

Tree of Life Shooting Hits Close to Home

Impassioned Letter Strikes a Cord



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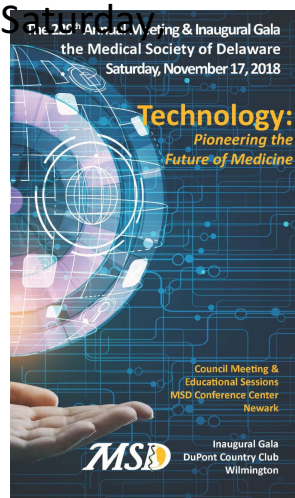
week's tragic shooting of 11 members of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh has touched most of the country in one way or another. Past-President Stephen R. Permut, MD received a touching letter from a resident at Lankenau Hospital in Pennsylvania, who has a personal connection to Dr. Rabinowitz, the primary care physician who was killed in last week's massacre. We encourage everyone to take a moment to read the words of this young physician. [Read letter.](#)

MSD Annual Meeting & Educational Sessions

*Learn About Fascinating Technology
Changing the World of Medicine*

The Medical Society of Delaware's 229th

Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**. This year's educational programming will focus on "Technology: Pioneering the Future of Medicine." Presentations will include *Biodegradable Piezoelectrics*, sensors that can help physicians monitor chronic lung disease, swelling of the brain, and many other serious medical conditions; *3D Medical Printing*; and *Pioneerism the Delaware Way: Blockchain Firsts in Business, Collaboration, Innovation and Substantive Results*. The Inaugural Gala will be held on November 17th at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington. [To register](#). [View brochure](#).



You Are Invited! MSD 2018 Inaugural Gala

Register Now!



Mark your calendars for the Medical Society of Delaware's 2018 Inaugural Gala, Saturday,

November 17 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington. Put on your fancy clothes

and your dancing shoes and join your colleagues and Delaware elected officials in welcoming Andrew W. Dahlke, MD as MSD's 2019 President, as well as all of MSD's newly elected officers. [To register.](#)

MSD Newsmakers

Deborah T. Zarek, MD



MSD member Debbie Zarek, MD was recently appointed to the Brandywine School District Board of Education. Dr. Zarek has been an active

volunteer in the district as co-president of the Mount Pleasant Elementary School PTA as well as involved in fundraising for Claymont Elementary School. Two of Dr. Zarek's children attend Brandywine High School. Congratulations Dr. Zarek!

Packed House For MSD Candidates Night

Candidates Answer Questions Regarding Practice of Medicine



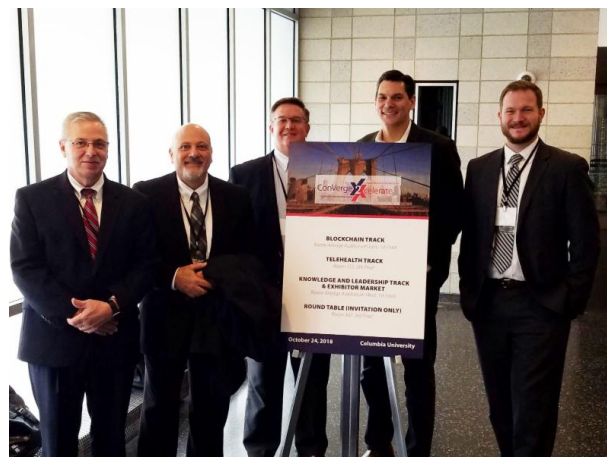


More than eighty MSD members attended the 2018 MSD Candidates Night to hear the views of those seeking election in the five major Delaware races. Questions posed to the candidates ranged from opinions on handling physician-assisted suicide to how to streamline the physician immigration process. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to focus discussion on the candidates' views on issues pertaining to the practice of medicine. [See photos.](#)

MSD Well Represented at National Conference

Blockchain and Telehealth Topics of Interest

MSD



Executive Director, Mark B. Thompson, MHA presented at the **Coverge2Xcelerate Conference,**

"Blockchain and Healthtech Symposia" at Columbia University last week. The presentation highlighted MSD's effort to pioneer the *Smart Prior Authorization Initiative*, which is designed to automate and streamline the burdensome process of prior authorizations. MSD attorney Andrew Wilson gave a presentation, "*Making the U.S. a Telehealth Ready Nation*." Mr. Wilson drafted and lobbied into law HB 69, otherwise known as the "*Telehealth Expansion Bill*," which is one of the strongest patient safety and payment parity laws in the country. Also represented with Mr. Thompson were Vince Albanese of Haven Health and Mark Jacobs of the DHIN.

ABMS Maintenance of Certification Meeting

Registration Open!

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) will be coming to Delaware to discuss the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process on Monday, November 19th at 5:30 at Christiana Hospital in Newark.

The MOC process has been a point of contention for many and now is your chance to hear what the ABMS has done to improve the MOC process, and now is your chance to speak directly with ABMS representatives to make your voice heard. [To register.](#)

MSD Gives Back!

MSD Food Drive to Benefit Southern Delaware - Donations Needed



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 regularly serves

more than one hundred people in need of food assistance each month. If you would like to contribute to the MSD Food Drive, please drop off donations 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.](#)

U.S Public Libraries / YMCAs To Get Free Naloxone

Narcan In Schools Program Gets a Boost

Starting soon, every public library and YMCA in the United States will be provided with a free Narcan kit including two doses of the nasal spray, as well as educational materials. Narcan, the

overdose-reversing medicine made by Adapt Pharma, is being provided to libraries and YMCAs as an addition to the *Narcan in Schools* program, where the manufacturer offers four free doses of Narcan to each U.S. high school and up to 8 doses to two or four year colleges and universities. [Read more.](#)

Is Your Address Update in the MSD Database?

Membership Renewals are Coming Soon



Membership renewal notices will be mailed soon to all dues-paying MSD members. This year's renewal notices will be sent to your

preferred address on file and have a convenient on-line option for paying. If your mailing address has changed, please let us know to avoid unnecessary mailing costs. Contact Ryan Wolfe at 302-224-4905 or Ryan.Wolfe@medsocdel.org.

MSD Practice Management Session - PMP

Very Important Information Your Office Must Know!!!



MSD is hosting a Practice Management Session on the

Delaware Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP), Tuesday, November 13th

from 8:00-10:00 a.m., at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Everyone who holds an active Delaware Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) must register with the PMP. Find out the latest on this important program and how to navigate it, learn about Narxcare, get information about the rules on delegates and authorized users, and hear the latest activities of the PMP Advisory Committee and the Addiction Action Committee. [To register.](#)

Pending Member

Mary E. Diamond, DO
James M. Fletcher, DO
Thomas F. Kelly, MD
Eric R. Montgomery, 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 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.

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<p>10</p> <p>Number of adults in the U.S. who received the flu shot last winter. The lowest rate in seven seasons.</p> <p>Washington Post, Oct. 25, 2018</p>	<p>last season. A decrease of 6.2% .</p> <p>Washington Post, Oct. 25, 2018</p>	<p>NBC News, Oct. 25, 2018</p>
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Upcoming Events

November 3 - [2nd Annual G.I. Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

November 5 - [LGBTQ Health Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus, Dover or video conference at Bayhealth Milford Memorial.

November 8 - [Telehealth in Delaware - What's New in Delaware AND Telehealth Coding and Billing Training](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

November 8-9 - [Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.


November 10 - [Orthopedic Pearls and Hot Topics in Sports Medicine](#), 7:00 a.m., - 1:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

November 13 - [MSD Practice Management Session: Delaware Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

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

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