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# MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Kent County Medical Society

## Meetings

### LOCAL

**MARCH 13, 2007** - KCMS/KCOA Joint Meeting  
Watermark Country Club

**MAY 9, 2007** - KCMS Regular Meeting, To be Announced

### STATE

**APRIL 27-29, 2007** - MSMS House of Delegates, Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn

### NATIONAL

**JUNE 23-27, 2007** - AMA House of Delegates, Chicago, IL

**NOVEMBER 10-13, 2007** - AMA Interim Meeting, Honolulu, HI

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to The Joint Meeting of  
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TUESDAY  
MARCH 13, 2007

- Topic -  
CSI: Grand Rapids



- Speaker -  
Stephen D. Cohle, MD  
Forensic Pathologist  
Kent County Medical Examiner

Watermark Country Club  
1600 Galbraith SE  
(off Cascade Road, East of Spaulding Avenue)  
Social 6:15 PM      Dinner 7:00 PM

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society

Judith A. Hiemenga, MD

## Stewardship

I would like to challenge you to be good stewards. As physicians, stewardship should involve careful and conservative use of our time, talents, finances, and resources. Certainly we pay taxes, plenty of them! We subsidize the federal government in Medicare cuts. We make large donations by accepting Medicaid payments. Shouldn't that really cover our social responsibilities?

It is interesting to note the discrepancies in charitable giving in the US. East and West coasts fall short of giving in comparison to the Midwest both in percentage of income and in actual dollars. We have recognized the glaring needs throughout the US and the world. Area physicians donate free care through Booth Clinic, through Project Access, and Heal the Children. They travel internationally to provide medical care and corrective surgeries.

But needs are still overwhelming. At home significant numbers of children would go without breakfast each day if not for school meal programs. The elderly choose between food, home heating, and their medications. Small business can only provide minimum wage jobs and no health care benefits for their full time employees. Up to 47,000,000 in the US are uninsured. Their care is neglected, then subsidized as pricey emergency care paid by others at an inflated hospital cost. We pay for international poverty through increased terrorism risks. We pay for lack of international health care with AIDS devastation of the continent of Africa. In response, families cease to exist, children become rebel soldiers, countries collapse in civil war, and economies are destroyed by an absence of working adults.

How do you spend your time? Do your patients get their fair share of your time or are you buried by paperwork? Does hunting down your labs turn you into a retriever? Do personal issues turn you into less of a person? Do hospital politics and procedures leave you hanging around like a chad?

The last I knew we were not employed by Ford or working on an assembly line. High office overhead costs consume income so we are reduced to counting production, unit price, and piece work. Efficient billing practices allow time for Medicaid patients and Project Access office visits. Consistency in collecting co-pays and balances make room for

right offs, time spent in clinics, and resident teaching. Accurate and prompt insurance billing relieves financial pressure of office overhead allowing us time for ourselves and our families.

Do you take care of yourself? Are you as rested for surgery as you are on vacation? Are you as well read in your next patient's history as you are the next political debate? Are personal distractions preventing you from hearing what your patient is really telling you? Has the cloud of alcohol or drugs ever fogged your vision? Are you honest enough with yourself to recognize a health problem that could cause you to lose your way in mapping patient care? Are you honest with your peers and hospital in confronting inadequate care or hospital practices? Do you make your CME and Board re-certification well-used time?



## “Does hunting down your labs turn you into a retriever?”

We have resources available to us that many others do not. As good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, we have the opportunity to pinch our pennies twice. Unused sample medications are appreciated by our patients or can be donated to area clinics. Keep in mind the US military studies showing the effectiveness of outdated antibiotics and even outdated office samples, may be appropriately donated internationally. Pharmaceutical companies will honor requests for medications and supplies for international donations through mission trips. Used office equipment such as computers and furniture can be donated and recycled. Opened but unused sterile office and OR supplies can be repackaged and shipped via International Aid to areas of need worldwide. Recent medical journals and used text books are also desperately needed.

