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MSMS Speaker of the House;  
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Elect, AMA; and Phillip G. Wise, MD;  
President of KCMS

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# In Memoriam

## GERALD F. BAROFSKY, MD

Dr. Barofsky passed away on January 31, 2013. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and practiced family medicine in Grand Rapids for 25 years. He also served as the Kent County Medical Examiner for many years. Dr. Barofsky then joined the army and practiced family medicine at Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma, Washington as a Lieutenant Colonel for ten more years. He was a World War II veteran and was in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946, serving on an LST (Landing Ship Tank) in the South Pacific.

## DAVID C. BOYCE, MD

Dr. Boyce passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin; he interned at Indiana University, and did his Ophthalmology residency at the University of Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a medical officer on LST (Landing Ship Tank) 347 during the June 1944 Normandy invasion. Dr. Boyce practiced medicine and surgery in Grand Rapids from 1950 through 1998. He continued doing volunteer office ophthalmology practice at the Saint Mary's Heartside Clinic for several years.

## ROBERT D. BURTON, MD

Dr. Burton passed away on February 15, 2013. He attended University of Michigan Medical School and completed his residency in Otolaryngology. He did his internship at Saint Mary's Hospital and lived in Grand Rapids for over 50 years. Dr. Burton served as a Michigan Delegate to the AMA, President of the Kent County Medical Society, and President of the Michigan State Medical Society.

## LUEBERT DOCTER, MD

Dr. Docter passed away January 20, 2013. He graduated from University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1940 and interned at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, OH. Dr. Docter was a veteran of World War II and served in the US Army Medical Corps as Medical Officer of the 102nd medical battalion assigned to the 27th Infantry Division, Pacific Theater in the battles of Eniwetok, Saipan and Okinawa. He survived two Bonsai attacks and was awarded the bronze star for medical combat duty. After certification in ophthalmology, Dr. Docter practiced in Grand Rapids for 35 years.

## EDWARD Y. POSTMA, MD

Dr. Postma passed away on January 9, 2013. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1940 and completed his internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Dr. Postma served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a commanding officer in the infantry and medical corps.

## ROBERT TROSKE, MD

Dr. Troske passed away on February 27, 2013. He entered the Army after receiving his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1955. His postings and training took Dr. Troske and his family from Texas to California to Alabama before retiring from the Army as a Major in 1964 and returning to Grand Rapids to open a medical practice.

## THE MEDICAL SOCIETY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILIES.



## Meet Brad Boelkins

Brad Boelkins, MSU-CHM Liaison to KCMS Board, was born and raised in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Hope College in Holland, MI in 2011. He is currently in his second year at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in Grand Rapids. He has worked with Dr. Brian Lane at Spectrum Health in urology research. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, running, and spending time at his family's cottage.

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## MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Events for KCMS

**OCTOBER 26**

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

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**JANUARY 11, 2014**

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

**CALVIN COLLEGE, PRINCE AUDITORIUM**

Upcoming Local Educational Opportunity Events

**JUNE 7**

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**OCTOBER 12**

**ORTHOPEDICS**

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**NOVEMBER 16**

**BACK AND BRAIN**

**HOLLAND HOSPITAL, CONF. ROOM A/B**

For questions contact Heather Eizenga 616-355-3885

### OUR MISSION:

*The Kent County Medical Society is a professional association, uniting the physicians in Kent County into a mutual, neutral organization; preserving and promoting the health of the citizens of Kent County, the physician/patient relationship, the medical profession, and the interests of physicians.*

## Visit us

For event details, check out our website [kcms.org](http://kcms.org)



NEW KCMS MEMBERS

# Welcome!

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## KCMS Board of Directors

The KCMS Board of Directors welcomes Jayne E. Courts, MD and Herman C. Sullivan, MD to the 2013 KCMS Board of Directors.

# Doctors in the News

**WILLIAM G. DODDS, MD**, with The Fertility Center and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was interviewed on Wood TV8's EightWest program on a segment titled "Overcoming fertility struggles. Share your story to support others". Dr. Dodds invited viewers to share their "Fertility Diaries".

**JAMES M. TUCCI, MD**, a Kent County Medical Society Member, has been named chief clinical systems integration and improvement officer for Spectrum Health System.

**BOHUSLAV FINTA, MD AND H. PAUL SINGH, MD**, with Spectrum Health and both Members of the Kent County Medical Society were featured in the Grand Rapids Business Journal in an article titled "Spectrum Health reaches for Lariat 'lasso' to prevent strokes".

**JAMES F. BYRNE, MD, MS**, Chief Medical Officer at Priority Health and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was interviewed by MiBiz regarding his retirement (July 1, 2013) and about the upcoming changes in health care.

**BOHUSLAV FINTA, MD**, a Cardiologist with Spectrum Health Cardiology and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was recently featured in an article on MLive titled "Patients with atrial fibrillation undergo new procedure that can 'lower stroke risk in one shot'".

**JANNAH H. THOMPSON, MD**, a Urologist with Urologic Consultants, PC and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was asked by the Grand Rapids Business Journal (March 18, 2013, Vol. 31, NO. 11) about an event called "Vasectomy Madness Event". Urologic Consultants, PC ties this event with March Madness so that vasectomy candidates have a legitimate reason to stay home and be a "couch potato" with provided "survival kits".

**NADAV DUJOVNY, MD**, with Spectrum Health Medical Group and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was a featured guest on Wood TV8's eightWest segment titled "Are you at risk of colon cancer? Find out and prevent it".

**DAVID H. W. WOHNS, MD**, Medical Director of Interventional Cardiology at Spectrum Health and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was featured on a segment for WZZM13 titled "Heart stent patients get same-day discharge".

**MICHAEL G. DICKINSON, MD**, with Spectrum Health and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was interviewed on Wood TV8's EightWest program on a segment titled "Learn how to love your heart. Spectrum Health hosts heart care event".

