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Kent County Medical Society

## Meetings

### LOCAL

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006** - KCMS/KCMS Alliance Joint Meeting  
Cascade Hills Country Club

**JANUARY 9, 2007** - KCMS Annual Meeting

**MARCH 13, 2007** - KCMS/KCOA Joint Meeting

**MAY 8, 2007** - KCMS Meeting

### STATE

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

### NATIONAL

**NOVEMBER 11-14, 2006** - AMA Interim Meeting  
Las Vegas, NV

**FEBRUARY 13-14, 2007** - AMA National Advocacy Conference  
J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

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Spouses are Invited to A Joint Meeting of the  
Kent County Medical Society  
Kent County Medical Society Alliance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006  
(Note date change)

- Speaker -



Marsha D. Rappley, MD  
Dean - MSU's College of Human Medicine

- Topic -

“West Michigan Medical School Update”

Cascade Hills Country Club, 3725 Cascade Road SE  
(Note location change)



Social 6:15 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society

Jay P. LaBine, MD

## Why belong to the Medical Society?

“What does the medical society do for me?” “Why should I belong, participate or even pay attention to the medical society?” “Aren't those membership dues too high?” Of course, most physicians don't come right out and say these things but it's evident that these questions are in the back of their minds. As a physician investigates all the activities of the medical society, it's truly amazing the amount of advocacy, lobbying, awareness, education and assistance that occurs on all levels of the medical society.

Let me give a few examples of how the medical society impacts our profession and our patients' health care needs. Our collective voice can affect change when an individual voice would fall on deaf ears.

**MEDICARE PAYMENTS:** This issue, it seems, comes up every year. According to the September 11th issue of the AMA News, physician reimbursement from Medicare will decrease an average of 5.1% next year. Not only that, physician Medicare pay will be cut around 40% over the next nine years unless the Medicare physician payment formula is corrected.

Congress needs to act to prevent this from happening. The only way to get Congress to act is with a strong collective voice. For many of us, the only way we can continue to care for the elderly, the Medicare recipients, is for this action to occur. We can't possibly absorb a 5.1% fee reduction. As physicians restrict or drop Medicare recipients in their practice, it affects our elderly patients access to timely, high quality care. The past couple years, our national association, with the support of state and county medical societies, have successfully reversed these planned payment decreases. This has resulted in a significant financial benefit for ALL physicians. Currently, our society is aggressively lobbying Congress to act to correct this problem.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE:** This issue recurs on a regular basis. Whenever a health care professional wants to gain additional privileges, the medical society evaluates whether or not it is appropriate for their level of education and training, gives recommendations to lawmakers and educates the legislative community. In the past, nurse anesthetists, optometrists, physical therapists, clinical nurse specialists and pharmacists have all proposed an increase to their scope of practice. It

takes a lot of energy, time and resources each year to monitor the pending legislation and educate or reeducate lawmakers regarding all the issues of a health care professional's scope of practice. This protects our patients and protects our profession. Every year our state medical society, with the support of our county societies, does a fantastic job of protecting our scope of practice.



**PROJECT ACCESS:** Project Access is a joint program of the Kent County Medical Society and the Kent County Osteopathic Association. Patricia Dalton, the executive director, has done a fantastic job managing and moving this program forward. This is an outstanding fiscally responsible program that directly assists some of most vulnerable patients. Our local medical society boards met for months, every other week, to get this program started. The Project Access board, comprised of all physicians, continues to meet monthly and carefully oversees the activities of the program. Qualified patients are placed with physicians and hospitals, who have agreed to donate their care. This is carefully tracked so no physician or system is overly burdened. The care is dispersed throughout the community. As of August 30, 2006, total

**“It takes a lot of energy, time and resources each year to monitor the pending legislation...”**

value of donated care by physicians and hospitals is over 1.2 million dollars. Wow! All of it donated by volunteer physicians and hospital systems. Truly, the entire medical community can be proud of this wonderful program. One patient wrote, “Project Access is a vital part of my life...I want to thank you once more for providing this life sustaining benefit in my life. I cannot sing the praises of this project high or long enough to everyone I come in contact with.” Through this program, we demonstrate the altruistic and charitable nature of our profession and our society.

In October, we all received a letter from Project Access requesting financial support which will match a local foundation's grant to our program. I would encourage all of us to support this excellent physician run, physician initiated program.

