Trends – the Next Year?

- ACOs, CINs will evolve
- Decline of fee for service – new models
- Patient safety organizations – case law uncertainty regarding privilege

- Consolidations, mergers, affiliations – horizontal and vertical
- Hacking, HIPAA privacy and security, ransomware
- Telemedicine
- 340 B program in flux

- **Employment of physicians, employment discrimination claims**
- **Greater independence of APRNs, PAs**
- **Whistleblower claims in peer review matters**

- **Decline in HCQIA immunity applicability**
- **More NPDB reporting disputes**

- Coordination of care
- Increasing importance of patient satisfaction
- Opioid crisis will affect everything
- Prescription drug monitoring programs