

MSD Interim Council Meeting Well-Attended

Physician-Assisted Suicide / Prior Auth Lead Discussion



Maple Dale Country Club



Robert J. Varipapa, MD presenting Resolution #01



Neil S. Kaye, MD responds to Resolution #01

Resolutions regarding physician-assisted suicide and prior authorization were heavily

discussed and voted on at yesterday's MSD Interim Council meeting in Dover. Many MSD members spoke on both sides of the physician-assisted suicide issue, but after an amendment and discussion, the resolution failed. The prior authorization resolution passed. [Read resolutions.](#)

MSD Physician Emeritus Luncheon Draws Crowd

Allen L. Davies, MD Shares Stories From the Vietnam "Front"



MSD member Allen L. Davies, MD was the star of the day as more than sixty interested physicians emeritus and several young military surgical residents listened to his presentation at the MSD Physician Emeritus luncheon this week at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. Dr. Davies shared stories of his time in Vietnam during the Tet

Offensive as a young thoracic cardiovascular surgeon working under often stressful and life-threatening conditions. Dr. Davies shared interesting photos of his life in Vietnam, as well as surgical procedures used to help reverse the mortality rates of injured soldiers. Thank you Dr. Davies! MSD member Ali Z. Hameli, MD will be the featured speaker at the June Emeritus luncheon. [View pictures](#).

Hepatitis A Identified at Middletown Restaurant

DPH Issues Health Alert



According to the Division of Public Health (DPH), employees and patrons

of Buffalo Wild Wings in Middletown and Bear as well as the Stone Balloon in Newark, may have been exposed to the Hepatitis A virus within the last three weeks. Anyone who consumed food or drink at those restaurants between March 21 and April 11, depending on restaurant, should consider contacting their health care professional for further guidance regarding the potential exposure. DPH stresses it is especially important to seek care for those with symptoms, chronic medical conditions, or women who may be pregnant . [Read more](#).

DE Attorney General Adds Walgreens To Lawsuit

Pharmacy Giant Named in Opioid Legal Action



Delaware's Attorney General amended a civil lawsuit complaint against the pharmaceutical industry to include pharmacy giant Walgreens for its role in the addiction epidemic. The filing asserts two Walgreens entities, Walgreen Co. and Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc., distributed and filled prescriptions for large amounts of opioids in Delaware between 2006 and 2014, controlling a substantial portion of the Delaware wholesale prescription opioid market during that time. [Read more.](#)

National Take Back Initiative Adds Sharps Disposal

Middletown To Offer Free Needle/Sharp Collection

Delaware will hold its 16th Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28th. The program offers citizens a free way to safely and responsibly dispose of used or expired prescription drugs. Twenty-four locations around Delaware will offer the drop-off program. The Southern New Castle County Communities Coalition and the Middletown



Police Department have also arranged to have Choice Med Waste on hand at the Middletown Police Department to accept sharps for at-home users. [Read more. For all locations.](#)

In the News

Apollo - Youth in Medicine Makes Headlines



The success of the Spring session for the *Apollo - Youth in Medicine* program was recently featured in an article in *The Dialog*, the newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. The program is a joint initiative coordinated by MSD member and Past President Randeep S. Kahlon, MD, MSD, and the Delaware Youth Leadership Network (DYLN) and is the brain child of several area youth, including Dr. Kahlon's son, Arjan. The program coordinates shadow opportunities for high school students with a physician in the clinical setting. Students from Appoquinimink High School, Archmere Academy, Concord High School, and Tower Hill School participated in the Spring session along with several returning students from the fall session. A summer session will take place in July. [Read article.](#)

Thank You MSD Physician Volunteers!

Apollo - Youth in Medicine Physician Volunteers Make a Difference



Stephen D'Antonio & Drew A. Brady,
MD



Prayus Tailor, MD & Christy Zheng



Thank you to all the physician volunteers who made the spring session of the *Apollo - Youth in Medicine* program a huge success. Thirty-five students from eight schools have participated since the program began last fall by shadowing with a physician in the clinical setting. It is hoped the experience will help Delaware teens determine if a career in medicine is right for them. The organizers are now gearing up for a July summer session. Please consider joining as a physician volunteer by emailing apolloyim@gmail.com. [View physician volunteer list](#) .

In The Spotlight

Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services, Inc (MSDIS)



The Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Agency (MSDIS), powered by USI Insurance, specializes in providing employee benefits, medical malpractice, personal, and business insurance to the health care community. Our team has been serving the practice of medicine for more than 25 years and is dedicated to providing coverage, education, advocacy and advice that delivers quantified value. For more information contact Sharon Ruth, sharon.ruth@usi.com, 302.293.1576 or Kent Evans, kent.evans@usi.com 302.222.9239.

Sexual Harassment Law & Employer Obligations

Practice Management Session Explains The Fine Points

MSD
is



offering a Sexual Harassment Law & Employer Obligation Practice Management Session on Tuesday, May 7, from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. Find out about the 2019 law mandating employers provide sexual harassment training to their employees. This session will cover what the Delaware employers' obligations are, how to comply with this new law, and malpractice requirements. [To register.](#)

Join Your Colleagues - Physician Leadership Series

Maximize Your Potential



2018 Physician Leadership Graduates

The MSD Excellence in Physician Leadership

Series, a certificate program in leadership development, will kick off its next cohort on Tuesday, April 30th. This educational series is offered through a convenient "virtual online classroom." You complete the course at your own pace and in the comfort of your home or office. Find out why everyone is talking about this program! [Read more.](#) [Read testimonials.](#)

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medical office receptionist has changed in recent years. No longer are the duties of front desk personnel limited to answering the phone and making appointments for patients. Productivity of a staff member depends on knowledge, skills, and training. MSD, in partnership with Practice Management Institute, offers a Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program, scheduled at two convenient locations **May 16 & 17** from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, and **June 13 & 14** at the Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover, DE. This program will cover: customer service, communication techniques, data collection, medical terminology, front desk operations,

insurance basics, billing and collections, and much more. [To register.](#)

"*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.

300K Decreased number of people enrolled in the ACA through HealthCare.gov this year. Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services	9,029 Number of tuberculosis cases in the U.S. in 2018. A decrease of 65 cases from 2017. Centers For Disease Control & Prevention	\$88 Billion Amount of dollars Americans borrowed in 2018 to pay for health care costs. Gallup
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Upcoming Events

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 - MSD Practice Management Session - [DE Sexual Harassment Law & Employer Obligation](#), 8:00 - 10:30 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

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

May 9 - [2019 Hospice and Palliative Care Conference and Excellence Awards](#), Duncan Center, Dover.

May 16-17 - [Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

May 16 - [First Chance of DE: Helping Delaware Kids on a Path Toward Health and Success](#), 3:15 p.m. 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, Duncan Center, Dover.

June 13-14 - [Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.

June 17-21 - [University of Delaware's 42nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium](#), Rehoboth Beach.



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