**GILBERT D. A. PADULA, MD**, with The Lacks Cancer Center and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was featured by the Grand Rapids Business Journal (March 4, 2013) in the article titled "Sticking it to pain".

**JIHAD A. MUSTAPHA, MD**, with Metro Heart and Vascular and a Member of the Kent County Medical Society was interviewed by MLive in an article titled "Cardiologist who overcame violence, deprivation of childhood urges others to make most of 'land of opportunity'".

# Directory Changes

## PAGES 4 & 122

Andersson-Zetye, MD, Lisa A.  
 MOVED to:  
 Area Wide OB/GYN  
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 Grand Rapids, MI 49548  
 Ph: 532-1410  
 Fx: 532-5017

## PAGE 7

DELETE  
 Barofsky, MD, Gerald F.  
 Deceased

## PAGES 8 & 122

Barr, DO, Lonson L. (L)  
 DELETE practice name,  
 address and phone #  
 NEW home address  
 and phone #:  
 2150 Robinson Rd. SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 49506 (Res)  
 774-2894 (Res)

## PAGE 9

Beane, DO, Jaret A.  
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## PAGE 13

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 Elizabeth A.  
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 wyomingfamilymedicine.com

## PAGE 14

ADD  
 Bouwens, MD, Eric C.  
 Family Practice  
 Spectrum Health Medical  
 Group-Community  
 Medicine Clinic  
 75 Sheldon Blvd. SE  
 Ste. 101  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
 Ph: 391-2420  
 Effective: 7/1/2013

## PAGE 14

DELETE  
 Boyce, MD, David C.  
 Deceased

## PAGE 17

DELETE  
 Burton, MD, Robert D.  
 Deceased

## PAGE 21

Coggan, MD, Peter G.  
 MOVED to:  
 Trinity Health, Vice President  
 and Chief Academic Officer  
 20555 Victor Parkway  
 Livonia, MI 48152

## PAGE 25

DELETE  
 Daniels, MD, Joseph  
 Deceased

## PAGE 26

DeGroot, MD, Terry R. (R)  
 RETIRED. NEW ADDRESS:  
 1617 Sheldon Rd.  
 Grand Haven, MI 49417 (Res)

## PAGE 29

DELETE  
 Docter, MD, Luebert L.  
 Deceased

## PAGE 31

Dugan, MD, Albert R. (R)  
 NEW home address  
 and phone #:  
 12212 Eastridge Dr. NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87112  
 (Res)  
 505-296-0702 (Res)  
 NEW E-mail address:  
 AlbertDugan@gmail.com

## PAGES 38 & 122

Freeburger, MD, Lara  
 MOVED to:  
 Spectrum Health OB/GYN  
 Residency Practice  
 330 Barclay Ave. NE  
 Ste. 304  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
 Ph: 391-2160  
 Fx: 391-2683

## PAGE 39

Garber, MD, Frank W.  
 NEW office address:  
 Vitreo-Retinal Associates, PC  
 2505 E. Paris Ave. SE  
 Ste. 100  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
 Ph: 285-1200  
 Fx: 940-0864

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 Vitreo-Retinal Associates, PC  
 2505 E. Paris Ave. SE  
 Ste. 100  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
 Ph: 285-1200  
 Fx: 940-0864

## PAGES 47 & 122

Heggen, MD, Donald M. (L)  
 RETIRED

## PAGE 67

Lown, DO, John A. (R)  
 E-mail CORRECTION:  
 lownjc@gmail.com

## PAGE 70

DELETE  
 Mann, MD, Joseph D.  
 Deceased

## PAGE 72

Mazier, MD, W. Patrick (R)  
 NEW home address:  
 PO Box 434  
 Ada, MI 49301-0434 (Res)

## PAGE 73

McLain, MD, Myrtle S. (R)  
 ADD home phone #:  
 616-696-1331 (Res)

## PAGE 74

Mead, MD, Marilee J.  
 Practice phone #  
 CORRECTION:  
 363-9900

## PAGE 83

Peterson, MD, Thomas H.  
 MOVED out of state

## PAGE 85

DELETE  
 Postma, MD, Edward Y.  
 Deceased

## PAGE 88

Riekse, MD, James M. (R)  
 NEW home address:  
 1919 Boston St. SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
 (Res)  
 DELETE e-mail address

Ringler, MD, Steven L.  
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 Center for Aesthetics &  
 Plastic Surgery  
 1151 East Paris Ave. SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
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 Fx: 328-8439

## PAGE 91

Rupke, MD, John A. (R)  
 Spouse: Esther "Boots"



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Sage, DO, Joseph G.  
 NEW practice name:  
 Grand River Vascular Surgery,  
 a member of Saint Mary's  
 Health Care  
 NEW office address  
 and phone/fax #:  
 310 Lafayette Ave. SE  
 Ste. 301  
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 Fx: 685-8950

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 Dermatology  
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 Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
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 Fx: 459-0313

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Sullivan, MD, Herman C.  
 E-mail CORRECTION:  
 sullivan@trinity-health.org

**PAGE 104**

DELETE  
 Troske, MD, Robert L.  
 Deceased

**PAGE 111**

DELETE  
 Vredevelt, MD, Charlene M.

**PAGE 116**

Wolfe, DO, Adam T.  
 Practice phone/fax #  
 CORRECTION:  
 Ph: 252-5201  
 Private line: 252-5296  
 Fx: 252-5200

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Zheutlin, MD, Jeffrey D.  
 NEW office address:  
 Vitreo-Retinal Associates, PC  
 2505 E. Paris Ave. SE  
 Ste. 100  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
 Ph: 285-1200  
 Fx: 940-0864

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KCMS President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Fostering Leadership

Last month I was honored to speak to many interested students from the Michigan State University-College of Human Medicine about what the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) would mean to them. There were about 70 students, mostly first and second year medical students, my co-speaker and a sprinkling of faculty in attendance.

