

MSD In The News

Recreational Marijuana Statement Gets Attention



MSD President, Andrew W. Dahlke, MD and Immediate Past President and current Chair of the Government Affairs Committee, Dr. Richard W. Henderson, MD, made news this week thanks to the [joint statement](#) regarding recreational marijuana. In an interview with 105.9 radio host Rob Sussman, Dr. Henderson explained MSD's position on the legalization of marijuana and the need to change the drug from a Schedule I to a Schedule II in order to fund important research needed to better understand the drug and its effects. [Listen to interview.](#)

MSD Encourages Legislators to Support "Tobacco 21"

Senate Bill 25 Heads To House For Vote



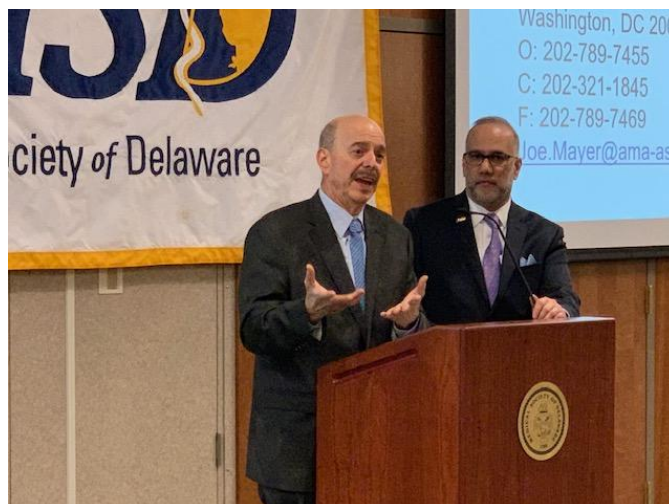
MSD President Andrew, W. Dahlke, MD and Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown

Andrew W. Dahlke, MD traveled to Dover this week to encourage lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 25, the "Tobacco 21" bill. The measure was successfully passed in the

Senate this week and now heads to the House for full vote. SB 25 will raise the age to purchase tobacco products in Delaware from 18 to 21, repeals the ability of a parent or guardian to purchase tobacco products or tobacco substitutes for a minor, and prohibits anyone under age 21 to enter a vape shop. [Read bill.](#)

MSD Holds MOC Presentation

Physician Concerns Mirror National Discussion



Dan K. Morhaim, MD and MSD Past President Prayus T. Tailor, MD

Physicians, hospital representatives, and other health care stakeholders attended a special presentation on Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Recertification this week at MSD. Presenter Dan K. Morhaim, MD, from the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS), spoke about the concerns being felt nationwide regarding the MOC process and the results of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) *Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission* report. [To learn more about NBPAS or to join.](#)

MedNet Welcomes New Medical Director

Curt D. Blacklock, DO Joins MedNet Team



MSD subsidiary, Medical Network Management Services of Delaware, LLC (MedNet), welcomes MSD member Curt D. Blacklock, DO as its new Medical Director.

Dr. Blacklock will help lead efforts to establish a close working relationship with the provider community, educate the physicians on the requirements to succeed with the MedNet/Physician Organizations (POs) value-based contracts, and support physicians and their practices as they strive to achieve

the "triple aim," an approach to health delivery that targets quality, cost and population health.

Bayhealth To Offer New Residency Teaching Program

Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Programs Starting in 2021

Bayhealth



announced this week that it is launching a residency teaching program for physicians who have recently graduated from medical school. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) program is designed to offer residency training that will assist in bringing more doctors to the area, enhance the culture of learning at Bayhealth, and foster improvements to patient care and the patient experience. [Read more.](#)

Beebe Announces New Interim CEO

Sussex Hospital Lays Out Vision For A Healthier Community

Beebe Healthcare and its Board of Directors announced this week the departure of president and CEO Jeffrey Fried, FACHE effective March 26th. Rick

Schaffner, RN, executive vice president
and
chief



operating officer, will serve as interim
CEO. [Read more.](#)

New Mental Health/Substance Use Clinic Now Open

Facility To Offer Rapid Access For Those In Need

The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) and its partners have opened the Bridge Clinic near New Castle to provide screening and referrals to treatment, as well as additional services for individuals and families impacted by the effects of mental health and substance use disorders. The clinic will also offer naloxone and naloxone training, access to on-site qualified, licensed clinicians, and assistance with transportation to and from the facility. [Read more.](#)

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Delaware Medical Journal Is Accepting Articles

The Medical Society of Delaware is

actively looking for scientific and



educational articles for publication in the *Delaware Medical Journal*. These articles can be case reports, clinical experiences, observations, and information on matters relevant to the practice of medicine. Make your mark in your profession by getting published. [For more information.](#)

Pending Member

Margaret A. Conte, MD
Jennifer Z. Cooper, MD
Antony L. Innasimuthu, 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.



<h1>#3</h1> <p>The 2018-19 season has been the third deadliest flu season in Delaware with 20 deaths.</p> <p>DE Division of Public Health</p>	<h1>5,551</h1> <p>Number of confirmed flu cases in Delaware this flu season.</p> <p>DE Division of Public Health</p>	<h1>1 in 20</h1> <p>Number of women in the United States who report using cannabis during pregnancy.</p> <p>JAMA Psychiatry</p>
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Upcoming Events

April 4 - [ProAssurance Physician Risk Management Seminar - Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover.

April 5 - [ProAssurance Practice Manager Session - Close Calls: Real Questions, Real Answers](#), 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover.

April 5 - [7th Annual APC Pharmacology Update 2019](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

April 9 - [2019 Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders Conference](#), 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Delaware State University - MLK Center, Dover.

April 19 - [7th Neurovascular Symposium](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

May 1 - [Annual Delaware Trauma Symposium](#), 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Chase Center at the Riverfront, Wilmington.

May 7 - [56th Annual William J. Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

May 16 - SAVE THE DATE - First Chance of DE: Helping Delaware Kids on a Path Toward Health and Success, presented by DE Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics & Wilmington New Castle Pediatric Association, MSD Conference Center, Newark.

May 16 - SAVE THE DATE - DE Section, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Spring CME Dinner. Topic: Maternal Mental Health and Mood Disorders, The Duncan Center, Dover.

June 17-21 - SAVE THE DATE - University of Delaware's 42nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium, Rehoboth Beach.



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