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In Memoriam

HENRY V. GUZZO, MD

Dr. Henry Guzzo passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019. Dr. Guzzo was a General Practitioner in Dowagiac, Michigan and volunteer Physician at Cherry Street Clinic in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's College in Indiana and his medical degree from Indiana University. He completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo. Dr. Guzzo practiced in outstate Michigan until he came to Grand Rapids. Dr. Henry Guzzo joined the Kent County Medical Society as a retired member in 2004.

JERRY L. IRWIN, MD

Dr. Jerry Irwin passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019. Jerry received his undergraduate degree from University of Michigan and his MD degree from Wayne State University. He completed his internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and He served in the Air Force and began private practice in 1965 in Grand Rapids. Dr Irwin founded the Urology Residency Program at Butterworth Hospital and established several local urology clinics for resident training. Dr. Jerry Irwin was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1958.

GLENN M. VANDOMMELEN, MD

Dr. Glenn M. Van Dommelen passed away April 9, 2019. Dr. VanDommelen served in the US Navy from 1945 to 1947 before receiving his undergraduate degree from Calvin College and medical degree from Wayne State University Medical School. He completed an in internship at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Butterworth Hospital, where he served for several decades. Dr. Glenn Van Dommelen was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1957.

KENNETH J. VANDERKOLK, MD

Dr. Kenneth VanderKolk passed away on May 9, 2019. He graduated from University of Michigan Medical School and interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. After serving as a Captain in the Air Force, Dr. VanderKolk had a long and successful career as an Obstetrician/Gynecologist. He retired in 1993 having served as director of the OB/GYN Residency Program at Butterworth Hospital for over 30 years. Dr. Kenneth VanderKolk was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1954.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

West Michigan Physicians Participate in MSMS House of Delegates

Kent and Ottawa Counties were represented at the 2019 House of Delegates in Kalamazoo, Michigan on May 4 and 5, 2019. The following resolutions were submitted by Kent and Ottawa Delegates.

27-19 - Electronic Voting on Reference Committee Items

Authors: Eric L. Larson, MD, and Robert Levine, MD
House Action: Disapprove

RESOLVED: That the MSMS House of Delegates vote electronically on all items extracted from the Reports of Committees (a.k.a., "Blue Report").

Rationale: This resolution asks for an electronic vote on all items extracted from the Reports of Committees. The current procedure is to first complete a voice vote, and if the Speaker determines the vote to be close, he/she calls for an electronic vote. Each electronic vote takes several minutes to start the survey, wait for the delegates to vote and then display the results. The Committee was concerned this might increase the Sunday session needlessly. Additionally, under the current process a delegate can ask for an electronic vote be taken at any time. For these reasons, the Committee recommend disapproval.

47-19 - Strengthen Michigan Delegation to the AMA

Author: Megan Edison, MD
House Action: Amend

RESOLVED: That MSMS send updates to MSMS delegates after the American Medical Association (AMA) Annual and Interim meetings to increase communication on Michigan resolutions submitted to the AMA; and be it further



Resolution author, Eric Larson, MD, presents to a reference committee.

RESOLVED: That MSMS ensure any travel expenses budgeted for the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association to the AMA House of Delegates Annual and Interim Meetings be available for all Michigan AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

Rationale: The Committee was supportive of the author's intent but clarified that the responsibility lies with MSMS rather than the individual delegates. The Committee wished to share that updates after the AMA Annual and Interim meetings are already being sent via Medigram. Additionally, any member may review the status for any resolution in the resolution database on the MSMS web site.



Resolution author, Bryan Huffman, MD, of Ottawa County addresses the House.

52-19 - Forced Organ Harvesting

Author: Eric Larson, MD

House Action: Refer

RESOLVED: That MSMS denounce the practice of forced organ harvesting and programs and policies that assist with the education and research of Chinese nationals who participate in China's organ transplant programs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby the state of Michigan for legislation to prohibit the use of public money and/or institutions from participating in the training of Chinese transplant surgeons or collaboration with Chinese transplant research; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to lobby for federal legislation to prohibit the use of public money and/or institutions from participating in the training of Chinese transplant surgeons or collaboration with Chinese transplant research; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to denounce the practice of forced organ harvesting and programs and policies that assist Chinese nationals in their transplant surgery training or any collaboration of research in transplant surgery.

Rationale: The Committee heard testimony that the practice of forced organ harvesting could be conducted in other countries or other entities than just China. The Committee had concerns that the Society should understand the full scope of the problem prior to making policy or conducting legislative advocacy. The Committee heard testimony from the author that the AMA is already researching this subject and is expected to report to the AMA House of Delegates in June 2019.

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Thank You

Special thanks to the following individuals who participated this year as Delegates to the KCMS, OCMS or their specialty society and Alternate Delegates:

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55-19 - Sharing MAPS Reports with Patients

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Approve

RESOLVED: That MSMS educate physicians about the restrictive protected health information status for a patient's Michigan Automated Prescription System report, per Michigan Compiled Law 333.7333a, to avoid violation of the law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Legislature and any other relevant stakeholders to amend Michigan Compiled Law 333.7333a(4) to permit a patient's Michigan Automated Prescription System report to be included in the patient's medical record in a manner consistent with the usual legal standards for protected health information and shared directly with the patient, including in printed form.

