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Updates

March 2020

COVID-19: Resources for Managing Health & Productivity Challenges During Pandemic

As the business community works to adapt to the uncharted territory of the coronavirus, IBI reached out to health care and absence management professionals from its members to gather information on managing health and productivity issues during this pandemic. Key topics areas were highlighted in a [guidance post](#) on our website. We will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and update as more information becomes available.

Additionally, through our [IBIBridge](#) online networking platform, employers have initiated discussions on strategies, experiences and questions about COVID-19 related impacts on their organizations. Connect with other employers and exchange your thoughts and questions to gain clarity and answers to managing health and productivity issues during these unprecedented times.

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Helping Employees Manage their Mental Health



Anthony

March 20

How are employers helping support employees manage the mental stress and anxiety that may come with the evolving coronavirus situation?

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For the answer, join in on the conversation by creating an account below.

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POSTPONED: IBI/PBGH Biosimilars Regional Event on April 22

The Pacific Business Group on Health and Integrated Benefits Institute regional event, [Biosimilars: The Next Frontier](#), scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at the Oakland City Center Marriott will be postponed and rescheduled. IBI will provide more information on the new date once scheduled.

ON TRACK: The Annual Health and Productivity Forum on Sept 15-16

IBI and the Conference Board is moving forward with hosting the [2020 Health and Productivity Forum](#) on September 15-16 at the Marriott Marquis Chicago. We are now reviewing presentations proposals to create the agenda and are taking inquiries on [sponsorship packages](#). Those interested in sponsoring can email forum@ibiweb.org. Conference website, agenda and registration will open in May/June.

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING: Research & Webinar on April 9 Reviews What Happens When There are Disruptions to the Patient-Provider Relationship

Recent research conducted by IBI fellow Adrienne Sabety, Harvard Ph.D. candidate in Health Policy Economics demonstrates what happens when there are disturbances to patient-provider relationships and the influence it has on health care consumption and

overall health. Join IBI and chief medical officers from various companies for a [webinar](#) on Thursday, April 9 at 1:00-2:00 pm EST that will dive into the business implications as well as discuss how companies have factored it into their workforce health management decisions.

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NEWLY RELEASED: Survey Results & Webinar Recording on Integrating Patient-Centered Outcomes into Benefit Design

US employers can have significant impact in shaping the care, health and wellbeing of their workers and family members given that almost 60% of working-age Americans are covered by employer-based health insurance. According to a [recent survey](#) of 200 benefits managers conducted by the Integrated Benefits Institute in partnership with the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions (National Alliance), some employers are already playing that role in the design of their medical, pharmacy, disability, wellbeing, absence and other health benefits.

The survey, funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), found that when making decisions about health benefits, the needs and interests of employees were considered nearly as—or more important than—policy goals such as attracting and retaining talent and reducing absence and disability lost work time. However, the survey also shows that employers are not confident that their health-related programs are achieving their patient-centered goals. On March 17, we hosted a [webinar](#) with an employer panel to further discuss the value, application, and barriers to strategies involving the integration of employee needs and interests into benefit programs.

[View the Report](#)

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Blog

Remote in: Productivity and Health while Working from Home during COVID-19

By Nicole Nicksic

Experts have been instituting social distancing policies across the country in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As an epidemiologist, this is important...

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Survey Finds that Benefit Managers are Patient-Centric in their Decisions around Benefit Design

By Tom Parry

What is patient-centeredness? It focuses on ensuring a patient's specific preferences, needs, and values are taken into account in healthcare decisions...

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World Obesity Day 2020: Researchers Play Role in Ending the Stigma of Obesity

By Brian Gifford

A recent consensus statement by an international panel of 36 experts reports that stigmatization of obesity is pervasive and damaging. The panel points to the...

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Research Review

Snapshot from the latest [IBI Research Review](#):

Receipt of Disability Benefits Increases Family Caregiving

[Journal of Health Economics](#)

Researchers found that recipients of disability benefits got more help with daily activities from their adult children than did disabled non-recipients. Receipt of benefits also increased the likelihood that adult children were paid for their help, easing some of the financial burden of caregiving. The findings suggest...

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Welcoming New Staff

Meet **Nicole Nicksic**, IBI's new researcher:



Nicole joins IBI as a behavioral epidemiologist focusing on chronic disease risk factors including tobacco use and obesity. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University starting in the Center of the Study of Tobacco Products and continuing in the NCI-Funded T32 Cancer Prevention and Control Research Training Program in the Department of Health Behavior and Policy, where her research focused on tobacco prevention and control. At IBI, Nicole will bring her expertise and interests in data analysis, methodology, and health behaviors to support ongoing projects.

Nicole received her bachelor's in Clinical Laboratory Science and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After working in healthcare, she received her MPH and PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Texas School of Public Health at the Austin Regional Campus.

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Other Industry News

[Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Questions and Answers](#)

U.S. Department of Labor

[Half of U.S. Workers Expect COVID-19 to Harm Workplace](#)

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Upcoming Events

April 9: [Webinar: Understanding the Business Value of Patient-Provider Relationships](#)

May 12: [Webinar: Building a Culture of Health in the Workplace](#)

September 15-16: [Conference: IBI/Conference Board Health and Productivity Forum](#)

