

Report

Investment in Front-Line Doctors Top Priority

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PRIMARY CARE COLLABORATIVE REPORT 2019

Primary Care Collaborative, chaired by Sen. Bryan Townsend, Rep. David Bentz, and MSD Past President Nancy Fan, MD released its long-term recommendations to support primary care physicians in Delaware. The collaborative was created through Senate Bill 227, the *Improving Access to Primary Care* bill which aims to strengthen primary care through a series of changes, including requiring insurers to reimburse primary care physicians at the Medicare rate for the next three years. [Read report.](#)

Help a High School Student Discover Medicine!

Apollo - Youth in Medicine Program Needs Physician Volunteers

Apollo - Youth in Medicine, a new program designed to give Delaware high school students an opportunity to shadow a physician in the outpatient setting, is looking for

doctors to participate in the

February
session.



Participating physicians commit to one student shadow session for a single day. That's it! Show your student what a day as a physician is like and offer them an opportunity of a lifetime! If interested contact [Randeep Kahlon, MD. Read more.](#) Thank you to the Fall 2018 participating physicians. [See list of physicians.](#)

Increase HPV Vaccination Rates With Your Patients

Program Designed To Help You Help Your Patients



Quality Insights in collaboration with the Division of Public Health (DPH) is offering a new program to increase Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination rates in Delaware by engaging physicians and staff in

interactive, collaborative discussions on the vaccine, including cancer prevention, immunogenicity, safety, guidelines, addressing parental concerns, and workflow assistance. This is a no-cost program. [Read more.](#)

Join Your Peers For Maternal Health Awareness Day

Hear the Latest on the "Fourth Trimester"

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, Sen. Chris Coons, 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.](#)

UD Telehealth Course

Registration Open

Online Program Offers Convenience and Flexibility

The University of Delaware is offering a self-paced, 15 week online Advanced Telehealth Coordinator course to provide the foundations needed to understand both the benefits and the uses of telehealth. The course is designed to help users leverage the technology to improve access to health care for patients. The program runs from February 4 - May 13. The Medical Society of Delaware designates this live continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 45 AMA PRA Category 1 credit™. [Read more.](#)

In Memoriam

Robert G. Altschuler, MD



It is with sadness we report that longtime MSD member Robert G.

Altschuler, MD passed away last weekend. Until recent years, Dr. Altschuler was a geriatric physician with Saint Francis Hospital. He was the current President of the Medical Society of Delaware Insurance

Services, Inc. (MSDIS) and on the board of the Medical Network Management Services of Delaware, LLC (MedNet). Dr. Altschuler was also one of the physicians featured in the Nov/Dec Delaware Medical Journal for his military service in the Vietnam War. A memorial is being planned for later in the month. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

"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.

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<p>Approximate percentage of U.S. physicians who reporting being burned out. 15% report being depressed and thinking about suicide.</p> <p>Reuters, Jan. 16, 2019</p>	<p>Percentage of FDA employees who have been furloughed due to the government shutdown.</p> <p>Reuters, Jan. 17, 2019</p>	<p>The Mediterranean diet, developed by the National Institutes of Health, placed first in diets to reduce high blood pressure.</p> <p>USA Today, Jan. 2, 2019</p>

Upcoming Events

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 - [Memory 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 - [56th Annual William J. Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

June 17-21 - SAVE THE DATE - 42nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium, Rehoboth Beach.



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