63-19 - MSMS Governance Reorganization

Author: Eric Larson, MD

House Action: Disapprove

RESOLVED: That MSMS reorganize its membership structure to allow for physicians to choose between one of the following three options:

1. **County Members:** Physicians who choose to be members only of their county medical society would pay dues to the county and have it recorded with the state society. Dues collected and finances would be handled within the county unless the county has no staff and infrastructure. For counties needing assistance, the MSMS Board would set the dues for the county and collect the dues and hold them in an account. The primary use for the funds collected by the state would be to be used to reimburse physicians to attend the annual MSMS House of Delegates (HOD). The state would determine a fair administrative fee to charge the counties for this task. At any time, a county may organize and begin collecting these fees themselves and administering the dues to pay for local affairs and attending the HOD.
2. **State Members:** Physicians who choose to be only state members pay dues just at the state level to be administered by the MSMS Board and its staff.
3. **State & County Members:** Physicians may pay to be members of both branches of the society for the combined dues as set forth by the county and the state Board; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the MSMS House of Delegates shall apportion delegates based on a formula to promote a diversity of views of rural and urban physicians and a proper representation of those who pay dues. The following shall be the rules set for forth for determining the number of delegates to the annual HOD:

1. Delegates shall be apportioned based on the number of paid members and their point values as follows: County only and state only members shall be worth one point each. Combined county and state members shall be worth 1.5 points.
2. As of a date designated by the MSMS Board, a count will be conducted and each county will be assigned a number of points based on its membership.
3. There will be 250 delegates to the HOD that shall be apportioned according to the point values of each county. No county may have less than one delegate.
4. Each delegate will have a corresponding alternate delegate.
5. In addition to the 250 physician delegates, the following delegates and equal number of alternate delegates will be assigned to the HOD; one delegate for the deans of each medical school, one delegate for each recognized medical specialty society, one delegate for the resident/fellow section, one delegate for the foreign graduate section.
6. The HOD will also continue to recognize the importance and contributions from medical schools by apportioning one delegate for each medical school. Unlike the other sections, medical schools will receive three alternates for each delegate position to maintain a robust presence of medical students.

Rationale: Over the past two years, MSMS has held a series of focus groups, surveys, and Board and House workgroups on organizational remodeling. The Committee is supportive of encouraging increased membership and participation at the House; however, they believed there could be other ways to address this other than a complete membership reorganization. Regarding student allocation, the Committee heard significant testimony supporting the current bylaws. Many spoke that student involvement is essential to maintaining organizing medicine into the future.

66-19 - Improved Access to Non-Opioid Treatment Modalities

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Amend

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with third party payers in the State of Michigan to improve access to non-opioid treatment modalities including, but not limited to, physical therapy and occupational therapy as recommended by the patient's physician; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to improve

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access to non-opioid treatment modalities including, but not limited to, physical therapy and occupational therapy as recommended by the patient's physician.

Rationale: Testimony indicated strong conceptual support for Resolution 66-19. Persons testifying indicated the need to have non-opioid treatment options for patients experiencing pain that are covered by health plans. However, it was noted that there are treatment modalities for which little scientific evidence exists to their efficacy. The Committee decided to specifically identify physical therapy and occupational therapy as recognized alternative modalities but leave the language broad enough to encompass other evidence-based treatment options. Additionally, the Committee agreed to a friendly amendment offered during testimony to tie the treatment to that recommended by the patient's physician.

68-19 - Hospice Care and the "Adult Failure to Thrive" Diagnosis - REFER

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Refer

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and/or the Michigan Home Care and Hospice Association to reinstate "adult failure to thrive" as a qualifying primary diagnosis for hospice care; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization to reinstate "adult failure to thrive" as a qualifying primary diagnosis for hospice care.

Rationale: The Committee believes more investigation into this issue is warranted. Members were sympathetic to concerns expressed by the author that Medicare's decision to eliminate "failure to thrive" and "debility" diagnoses as primary diagnoses in 2016 has resulted in fewer options to assist patients enter hospice care. However, the Committee also recognized rationale from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as follows:

"CMS's primary justification for this clarification was concern that the use of nonspecific diagnoses of adult failure to thrive and debility, without other diagnoses, means that Medicare hospice beneficiaries are not being thoroughly assessed; and therefore, may not be receiving the full range of services the Medicare Hospice benefit envisioned.

More significantly, CMS expressed its concern that the use of nonspecific diagnosis such as adult failure to thrive or debility indicates that the "multiple comorbid conditions" that accompany these diagnoses may not be adequately diagnosed, thereby depriving beneficiaries of an informed understanding of their condition and of all possible options available to them."

Finally, the author mentioned there may be an inadvertent adverse financial repercussion to hospices if it is required to cover payment for all primary diagnoses under its per diem rate.

For these reasons, the Committee believed it was appropriate for the MSMS Board of Directors to take a more thorough look at all of the implications related to the removal and re-adoption of the failure to thrive diagnosis.

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District Director Anita Avery, MD, leads the meeting.



Bobby Mukkamala, MD, candidate for MSMS President-Elect.

District Director's Briefing Dinner

Delegates from Kent and Ottawa Counties gathered with District Director, Anita Avery, MD, for an update from Michigan State Medical Society in preparation for the House of Delegates. Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Student Delegates reviewed submitted resolutions and discussed the proposed MSMS reorganization. Special thanks to visitors Bobby Mukkamala, MD, of Genesee County Medical Society, candidate for MSMS President-Elect and Kenneth Elmastian, MD, of Ingham County Medical Society, former MSMS President and candidate for AMA Alternate Delegate.



Eric Larson, MD, and Bryan Huffman, MD, meet with medical students regarding resolutions.