It is difficult to put together a talk on the ACA to these future doctors many of whom have never heard of a CPT Code, ICD 9 and the crosswalk to ICD 10, RBRVS, the SGR, IPAB, and a host of other TLA's and FLA's (Three Letter Acronyms and Four Letter Acronyms). But, we did the best we could and hopefully we did not scare them out of medicine into a dentistry program. After the talk, one of the organizers of the event, a second-year student, asked me if we had any ideas on how to develop leadership in the young, soon-to-be physicians. We certainly encourage physician involvement at the level of the county, state and national medical societies, but we do not have anything formal.

She started me thinking, though. I am a graduate of the American Urological Associations (AUA) Young Leadership Inaugural Class. During the two years of study, urologists from around the United States were introduced to the various departments of the AUA including the Office of Education, Quality, Research, and my favorite committees: Socio-Economic and Reimbursement. There is no reason that the Kent County Medical Society could

not foster leadership within the membership. So to that end, I invite any interested physician, in practice or in residency, or medical student to let me know if they have a desire to become leaders in organized medicine and I will make every effort to accomplish that outcome.

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During one of my "Hill Visits" to Washington, D.C., Congress passed the ACA. At that time it was 2,100 pages long and you could read it over a weekend. Now the package has ballooned to over 20,000 pages. Our society recently co-sponsored an evening presentation to explain the basics of the Affordable Care Act and what kind of impact this will have on our practices. Whether in solo private practice, group private practice, or one of the various types

of employed models of practice, information of extreme value was delivered that evening. One piece of information presented was what will be needed in order to qualify for Medicaid. It is unbelievable to expect Medicaid recipients to fill out a 23-page form without help. This application will be submitted to several different departments including the IRS, to determine the financial

eligibility of the applicant, and the Department of State, to determine whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States. Health and Human Services (HHS) was to develop a state of the art computer system to be used to administer much of the ACA by 2014. The Secretary of HHS was recently overheard saying something like “Don’t hold your breath”. We, however, will continue to hold informative meetings to keep our members up to date on the ACA.

The Kent County Medical Society has several committees one of which reviews proposed Michigan legislation and regulations. We routinely host local state senators and

representatives at the meetings to inform them of our views and educate them on the possible (unintended) consequences of the bills before them. We represent ALL physicians. There are times when we may call upon you to send an email to your congressman about a particularly urgent issue before the state house. I hope you will respond. If you would like to help with organized medicine, we could always use your time and talents on committees, the Board of Directors, and/or at the House of Delegates.

Just let me or the office staff know of your interest (they can be reached at 458-4157).

## GET INVOLVED!

# KCMS Commitees

### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

**Function:** To review editorial content and to review the layout and design of the Bulletin. Assist the KCMS Staff with edits of the quarterly magazine, the Bulletin, via email and phone.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Function:** To be patient advocates and to educate area legislators of the effects of proposed legislation on the practice of medicine. The committee meets at Noon on the 2nd Monday of most months and welcomes involvement by elected officials every other month.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Function:** The Membership Committee shall review all applications for membership, make recommendations of membership to the Board of Directors, have responsibility for retaining members, and conduct an orientation of new members. Members work with KCMS staff by emailed document transfers and phone calls.

### PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Function:** The Peer Review Committee shall hear and review all matters pertaining to problems between complainants and members of this Society which shall be brought before it in writing, or in person and subsequently reduced to writing. The committee meets as needed.

### PROGRAM/CME COMMITTEE

**Function:** The Program Committee shall be responsible for the speakers and the Society’s scientific programs which are held two to three times annually. Members assist in recruiting speakers, identifying current topics for consideration and reviewing the makeup of each CME event (usually eight 30-minute speakers).

MSMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES

# Resolutions

The KCMS Delegation submitted 19 Resolutions for discussion. In addition, many Delegates partnered with medical students from MSU-CHM or their specialty societies to also submit Resolutions. All results can be found on the MSMS website: [www.msms.org](http://www.msms.org). The following KCMS Resolutions were introduced by Kent County Delegation Chair, Domenic R. Federico, MD.

**SUMMARY – BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 19 Submitted
- 8 Adopted
- 3 Adopted as Amended
- 3 Referred to the Board for Study
- 4 Reaffirmed on Reaffirmation Calendar
- 1 Disapproved

**RESOLUTION 52-13**

**Title: Changing Language in Psychiatric Certifications.**  
**ADOPTED.**

**By: David W. Whalen, MD, MPH**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the State of Michigan Probate Court to find language that would allow a Clinical Certification to be filled out on a patient on whom a medical screening exam was performed pursuant to compliance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and prior to the certification statement being read to the patient.

*Rationale: The Committee agrees with the author of this resolution that compliance with this clinical certification requirement is unworkable. Furthermore, the resolution appears to be a reasonable approach toward trying to address the problem perceived by the author. The Committee is therefore supportive of this effort.*

**RESOLUTION 54-13**

**Title: Amend Physician Assistant Supervision Regulations.**  
**REFERRED TO THE BOARD FOR STUDY.**

**By: David E. Hammond, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS support legislation to amend Michigan's Public Health Code to limit the number of mid-level providers practicing in private offices, clinics, and hospitals that a physician is allowed to mentor/monitor no more than two (2) mid-level providers per physician.

