

MSD Holiday Hours

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

In observation of the Christmas holiday, the Medical Society of Delaware will be closing at 2:00 p.m.



today, Friday, December 21st and reopening on Wednesday, December 26th. We hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and relaxing holiday season and for those who are working over the holiday, we thank you for your continued dedication to the practice of medicine!

In Memorium

William H. Duncan, MD

It is with great sadness that we report MSD Past President, William H. Duncan, MD passed away on Wednesday, December 19th. Dr. Duncan was an extremely active and dedicated member of MSD for most of his medical career and years following. He was a decorated Korean War veteran and avid historian. He most recently compiled, edited, and wrote the Contemporary Veteran's Project detailing



Delaware physicians who served from Vietnam to current day. This history was featured in the [Nov/Dec Delaware Medical Journal](#) . He is also the author of *Founders of the Medical Society of Delaware*. Dr. Duncan is survived by his wife Beth and four children.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Home in Wilmington and services will be held on Friday, Dec. 28th at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church in Greenville.

MSD Food Drive Makes a Difference

Thank You For Your Contributions

The MSD Food Drive wrapped up last week with a collection of 83 pounds of canned goods as well as many containers of dry goods such as cereal, rice,



and pasta. Thanks to the generosity of some of our MSD members, we were also able to contribute an additional \$200 to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Frankford, Delaware.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Dover's Amish Community Struggles to Find Answers



The *News Journal*, recently delved deeply into Dover's Amish community after a growing trend of young

infants and toddlers dying. Physicians at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children have been working to pinpoint a rare genetic disease that is heavily linked within the Amish community. In a two part series written by reporter Meredith Newman, doctors and researchers are making what may have once been thought impossible, a reality - reaching into the Amish community to gently and respectfully bring modern medicine and technology to save lives. [Read article.](#)

Child Abuse Training Webinar Available Soon

Webinar to Fulfill Physician Mandatory Training Requirement



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professionals looking to renew their medical licenses are required to complete a mandatory training on recognizing child sexual and physical abuse, exploitation, and domestic

violence. Instruction must also include regulations regarding mandatory reporting obligations. Starting January 1, 2019, this training can be done via webinar. [Learn more.](#)

New MSD Physician Leadership Series Scheduled

Learn Valuable Tools To Maximize Your Skills

Back by popular demand is MSD's Excellence in Physician



Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development. The 12-week self-paced program will teach the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and will equip physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making. These skills are designed to empower physicians to effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. Sign up for the next cohort beginning January 22, 2019. [To register.](#) [Read testimonials.](#)

MSD 2019 Insurance Payers Workshop

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:



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.](#)

ABMS Issues "Call for Comment"

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

Kirill Alekseyev, 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

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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.

14,542	23,854	486
Estimated number of people murdered in the U.S. by gunshot in 2017.	Approximate number of people who died in the U.S. by suicide using guns in 2017.	Approximate number of people in the U.S. who died unintentionally by guns in 2017.
CNN, Dec. 13, 2018	CNN, Dec. 13, 2018	The Hill, Dec. 13, 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.


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.

January 23 - SAVE THE DATE - Maternal Health Awareness Day Program, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

March 2 - [30th Annual Update in Cardiology](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

March 7 - SAVE THE DATE - Dementia Care - Caring for a Vulnerable Population: Older Adults with Neurocognitive Disorders, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

March 9 - SAVE THE DATE - 23rd Annual Diabetes Update, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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