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70-19 - Prescription Coverage of the Lidocaine Transdermal Patch

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Approve

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with third-party payers in the State of Michigan to urge the provision of insurance coverage of transdermal lidocaine patches for other indications in addition to post-herpetic neuralgia; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to encourage the United States Food and Drug Administration to consider approving other indications in addition to post-herpetic neuralgia for transdermal lidocaine patches; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and third-party payers to provide insurance coverage of lidocaine transdermal patches for other indications in addition to post-herpetic neuralgia.

Rationale: Resolution 70-19 was extracted and the HOD voted to approve. Originally, the Reference Committee recommended disapproval and provided the following rationale:

“Although the Committee supports patient access to alternative pain treatments, it did not believe compelling evidence exists that lidocaine transdermal patches provide any greater relief than similar over-the-counter products. Additionally, the Committee discussed that many of the over-the-counter products are available at minimal cost. “

71-19 - Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare Attestation

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Approve

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) work with Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) and any other relevant organization(s) to reduce the frequency of required CAQH reporting to twelve months or longer unless the physician has a change in relevant information to be updated.

73-19 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Open Payments Program

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Approve

RESOLVED: That MSMS provide education to physicians about the Physician Payments Sunshine Act of 2010 and the resultant Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Open Payments Program, including the importance of monitoring and disputing inaccurate data; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to again offer physicians training to understand the Sunshine Act and its implications in light of recent public disclosure of the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Open Payments Program website; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to extend the scope of reporting payments to include pharmacists and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), especially as pharmacists and PBMs continue to expand their influence on the prescribing of medications.

BAR #01-19 - Resolution 19-18 – “Reimbursement for Telemedicine Visits”

Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD

House Action: Amend the Board Action’s Report to APPROVE this resolution

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with third-party payers to provide reimbursement for both synchronous and asynchronous telemedicine services to encourage increased access and use of these services by patients and physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with third-party payers and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the national level to provide reimbursement for both synchronous and asynchronous telemedicine services to encourage increased access and use of these services by patients and physicians.

Rationale: The Committee amended the second resolved statement by adding, “and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services” after “third-party payers.”

Ottawa County 2019 Resolutions

02-19 - MSMS Annual House of Delegates Date Change - APPROVE

Author: Bryan Huffman, MD

House Action: Approve

RESOLVED: That the MSMS Board of Directors study the feasibility of scheduling an earlier annual date for future House of Delegates (HOD) meetings and report back its recommendations for a vote no later than the 2020 HOD. The study shall include, but is not limited to, consideration of the following: (1) Evaluation of existing commitments; (2) Annual potentially conflicting events such as spring break, other large medical events, or other events which could impede the ability of delegates to attend; (3) Weather considerations in regards to widespread travel limitations; (4) A preference for conducting an indoor weekend meeting in colder weather months in order to open warmer weather weekends for recreation; (5) Suitable venue availability; and, (6) Maximizing participation of MSMS members in future HOD meetings.

42-19 - Two-Thirds Vote Required of All Main Motions

Author: Bryan Huffman, MD

House Action: Disapprove

RESOLVED: That the MSMS House of Delegates rules be changed via an amendment to the MSMS Constitution and Bylaws to require a two-thirds vote for the reaffirmation of existing policy, and if a two-thirds vote is not achieved, the existing policy shall be eliminated; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the MSMS Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows:

13.80 Special Rules of Order

13.81 All Main Motions at the House of Delegates shall require a 2/3 vote to be accepted. This rule shall not apply to elections held by the House. This rule may be revoked by any MSMS House at any time by a 2/3 vote of the House, but shall be reinstated for the next House unless this rule is permanently repealed by amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws.

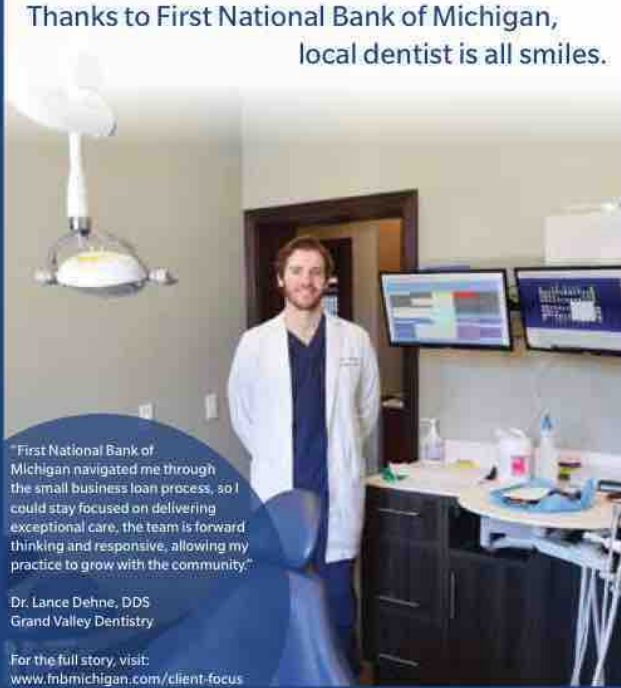
13.82 Reaffirmation of existing MSMS policy by the House of Delegates shall require a 2/3 vote to be accepted as is specified in 13.81. If Reaffirmation by a 2/3 vote is not achieved, the

policy of concern shall be removed from MSMS policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the second reading of the above amendment be the first order of business for the Second Session of the 2020 MSMS House of Delegates, and if passed, take effect immediately so that all business of the 2020 House of Delegates would be subject to this amendment.

