



## **IMPORTANT - Your Immediate Response Is Needed!**

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### *Maintenance of Certification Challenges Initiate MSD Response*



ongoing efforts to constructively address challenges with Maintenance of Certification (MOC), MSD is responding to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Vision Commission's most recent report with a prepared online, petition-like comment you can quickly digitally sign, and which we will submit to the commission. We strongly encourage all our physicians to immediately take the following short survey with action letter. Your voice can make a difference! [Take survey](#). [Read report](#).

## **MSD Welcomes New President**

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*Andrew W. Dahlke, MD Begins*

## *Term as 175th President*



MSD is pleased to welcome Andrew W. Dahlke, MD as the 175th Medical Society

of Delaware President. Dr. Dahlke, a Neuroradiologist with Southern Delaware Imaging Associates in Lewes, was the immediate past chair of the Government Affairs Committee for MSD as well as a current board member for the Delaware Medical Political Action Committee (DELPAC). Welcome Dr. Dahlke!  
[Read more.](#)

## **A Word From Past President Richard Henderson, MD**

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### *Don't Let Your Dues Lapse*

It is that time of year to send in your 2019 MSD

**Renew now**



Membership renewal. We are pleased to announce this year's rates have remained the same as last year. Dues can be paid electronically by logging into the MSD website or by mail.

Please contact MSD Membership Coordinator Ryan Wolfe at 302-224-4905

or [ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org](mailto:ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org) if you have questions. Immediate Past President, Richard W. Henderson, MD shares a message with our members. [Read message.](#)

## Primary Care Crisis Gets Needed Attention

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### *MSD Members Speak Out For Reform*



MSD members **James M. Gill, MD**, **Nancy Fan, MD** and President **Andrew W. Dahlke, MD** were busy this week being interviewed by Delaware Public Media, WHY radio, and TV news anchor Larry Mendte for his cable show *Delaware Way*. The physicians discussed the challenges Delaware faces with a shortage of primary care physicians after a recent state-funded University of Delaware study showed a ten percent drop in primary care physicians in the last decade with Kent and Sussex counties having a ratio of approximately two thousand

patients per doctor. During their interviews, the doctors highlighted the efforts by MSD to successfully pass Senate Bill 227, the *Improving Access to Primary Care* bill, which is raising the reimbursement floor to that of Medicare. [Read story](#). [Listen to story](#).

## Join Your Peers For Maternal Health Awareness Day

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### *Important Updates on Improving Maternal Health and Safety*

Maternal Health Awareness Day will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd



from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. The event, which will include remarks by Sen. Tom Carper, Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester, and Immediate Past President of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG) Haywood Brown, MD, FACOG will focus on the "fourth trimester" with presentations on optimizing postpartum care, a perinatal collaborative update, and an update on LARC Education. [To register](#).

# New MSD Physician Leadership Series Scheduled

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*Learn Valuable Tools To Maximize  
Your Skills*



Back by popular demand is MSD's *Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development*. The 12-week self-paced program will teach the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and will equip physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making. These skills are designed to empower physicians to effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. Sign up for the next cohort beginning January 22, 2019. [To register.](#) [Read testimonials.](#)

## ***Pending Members***

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*David P. Donohue, MD*

MSD members are afforded a 7 day review period from the date of this publication to comment regarding

an applicant applying for membership. Please contact Mary LaJudice at (302) 224-5183 or [Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org](mailto:Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org) with any questions or concerns.

## "*Rerum Cognoscere*"

The Latin phrase *Rerum Cognoscere* translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

<b>\$30 Bil</b> Amount spent annually on medical marketing in the U.S. to patients and physicians. This includes promotion of drugs, devices, lab tests, and hospitals.  Associated Press, Jan. 8, 2019	<b>&gt;6</b> One-third of Americans are sleeping less than six hours a night. This is 15% more of the population getting inadequate rest than in 2003.  Reuters, Dec. 28, 2018	<b>260%</b> Percentage increase of women aged 30 to 64 who died of a drug overdose between 1999 and 2017. Opioid related deaths increased 492%.  CBS News, Jan. 1, 2019
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## Upcoming Events

**January 13** - PAHCOM presents: [MIPS 2019 - What You Need To Know About the Final Rule](#), 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**January 15** - [MSD Practice Management Session: Insurance Payers Update](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark. Video Conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus.

**January 23** - [Maternal Health Awareness Day Program](#), 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**March 2** - [30th Annual Update in Cardiology](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 7** - SAVE THE DATE - Dementia Care - Caring for a Vulnerable Population: Older Adults with Neurocognitive Disorders, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 9** - [23rd Annual Diabetes Update](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**May 7** - SAVE THE DATE - 56th Annual William J. Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.



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