

MSD Membership Renewals in the Mail

Easy Online Payment Option Available

Membership renewal notices have been mailed to all dues-paying MSD members. Membership renewals can be paid electronically by logging into the [MSD website](#) or



by mail. If your mailing address has changed recently or you are unsure of your MSD login information, please contact MSD Membership Coordinator Ryan Wolfe at 302-224-4905 or ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org

Contemporary Veterans Project Featured in DMJ

DMJ Features Delaware Physicians Who Served Our Country

Thanks to the tireless hard work of MSD members William H. Duncan, MD and Joseph F. Kestner, MD, the Contemporary Veterans Project is now in print in the Nov/Dec Delaware Medical Journal 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. [Read DMJ.](#)



MSD Historical Subcommittee Conducting Interviews

William H. Duncan, MD



In an

effort to preserve the tremendous history of MSD's physicians, the MSD Historical Committee has been conducting and videotaping interviews with members. This week Anthony L. Cucuzzella, MD and Joseph F. Kestner, MD interviewed William H. Duncan, MD about his medical career, his military career, and his life as a Delaware physician. Dr. Duncan explained one of his proudest accomplishments was his role in facilitating a merger of Wilmington's three general hospitals into the *Wilmington Medical Center*, later to be named Christiana Care Health System. [Watch video.](#)

Tabassam Salam, MD, FACP

MSD Member Tabassam Salam, MD, FACP has been named the American College of Physicians (ACP) Vice President for Medical Education starting this December. Dr. Salam is board certified in internal medicine and has been practicing general internal medicine at Christiana Care Health System and was Medical Director of Population Health, Utilization Management, and Patient and Family Health Education. Congratulations Dr. Salam!



Early Lung Cancer Detection Gets Attention

Primary Care Physicians Encouraged to Order Low-Dose CT Scans



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MD is putting her stamp on the importance of early detection for lung cancer. All primary care physicians in Delaware are being encouraged to recommend lung cancer screenings to their patients who are current smokers or ex-smokers. Low-dose CT screenings have been proven to show a

significant reduction in mortality from lung cancer and is recommended by the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. [Read more.](#)

Delaware Cancer Center Turns 15

Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute Makes A Difference



The Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute is celebrating fifteen years

of caring for patients and helping take Delaware from first in cancer mortality to eighteenth in the United States. The nationally acclaimed facility, headed by MSD member Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, has twelve multidisciplinary treatment centers, genetic counseling and gene testing, extensive clinical trial enrollment, state of the art technology and research, as well as two fully accredited residency programs. Congratulations to all who help make Delaware a healthier state! [Read more.](#)

RMI Offers Solution To Invest In Your Retirement

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan

Resource Management Inc. (RMI) is offering a

unique and innovative way to defer taxes today and allow for a stronger retirement nest egg later. The RMI



deferred compensation plan allows a participant to postpone payment of a portion of currently earned income, to be paid at a later date - often during retirement. Deferring income into the future also defers the participants current tax bracket for a potentially lower bracket later on, like is often the case at retirement. This plan can be used for up to \$100k of deferment a year. RMI is offering this opportunity as part of their services to MSD members. [Learn more.](#) Contact Tim O'Brien at tim@rmi-solutions.com

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.](#)

AMA Seeks Public Comment on mHealth App Policy

Give Your Opinion On Proposed Privacy Guidelines

The American Medical Association (AMA), along with other national groups have established Xcertia, a non-profit organization designed to help identify best practices and guidelines for mHealth apps. The group is now working to identify privacy guidelines to best protect consumers. Public input is being collected until December 15. Please consider giving your opinion on the proposed plan. [Give your feedback.](#)

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, a non-denominational church that serves more than one hundred people in need of food assistance monthly. Donations will be accepted daily between through Dec. 14th 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 donations available upon request. [Read more.](#)

Pending Members

Jennifer M. Ty, 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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| 29.7% Obesity rate among those making 400 percent or more above the federal poverty line. AMA Wire, Nov. 26, 2018 | 42.6% Obesity rate among those making 100 to 199 percent of the federal poverty line. AMA Wire, Nov. 26, 2018 | 14.5% Percentage of children ages 2 to 4 who are obese and enrolled in WIC in 2014. This is a decrease in obesity rates for this age group and the only decrease in U.S. obesity rates in a decade. AMA Wire, Nov. 26, 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 8 - [Frank M. and Robert R. Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture 2019](#), 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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.

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