We have an active, vibrant and energetic medical society at the county and state levels. In addition to the above initiatives, there are numerous other reasons to support and participate in our society. Take the time to keep informed of the current and upcoming activities of our medical society.



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# ONE TO PONDER

Kent County Medical Society

Chip McClimans



## What is KCMS's Culture? Part 3

In past issues of the Bulletin this year, I've described the birth, evolution and activities of the Kent County Medical Society (KCMS). Now I'd like to share some of the functions of KCMS.

Administratively, the KCMS staff coordinates all the planning for KCMS membership meetings, KCMS board meetings, some committee meetings and meetings for the KCMS delegation to the MSMS House of Delegates.

another benefit of membership is the local peer review process.

We also act as the general resource for medical issues and questions for the community. When patients need assistance, we can usually point them in the right direction. Whether it's a request about: medical records; immunizations; HIV, STD or drug testing; and yes, even the ever-so-occasional sex change inquiry, we are able to give them either the answers or plug them into another organization to continue their quest for a resolution.

and gathering information and data so I can brief the physician on the topic. Many times I'm asked to give the comment on behalf of the medical society. But in my view, I think it's preferable and more appropriate if a physician gives the response.

Finally, two of the most important functions of the medical society are recruitment and retention of

**“...doctors not members of KCMS are making a difference, but not in a positive way.”**

Agendas are drafted, minutes taken, reservations are requested, meals ordered, and rooms secured. That's meeting planning.

KCMS is the focal point for physician referrals and complaints. I'll bet a day doesn't go by when we don't give out two to three physician referrals to patients looking for a doctor. Of course, we only give physician referrals of KCMS members.

The other side of the referral spectrum is the complaint of a physician. When this occurs, if the complaint is about a KCMS member, it is referred to the KCMS Peer Review Committee for investigation. If the complaint is about a non-member, we encourage the complaint be filed with the state licensing board for investigation. So


KCMS is a resource for its members, too. We constantly get your questions about: health insurance; medical records retention; CME credits; releasing a patient from the practice; closing a practice; concealed gun permits; and the like. Our biggest member resource is the KCMS/KCOA Membership Directory. Not only are member physicians listed, but it is also a one stop guide for pharmacies, clinics, nursing homes, ambulances, hospitals, health care agencies and laboratories.

As the local voice of medicine, we handle all media requests for interviews. Usually when the press calls, I drop everything to accommodate the reporter and the deadline. Not only am I locating the best KCMS member to respond to the issue, but I am also researching

members. How many times have you heard the phrase, “There is strength in numbers.”? Aside from all the benefits and advocacy KCMS provides, the bottom line is the size of the organization. It truly does make a difference. You make a difference. And doctors not members of KCMS are making a difference, but not in a positive way.


KCMS is not a right-wing organization, does not favor any specialty, doesn't cater to a specific hospital, and isn't tied to any political party. It is a neutral organization that protects the interests of patients, physicians and the practice of medicine. That's the ultimate culture of KCMS. Who wouldn't want to be part of an organization with those attributes?

## 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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# KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mark Hall, MD, MPH

## Reported Animal Encounters and Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis, 2005

Although the last case of human rabies in Kent County occurred in 1983, on average there is one case of rabies detected in a Kent County animal each year. Because of this, bites from any mammal capable of transmitting rabies as well as high risk exposures to bats (See Box) should be reported to the Kent County Animal Shelter at 616-336-3210 (phone) or 616-336-2425 (fax). In order to identify victims at greatest risk for rabies, the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology (CD/Epi) Unit performs rabies risk assessments on all reported bat exposures, bat bites, and animal bites (for which the animal is unavailable for observation or testing).