Rationale: The MSMS parliamentary consultant, Barry Glazer, MD, reviewed this resolution and is unaware of any other groups with a two-thirds approval process. Doctor Glazer explained that this would result in minority rule. For any proposal, a minority of greater than one-third could stifle the wishes of the remaining members. If a group believes in majority rule, then it should, at a minimum, provide a mechanism where a majority vote can prevail. While an organization could choose to adopt such a rule, it would be very unusual for a routine motion to be subject to such a vote. For these reasons, the Committee recommended disapproval.

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KCMS members (from left to right) Anita Avery, MD, Charles Henry, MD, Domenic Federico, MD, Melissa Meldrum-Aaberg, MD, and Thomas Aaberg, MD.

MSMS Legislative Update

Kent County physicians attended a Legislative update held at Bistro Bella Vita on March 18. Christin Nohner, MSMS Director of State and Federal Government Relations, provided an update on MSMS priorities. Unfortunately, no legislators could attend but members were able to discuss current issues and enjoy seeing one another.



MSU-CHM medical student members Sara Teising and Emma Frost.



KCOA members (from left to right) Bill Sanders, DO, Claire Hamman, DO, Lonson Barr, DO, and Eugene Soechtig, DO.



FIX PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND STEP THERAPY

KCMS and MSMS will be hosting a round table for physician members and area lawmakers this summer.

Please contact KCMS at kcmsoffice@kcms.org if you would like to be included in the round table.

Prior Authorization Round Table

Prior authorization red tape and step therapy creates serious and dangerous delays in care for millions of Michigan patients and denies access to care for others. According to the most recent data:

- **73 percent** of Michigan physicians report that **prior authorization requirements force their patients to wait at least one business day** before getting the treatment they need.
- **97.5 percent** of all first-time prior authorization requests are eventually approved. In other words, insurers are delaying patients' access to care for essentially no reason.
- **38 percent** of Michigan physicians report that **prior authorization red tape forces patients to wait three or more days** before getting the medicine or treatment they need.
- **94 percent** of Michigan physicians report that prior authorization red tape causes delays in care for their patients.
- Prior authorization red tape is part of a staggering **92 percent** of all care delays.
- **78 percent** of physicians trace prescription and treatment non-adherence to prior authorization delays.

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The Doctors' Lounge

Members of the KCMS and KCOA Board celebrated an early National Doctors' Day at The Doctors' Lounge. Members of both organizations gathered for an evening of relaxed camaraderie, and some well-deserved appreciation.



Lonson Barr, DO (right), Shelley Drew, DO (center) and guest

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

The Kent Medical Foundation contributed to door prizes and The BOB provided tasty appetizers and refreshments. All physicians left with a small token of appreciation. The following were door prize winners.

- **Bonefish Grill**
Chuck Henry, MD
- **New Holland Brewery**
Mithilesh Mishra, MD
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John Beernink, MD
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Lonson Barr, DO
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Stephanie Cunningham, MD
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Thank you doctors for all you do!

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Meg Edison, MD, Eugene Soechtig, DO, William Sanders, DO, and Norman Keller, DO, enjoying the evening.



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Merrill Lynch and Bank of America hosted another education event for KCMS, KCOA and OCMS members.

Members were treated to a financial overview of the current economy, which included information which has led to current economic conditions, as well as indicators to consider in future economic activity. Special thanks to Mr. Tim Long at Merrill Lynch for his interest in sponsoring these educational events to update members, residents and medical students. Dr. Stephen Cohle, Kent County Medical Examiner, provided a "CSI Grand Rapids" update on some interesting cases that his team has researched.



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From left to right, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services residents Jason Andreas, DO and William McBride, DO, with KCOA Board Member Bill Sanders, DO, and KCOA Board President Adam Wolfe, DO.



Kent County Chief Medical Examiner
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KCOA President Adam Wolfe, DO, visits with
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IV League Spring Reunion

Q: What do you get when you combine a group of retired physicians and friends for a networking breakfast?



Mrs. Margaret Henry and John Kopchick, MD



Albert Dugan, MD



From left to right: Elvira Stawski, Howard Beadner, MD, Margaret Henry, John Kopchick, MD, Vicente Gracias, MD, Gary Marsiglia, DO, Cliff Ferguson, MD, Norm Keller, DO, Chuck Henry, MD, Vernon Wendt, MD, and Bill Stawski, MD



KCOA Members, Norm Keller, DO, Jim Mitton, DO, Lonson Barr, DO, and Ralph Walsh, DO

A: Enjoyable conversation on travel, hobbies and of course, grandchildren!

THE NEXT EVENT WILL BE SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER. WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR DETAILS.

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Adam Wolfe, DO
2019 KCOA President,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KCOA Members Participate in MOA House of Delegates

KCOA



KCOA 2019 Delegates to the MOA (left to right): Doctors Clegg, Postlewaite, Marsiglia, Bethune, Grzeszak, Wolfe, Keller and Cunningham

The 2019 Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates convened on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Westin Southfield Detroit. Any MOA member in good standing could author a resolution; however, introduction of resolutions to the House of Delegates is limited to delegates, alternate-seated delegates, component associations, MOA Departments, Councils, or Board of Trustees.

MOCF BALL

Andrea Amalfitano, DO, PhD, Dean of Michigan State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine, shared that the College is readying for their 50th Anniversary — with a focus on science and the art of Osteopathic Medicine. MOCF Ball is scheduled for February 1, 2020 and should be a great party. Save the date!

AOA PRESENTATIONS

MOA Delegates heard from William Mayo, DO, AOA President and Ronald Burns, DO, FACOFP, AOA President-Elect. They addressed significant growth of the profession, so that now, one quarter of graduating medical students in the U.S. are DOs. AOA continues to work on revamping Board Certification to reflect some increase in Osteopathic Principles and Practice, as well as Osteopathic Continuous Certification to be more user friendly and relevant to our practice. They also spoke of work on international practice rights in order to enhance consistency throughout the world as more Osteopathic medicine students and graduates are looking to live and practice overseas.