I urge you to think about new ways to be a good steward and creatively use your resources. Challenge yourself and others everyday.

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Kent County Medical Society

Chip McClimans

## Diverse, Yet Together



Next month (April), the Kent County Medical Society (KCMS) delegation will attend the annual Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) House of Delegates. The KCMS delegates and alternate delegates are elected by you to represent you at this policy-setting meeting. The House of Delegates then gives MSMS the direction it needs to affect change for medicine.

The MSMS House of Delegates functions much like the United States House of Representatives. Resolutions (bills) are submitted by MSMS members and the various county medical societies to improve the practice of medicine and improve your patients' health. Resolutions are assigned to com-

mittees where they are debated before the committees make recommendations to the full House. The House then considers the recommendations, debate them if necessary, and finally develop

policy (instead of law). All this occurs on the last weekend in April.

The process for creating resolutions is interesting here in Kent County. Topics for possible resolutions usually get their genesis from the situations that upset you about the practice of medicine. These could be low reimbursement, unnecessary paperwork, recertification hassles, unfair insurance company practices, unfunded government mandates, and the like.

A portion of the KCMS mission states, "The Kent County Medical Society is a professional association, uniting the physicians in Kent County into a mutual,

This year, the meeting was attended by young and older physicians; a 30-year veteran on the delegation and newly elected members; primary care and sub-specialists; clinic physicians, hospital-based physicians and nursing home physicians; doctors from large groups and solo practices; minority physicians; male and female; practicing and retired; Saints and Spectrum physicians.

As you can see, the KCMS delegation is pretty diverse. Hospital affiliation is rarely brought up. Issues occurring in one specialty are a concern for other specialties. Delegation members show genuine care for each other and their issues. It's refreshing to see

**“Issues occurring in one specialty are a concern for other specialties.”**

neutral organization...”, and no where is this more evident than with the KCMS delegation. In February, the delegation meets for a Resolution Brainstorm Meeting to ferret out ideas for resolutions.


everyone getting along, sharing specialty jokes, laughing with each other, and coming together for the greater good of medicine.

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TIP #9

## Know their approach to protecting physicians.



There is a big difference in operating philosophy among medical malpractice carriers. With some, defense against claims may be half-hearted at best. Many good physicians have been hurt by frivolous lawsuits when their good work went undefended in favor of quick-fix settlements. Clearly, this does not serve you or the profession well.

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As you are aware, considerable effort has been directed to planning for the possibility of an influenza pandemic. On the federal level, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has identified priority groups that will be considered for the early administration of anti-viral and/or vaccination treatment as they become available. Health care workers and the highest risk patients are designated to receive these treatments on a priority basis.

In our planning for pandemic flu, it has become evident that any distribution of government sponsored anti-viral or vaccine therapy will likely come via the local health department. Two options exist for the distribution of these therapies to high priority groups:

**Pull Model** – Pharmaceuticals are dispensed at a central location by the local health department with support from staff of local emergency response agencies. Each person is required to be screened before any product is dispensed. Local health care workers would need to leave their jobs and potentially wait in long lines during a time when they can least afford to be out of the office.

**Push Model** - Pharmaceuticals are dispensed to the workplace of health care workers. Hospitals, medical groups, and private practice physicians can dispense anti-virals or vaccine much more efficiently to their employees while minimizing the time away from their duties.

In a pandemic situation, solely using centralized dispensing sites staffed by the health department to distribute anti-viral medications and/or influenza vaccine will not be sufficient. Thus, the Kent County Health Department is implementing a plan in which hospitals, large medical groups, and private practice physicians can serve as a dispensing site for their health care employees and high risk patients. To successfully carry out this plan, KCHD is assembling a database of all licensed physicians in Kent County so that we may account for all possible locations in our distribution plan.

In the next few months, you will be receiving a letter and a brief survey from KCHD asking you to identify the number and types of health care workers at your facility. Additionally some basic aggregate patient information will be requested, such as the estimated number of patients with co-morbidities such as diabetes and heart disease.