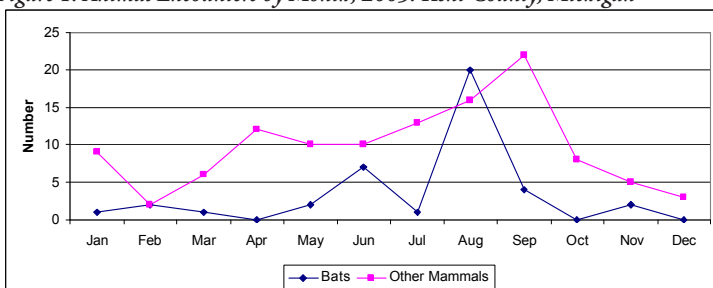
In 2005, the CD/Epi Unit performed follow up on 156 reported animal encounters. As indicated in Table 1, the majority of reports resulted from an encounter with a dog, cat, or bat. Dog bites were by far the most common type of encounter reported and approximately two-thirds of all dog bites occurred with a pet dog. Out of 32 cat encounters reported, 14 (44%) occurred with a stray cat. The CD/Epi Unit investigated 40 bat reports, the majority of which were high risk exposures versus confirmed bites. In 2005, the majority of cases for which Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) was initiated were due to a bat encounter.

Table 1: Number of Reported Encounters, 2005, Kent County, Michigan (N=146)

Species	Bites	PEP Initiated	Exposures	PEP Initiated
Pet Dog	48	0	0	0
Stray Dog	23	1	0	0
Pet Cat	17	0	1	0
Stray Cat	14	2	0	0
Bat	12	7	28	10
Raccoon	3	1	0	0
Pet Monkey	1	1	0	0

Figure 1 illustrates the typical seasonality of animal bites and bat exposures. Bites from dogs, cats and wild animals (excluding bats) are generally more common in the spring and summer. In 2005, the peak of these bites uncharacteristically occurred in September. In Kent County, the peak time for bat bites and exposures typically occurs in the late summer/early fall. This held true in 2005 when a total of 20 reports were received in August, far outnumbering reports in other months (June had the second highest with a total of 7 reports).

Figure 1: Animal Encounters by Month, 2005, Kent County, Michigan



Tables 2 and 3 reveal the distribution of encounters by age and gender, respectively. The age data reveals that dog bites were more common than cat bites in individuals 17 years of age and younger. For those bat exposures where age was available (N=17), 53% occurred in children 5 years old and younger, most due to the discovery of a bat in a child's room by a parent. Nearly twice as many dog bite victims were males than females. On the other hand, cat bites were much more common in females. Nearly all bat bites occurred in males, while bat exposures were slightly more common in females.

Table 2: Animal Encounters by Age (years), 2005, Kent County, Michigan (N=125)

	0-5	6-17	18-55	56 and older
Dog Bite	10	19	39	4
Cat Bite	1	2	20	6
Bat Bite	0	1	5	1
Bat Exposure	9	2	5	1
Total	20	24	69	12

Table 3: Animal Encounters by Gender, 2005, Kent County, Michigan (N=140)

	Male	Female
Dog Bite	46	26
Cat Bite	6	24
Bat Bite	10	2
Bat Exposure	11	15
Total	73	67

Every bite encounter (dog, cat, skunk, raccoon, woodchuck, fox, and bat) or high risk bat exposure places the victim at potential risk of exposure to rabies. We ask that all clinicians be aware of the need to fully assess the rabies risk for these individuals. Additional information on rabies and tools for rabies risk assessment can be found at: [http://www.accesskent.com/Health/HealthDepartment/CD\\_Epid/Disease\\_Reporting.htm](http://www.accesskent.com/Health/HealthDepartment/CD_Epid/Disease_Reporting.htm)



# 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

## September, 2006

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

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED		MEDIAN CUMULATIVE
	This Month	Cumulative 2006	Through Sep 2001-2005
AIDS <sup>a</sup> (Cumulative Total - 717)	2	33	28
AMEBIASIS	0	3	1
CAMPYLOBACTER	3	46	39
CHICKEN POX <sup>b</sup>	20	267	101
CHLAMYDIA	311	2515	1947
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	6	15	N/A
E. COLI O157:H7	0	6	5
GIARDIASIS	10	51	77
GONORRHEA	72	925	815
H. INFLUENZAE DISEASE, INV	0	1	N/A
HEPATITIS A	0	3	7
HEPATITIS B (Acute)	0	2	5
HEPATITIS C (Acute)	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C (Chronic/Unknown)	8	133	287
INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS <sup>c</sup>	2648	33988	14407
LEGIONELLOSIS	2	7	N/A
LYME DISEASE	1	5	N/A
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	8	32	19
MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL, OTHER <sup>d</sup>	1	5	10
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INV	0	1	N/A
MUMPS	0	1	0
PERTUSSIS	0	6	4
SALMONELLOSIS	2	37	35
SHIGELLOSIS	2	6	8
STREP, GRP A, INV	1	13	N/A
STREP PNEUMO, INV	3	34	N/A
SYPHILIS (Primary & Secondary)	0	9	3
TUBERCULOSIS	2	14	17
WEST NILE VIRUS	8	12	N/A