Speaker of the House, Dr. Craig Bethune (center) presents KCOA Delegate, Dr. Bradley Clegg (right), and Dr. Mark Sikorski (left) of Macomb County awards for their 30 years of serving as MOA Delegates.

ELECTION

Dr. Jeffrey Postlewaite was elected as President Elect to the MOA and Dr. Craig Bethune was re-elected for Speaker of the House. Dr. Bradley Clegg was recognized for his service of 30 years as an MOA Delegate!

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were reviewed and discussed by Delegates and topics included:

- Expansion of Medicaid for all
- Making prior-authorization simpler and clearer for practitioners and their staff
- Enhanced reimbursement for Care Management / Care Coordination Activities
- HPV vaccination recommendation for all young people
- Behavioral health integration in primary care
- Addressing telemedicine in our practices

Thank you to the Kent County Delegates who represented their Osteopathic colleagues in Kent County:

Craig Bethune, DO	Joanne Grzeszak, DO	Gary Marsiglia, DO
Bradley Clegg, DO	Norman Keller, DO	Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO
William Cunningham, DO	Edward Lee, DO	Adam Wolfe, DO

Kent County Osteopathic Association will be sending three Delegates to the AOA: Doctors Adam Wolfe, Jeffrey Postlewaite, and Craig Bethune.



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DONALD ARLINSKY, DO

Donald "Dr. Don" Arlinsky passed away on April 28, 2019. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathy from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience and completed his internship at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Arlinsky trained in internal medicine at Doctors Hospital in Columbus and practiced in New Jersey from 1968 to 1975 before returning to Grand Rapids to practice at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital for 10 years as an internist. He finished his medical career having practiced 17 and a half years at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. One of the greatest joys in Dr. Arlinsky's life was teaching medical students at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

MICHAEL J. HOLT, DO

Dr. Michael Holt passed away on March 2, 2019. Dr. Holt was a graduate of Rutgers University and Philadelphia Osteopathic College of Medicine. He practiced as family physician in Wyoming, Michigan for 40 years before retiring to Florida. Dr. Michael Holt was a long time Lions Club, GR Antique Car Club and Kent County Osteopathic Association member.

JOHN A. LOWN, DO

Dr. John Lown passed away on March 1, 2019. Nearby Ft. Stewart is where he began to serve his beloved country when he joined the Army in 1981 followed by assignments to Germany and Indianapolis before serving the VA in Iron Mountain, MI and Chillicothe, OH. Dr. John Lown was a graduate of MSU and Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

JAMES R. WHITE, DO

Dr. James White passed away on March 17, 2019. He graduated from Michigan State University and earned his Doctor of Osteopathy from Des Moines University. Dr. White completed his residency at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan before proudly serving in the United States Navy. Upon completing his service to his country, he returned home to Grand Rapids where he spent over twenty-five years as a highly-regarded general surgeon. While at Metro Health, Dr. White was appointed Chief of Surgery and enjoyed his time mentoring and supervising surgical residents as the Residency Program Director. Additionally, Dr. White enjoyed teaching and took great pride in his position as an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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Supporting Vision Screening

Kent Medical Foundation Board of Trustees has approved a grant to purchase a new machine that will help identify vision challenges in low-income and underserved patients in our community. The grant is made to the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) which has been part of our community since 1913.

KMF

The mission of ABVI is to help individuals living with Low Vision or Blindness thrive in a sighted world. Its primary program is to provide rehabilitation services to people with permanent and severe vision loss.

The Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired (ABVI) provides free vision acuity and glaucoma screenings for at-risk adults throughout West Michigan. These individuals typically do not seek professional eye care due to economic limitations and lack of eye care education. At-risk, hard-to-reach populations need to know that most vision loss is preventable, and the goal is to have them seek care to prevent vision loss.

ABVI clinicians test acuities and using a tonometer, to check intraocular pressure readings. If a person has not had an exam in over two years, or if their acuities or pressures aren't within the "normal" range, the participant is encouraged to see their provider or the Vision Clinic at Cherry Health. Screenings take place at various locations throughout the community including, food pantries, supper houses, affordable housing sites, churches, and healthcare events.

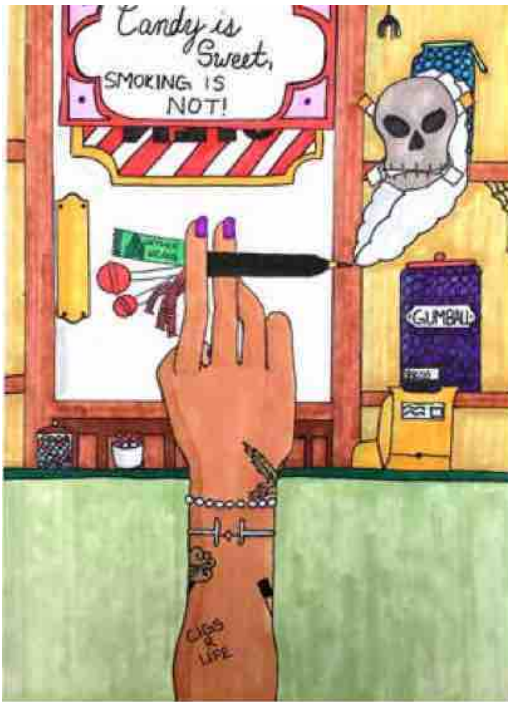
The Kent Medical Foundation has supported the purchase of a new non-contact tonometer. The new tonometer will replace an older model to assist underserved



individuals in accessing vision screenings as a pathway to comprehensive eye care.