*Rationale: The Committee heard a great deal of testimony on the appropriate use of physician assistants and advance practicing nurses. While many of the specific concerns on the part of physicians with respect to the use of mid level providers varied, the recurring theme was the importance of appropriate physician supervision. The Committee believes that referral to the MSMS board is the best option so that additional study can be conducted to come up with a more comprehensive policy with respect to the use of physician assistants.*

**RESOLUTION 57-13**

**Title: Voting Rights for Patients with Dementia.**  
**REFERRED TO THE BOARD FOR STUDY.**

**By: Jayne E. Courts, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS review current state voting laws and present legislation mandating that patients who have been declared legally incompetent to manage their finances and their medical care be prohibited from voting in all local, state, and national elections; and be it further



**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the Michigan Secretary of State to arrange physician reporting of patients who have been declared legally incompetent to manage their finances and their medical care with subsequent removal of these patient names from the statewide qualified voter list; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS provide education to physicians about any new requirement to report patients who have been declared legally incompetent to manage their finances and their medical care to the Michigan Secretary of State.

Note: The Committee recommended disapproval based on the rationale below. The Resolution was extracted and the HOD voted to refer Resolution 57-13 to the Board for study.

*Rationale: The Committee believes that the author raises an interesting point about the potential for patients with dementia to be taken advantage of by family members or caregivers. However, the Committee was not sure if this is an appropriate role for physicians. Competency is a legal term determined by a judge, so it was not clear to the Committee if a physician should breach patient confidentiality to report to the Secretary of State. Unlike the reporting of impaired drivers, voters do not pose an immediate risk to the public raising further questions about the appropriateness of breaching patient confidentiality. The Committee did not agree with the author that the inability to manage finances or medical care necessarily means that individuals would be incapable of making the decisions required to vote.*

**RESOLUTION 58-13**

**Title: Cost of Interpretive Services for Hearing Impaired Patients.**  
**ADOPTED.**

**By: Donald P. Condit, MD, MBA**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS advocate for an amendment to Michigan law, seeking reimbursement for physicians for the cost of interpretive services for hearing impaired patients.

*Rationale: The Committee is familiar with scenarios whereby the costs associated with a translator easily surpasses the amount paid by the insurer for the care delivered by the physician. The Committee agrees with the intent and wording of this resolution.*

**RESOLUTION 59-13**

**Title: Violence and Mental Illness. ADOPTED.**

**By: Donald P. Condit, MD, MBA**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS either reconvene the Mental Health Committee, or establish a task force of qualified members, to develop an advocacy plan to promote public safety and improve treatment for individuals whom physicians consider at risk of violence due to mental illness in Michigan.

**RESOLUTION 60-13**

**Title: Modification of MSMS Policy regarding Michigan Certificate of Need. ADOPTED.**

**By: Phillip G. Wise, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS policy be changed to state that MSMS supports repeal of Certificate of Need legislation and repeal of Certificate of Need Standards, specifically those addressing physician ownership of or investments in ambulatory surgery centers, rudimentary or advanced imaging centers, extracorporeal shockwave lithotripsy, laboratories, and advanced radiotherapy treatment centers.

*Rationale: This resolution seeks to alter the existing policy of MSMS in support of the repeal of the Certificate of Need (CON) law in Michigan by clarifying that this could mean the outright repeal of CON or individual standards or services within the CON process. The Committee believes that the changes in this resolution provide greater flexibility for MSMS to pursue changes to the CON law into the future.*

**RESOLUTION 61-13**

**Title: Clarification of State of Michigan Smoke Free Workplace Laws. ADOPTED.**

**By: R. Paul Clodfelder, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS investigate whether the Smoke Free Workplace Laws of 2010 apply to marijuana smoke, and if not, work with the legislature to amend those laws to include this substance.

*Rationale: Currently, it appears that the Ron Davis, MD, Smoke Free Workplace Law and the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMA) provide appropriate prohibitions on smoking in public places. However, should there be any changes to the MMA or should marijuana be decriminalized, the Ron Davis, MD, Smoke Free Workplace Law would only apply to tobacco products. This resolution is worded in such a way that this can provide appropriate direction for MSMS to assure the intent of the smoke free air statute is preserved into the future.*



**RESOLUTION 62-13**

**Title: Exchange of Peer Review Material among Medical Entities. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**By: Brian A. Roelof, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That the MSMS Board of Directors in consultation and collaboration with their attorneys and hospital associates evaluate current Michigan Peer Review statutes to determine if we can better:

1. Promote peer review activity,
  2. Share peer review information between all medical entities in the state of Michigan;
- and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS reaffirm and promote peer review activity; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS reaffirm the need to continue strict peer review confidentiality; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS study the advantages and pitfalls of the exchange of peer review information between medical entities and report the findings and any recommendations to the 2014 House of Delegates.

*Rationale: The Committee accepted the author's friendly amendment to change the fourth "Whereas" to "Resolved" to clarify the intent of the resolution. The first resolved was removed because it was duplicative of the "Whereas."*

**RESOLUTION 63-13**

**Title: Observation Status and Medicare Part A Qualification. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**By: Jayne E. Courts, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That our AMA seek and/or support a requirement that a 72 hour

hospital stay, either under inpatient status or under observation status, will qualify a patient for Medicare Part A coverage for skilled services after discharge.

*Rationale: The Committee added a friendly amendment to change the wording from "pursue" to "seek and/or support." They also removed the "legal" requirement to support other means of resolving the stated problem.*

**RESOLUTION 64-13**

**Title: Electronic Health Record Penalties: Taxation without Representation? ADOPTED.**

**By: Jayne E. Courts, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That our AMA work to have all federal penalties tied to the use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) revoked as yet another form of unfair financial penalty for physicians.

**RESOLUTION 65-13**

**Title: Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Accreditation. REFERRED TO THE BOARD FOR STUDY**

**By: Jayne E. Courts, MD/ Richard J. Hodgson, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Systems, to mandate that all hyperbaric oxygen chambers in the state of Michigan be fully accredited on a regular basis to improve patient and staff safety; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Systems, to mandate that all hyperbaric oxygen chambers in the state of Michigan

be available 24/7, seven days a week, for emergency care of patients as a requirement for accreditation; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That our AMA work with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (UHMS), which in collaboration with The Joint Commission serves as the accreditation agency for hyperbaric oxygen chambers, to mandate that all hyperbaric oxygen chambers be fully accredited on a regular basis to improve patient and staff safety; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That our AMA work with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (UHMS) to require that all hyperbaric oxygen chambers be available 24/7, seven days a week, for emergency care of patients as a requirement for accreditation.