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED	DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED
	Cumulative 2006		Cumulative 2006
Histoplasmosis	8	Encephalitis, Post Other	1
Hepatitis B, perinatal	1	Listeriosis	2
Coccidioidomycosis	3	Cryptococcosis	3

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 Sept. 1, 2005, 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.

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# ALLIANCE MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society

Dolores Dobbie, KCMSA President

## Heartbeat

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to announce that the Alliance is off and running. The first General Membership Meeting /Fund-raising event held at Vasaio Spa, was a fun and relaxing way for members and friends to get to better know each other. It was a great success in that we were able to raise nearly \$500.00 for our Alliance Foundation charities, as well as to add new members to our organization. A HUGE thank you goes to VASAIO SPA for their generosity in donating all proceeds raised, as well as all of their services, to our charities.

Our organization continues to exist for the purpose of making a difference in Kent County. Just a few weeks ago, our

eyes and ears were opened to the many volunteer/support opportunities that exist with Gilda's Club, a free social and emotional support community for men, women and children with cancer and for those who love them. What a phenomenal outreach!

Another opportunity that we all have is to make a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in Kent County...the families in our local Domestic Violence shelters. DOCTORS & their FAMILIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE in MICHIGAN bags are being distributed to our members, hoping that we will fill them with PERSONAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S ITEMS. Bags will be collected at our HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at Jean Marogil's home

and then delivered to Safe Haven Ministries. At this time, we will also be taking donations for items listed for the Hope Community Day Care Center.

Lastly, I would like to encourage KCMS/KCMSA members to attend the upcoming dinner meeting, November 7, with Marsha Rappley, M.D., Dean of the College of Human Medicine as our guest speaker. Surely, this will impact our physician spouses AND our medical community in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dolores Dobbie*

### HOLIDAY TEA

Tuesday, Dec. 5. 2pm-5pm  
at the home of Jean Marogil  
2151 Robinson Road S.E. 49506  
(More information to follow.)

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### CHARITY BALL FOR CHILDREN

is being planned for February 3 at Egypt Valley Country Club. Dee Federico, Chair, welcomes all interested in helping on the committee. It is a GREAT group to work with and a lot of FUN!!!

To benefit THE DR. EDWARD A. JONES JR. PEDIATRIC ASTHMA CLINIC PROGRAM at Cherry Street Health Services as well as St. JOHN'S HOME DISCOVERY PROGRAM for TEEN SUBSTANCE ABUSE. More info to follow in the next BULLETIN/HEARTBEAT.

#### 2007 CHARITY BALL CHARITIES

The Dr. Edward A. Jones Jr. Pediatric Asthma program is an educational and direct Service program. The monies will be used for new operations of two pediatricians and for capital expenditures such as equipment needed in the treatment of asthma.

The Discovery Program is an intense recovery program for teens addicted to alcohol and drugs. This program follows kids with alcohol and drug addiction through high school, with support staff at school all day, coaching them through recovery. It offers unprecedented follow-through to keep kids clean.



# ALLIANCE MESSAGE

Kent County Medical Society



## Heartbeat continued

### HOPE COMMUNITY DAY CARE HOLIDAY PARTY

The Hope Community Day Care Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 1-3pm. I thought it would be helpful to provide some background of Hope Community and to understand the role of KCMSA and the Holiday Tea.

The Mission Statement of Hope Community is "Empowering Homeless Mothers to Regain Self-Sufficiency". When women and their children first arrive at Hope Community, they live in the Service Center/living unit that contains eleven furnished, private apartments. As the residents gain independent living skills, they progress to an independent living duplex unit located just a few hundred yards away. Hope Community offers on-site community health and human service agencies to allow comprehensive educational, job training and placement, family assessment and healthcare programs. A life skills cur-

riculum is a mandatory component of the program.

