA Members

Information from the Medical Board of California

The [Fall, 2015 MBC Newsletter](#) included several articles of interest to orthopaedic surgeons.

1. **CURES 2.0 for all Providers** – prescription drug monitoring program
 CURES 2.0 went live on July 1, 2015. All physicians authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances must have submitted a CURES application to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for registration no later than July 1, 2016. The deadline was extended from January, 2016. The DOJ is in the process of streamlining the application process, allowing the entire process to be completed online, however, no date when this streamlined process will be available has yet been released. Because of the uncertainty of when this new system will be available, we would encourage our members to get their CURES application filed or be very diligent to ensure that they do not miss the July 1, 2016 deadline.
 - CURES application: https://pmp.doj.ca.gov/pmpreg/Signup_input.action?at=12
 Be sure to click on "Practitioner." It's important to note that your application must be filed, not necessarily approved, by July 1, 2016.
 - Additional information on CURES: Department of Justice: https://pmp.doj.ca.gov/pmpreg/RegistrationType_input.action#
 - Medical Board of California: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Prescribing/CURES_Update.aspx
2. **Medical Records and Patient Rights** – includes a summary of how long a physician needs to retain medical records
3. **Medical Assistants Scope of Practice**

COA routinely gets questions from our members on these issues. We would encourage you to review these articles.

You can access the MBC Newsletter

at: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Publications/Newsletters/newsletter_2015_10.pdf

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