*Rationale: The Committee reviewed testimony provided to them along with information from the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society on the accreditation process provided to facilities and employees associated with hyperbaric chambers. The Committee learned that in the state, 40 chambers are in operation with only two being available 24/7. The Committee agrees with the accreditation of the chambers, but finds that they have several questions surrounding the accreditation process. The Committee heard there are three levels of accreditation that already exist with only the first levels addressing 24/7 operations. The Committee believes that requiring all chambers to be Level 1 accredited is not feasible, but the current statute does not meet the needs of Michigan's citizens. There was no information given to the Committee on the distribution of the current facilities. It was the determination of the Committee there were so many unanswered questions, but that this is a substantive issue. Therefore, it was the recommendation of the Committee to refer this resolution to the Board for further study.*

**RESOLUTION 66-13**

**Title: Increasing Post-Graduate Medical Education Slots in the State of Michigan. REAFFIRMED.**

**By: Patrick J. Droste, MS, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the State of Michigan and the federal government to increase funding from private and federal sources for post graduate residency training in the State of Michigan.

*Rationale: After review of the resolution and MSMS policy, it was determined that MSMS has addressed this issue in the past and has existing policy.*

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# February CME Update

Thank you for taking time from your weekend to attend the Kent County Medical Society February CME Update. We hope you found the program to be informative and time well spent.



## Thank You Speakers

Special thanks to our speakers who gifted their time and knowledge to provide critical information at the KCMS CME Events.

**John G. Bizon, MD, President,  
Michigan State Medical Society**

**Raymond L. Gonzalez, MD**

**Elizabeth H. Henry, MD**

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## Thank You Vendors

Special thank you to the generous vendors who helped to support the KCMS CME Event. We appreciate the gifts of time and support for the CME event.

**American Medical Association**

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**MDJobsite**

**Project Access**

**Rev Business Solutions**

## RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

### RESOLUTION 67-13

**Title: Increase Funding for Post-Graduate Education. REAFFIRMED.**

**By: Patrick J. Droste, MS, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the American Medical Association and the federal government to increase funding for post graduate medical education, nationwide.

*Rationale: After review of the resolution and AMA and MSMS policy, it was determined that both the AMA and MSMS have addressed this issue in the past and both organizations have existing policy.*

### RESOLUTION 68-13

**Title: Protecting Patient Confidentiality with Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Portals. REAFFIRMED.**

**By: Patrick J. Droste, MS, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with state and federal regulatory agencies to protect the confidentiality of the patient-physician relationship.

*Rationale: After review of the resolution and MSMS policy, it was determined that MSMS has addressed this issue in the past and has existing policy.*

### RESOLUTION 69-13

**Title: Increasing Residency Slots for Post-Graduate Medical Education in the State of Michigan. REAFFIRMED.**

**By: Patrick J. Droste, MS, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS encourage the American Medical Association, American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), federal government, and financially supporting hospital(s) and institution(s) to increase residency positions for qualified American and International medical graduates in the State of Michigan.

*Rationale: After review of the resolution and MSMS policy, it was determined that MSMS has addressed this issue in the past and has existing policy.*

### RESOLUTION 70-13

**Title: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to inform Patients of Payment Responsibilities. ADOPTED.**

**By: Patrick J. Droste, MS, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to include patient payment responsibilities for items such as co-pays, deductibles, and non-covered services in their formal publication listing the responsibilities of the patient to the providers.

### RESOLUTION 71-13

**Title: Reduction of Continuing Medical Education Requirements. DISAPPROVED.**

**By: Elizabeth Henry, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek legislation or a change in regulations to require the Michigan Department of Community Health to begin a rolling application system or do an immediate screening of J-1 Visa Waiver applications to inform applicants of their status within four weeks of the application deadline.

*Rationale: The Committee believed that the current continuing medical education requirements were not onerous, and that CME and board recertification were two separate issues that should not impact one another.*

### RESOLUTION 75-13

**Title: Allow Electronic Amphetamine Prescriptions. ADOPTED.**

**By: John vanSchagen, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the State of Michigan to review and update the Board of Medicine laws to allow for electronic information exchange; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the State of Michigan to review other related medicine laws and make them more compliant with our future state of technology.

*Rationale: This resolution asks that MSMS work with the state of Michigan to review and update the Board of Medicine laws to allow for electronic information exchange and work with the State of Michigan to review other related medicine laws and make them more compliant with our future state of technology. The Committee agrees with the premise of this resolution that MSMS should take a more active role in minimizing regulatory obstacles to physician practices. To that end, this resolution seems reasonable to the Committee and received their support.*

### RESOLUTION 77-13

**Title: PAP Testing HEDIS Guidelines versus USPSTF. ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**By: John vanSchagen, MD**

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS urge third party payers not to withhold payment to physicians for preventive health services that fall under accepted guidelines, even if they differ from the payer's own guidelines, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the AMA urge third party payers not to withhold payment to physicians for preventive health services that fall under accepted guidelines, even if they differ from the payer's own guidelines.

*Rationale: The Committee agreed with the spirit of the resolution, but thought that it was too narrow. With the cooperation and agreement of the resolution's original author, the Committee drafted the amended Resolved section.*

KENT MEDICAL FOUNDATION

# Please Support KMF Outreach Efforts



David W. Whalen, MD, MPH  
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Recently, the Michigan State Medical Society held its annual House of Delegates meeting. The Kent County Medical Society's delegation introduced resolutions dealing with such diverse issues as residency positions, voting rights for patients with dementia, and providing interpretive services to patients who are hearing impaired, among many others. Overall, it was a very successful meeting.