Hope Community provides on-site day care to help residents access the various vocational, counseling and healthcare programs. The director, Kathleen Gregory, is hoping to have the day care facility nationally accredited. This year's wish-list will help attain that goal.

The Hope Community Day Care Holiday Party is always a highlight for the children and staff. During the party the children work on a craft, decorate homemade sugar cookies, and then they open the gifts donated by our KCMSA members. These gifts remain at the Day Care facility for all of the children to share. When the children go home they each receive a bag of gifts selected especially for them and a plate of cookies to share with their families.

Hopefully, this explanation about Hope Community and the Day Care Party will clarify why we ask all of our members to bring a wrapped gift and a plate of cookies to the Holiday Tea. If you would like more information, or would be willing to help shop on Tuesday, November 21, or help with the party on December 6, please call Beth Junewick 447-1679, or email [ejunewick@comcast.net](mailto:ejunewick@comcast.net).

#### WISH LIST:

- Digital Camera
- Plastic Food for Kitchen Area
- Art Supplies
- Books with CDs
- Board Books for Infants and Toddlers
- Flannel Board
- Bounce Balls (sit and hop on)
- Microscope
- Alphabet Activities and Games
- Painting Easel
- Sorting Toys

### MEMBERSHIP CALL

The Membership Committee is asking each Alliance member to encourage all KCMS spouses to join the Alliance. To increase membership and participation, a three-prong plan is being developed to reclaim former members, entice new members and to survey the interest of potential members. At all meetings of the Society and Alliance, informational materials and membership forms will be available.

Please let Ora Jones, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, know if you meet a potential member. She or a member of the committee will contact that individual with a warm greeting.

#### Special Interest Groups will be starting up again this fall.

**Monthly Book Club** — discussion held at Schuler Books on 28<sup>th</sup> Street

**Bridge Club** - 4th Monday of each month. Please join us! Call Marianne Delevan at 949-6674

**Scrapbook Club** — held at Pictures in Time on Plainfield

**Stitchery Club**

**Gourmet Club** — at members' homes.

**Charitable Fund Committee** - will be meeting in January to review applications for the charities to be funded by the 2008 CHARITY BALL for CHILDREN. If you have a charity that you would like to have considered, please CONTACT Carol Beermink at 233-9600 or e-mail her [Wannarow@aol.com](mailto:Wannarow@aol.com)

Once dates have been set, information will be sent out via e-mail/next Bulletin/Heartbeat

### KCMSA MEMBERS:

As you are volunteering in, working for or supporting service organizations in our area please invite them to apply for grant monies available through the KCMSA Foundation. The Foundation Board meets four times per year in order to review requests and make funding gifts of up to \$2000.00 per grantee. Any local non-profit program is welcome to apply as long as their program benefits people within Kent County. If an organization you know of is interested in applying, please contact me at (616) 942-2847 or via e-mail at [mtchillag@comcast.net](mailto:mtchillag@comcast.net).

Melissa Chillag  
KCMSA Foundation President '06/'07

## Project Access Helping Physicians Serve the Uninsured in Kent County

In the last issue of the Bulletin, we shared information on how successful our program has been in serving uninsured patients. We hear favorable comments from physicians, their office staff, and patients who appreciate the coordination efforts of Project Access. Listed below are comments taken from patients who have been recipients of your generosity. During this season of giving, we hope you reflect upon their gratitude and know that you are helping patients who would otherwise not have access to affordable health care. Thank you.

“I couldn’t afford to go to the doctor and my wife made me go last week when we learned our doctor participated in Project Access. If I hadn’t seen him and learned about the program, I would not have known that my lungs were filling with fluid. I spent several days in the hospital and slipped into a coma during one of the days. I’m here today because of Project Access – I wouldn’t have survived that and due to the cost of seeking care, I wasn’t going to seek care. Thank you.” *Mr. S. (semi-retired farmer)*

“Recently our clinic sent a patient through Project Access. He is a 23-year old who was unable to work due to a medical condition that caused incontinence. Your program allowed us to arrange for specialty care and diagnostic radiology services that would not be available

I could call my personal physician. I haven’t ever had a doctor care so much for my condition and to be genuinely interested in helping get the care I needed. Thank you also for tracking down the donated test strips for my diabetes machine. I’ve been pacing myself, screening every other day or every 3 days just to make them last. I feel I’m in good hands and am getting great care.” *J (part-time school bus driver, weekend grocery store cashier, single mother of two children)*