**It is imperative that you or your designee complete the survey. Your presence in our data base may directly affect your ability to obtain these therapies for yourself, your co-workers, and your patients.**

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter.



# Notifiable Disease Report

Kent County Health Department  
700 Fuller N.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
www.accesskent.com/health

Communicable Disease Section  
Phone (616) 632-7228  
Fax (616) 632-7085

## January, 2007

Notifiable diseases reported for Kent County residents through end of month listed above.

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED		MEDIAN CUMULATIVE
	This Month	Cumulative 2007	Through Jan 2002-2006
AIDS <sup>a</sup> (Cumulative Total - 744)	7	7	2
AMEBIASIS	0	0	0
CAMPYLOBACTER	3	3	3
CHICKEN POX <sup>b</sup>	89	89	31
CHLAMYDIA	286	286	157
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	1	1	N/A
E. COLI O157:H7	1	1	0
GIARDIASIS	12	12	5
GONORRHEA	101	101	103
H. INFLUENZAE DISEASE, INV	0	0	N/A
HEPATITIS A	1	1	1
HEPATITIS B (Acute)	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C (Acute)	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C (Chronic/Unknown)	20	20	30
INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS <sup>c</sup>	5071	5071	2222
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	1	N/A
LYME DISEASE	0	0	N/A
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	0	0	1
MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL, OTHER <sup>d</sup>	1	1	1
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INV	0	0	N/A
MUMPS	0	0	0
PERTUSSIS	0	0	0
SALMONELLOSIS	2	2	2
SHIGELLOSIS	1	1	0
STREP, GRP A, INV	3	3	N/A
STREP PNEUMO, INV	5	5	N/A
SYPHILIS (Primary & Secondary)	2	2	0
TUBERCULOSIS	3	3	0
WEST NILE VIRUS	0	0	0

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED	DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED
	Cumulative 2007		Cumulative 2007
Kawasaki Disease	1		
Psittacosis	1		

a. Due to a national effort to de-duplicate the HIV/AIDS Reporting System, there was a change in the numbers reported as of 8/1/06.

b. Individual chickenpox case reporting became mandatory on 9/1/05, which may result in an increase in numbers.

c. Influenza-like illness numbers increased in 2005 due to a change in school reporting of communicable diseases.

d. "Meningitis, Bacterial, Other" includes cases caused by bacteria OTHER THAN *H. influenzae*, *N. meningitidis*, or *S. pneumoniae*.

N/A Data not available.

\*4-year (instead of 5-year) median cumulative is provided for HIV/AIDS due to change in the reporting system in 2004

# ALLIANCE MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society

## Heartbeat

### CHARITY BALL FOR CHILDREN

Despite the weather,  
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### KCMSA MARCH MED DRIVE PICK-UP

March 5, 6, 7, 2007

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Questions? Contact Holly Jones 575-9058 [hollyhirajones@comcast.net](mailto:hollyhirajones@comcast.net) or  
Mary Crawford 940-0998 [marycraw@comcast.net](mailto:marycraw@comcast.net).

**Date:** Friday, March 23, 2007

**Time:** 7pm Social Hour, 8pm Dinner

**Location:** Marc Stewart's Guest House, 636 Stocking Ave. NW, Grand Rapids

*We need your orders by Wednesday, March 16, 2007.*

## Dinner Order Form

----- cut here -----  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

- Dinner choices:
- λ Fresh Lobster dinner \$45.00 ea
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  - λ Lobster & Steak \$65.00 ea.

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 Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm  
**Questions:** Call Marianne Delevan 949-6674 or Mary Crawford 940-0998

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	<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>		\$

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# ALLIANCE MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society

## Alliance Legislative Report

Dear KCMSA Members:

The November and December Legislative meetings dealt with information regarding election results and their impact at the Michigan Senate and House levels. The Senate remains in Republican control (21-17) with term limits affecting several seats. The House of Representatives will have its first leadership turnover since 1998 with the Democrat Party in control (58-52). It is felt there will be no room for extremist political views in either party with the divisions in both the Senate and House so close. With many unexpected changes due to election results, the "Lame Duck" expectations were such that nothing of importance would be attempted to pass through the House or Senate before the end of the year. The bill most likely to be taken up during the Lame Duck session would be the insurance industry auto no-fault and managed care related to auto trauma.

