

MSD Observes Thanksgiving

Holiday Hours



The Medical Society of Delaware wishes all our members and affiliates a warm and happy Thanksgiving. The MSD offices will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 21 and reopening Monday, November 25.

Inaugural Gala Celebrates New MSD President

Congratulations Andrew W. Dahlke, MD



Physicians, politicians, guests, and MSD staff joined together at the DuPont Country Club Saturday night to celebrate the inauguration of MSD's 175th President, Andrew W. Dahlke, MD. MSD Officers for next year also include:

President-Elect - Joseph J. Straight, MD
Vice President - Matthew J. Burday, DO
Treasurer - Prayus T. Tailor, MD
Secretary - Robert J. Varipapa, MD
Speaker of the Council - Leo W. Rasis, MD.

[Read MSD press release.](#) [View Inaugural Gala pictures.](#)

MSD Annual Meeting Well-Received

Presentations, DELPAC Coffee, and Lab Screenings A Success



50-year medical school graduates

This year's MSD Annual Meeting was by all accounts a great success. More than one hundred members, presenters and exhibitors joined for a morning of fascinating presentations, enjoyed the DELPAC coffee with State Representative David Bentz and State Senator Bryan Townsend, as well as took advantage of the LabCorp Health Screenings. A total of six resolutions were submitted for consideration this year. Thank you for everyone who made this event so successful! [Read resolutions.](#) [View photos.](#)

MSD In The News

MSD Working to Streamline Prior Authorization

MSD has been working hard to help streamline and improve the prior authorization process for physicians. This year's annual meeting featured a



guest speaker panel with Vince Albanese, CEO and Founder of Haven Health Solutions, Mark Jacobs, MHA, CIO of Delaware Health Information Network and Mark B. Thompson, MHSA, Executive Director of MSD. The topic received attention by Delaware Public Media with a news article. [Read more.](#)

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.](#)



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.](#)



Pending Members

Charles M. Ashburn, MD

Nancy L. Ashburn, MD

Elissa C. Dalton, 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.

\$7M Amount of money raised by "people seeking dubious, potentially harmful treatment for cancer and other ailments" through crowdfunding platforms. Associated Press, Oct. 23, 2018	2.8% Decrease percentage of reported drug overdose deaths toward the end of 2018 and beginning of 2018. Politico, Oct. 23, 2018	14% Percentage of adults who have smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days. A decrease from 15.5% in 2016. USA Today, Nov. 8, 2018
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Upcoming Events

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.

January 15 - SAVE THE DATE - MSD Practice Management Session: Insurance Payers Update, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark. Video Conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus.



Was the information in this newsletter useful? If so, forward to a friend to let them know the value of your Medical Society of Delaware membership.