### “I couldn’t afford to go to the doctor...”

“Thanks so much for all that you are doing for those without medical insurance. R and I are now both covered by R’s new employer. Effective on his first day of work!!! Enclosed are our membership cards.” *J&R (receptionist and tradesman)*

“Project Access has been so wonderful to work with – I’m never treated like a second class citizen. I actually had looked into another health plan and they had us all in a

### PROJECT ACCESS FACTS & FIGURES

Primary Care Referrals: (Patients Enrolled and Referred to Primary Care Physicians)	353 (up from 338 last month)
Specialty Care Referrals for Project Access Primary Care Patients:	260 (up from 243 last month)
Clinic Referrals to Specialists:	292 (up from 272 last month)
<b>Total of Individuals helped:</b>	<b>645</b>

Total Donations: \$1.2 million since April ‘05, of that \$363,789 was in 2005. Remainder \$800,000 was in 2006

to him otherwise. After several days in the hospital, we learned he had a tumor on his bladder which was later diagnosed as bladder cancer. This program was a blessing for him. He would not have been diagnosed or treated without the cooperation of the physicians and hospital that donated care to him. He’s looking forward to getting a job.” *J (clinical coordinator)*

“Thank you for sending me to Dr. D. She made me feel so welcome and when we talked about my diabetes, she was so helpful and caring. I have never known a physician that

group instructional meeting. It was so humiliating. You have been helpful, pleasant and easy to use. I saw my Project Access doctor yesterday and did as you suggested – I thanked all the nurses and the doctor for seeing me. They were all so pleasant. I brought in my list of questions, family history and pharmaceutical list as you recommended – it really helped the visit - he could get to know me quickly. Thank you – it’s just a pleasant program to be in!” *K (single mom, part-time health care aide)*

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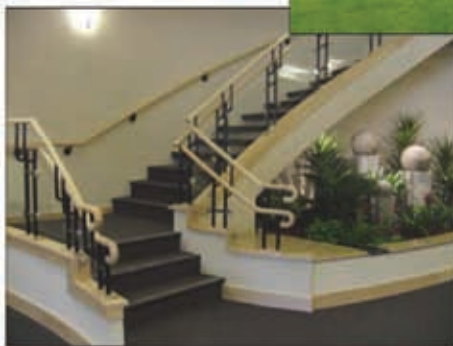
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**Cardiovascular Disease (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Albion College, B.A. Chemistry, 1981  
**Medical School:** Michigan State University, 1986  
**Internship:** Bethesda Naval Hospital, 1986-1987  
**Residency:** Indiana University Medical Center,  
Indianapolis, IN, Internal Medicine, 1989-1991  
**Fellowships:** Medical College of Wisconsin,  
Milwaukee, WI, Cardiovascular, 1991-1994;  
St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN,  
Cardiology, 1994-1995  
**Military Service:** United States Navy, Reserve, 1984-1994  
**Previous Practice:** Lansing, MI 1995-2006  
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**JENNIFER A. CORY, DO (Active)**  
**Internal Medicine**

**B.S.:** University of Colorado, B.A., 1994  
**Medical School:** University of Health Sciences College of  
Osteopathic Medicine, Missouri, 2003  
**Internship/Residency:** Metropolitan Hospital,  
Grand Rapids, MI, 2003 – 2006  
**Address:** 1900 Wealthy Street SE #150,  
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**NADAV DUJOVNY, MD (Active)**  
**Colon & Rectal Surgery, General Surgery (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** University of Michigan, B.A., 1994  
**Medical School:** University of Illinois-Chicago, 1998  
**Internship/Residency:** Rush University/Cook County  
Hospital, General Surgery, 1998-2004  
**Fellowship:** New York Presbyterian Hospital,  
Colon & Rectal Surgery, 2004-2005  
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**JOHN M. FORMOLO, MD (Active)**  
**Cardiovascular Disease (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Michigan Technological University, B.S. 1971  
**Medical School:** Wayne State University, 1975  
**Internship/Residency:** St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI,  
Internal Medicine, 1975-1978  
**Fellowship:** St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI, Cardiology, 1978-1981  
**Previous Practices:** Woods CVPA, Detroit, MI, 1981 – 2000;  
Great Lakes Cardiology, Traverse City, MI, 2000 – 2006  
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**Internal Medicine**  
**Pediatrics**