The Single Business Tax (SBT) will be the focus for 2007 and was too complicated to be passed before the year end. There are many interested groups that have a stake in the SBT changes. For the most part, the proposed changes in the SBT will not have much effect on physicians and medicine at this point in time.

The concerns for 2007 related to medicine are renewed interest in the 4% Provider Tax driven by the Governor, scope of practice issues, and possibly (hopefully remote) changes in Michigan's tort reform. These issues will be determined by the minority and majority leaderships.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, chair of the Health Policy Committee, lost her re-election. It is possible (hopeful) that Rep. Kevin Green (R-77th District) could chair or vice chair the Health Policy Committee. There will also be a new chair to the Department of Community Health Subcommittee which oversees the Medicaid budget.

Two physicians were successful due to help for the physician community in promoting their candidacy. They are Rep. Roger Kahn, MD (R-94th District) who will complete his term in the Michigan House and will then be sworn into the Senate in January and Sen. Tom George, MD (R-20th District).

The Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC) announced that 94% of its endorsed candidates won their respective elections. This is especially important regarding tort reform protection, Medicaid funding, scope of practice, and professional liability.

At the Federal level, Medicare cuts did not go through thanks to strong lobbying and the calls, e-mails, and letters sent by physicians, patients, etc.

The January Legislative Meeting was canceled.

It is important that all members of KCMSA and KCMS continue their active participation in legislative matters pertaining to the practice of medicine and health care.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Winson and Deb Droste*

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### THERE'S A **NEW** **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP** THAT IS JUST WAITING TO TAKE OFF!!

Parents and children looking to meet and connect with other parents and young children, birth to 5 years. Open to the many possibilities of the when, where and how often.

Please contact Gina Figurski

Phone: 534-6942





# ALLIANCE MESSAGE

## Kent County Medical Society

### ALLIANCE CALENDAR

**EVENT: Med Drive (see page 13)**

**EVENT: Surf and Turf Sale (see page 14)**

**EVENT: Surf and Turf Dinner (see page 15)**

### Save the Date:



### ALLIANCE CALENDAR

#### Event: Book Club

Please note that book club has been changed to Tuesday's

**Place: Schuler's Cafe on 28th Street**

**Time: 12:00 PM in Schuler's Cafe for lunch (optional) and socializing.**

**Book discussion begins at 12:30 PM.** This event is open to friends and family

**Date: March 20, 2007 (Tuesday) - *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls**

**Date: April 17, 2006 (Tuesday) - *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen**

If you would like to make suggestions for next year's selections, please drop an email to Beth Junewick at [ejunewick@comcast.net](mailto:ejunewick@comcast.net)

**Scrapbook Club — *Pages in Time on Plainfield.*  
contact Francesca Wiseman, [wiseman@earthlink.net](mailto:wiseman@earthlink.net)**

**Gourmet Club — contact Mary Crawford,  
[marycraw@comcast.net](mailto:marycraw@comcast.net)**

## KCMSA Foundation Update

Of the positions I have held so far as a member of the Kent County Medical Society Alliance, the position of President of the Foundation has by far been the most rewarding. This year, the other Foundation Board members and I had the pleasant job of distributing monies to organizations in the form of mini-grants. Requests made to the Foundation can cover items or services for programs that directly affect the health of individuals in our community.

Of course the downside is that there is a finite amount of funds and a significant number of grant requests. To be sure, the process of deciding who is more in need can sometimes be difficult. However, in reviewing applications we have the opportunity to better get acquainted with the many organizations around us who do important, nearly unnoticed work everyday or individuals who deal

with a disability or illness with incredible grace and optimism.

