

MSD Well-Represented at AMA Interim Meeting

Delegates Gather To Implement Policies Affecting Health Care



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President Richard W. Henderson, MD, AMA Delegate Kelly S. Eshbach, MD, Alternate Delegate Janice E. Tildon-Burton, MD, OMSS Representative Nancy Fan, MD, and MSD Executive Director Mark B. Thompson, MHSA attended the recent American Medical Association (AMA) Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates in National Harbor, Maryland. The national physician organization voted to adopt several new policies on emerging health care topics during the voting session of its Interim Meeting. The enacted policies included:

- Protecting and Improving Access to Zero-dollar Preventive Care
- Continued 9-1-1 Modernization and Implementation of Text-to-9-1-1 Service
- Expanding Broadband and Wireless

Connectivity

- Sexual Assault Education and Prevention in Public Schools

[Read details.](#)

AMA Tackles Gun Legislation

Stronger Background-Check System Needed For Gun Purchases



At its annual policy-making meeting, delegates at the

American Medical Association (AMA) Interim Meeting addressed the public health crisis created by gun violence with a new policy to see stronger background checks for gun purchases. After much debate, the nation's largest physicians group moved to take a stronger stand on gun violence - a problem the organizations says is as menacing as a lethal infectious disease. [Read more.](#)

MSD Newsmaker

Mayer M. Katz, MD



Mayer M Katz, MD - Photo courtesy of Beebe Healthcare



Mayer M. Katz MD - Vietnam, 1967

MSD member Mayer M. Katz, MD was featured on the PBS show "*We'll Meet Again*" on Tuesday. The show documents the reunion of a Vietnam veteran who underwent a leg operation by Dr. Katz in Vietnam fifty years ago. The two have not seen each other since their time in Asia. PBS producers conducted a nationwide search for the physician who performed the limb-saving surgery and located Dr. Katz here in Delaware. The emotional reunion is described in a recent *News Journal* article. [Read article.](#) [View show.](#)

MSD Honors Physicians Who Served Our Country

Contemporary Veterans Project DMJ Issue Arriving Soon



Thanks to the tireless hard work of MSD members William H. Duncan, MD and Joseph F. Kestner, MD, the Contemporary Veterans Project will be published in

the upcoming Delaware Medical Journal scheduled to arrive in MSD member's mailboxes next week in honor of Veterans Day. The 48-page journal features personal histories, timelines, and pictures of Delaware physicians who served in the military from Vietnam to current day. Thank you to everyone who submitted information for this excellent historical accounting.

MSD Annual Meeting & Educational Sessions

See You This Saturday

The Medical Society of Delaware's 229th Annual Meeting will be this



Saturday, November 17th starting at 7:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. This year's educational programming will include fascinating presentations on biodegradable sensors, 3D medical printing, and the world of blockchain technology. [View brochure.](#)

2018 Communicable Disease Health Summit

Registration Open

The 2018 Communicable Disease Summit will be held Monday, December 10th from 8:00 a.m. -



4:00 p.m., at the John H. Ammon Medical Education Center in Newark. Hear important presentations and panel discussions on sexually transmitted diseases, C. difficile, microbiome, hepatitis B, as well as hear the latest public health challenges facing the First State. [To register.](#)

CDC Issues Vaccine Video

New Tool Aimed at Increasing Vaccination Numbers and Easing Fears



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently

launched a new video for parents that takes viewers on the journey of a childhood vaccine from development through safety monitoring after a vaccine is licensed and introduced in the population. The 5-minute video explains the three phases of clinical trials, vaccine manufacturing, and how a vaccine is added to the U.S. recommended immunization schedule. [Watch video.](#)

MSD Gets YOU Answers On CMS's New Fee Schedule

Special Webinar Scheduled For MSD Members

In an effort to help MSD members learn the ins and outs of the new Centers for Medicare and



Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule for 2019, MSD is offering a FREE lunchtime webinar for our members on December 5th from noon-1:00 p.m. (\$25.00 for non-MSD members). CMS will present the 2019 changes and how they will affect your practice. [To register.](#)

MSD Gives Back - Donations Needed!

MSD Food Drive to Benefit Southern Delaware

MSD will be collecting canned and dry goods to donate to Helping Hands of Bethel Tabernacle in Frankford, Delaware. Bethel

Tabernacle is a non-denominational church that serves more than one hundred people in need of food assistance monthly.



Donations will be accepted daily between Nov. 1 - Dec. 7th at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing, Newark. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Bethel Helping Hands Food bank. Tax receipts for food donations available upon request. [Read more.](#)

Reality TV Show Seeking Physician Medical Experts

Delaware Physicians Wanted

CASTING
CALL



MSD
was
recently

contacted by a California-based talent scout looking for physicians to join a team of medical experts who will try to help "desperate individuals who are suffering from mystery illnesses and undiagnosed conditions." The search, being held for a major cable network, is looking for "Medical Detectives" in a variety of fields of medicine, including medical students. [More information.](#)

"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.

44,955 Number of suicides involving guns in 2015-2016, a 21% increase from the previous record high in 2006-2007. CBS News, Nov. 9, 2018	27,394 Number of homicides involving guns in 2015-2016. The highest level recorded since 2006-2007. CBS News, Nov. 9, 2018	85% Percentage of suicide by guns committed by males in 2015-2016. Kaiser Health News, Nov. 9, 2018
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Upcoming Events


November 17 - [Medical Society of Delaware's 229th Annual Meeting & Inaugural Gala](#). MSD Conference Center, Newark / DuPont Country Club, Wilmington.

November 19 - [American Board of Medical Specialties Maintenance of Certification Meeting](#), 5:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

December 5 - MSD presents: [Final Rule For the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Webinar](#), 12:00-1:00 p.m. Free for MSD members.

December 10 - [2018 Health Summit: Communicable Diseases](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

December 13 - SAVE THE DATE - Fall 2018 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State Epidemiological Workshop Meeting, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Buena Vista State Conference Center, New Castle.

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