**B.S.:** Michigan State University,  
E. Lansing, MI, Physiology, 1998  
**Medical Degree:** Michigan State University, 2002  
**Internship/Residency:** Ohio State University Medical Center,  
Columbus, OH, 2002-2006  
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**KEVIN R. HESS, MD (Active)**  
**Psychiatry**

**B.S.:** Case Western Reserve University, B.S., 1985  
**Medical School:** Medical School of Ohio, Toledo, Oh, 1993  
**Internship/Residency:** Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, OH,  
Psychiatry, 1993-1997  
**Previous Practices:** Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI, 1998-2000;  
Hillside Center, Flint, MI, 1999-2002;  
Teen Ranch Family Services, Owosso, MI, 2001-2002;  
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**Medical School:** University of Illinois at Chicago, 1999  
**Internship/Residency:** Northwestern University Medical Center,  
Internal Medicine, 1999 – 2002  
**Fellowship:** University of Illinois at Chicago, 2003-2006  
**Previous Practices:** Interim Physicians, Atlanta, GA, 6/02-9/02;  
Hospitalist at Cook County  
Hospital, Chicago, IL, Internal Medicine, 10/02-3/03  
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**DAN R. METCALF, MD (Active)**  
**Colon & Rectal Surgery**

**B.S.:** College of Saint Scholastica, Minnesota, B.A. Biology, 1995  
**Medical School:** University of Minnesota, 2000  
**Internship/Residency:** Spectrum Health  
Grand Rapids, MI, Surgery, 2000-2005  
**Fellowship:** Mayo Clinic, Rochester,  
Colon & Rectal Surgery, 2005-2006  
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**Sponsors:** Rebecca Hoedema, MD and Donald Kim, MD

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**ORESTE M. ROMEO, MD (Active)**  
**Surgery, Critical Care**

**B.S./Medical School:** University of Messina, Messina, Italy, 1992  
**Internship/Residency:** Kern Medical Center, University of California San Diego, Surgical Intern and General Surgery Resident, 1997-2000

**Fellowships:** Yale University School of Medicine, Research in Cardiothoracic Surgery, 1992-1993; University of California San Diego, Research, 1993-1996; Davies Medical Center, San Francisco, CA, Harry J. Buncke Research Fellow, 2000-2002; MERC/MSU Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI, Surgical Resident, 2002-2005 and Surgical Critical Care, Clinical Fellow, 2005-2006

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**HEATHER SLAY, MD (Active)**  
**Colon & Rectal Surgery (Board Certified)**  
**Surgery (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Yale University, B.A. Psychology, 1993  
**Medical School:** Emory University, Georgia, 1997  
**Internship/Residency:** Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA, 1997-2001

**Fellowship:** GRAMERC, Grand Rapids, MI  
Colon & Rectal Surgery, 2003-2004

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**KATIE UGOLINI, MD (Active)**  
**Plastic Surgery**  
**General Surgery (Board Certified)**

**B.S.:** Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, 1994  
**Medical School:** Wayne State University, 1999

**Internship:** University of Virginia Health Sciences, Charlottesville, VA, 1999-2000

**Residency:** Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA, Surgical, 2000-2004

**Fellowship:** Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ, Plastic Surgery, 2004-2006

**Address:** 4070 Lake Drive SE #202,  
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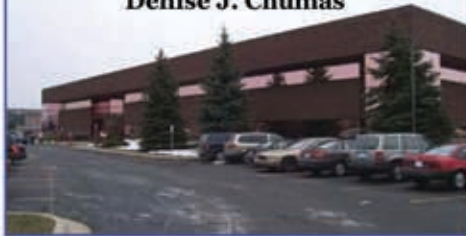
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The Medical Society extends sympathy to his family.

# DOCTORS IN THE NEWS

DENISE GRIBBIN, MD has been appointed the Interim Chief Medical Officer for Pine Rest Hospital. She assumed her responsibilities September 1, 2006. She also serves as Chief of Psychiatry on the Medical Staff at Saint Mary's

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# KENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Mary Crawford 940-0998 [marycraw@comcast.net](mailto:marycraw@comcast.net).

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