When physicians think about organized medicine, they usually think of this type of advocacy effort. Ultimately, physicians are getting together to try to provide better care for our patients.

However, there is another way that physicians improve the lives of our patients. The Kent Medical Foundation assists in providing care to the neediest of our patients. It does this by providing grants to various organizations that assist these populations. Last year, we provided grants to programs which encourage exercise in children, teaching adults how to cook healthy meals, and also to Project Access

which helps connect patients who need healthcare to physicians willing to volunteer their time. These programs are really making a difference, right here in Kent County.

These grants provide needed funding for organizations assisting our vulnerable populations. In order to provide these grants, the Foundation accepts donations. It is essential that we continue to increase our revenue as there are always more worthwhile projects that we could be funding. The Holiday Card project has been a successful fundraiser over the last several years, and has raised funds to support these programs. This is a voluntary, tax-deductible contribution, which allows physicians to include their name on a card sent out to all members of the KCMS. Physicians are able to wish their colleagues their Holiday Greetings without having to send out all of the cards, themselves. Watch for upcoming Bulletin articles to learn when it is time to contribute to the holiday card. Also, I would encourage anyone who is able to consider donating earlier in the year as well, as we meet several times a year to disperse funds and ongoing income is always helpful. Please contact the KCMS office for information about how you can contribute to these worthy causes.



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# KCOA Elects Dr. Bigham

Members of the KCOA and the KCOA Board elected Diane Bigham, DO as the President of the KCOA. Dr. Bigham is a Urologist with Urologic Consultants, PC. She has served on the KCOA Board since 2011.

## KCOA Welcomes a New Member

### JEFFREY D. POSTLEWAITE, DO

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*Kent County Osteopathic Association seeks to advocate for the physicians of Kent County, advance the science and practice of osteopathic medicine, and provide an arena of osteopathic physicians to support and educate each other and their community.*

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Adam Wolfe, DO  
KCOA President

KENT COUNTY OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

# The Physician's Ultimate Goal

Finish this equation: **PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME**  
**+ AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**  
**= ??**

Are we ready for an influx of patients? Maybe the better question becomes, “are these patients ready for us?” The responsibility of the patient health care not only falls upon us as practitioners, but maybe equally as important on the patient. The great bulk of the patient’s life is spent outside of the reach of their health care team—I think that we all understand this. However, this is often times a difficult concept for our patients to understand.

The process of patient care begins by education of your patient and giving them access to innovative ideas and resources—doing this effectively and efficiently is always our ultimate goal. Along those lines, the concept of the Phoenix Physician was well outlined recently by Osteopathic thought leaders (J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2012;#112(8):518-520). This concept has been discussed at the graduate medical education level for some time—forming a framework for educating our trainees in our residency programs and fellowships. I contend, however, that this concept should be considered as a way we continue to grow ourselves as physician leaders in our community.

CME is an important venue to explore the issues of the practice of medicine that we all have in common—the KCOA spring CME event included both clinical updates as well as practice management discussions that begin to explore the barriers that impact what we do every day—it is part of our purpose to serve you as our colleagues by providing local access to high quality CME as well as a forum to meet and discuss common goals and challenges.

We will continue to provide opportunities for practice improvement and medical knowledge in the future and hope that all in our community will continue to involve themselves in these meetings.

I would like to thank all of those involved, both speakers and attendees, for a wonderful day! We will continue to provide opportunities for practice improvement and medical knowledge in the future and hope that all in our community will continue to involve themselves in these meetings. After all, we can learn so much from each other, but only if we convene at some level to discuss innovative ideas together.

Thank you all for your continued support of the KCOA.



# March CME Update & Annual Meeting

Thank you for taking time from your weekend to attend the Kent County Osteopathic Association March CME Update. We hope you found the program to be informative and time well spent.





## Thank You Speakers

Special thanks to our speakers who gifted their time and knowledge to provide critical information to the attendees.

**Christopher R. Barnes, DO**

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## Thank You Vendors

Special thank you to the generous vendors who helped to support the KCOA CME Event. We appreciate the gifts of time and support for the CME event.

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# Doctors in the News

**EDWIN T. KORNOELJE, DO**, Director of Metro Health Sports Medicine and a Member of the Kent County Osteopathic Association was interviewed on Wood TV8 on a segment titled "Metro Health Gus Macker Tourney preview. Tournament to raise money to put AEDs in schools".

**ADAM T. WOLFE, DO**, KCOA Past President, was named Metro Hospital's Physician Best of Metro. Dr. Wolfe was nominated because of his excellent patient care, teamwork and interactions with staff, along with his commitment to quality educational experiences for students, interns and residents in training. He is committed to supporting Osteopathic Medical Education

and training and the Kent County Osteopathic Association. Congratulations Dr. Wolfe!

**DAVIS L. DALTON, DO**, a Member of the Kent County Osteopathic Association and a Gynecologist with Metro Health Hospital was a guest on The Buzz with Michelle McKormick (1340 AM WJRW) discussing robotic surgery.

**THOMAS PFENNIG, DO**, an ENT physician with Grand Rapids Ear Nose and Throat and a Member of the Kent County Osteopathic Association was interviewed by WZZM13 on a segment titled "Achoo! Tips for seasonal allergy relief".



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PROJECT ACCESS

# Preparing Patients for the Affordable Care Act

In an effort to keep our members updated on the happenings in Project Access, I want to update you on some of the changes that are being experienced with the program as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care (PPACA) (also known as Obamacare) is implemented.

As you know, Project Access is a program created by both the KCMS and KCOA to assist uninsured patients in our community. Our Board of Directors and staff have been preparing patients for the Affordable Care Act and empowerment to enroll into Medicaid.

This spring, local community health centers have encouraged early enrollment for Medicaid-eligible residents who will be eligible for the October 1 enrollment. This includes most of the patients who have been helped in the past nine years by Project Access. The staff have worked diligently in the last three years to explain the conditions of the Affordable Care Act and that it would, most certainly, affect the life of Project Access.

During the next few months, the Project Access team will be educating former patients on enrollment for Medicaid and referral resources for other community programs. An analysis will then be done on how to mentor and educate others in our community who need access-to-care resources.

Stayed tuned—it is sure to be a season of changes. Thank you to all of our physicians who have helped the uninsured patients in our community.

**If you or your office staff need community resource information to help patients with specific needs, check out the Project Access website:**

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KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# Can You Spot a Case of Measles?

Measles is a highly communicable viral disease. Fortunately, as a result of vaccination, the United States achieved measles elimination (defined as interruption of year-round endemic measles transmission) in the year 2000 and reported cases of measles are relatively rare. Nationally, on average, 60 people are reported to have measles each year.

In 2011, an uncharacteristic total of 222 cases and 17 outbreaks were reported nationwide with 90% of cases associated with importations from other countries. In Michigan, there have been only 17 confirmed cases of measles reported since the year 2000. January 2013 saw the first reported case of measles in Kent County since 1999. This rare occurrence in Kent County provided a good reminder of the importance of the public health response to even a single case of measles and the critical role physicians play in identifying measles in patients with clinically compatible symptoms who have recently traveled abroad or have had contact with travelers.

Measles is characterized by a prodromal phase consisting of mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a sore throat occurring 7 to 14 days after a person is infected. Two to three days following the onset of these symptoms, tiny white spots may appear inside the mouth (Koplik's spots). Three to five days after the onset of prodromal symptoms, a red or reddish-brown rash appears, typically beginning on the face at the

hairline and spreading downward to the neck, trunk and upper and lower extremities. Upon appearance of the rash, fever may spike to more than 104 °F.

The case in Kent County occurred in an unvaccinated infant who traveled to an area of the United Kingdom known to have current and recent measles cases. The child developed cough, nasal congestion, decreased oral intake and a fever approximately one week after returning home. To complicate matters, the patient was diagnosed with an ear infection and began antibiotic treatment around the same time as the onset of these symptoms. The patient developed a rash two days after symptom onset, but because of the antibiotic treatment, it was considered to be an adverse reaction to the medication. The patient's fever increased to 104 °F and the patient was admitted to a local hospital overnight for observation and rehydration. A specimen collected two days after the patient was discharged was positive for measles IgM.

Due to the highly infectious nature of measles, it is critical that control measures are implemented immediately upon identification of a suspect case. In hospitals, suspected case patients should be placed in respiratory isolation from the onset of cough in the prodromal stage through the fourth day of rash. Ideally, susceptible contacts should be given live virus measles vaccine within 72 hours of exposure. Immune globulin (IG) should be used for susceptible household contacts with high risks of complications (contacts under 1 year of age, pregnant women or immunocompromised

By Mark Hall, MD, MPH,  
(pictured right)  
and Brian Hartl, MPH



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# Notifiable Disease Report

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Communicable Disease Section  
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## April, 2013

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

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED		MEDIAN CUMULATIVE
	This Month	Cumulative 2013	Through April 2008-2012
AIDS (Cumulative Total - 916)	3	10	8
AMEBIASIS	0	0	2
CAMPYLOBACTER	2	15	13
CHICKEN POX <sup>a</sup>	8	22	37
CHLAMYDIA	297	1190	1090
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	1	4	4
Shiga Toxin Producing E. Coli <sup>b</sup>	0	1	N/A
GIARDIASIS	3	21	23
GONORRHEA	50	176	263
H. INFLUENZAE DISEASE, INV	0	2	2
HEPATITIS A	0	0	1
HEPATITIS B (Acute)	0	2	1
HEPATITIS C (Acute)	0	0	1
HEPATITIS C (Chronic/Unknown)	13	62	106
INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS <sup>c</sup>	2880	29028	28086
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	3	1
LYME DISEASE	0	0	0
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	0	5	6
MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL, OTHER <sup>d</sup>	0	2	2
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INV	0	0	1
MUMPS	0	0	0
PERTUSSIS	0	0	2
SALMONELLOSIS	1	18	9
SHIGELLOSIS	0	3	6
STREP, GRP A, INV	0	8	9
STREP PNEUMO, INV	0	20	27
SYPHILIS (Primary & Secondary)	1	1	4
TUBERCULOSIS	4	5	6
WEST NILE VIRUS	0	0	0

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2013	DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2013
Measles	1		
Malaria	2		

- a. Chickenpox cases are reported primarily from schools. Confirmed and probable cases are included.
- b. In November 2010, cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 were combined into the category "Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* (STEC)"
- c. Includes "Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)" and lab-confirmed influenza. ILI cases have flu-like symptoms and are reported primarily by schools.
- d. "Meningitis, Bacterial, Other" includes meningitis and bacteremia caused by bacteria OTHER THAN *H. influenzae*, *N. meningitidis*, or *S. pneumoniae*.

Except for Chickenpox & Influenza-Like Illness, only confirmed cases (as defined by National Surveillance Case Definitions: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/script/casedefDefault.aspx>) are included.  
Reports are considered provisional and subject to updating when more specific information becomes available.

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persons) within 72 hours for maximal exposure, but can be given upwards of 6 days after exposure.

By the time the case of measles in Kent County was confirmed, the time frame for vaccination/provision of IG to contacts had passed. In response to the case, Kent County public health officials contacted over 100 family members, health care providers and hospital contacts to assess vaccination history and instruct contacts on what should be done in response to measles symptoms should they arise. Fortunately, no secondary cases resulted from this exposure. However, national outbreaks in 2011 identified missed opportunities for community control because of misdiagnosis and/or delayed reporting of cases by health care providers.

Although measles is rare, physicians are an important

player in the prevention and control of this illness. Before any international travel, patients 6 months through 11 months of age should have one dose of measles vaccine. Children 12 months of age and older should have two doses separated by at least 28 days. Adolescents and adults who have not had measles or who have not been vaccinated should also get two doses separated by at least 28 days. Travel history should be obtained for all patients presenting with acute febrile rash illness. The World Health Organization maintains global surveillance data which can assist in the identification of high risk countries<sup>1</sup>. Early identification and reporting of suspect cases by physicians to the local health department can make all the difference between an isolated case and a local outbreak.

1. [http://www.who.int/immunization\\_monitoring/diseases/measles\\_monthlydata/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/immunization_monitoring/diseases/measles_monthlydata/en/index.html)



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The 2013's survey opens on Thursday, May 9th and will remain open until Sunday, June 9th, at which time, reporting and filtering will be open and available for qualifying participants.

By completing the survey, the information you provide will enhance the value of the survey while also allowing you to receive the valuable survey tool results FREE! Those who do not participate will have an opportunity to purchase the salary survey when completed. This is a great opportunity to receive essential information to guide your organization through the employee salary and benefit decision-making process.

If you would like to participate in the survey or purchase the completed survey please contact Sherry Barnhart at the MMGMA offices. Email: [sbarnhart@michmgma.org](mailto:sbarnhart@michmgma.org) Phone: 517-336-5786.

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## ALLIANCE HEARTBEAT

# Celebrate our achievements

Although it is probably summer as you read this, I am writing as spring is eagerly greeting us. Buds bursting, birds singing, and squirrels scampering together, helping us to forget the cold, rain, and snow. It is a time to see what has been hidden and now grows.

The Alliance has greeted the spring with new officers full of energy and promise. At our annual luncheon in April, we installed Deborah Shumaker as our new president. She has great plans for next year, which she will announce in the summer Bulletin. At our luncheon, friendships were visible that had grown through the year. Hidden were the acts of kindness and support that had fostered them. The luncheon celebrated the achievements of the past year. Foremost, was the successful work of our Alliance Foundation, contributing to the health of our community through the giving of charity ball and mini grants. Additionally, we served the community by volunteering at Rays of Hope, Baxter Community Center and Kids Food Basket. We had collections for Baxter Daycare, Women's Crisis Center and Judge Gardner's Closet. We provided educational opportunities for our membership on the topics of eating disorders and with the Medical Society, a discussion of the Affordable Care Act.

We are not the Alliance of old and we do not fit the TV stereotypes of "physician wives". We are spouses, men and women, many of us doctors and professionals, who have chosen to be a part of an organization that supports superior health care in Kent County. We work to educate ourselves about current medical issues, address those issues as an organized group and support each other in our unique lives as medical families. Of course, we also have a lot of fun.

There is still much work to be done. We are fortunate to have diverse and superior health services in our community. However, individual patients and health programs always need funds and our volunteer service. The swirl of the Affordable Care Act is causing confusion and stress for many providers and patients. Working together, we can contribute to better health care in West Michigan, our state and our country. Each of us has our part to play. I hope to see you at many Alliance events in the next year.

*The Alliance advances the science and art of medicine in partnership with the Kent County Medical Society by advocating health-related philanthropy, legislation, education, and by promoting friendship among families of physicians.*



## Annual Luncheon

Friendships were made and renewed at our annual luncheon. Andrea Maison, Mary Crawford and Karin Maupin (Photo far left) enjoy the event. While Beverly Jensen and Patricia Dalton (Photo at left) greet one another. Beverly gracefully led our memorial honoring our members who died in the past year.



Margaret Thompson, MD  
Grand Rapids Associate  
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## MSU COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE

# MSU appoints department chairs

We are pleased to announce the appointments of three new department chairs for Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

B. Keith English, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development. Dr. English is professor and associate chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis—institutions he has served for 23 years.

Charles "Lee" Cox, PhD, PA, has been appointed chair of the Department of Physiology, a department affiliated with MSU Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Natural Science. Dr. Cox comes to MSU from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His chief research interest is neural plasticity, which is the brain's ability to adapt to changes in inputs and is essential for brain development and function. A goal of the research is to gain insight into pathological conditions such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease, as well as developmental brain disorders such as Fragile X syndrome and autism.

Richard R. Neubig, MD, PhD, is the new chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, a department affiliated with the MSU Colleges of Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Neubig has been a faculty member at the University of Michigan since 1983, where he has served as professor of pharmacology, associate professor of internal medicine, and director of the Center for the Discovery of New Medicines. He is also 2012-13 president-elect of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, a 5,000-member professional organization.

In other college news, this year 36 students from MSU College of Human Medicine and Ferris State University College of Pharmacy participated in the Engaged Partners Project (EPP), a partnership with Bethany Christian services wherein MSU medical students and FSU pharmacy students are matched with refugee families from areas such as Somalia, Sudan, Liberia and Burma. Over the past several months, the students visited their refugee family four to six times to assess their medical needs, assist with organizing health care appointment dates and present health education workshops.

At the conclusion of the semester, the students delivered a final reflection presentation to school faculty members. Said one medical student, "My experience with EPP has taught me many things that will affect my future practice. I have a better understanding of the complexities to accessing health care and the resources available to people in my community. I am excited to know that I will be better able to serve my patients with the lessons I have learned from my EPP family."

We are excited to continue this collaborative project this fall. Not only is it a good opportunity for our medical students to work across disciplines with other health science students, but is a wonderful way for the students to give back to the community by offering basic health care assistance for international refugees in the greater Grand Rapids area.

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