So far this year, the KCMSA Foundation has funded mini-grants to for the following:

- \$2,000 for a bed lift for a patient with cerebral palsy who before was using a tractor pulley to get from bed to wheelchair
- \$1,000 to Children's Assessment Services to help cover emergency intake services for children who have been sexually assaulted
- \$1,500 to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids for a children's grief program
- Over \$5,000 to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation programs for items for patients such as a special needs strollers, car conversion kits for a stroke patient who will now be able to drive, an emergency switch for a hands-free phone system for an MS patient and a swim float for a

young boy with Cerebral Palsy who loves to swim

- \$1200 to the American Medical Association Foundation which will help fund medical school scholarships and public health initiatives sponsored by the AMA
- \$1000 to the Citizens Advisory Council of Kent County for a program that provides job and career training to juveniles in the justice system

I am proud to say our Board makes a concerted effort to be thoughtful and responsible stewards of the money raised – your generous donations to various KMCSA fundraisers – to help promote health and well being in Kent County.

*Melissa Chillag*  
*KCMSA President*

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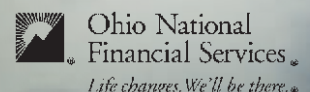
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We are pleased and proud to share 2006 Year End statistics for Project Access. The team of six staff members screens clients on the phone, mentors them 1:1, links them with a volunteer physician, connects them with medications prescribed by participating physicians and directs them to local community programs.

In the spring of 2006, Project Access received a generous gift by a Western Michigan University student working toward a PhD in Public Health Administration. Raymond Higbea, PhD created survey tools to use to gain information from Project Access patients. The survey was mailed to current patients at the time and a total of 52% were returned. Patients provided information on previous health access, illnesses, etc. They were asked to provide input in a comment section. Pages of anonymous comments are available in this issue for you and your office staff to enjoy. YOU are making a difference in the lives of patients, we all are, and Project

Access through its collection of gifts of care can finally track that information.

Finally, as the Project Access program grows, our Board will have more interesting work to tackle: sustainability in our funding, website development and improved communication with physician offices, program development and much more. We are seeking representation by MDs and DOs willing to represent their respective association. Please consider a position on the Board. Position descriptions may be obtained through Karlin Sevensma, DO or Jay LaBine, MD or Patricia Dalton at the Project Access office (235-0000).

Thank you again for all you do for Project Access clients. Now more than ever, Project Access is a visible, viable safety net in Kent County – thanks to the physicians who participate.

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### PROJECT ACCESS FACTS & FIGURES - 2006 Year End Statistical Report

Primary Care Referrals: (Patients Enrolled and Referred to Primary Care Physicians)	387 (up from 365 last report)
Specialty Care Referrals for Project Access Primary Care Patients:	351 (up from 318 last report)
Clinic Referrals to Specialists:	361 (up from 340 last report)
<b>Total of Individuals helped:</b>	<b>748</b>
Medication Assistance Enrollments: (Patients Enrolled in KHP-Medication Assistance program)	265 (average of 3 per person)
(Patients Enrolled in Prescription Assistance Programs with drug manufacturers)	60 (average of 2 per person)
Total Gifted Care: Value given by physicians and hospitals since inception	\$1,656,152
Donated care January through December 2006	\$1,292,363
Hospital Charity Care Programs	\$875,562.89 (appx 68%)
Physician Care	\$416,800.01 (appx 32%)
Total donated care for 2005 (8 months)	\$363,789

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# NEW MEMBERS

## Kent County Medical Society

**DUSTIN J. BRAUNREITER, MD (Active)**  
**Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine**  
**Pediatrics (Board Certified)**

**B.A.:** University of Montana, Missoula, MT 1996  
**Medical School:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, 2000  
**Internship:** New York University Hospital Program, New York, NY, Pediatrics, 2000 – 2001  
**Residency:** New York University Hospital Program, New York, NY, Pediatrics, 2001 – 2003  
**Fellowship:** University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, Neonatal-Perinatal, 2003 – 2006  
**Address:** 100 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503, 391-1714  
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**BRETT T. BRINKER, MD (Active)**  
**Hematology**  
**Oncology**

