

## Legislative Update

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### *From Marijuana to Step Therapy, This Week's Action at Legislative Hall*



[House Bill 105](#), which reforms the step therapy process, is headed for the Governor's signature. The bill creates a uniform, efficient, and evidence-based process centered on a patient's individual circumstances. It also extends coverage to patients

already on effective treatment, keeping the patient from restarting the "fail first" process when changing insurers.

The ongoing push for recreational marijuana continued with the introduction of [House Bill 110](#) on Thursday. MSD's opposition is part of a large coalition of stakeholders ranging from the business community to anti-addiction advocates. [Read more.](#)

A comprehensive legislative update will be forthcoming.

## MSD Hot Topic CME - Seating Limited

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### *Measles Outbreak - What You Should Know*





The Medical Society of Delaware is offering a members-only "Hot Topic CME" on Measles. Join your colleagues for an informative discussion on this important issue on **Thursday, May 23 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the MSD Conference Center. Stephen Eppes, MD, Vice Chair,

Department of Pediatrics, Christiana Care Health Services, will discuss the public health strategies used to respond to the recent measles outbreak across the country. This educational activity is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. [To register.](#)

## Delaware Joins Pharmaceutical Price Fixing Suit

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### *20 Drug Manufacturers Named in Conspiracy Complaint*

Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings has joined 42 states and Puerto Rico in a lawsuit against Teva Pharmaceuticals and 19 of the nation's largest generic drug manufacturers alleging a broad conspiracy to artificially inflate and manipulate prices, reduce competition, and unreasonably restrain trade for more than 100 different generic drugs. Also named in the suit are 15 individual senior executives who were responsible for sales, marketing, pricing, and operations. [Read more.](#)



## DPH Launches My Health Community Data Portal

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### *New Platform Reveals Important Neighborhood Data for the Public*

The Delaware Division of Public Health has launched a new and innovative software platform that delivers neighborhood-focused population health, environmental, and social determinants of health data to the public. The platform, *My Health Community Data Portal*, will allow Delaware residents to access data at the smallest geographical area available to understand and explore information about the factors that influence health in our communities. Types of data available on the portal include public and

private drinking water results, air quality, and asthma incidence. [Read more](#). [Go to Portal](#).

## DHIN Adds Health Care Claims to Database

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*New Database Aims to Help Evaluate Health Cost and Outcomes*



The Delaware Health Information Network recently unveiled its new Health Care Claims Database, which will collect health care payment information from most insurance companies. The new program is designed to help the state evaluate the cost and quality of health care in the First State. [Read more](#).

## 2019 Nominating Committee Appointed

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*Consider a Leadership Position*

Congratulations to those who were recently appointed by the MSD Executive Board to serve as members on the 2019 Nominating Committee! The Committee is appointed annually and is responsible for developing the nomination slate for elections at the Annual Meeting in November. Over the course of the next several months, the Committee members will be seeking out candidates with appropriate skills and qualities for leadership. If you are interested in a position, contact any member of the Nominating Committee or Mary LaJudice, Senior Director of Corporate Services, for more information ([Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org](mailto:Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org) or 224-5183). Congratulations to:



- Joseph J. Straight, MD, Chair
- Bhavin R. Dave, MD
- Brian J. Galinat, MD
- John J. Goodill, MD
- Jeffrey E. Hawtof, MD

- Timothy A. Manzone, MD
- Robert J. Varipapa, MD

## Become an MSD Mentor

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### *Help Shape the Course of a Colleague*



The MSD Committee on Membership is forming a Mentor program to engage new members. We are looking for YOU to help by becoming a Mentor! The Mentor program pairs individuals with common specialties and interests. The minimum requirements are:

- Meet at least two times during a twelve-month period to learn about each other, share information about MSD activities, committees, events, opportunities, and initiatives.
- Attend at least one MSD event together.

This is a very low-commitment opportunity for you to meet others and share your knowledge and experiences with someone new to MSD. It is anticipated that each mentor will have no more than two mentees. For further information contact Mary LaJudice at 302-224-5183 or [Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org](mailto:Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org).

## National Health Service Corps Program

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### *New Site Applications Being Accepted*

The Health Resources and Services Administration's 2019 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) New Site Application cycle is now open. NHSC-approved sites are health care facilities that provide outpatient, ambulatory and primary health care services to populations residing in high-need urban and rural areas. Sites providing general substance use disorder treatment, a medication assisted treatment program, or an Opioid Treatment Program are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications is May 30th. [Read more.](#)



# Trauma Resuscitation Course

Registration Open



Nemours Institute for Clinical Excellence of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the Pediatric Trauma Society is offering a Trauma Resuscitation in Kids (TRIK) Course, October 17 and 18 at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington. This intensive two day simulation-based course is designed for health care professionals who manage

pediatric trauma patients. [Read more.](#)

## "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.

<b>839</b> Current number of confirmed cases of measles in the U.S. this year from 23 states. CDC - May 15, 2019	<b>5,386</b> Number of pounds of unwanted or expired medications collected during the April 2019 Drug Take-Back Day event in Delaware. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration	<b>3,788 M</b> Number of births in the U.S. last year, the lowest number in 32 years. National Center for Health Statistics
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## Upcoming Events

**May 20 - Aug. 26** - University of Delaware's [Advanced Telehealth Coordinator Online Certificate Course](#)

**May 21 - 22** - [2019 Novitas Symposium](#), Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, Downtown Wilmington..

**May 23** - [MSD Hot Topic CME - Measles Outbreak](#), 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**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.

**Aug. 8** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar - [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington.

**Aug 22** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar, [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.

Sept. 12-13, 19-20 - CMOM, Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.

**Sept. 13** - [Inaugural Sepsis Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Sept. 20** - SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Margaret I. Handy Annual Memorial Lectureship, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Sept. 21** - SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual GI Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Sept. 21** - SAVE THE DATE: 8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware (PSD) Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Oct. 5** - SAVE THE DATE: Bariatric Summit 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Oct. 11** - SAVE THE DATE: Dementia Care 2019: Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach.

**Oct. 17-18** - [Trauma Resuscitation in Kids \(TRIK\) Course](#), 7:30 a.m., Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington.

**Oct 26** - SAVE THE DATE: 12th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.



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