International Dermatology Outcome Measures Group Determines Six Core Domains That Should Be Mandatory For Future Clinical Trials Of Psoriasis Drugs.

Dermatology Advisor (8/2, Dellabella) reports that “the International Dermatology Outcome Measures group has determined six core domains that should be considered mandatory for all future clinical trials for psoriasis therapies.” The group published the findings in JAMA Dermatology. The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences supported the work.

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Expert Explains What Dermatologists Should Know About Advance Directives.

In the Dermatology World (8/1) “Legally Speaking” column, Clifford Warren Lober, MD, JD, a dermatologist and a law firm partner in Florida, wrote about different kinds of advance directives, including living wills, a durable power of attorney, and others. Lober used a hypothetical conversation to explain the differences between the different kinds of advance directives and what people need to do to set them up.

Article Examines Ethical Issues Concerning Patients With Body Dysmorphic Disorder Who Request Cosmetic Procedures.

Dermatology Advisor (8/2, Haelle) reports that there are ethical concerns when patients with body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) request cosmetic procedures. The article explains that BDD “is a psychiatric condition in which a person is consumed with minimal or nonexistent flaws in their appearance,” and that while BDD “is a psychiatric – not a dermatologic – condition, dermatologists and cosmetic surgeons are the clinicians most likely to see these patients come into their practice.”

Regular Sunscreen Use May Lower Melanoma Risk Among Young Adults, Study Finds.
HemOnc Today (8/2, Polhamus) reports researchers found that the “regular use of sunscreen appeared associated with a reduced risk for melanoma among young adults in Australia.” The findings were published online in JAMA Dermatology.

**LAW AND POLICY**

FDA Investigating Cosmetics Industry’s Safety Practices.
CNBC (8/2, Narayan) reports that “the Food and Drug Administration is launching a survey of safety practices and manufacturing standards targeting the cosmetics industry and taking a detailed look at a sector that includes an estimated 900 companies.” The article adds that “lawmakers are seeking to tighten the regulatory framework for the near-$100 billion cosmetics industry after rising concern over bad reactions to makeup, hair dyes and fragrances, along with the possibility that some of the chemical contents within their products could cause long-term health risks.”

New Lawsuit Claims Trump’s Undermining Of ACA Violates The Constitution.
NBC News (8/2, Przybyla) reports on its website that a new lawsuit filed Thursday by the cities of Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Baltimore charge that the Trump Administration’s efforts to undermine the Affordable Care Act are unconstitutional. President Trump has “waged a relentless effort to use executive action alone to undermine and, ultimately, eliminate the law,” the complaint charges, according to a draft obtained by NBC News. The suit “argues that Trump is violating Article II of the Constitution, requiring the president to ‘take care that the laws be faithfully executed.’”

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

ACA Premiums Would Be 4.3% Lower If Not For The Trump Administration’s Actions, Analysis Concludes.
The Hill (8/2, Weixel) reports ACA “premiums would likely be decreasing next year if the Trump administration and congressional Republicans had left the law alone,” according to a new analysis conducted by Matt Fiedler at the Brookings Institute. Data indicate “premiums would be 4.3 percent lower in a ‘stable policy environment’ – meaning [if] certain ObamaCare rules like the individual mandate were still in place, and access to short-term plans had not been expanded.” The article says these “changes are generally expected to cause healthier people to leave the individual market, raising premiums for those who stay.”

**ALSO IN THE NEWS**

Experts Discuss Diversity In Dermatology.
In the Dermatology World (8/1) “Acta Eruditorum” column, physician editor Kathryn Schwarzenberger, MD, interviewed “Henry W. Lim, MD, and E. Nikki Pritchett, MD, MPH, about their recent” article published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology titled “Diversity in Dermatology: Roadmap for Improvement.” Schwarzenberger asked Lim and Pritchett about diversity in dermatology and what the American Academy of Dermatology is doing to improve diversity within the field.

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• Slate Offers Advice On How To Treat Body Acne.
• Trump Administration Expands Access To Short-Term Plans That Do Not Meet ACA Requirements.
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