**B.S.:** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 1995  
**Medical School:** Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 2000  
**Internship/Residency:** Emory University, Atlanta, GA, Internal Medicine, 2000 – 2003  
**Fellowship:** Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL, 2003- 2006  
**Address:** 710 Kenmoor SE #200, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, 954-9800  
**Sponsor:** Alan Campbell, MD

**STEVEN L. GELFAND, MD (Active)**  
**Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1994  
**Medical School:** Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, OH, 1998  
**Internship:** William Beaumont Hospital, 1998 -1999  
**Residency:** William Beaumont Hospital, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, 1999 – 2002  
**Fellowship:** Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland, OH, 2002 – 2005  
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**MARCY S. LARSON, MD (Active)**  
**Pediatrics (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Luther College, B.A., 1996  
**Medical School:** Roy & Lucille Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 2000  
**Internship and Residency:** University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, IA, Pediatrics, 2000-2003  
**Address:** 877 Forest Hill SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546, 949-4465  
**Sponsor:** Susan Wakefield, MD

**CHRISTOPHER C. MASSIN, DO (Active)**  
**Diagnostic Radiology (Board Certified)**  
**Interventional Radiology/Neuroradiology**

**B.S.:** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 1984  
**Medical School:** Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing, MI 1993  
**Internship:** Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI, 1993 – 1994  
**Residency:** Michigan State University, Diagnostic Radiology, 1994 – 1996; Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Diagnostic Radiology, 1996 – 2000  
**Fellowships:** William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI, Vascular IR, 2000 – 2001; Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI, Neuroradiology, 2005 – 2006  
**Previous Practice:** East Lansing, MI, 2001 – 2006  
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## KCMS PRESIDENT-ELECT



**Thomas H. Peterson, MD** was elected president-elect at the Kent County Medical Society's Annual meeting on January 9, 2007.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Doctor Peterson received his medical degree in 1987 from the American University of the Caribbean. He took his internship and residency program in pediatrics at Saint John Hospital in Detroit, and is board certified.

Doctor Peterson has been a member of KCMS since 1990, and is a member of the Michigan State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics. He currently is the Medical Director of Spectrum Health's Healthier Communities and Quality at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. He is also the founder and chair of Tobacco Free Partners.

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## DOCTORS IN THE NEWS

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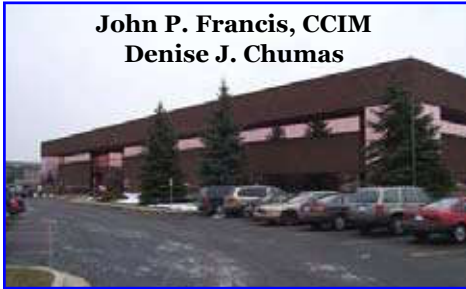
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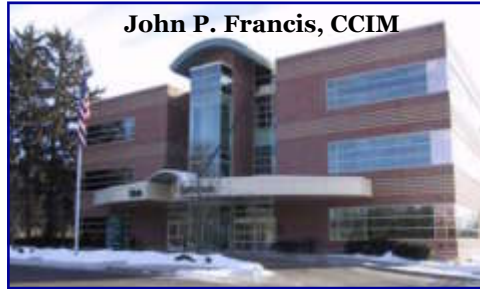
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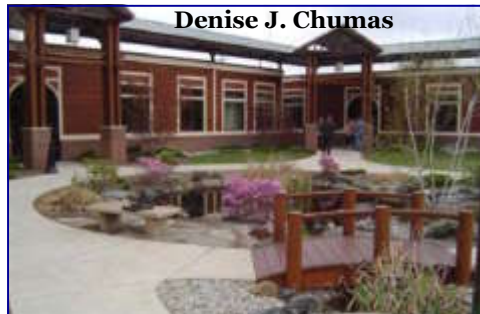
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**Lee, MD, Gerald R.** *change office phone number*  
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**O'Donnell, MD, John** *new office address & phones*  
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