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Happy Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1 and believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. So, on the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

The American tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives.

Our office will close for the weekend at 12.30 PM on Friday for a support meeting, however 24-hour emergency paging will be available in the event of a hardware or software emergency.

Upgrade Now and Reduce Your Tax Bill!!!

Did you know that if you upgrade your Avanta equipment this year, you can usually save on your next Income Tax Return? A special section of the IRS code allows many businesses to immediately deduct the cost of equipment purchases, rather than spreading the deduction over several years. For most physicians in the higher tax

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brackets, this means that you could pay for 30% to 45% of the upgrade cost with your first year tax savings alone.

Right now is a great time to upgrade to a high speed color printer, a sharp and space-saving flat panel color monitor, or best of all, a new high speed server with fault-protection dual disk drives.

Call Chip at Avanta today to lock in your tax savings for 2003. (Please consult with your accountant or tax adviser to see if tax savings apply to your specific situation-mention section 179 of the IRS Code).

SEMINAR SUCCESS

Thanks to all of those who attended the last free seminar, Maximizing Insurance Billing Results, presented on October 28th and 29th, 2003. We had a great turnout and received some very positive response.

We apologize to all the office staff members that were not able to attend, as we were at capacity for most of the sessions. We plan to offer more dates and times at future events so that all interested parties will be able to attend. However, it is always a good idea to reserve your spot as soon as possible. As space is limited, we do require a 48-hour cancellation notice so those on the waiting list can be alerted in time.

The next free seminar will be scheduled soon and we are always accepting new seminar topic suggestions for this and future seminars. Please call Avanta if you have a suggestion or questions about the free Avanta seminars.

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