Last year alone, ABVI staff had screened 525 people and 33% of those were encouraged to see an eye care professional; 43% of the people who were screened were people of color, and over 75% of those who reported their incomes had annual incomes under \$25,000.

The KMF Board of Trustees is happy to assist underserved individuals with improving their vision.



Jose Narezo 1st Place Award for Best Overall Poster
Ayden
Gerald R. Ford Academic Center
Mrs. Ty's class, 8th grade



Former KMF Board Chair Dr. Jayne Courts presented Mr. Kenneth Matthews of the Grand Rapids Public School LOOP After-School Program with the 2019 Minnhaar-Tomatis Award in Support of the Arts. Mr. Matthews was presented with the award at the conclusion of the 2019 nicoTEAM Poster Contest in April.



2nd Place Award for Best Artwork
Jason
Pinewood Middle School
Mrs. Grzegorski's class, 8th grade



3rd Place Award for Best Verbal Presentation
Alexandria
Kelloggville Middle School
Mrs. Robinson's class, 7th grade

nicoTEAM Poster Contest

For a look at all of the poster art contestants, please visit the KMF website at www.kcms.org/kmf.

Jose Narezo, after whom our first prize is named, was both an artist and a teacher at Grand Rapids Public Schools. As someone who was involved with the youth of GRPS on a daily basis, he tried to share his passion for the visual arts with his students. Just one of the ways he did this was to help us create this poster contest, and so made a way for his students to publicly showcase their creative talents.

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WOOD-TV8/WOTV/WXSP***Cars for A Cause West Michigan
Helps Children Receive Eye Care**

Former KCMS and Kent Medical Foundation Board Chair, Patrick Droste, MS, MD, has always been a champion for his pediatric eye patients, their families, and adults with misalignment. In his spare time, he volunteers for the KCMS House of Delegates, the Michigan Society of Eye Physician and Surgeons (MiSEPS) (as a Delegate) and the Grand Rapids Lion's Club.

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for complete details.*

He has now partnered with Garage Kept Motors to provide a fundraising event on July 20 to benefit Pediatric Retinal Research Foundation (PRRF) and Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (OUB).

Join car enthusiasts, collectors and visitors of all ages at the July 20 event. There will be a large inventory of classic cars in Garage Kept Motors for viewing, car enthusiasts will show their cars for awards, food trucks, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, DJ music hosted by Ed Ver Schure and entertainment throughout the day by blind musicians (patients of Dr. Droste). The GR Lion's Club is providing support and volunteers for the event.

The Kent Medical Foundation Board is proud to support this event and thanks Dr. Droste for his commitment to volunteering for local eye programs.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We feel privileged to be co-presidents for the Kent County Medical Society Alliance. We are focusing on growing and retaining our membership. We want the emphasis to be camaraderie while not losing sight of philanthropy and advocacy.

Our membership is open to spouses/domestic partners of physicians, medical students, interns, residents and fellows. We offer informative meetings to learn about our community, lunches, cooking group, book group, Holiday party, wine mixers, knitting and euchre to name a few activities. Come join us for friendship, networking and FUN! Please contact us at president@kcmsalliance.org or visit our website KCMSAlliance.org to become a member or to renew your membership.

We are excited to introduce our board, a group of volunteers who strive to keep our alliance strong and to be the difference in our community.

Sincerely,

*Blésie Beaumier & Eileen Brader,
KCMSA Co Presidents*

summer calendar

- 6 | 8-11** **AMAA Annual Meeting**
Chicago
- 6 | 12** **Book Group**
noon Schuler Books | Kentwood
- 6 | 30** **Alliance membership fees for 2019-20 are due**
(renew at KCMSAlliance.org)
- August** **Volunteer at S.H.O.E.S.**
In the Image | GR
- 8 | 25** **Physician Family Day Picnic and Mixer**
Details to follow
- 9 | 10** **Rebecca Vredenburg Teaches Us Yoga Nidra - Meditation**
*10am Membership Meeting to follow
EGR Recreation Center
750 Lakeside Drive SE | GR
Lunch and meeting to follow
at Olives Restaurant & Bar*

All current and prospective members are welcome to attend any calendar event! For more information please use our website KCMSAlliance.org or email president@kcmsalliance.org

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Event Recap spring

March

Social: *Our gourmet group brought the taste and smells of the islands to the Marogil's home with a Caribbean theme dinner party.*

YWCA of West Michigan Open Circle Luncheon: *KCMSA members and Friends of the Alliance supporting the YWCA of West Michigan Open Circle Luncheon. Guest speaker was former Assistant Kent County Prosecutor, Helen Brinkman.*

Time and Talent: *We prepared and served dinner to guests staying at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge Peter M. Wege Guest House.*

April

FUNdraiser: *Olives Restaurant & Bar and Blackbird East FUNdraiser events*

Site Visit: *We made a visit to Pine Rest to hear about their Psychiatric Urgent Care Center.*

KCMSA Annual Meeting and Luncheon: *Highlighting the year's accomplishments and induction of the new Board at Paddock Place*

MSMSA Annual Meeting in East Lansing: *Kent county's members Karen Begrow inducted as President and Beth Junewick as Treasurer for the State Alliance.*

May

Clothing drive for Our Hope: *They offer therapeutic residential treatment counseling and education to guide women to recovery from alcoholism, addiction and the mental health and emotional conditions so often related to these diseases.*

All current and prospective members are welcome to attend any calendar event! For more information please use our website KCMSAlliance.org or email president@kcmsalliance.org

Spouses and partners of physicians, residents and medical students are encouraged to join the KCMS Alliance. You may pay membership dues for the 2019-20 year instantly at kcmsalliance.org/join. Our membership year is July 1-June 30. We would love for you to be on board this year.



KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Nirali Bora, MD
Kent County
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Take Steps to Protect the Health of Mothers and Babies in Kent County

While Kent County has seen some improvement during the past 10 years in the rate of Black babies who die in the first year of life, it is a sorrowing fact that these babies remain two and a half times more likely to die before their first birthday than their white counterparts.

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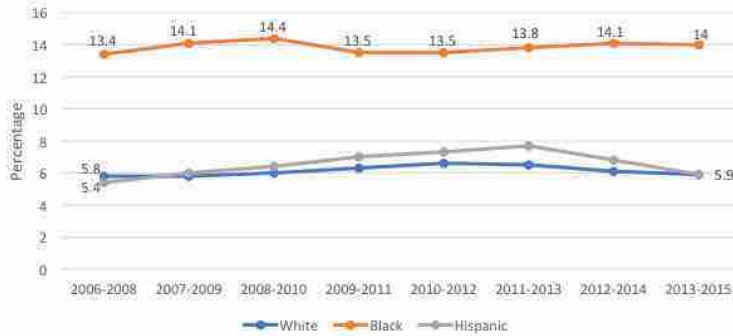
Several factors, including pre-term birth and low birthweight increase the risk of infant mortality. Women who have poorly controlled high blood pressure before and during pregnancy are at increased risk for preeclampsia, placental abruption and gestational diabetes. Preeclampsia is a leading cause of prematurity and women who have preeclampsia are also at risk for complications before and after pregnancy that can put their life in danger. The Preeclampsia Foundation (www.preeclampsia.org) has designated the month of May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month and in honor of this health observance this article focuses on some of the risk factors for preeclampsia during pregnancy here in Kent County.

Adequate and quality prenatal care is often pointed to as one of the most important contributing factors to a healthy pregnancy. Unfortunately, for Kent County Black mothers, adequate prenatal care does not erase the disparities they experience in poor birth outcomes. Among women receiving adequate prenatal care during their pregnancy based on the Kessner Index, Black mothers are still more than twice as likely to deliver a baby with low birthweight than White and Hispanic mothers (Figure 1). Black women face multiple barriers to achieving healthy birth outcomes within the walls of a health care clinic and the communities in which they live. In a report published by a division of the National Academy

of Sciences¹, researchers found that bias and stereotyping regarding people of color can impact the level of health care they receive. In addition to disparities within the healthcare system that may lead to inequitable care, Black women also face various environmental, economic and social conditions, including racism, that may limit their ability to achieve maximal health, thus leading to a persistent disparity in birth outcomes.

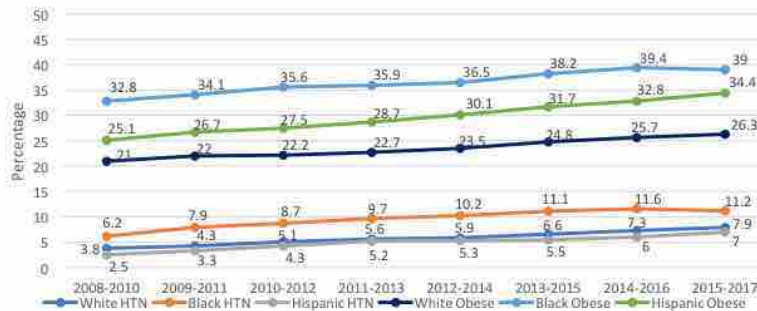
Over the course of the last decade, the percentage of live births to mothers who had hypertension or a body mass index (BMI) that classified them as obese has increased for all racial and ethnic groups (Figure 2). Data from community surveys such as the Kent County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey² and VoiceGR³ consistently reveal that the Black population in Kent County struggles with access to fruits and vegetables and opportunities for physical activity, often due to factors such as cost, transportation and safety. While poor nutrition and lack of exercise can lead to hypertension and obesity, data from the Kent County Fetal Infant Mortality Review⁴ (FIMR) offer insight into issues of mental health and stress that impact Black women who experienced an infant death. A review of infant deaths from 2001-2016 revealed that Black women were more likely to report family, economic, environmental or other stresses during pregnancy (39.3%) than White (23.7%) and Hispanic (15.3%) women.

FIGURE 1:
Percent of Low Birthweight among Women with Adequate Prenatal Care by Race/Ethnicity, Kent County



Source: Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

FIGURE 2
Percent of Births to Mothers with Hypertension or BMI Classifying Them as Obese by Race/Ethnicity, Kent County



Source: Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Hypertension and obesity are risk factors for preeclampsia, which, in addition to being a risk factor for preterm delivery, can jeopardize the health of a woman during and after pregnancy and possibly lead to death. Pregnancy-related mortality is the death of a woman while pregnant or within a year of the end of a pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management. In the United States, the rate of pregnancy-related deaths has steadily increased from 7.2 per 100,000 live births in 1987 to 18 per 100,000 live births in 2014. Between 2008 and 2016, there were 312 pregnancy-related deaths in the state of Michigan. During this time frame, the pregnancy-related death rate in Michigan was 60 per 100,000 among Black women compared to 20 per 100,000 among Whites. The rates in Michigan were somewhat higher than those reported on the national level from 2011-2014 (40 per 100,000 among Blacks and 12.4 per 100,000 among Whites).

