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If you haven't opened your November/December issue of the *Delaware Medical Journal*, you are in for a treat. The issue is filled with stories and histories of Delaware

physicians who served in the military from Vietnam to current day. Thanks to the tireless work of William H. Duncan, MD and Joseph F. Kestner, MD, this history is now preserved. Both men spent countless hours collecting and editing the materials for this excellent preservation of history. As a thank you at a celebratory luncheon, Dr. Duncan awarded Dr. Kestner with the original artwork that was featured on the cover done by local artist and veteran, Rick Cross. Thank you to all who helped make this project a reality! [Click here to Read DMJ.](#)

## Human Trafficking - How a Physician Can Help

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### *Medical Emergencies Offer Opportunities*

Human trafficking is a growing problem across the country and Delaware is seeing its share of cases. MSD helped aim



the spotlight on this issue at the 2017 Annual Meeting, *The Hidden Patient: Breaking Barriers* and subsequently a committee has been formed to help medical professionals detect cases. In a newly released short film series, *The Life Story: Moments of Change*, real life stories help draw a clear picture of how medical professionals can help make a difference. [Watch video.](#)

## MSD 2019 Insurance Payers Workshop

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### *Important Information Your Practice Needs to Know*

Learn the latest on changes and updates by insurance payers for 2019 at the MSD Practice Management & Leadership Education Session: *2019 Insurance Payers*



Workshop. The session will be held on Tuesday, January 15th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video

conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus. Representatives of Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Highmark, United Healthcare, and CMS will be on hand to answer questions. [To register.](#)

## Telehealth Learning Lab Webinar Series

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Health Management Associates is offering a series of lunchtime webinars designed to explain the opportunities, value, and fine points to telemedicine. These FREE webinars are tailored to meet the informational needs of Delaware physicians, practice owners, hospitals, and other medical professionals. [Read more.](#)

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - [Introduction to Telehealth and Opportunities in the Delaware Market](#)
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 - [Telehealth Reimbursement and Payment Models](#)
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 - [Digitally Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health](#)
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 - [Additional Technology Enhanced Solutions in Health Care Delivery](#)
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 - [Telehealth Business Plan Development and Readiness Assessment](#)
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 - [Vendor and Equipment Selection](#)
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 - [Use Cases from the Field](#)

## ABMS Issues "Call for Comment"

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### *Continuing Board Certification Draft Report Completed*

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) *Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission* has released its draft report for public

comment. The report, which includes the Commission's key findings and recommendations, will be posted on the Vision Initiative website for comment through Tuesday, January 15, 2019. MSD strongly encourages you to review the "Call for Comment" and offer your thoughts by the January 15th deadline. [Read report.](#) [Give feedback.](#)

## Pending Members

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*Abimbola A. Afolabi, MD*  
*Gerald J. Haines, PA*

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](mailto:Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org) with any questions or concerns.

## "*Rerum Cognoscere*"

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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.

<b>1 in 4</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Ratio of U.S. physicians who were not born in the United States.	Approximate percentage of U.S. health care professionals who are not U.S. citizens.	Approximate percentage of dentists who are immigrants to the U.S.
Reuters, Dec. 4, 2018	Reuters, Dec. 4, 2018	Reuters, Dec. 4, 2018

## Upcoming Events

**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 13** - PAHCOM presents: [MIPS 2019 - What You Need To Know About the Final Rule](#), 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**December 14** - MSD presents: [Final Rule For the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Webinar](#) , 12:00-1:00 p.m. Free for MSD members.

**January 15** - [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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