Providers are encouraged to increase awareness of the warning signs of preeclampsia among women who have risk factors. Risk factors include previous history of preeclampsia, multiple gestation, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and kidney disease. Women should look out for swelling of the eyes and hands, weight gain of more than five pounds in one week, headache that won't go away even after taking pain medication, changes in vision, nausea or vomiting after mid-pregnancy, upper right belly pain, and difficulty breathing. Providers should pay attention to these symptoms as well and monitor the patient's blood pressure and urine protein. Physicians should also assess barriers to proper nutrition and exercise among patients and monitor the mental health and stress levels of women during their prenatal visits. A multifaceted approach to address societal inequities in access to care, healthy housing, food, and exercise, income, along with implicit bias and discrimination within the healthcare system is essential to reducing disparities in maternal and infant mortality in Kent County.

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DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED		MEDIAN CUMULATIVE
	This Month	Cumulative 2019	Through April 2014-2018
AIDS	0	1	5
HIV	6	16	N/A
CAMPYLOBACTER	5	26	31
CHICKEN POX ^a	1	3	8
CHLAMYDIA	326	1233	1252
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	0	3	6
Shiga Toxin Producing E. Coli	1	3	4
GIARDIASIS	0	8	19
GONORRHEA	99	448	263
H. INFLUENZAE DISEASE, INV	1	2	3
HEPATITIS A	0	3	0
HEPATITIS B (Acute)	0	0	0
HEPATITIS C (Acute)	0	0	1
HEPATITIS C (Chronic/Unknown)	26	83	93
INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS ^b	2844	15129	23056
LEGIONELLOSIS	1	4	1
LYME DISEASE	0	0	1
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	0	0	4
MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL, OTHER ^c	0	2	5
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INV	0	0	0
MUMPS	0	0	0
PERTUSSIS	0	1	7
SALMONELLOSIS	4	17	16
SHIGELLOSIS	0	6	3
STREP, GRP A, INV	2	5	16
STREP PNEUMO, INV	5	18	22
SYPHILIS (Primary & Secondary)	0	0	5
TUBERCULOSIS	3	5	3
WEST NILE VIRUS	0	0	0
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY			
DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2019	DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2019
Kawasaki Syndrome	5		
Streptococcal Toxic Shock	1		
Carbapenemase Producing CRE	1		
Guillain-Barre Syndrome	1		
Vibriosis-Non Cholera	1		
<p>a. Chickenpox cases are reported primarily from schools. Confirmed and probable cases are included.</p> <p>b. Includes "Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)" and lab-confirmed influenza. ILI cases have flu-like symptoms and are reported primarily by schools.</p> <p>c. "Meningitis, Bacterial, Other" includes meningitis and bacteremia caused by bacteria OTHER THAN H. influenzae, N. meningitidis, or S. pneumoniae.</p> <p>Except for Chickenpox, Campylobacter, Cryptosporidiosis, Shiga-Toxin Producing E. Coli, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis & Influenza-Like Illness, only confirmed cases (as defined by National Surveillance Case Definitions: http://www.cdc.gov/nndss/script/casedefDefault.aspx) are included.</p> <p>Reports are considered provisional and subject to updating when more specific information becomes available.</p>			

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MSU COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE

Welcome New Spartan MDs



Angela Thompson-Busch, MD, PhD
Assistant Dean, Michigan State
University College of Human
Medicine Grand Rapids Campus

On May 11, College of Human Medicine Dean Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., MD, MHS conferred degrees for 203 new Spartan MDs. They are an amazing class joining the physician workforce in July. Here's a look at their areas of specialty and Match Day results:

Overall, 95% of the College of Human Medicine seniors entering the Match secured a residency placement. This compares to 94% of all U.S. allopathic medical school seniors who matched to first-year positions.

A total of 81 students, 44.3%, are entering a primary care residency (i.e., Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, and Pediatrics). This is stable compared to last year. Seventy of the seniors (38.3%) will remain in Michigan for their residency training in 2019. Of those 70 graduates, 48.6% will be training in primary care, compared to 40% in 2018.

The top six specialty placements in rank order by percentage:

1. Internal Medicine (33 graduates, 18%)
2. Pediatrics (20 graduates, 10.9%)
3. Family Medicine (26 graduates, 14.2%)
4. Emergency Medicine (21 graduates, 11.5%)
5. Obstetrics-Gynecology (11 graduates, 6%)
6. Diagnostic Radiology (10 graduates, 5.5%)

As we continue to strive to train a diverse group of future physicians within all the medical and surgical specialties, we are very proud of the Class of 2019!

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Anita Avery, MD

KCMS Past President Elected Chair at MSMS House of Delegates

Anita Avery, MD, an obstetrician and gynecologist practicing in Lansing, was elected Chairperson of the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors during the 154th

annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates annual meeting May 4th and 5th in Kalamazoo. Avery became the first woman ever elected to lead the Board.

She will serve a one-year term heading the 36-member MSMS Board of Directors. The MSMS Board of Directors sets policies and oversees operations for the 15,000-member medical society headquartered in East Lansing.

Doctor Avery completed her training at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) and Stanford University. She practices obstetrics and gynecology as Core Faculty for the Sparrow/MSU Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency program in Lansing and is an assistant professor at MSU-CHM where she is Lead Clerkship Director for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology.

The Michigan State Medical Society is the statewide professional association of 15,000 physicians in Michigan and is affiliated with the American Medical Association. Physician policies on various issues involving public health, health care delivery and medical ethics are set at the annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting.