

## MSD in the News

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### *Physician-Assisted Suicide Legislation Proposed*

The Medical Society of Delaware has been answering a lot of reporters' questions about [HB 140](#), a reintroduced bill regarding physician-assisted suicide. [MSD's position](#) remains in opposition to this emotional issue. This week MSD

President Andrew W. Dahlke, MD and Immediate Past President, Richard W. Henderson, MD were on hand to answer reporters questions. [Read Washington Post article](#). [Watch WBOC interview](#). [Listen to Delaware Public Media interview](#).



## Delaware Physician Enters Presidential Race

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### *Michael S. Katz, MD*



Michael S. Katz, MD announced his candidacy this week for President. The pediatric anesthesiologist and former state senator says "the divisiveness in our country right now is like a cancer eating away at the body of our nation. And to address the critical issues we face, like access to healthcare and climate change, we must come together like the team that gathers in the operating room, guided by the values of honesty and integrity." [Read more](#). [Watch video](#)

## Health Alert - Fentanyl

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### *DPH Issues Advice About Deadly Drug*

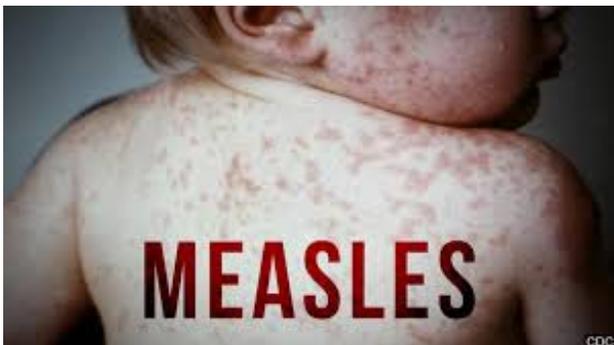
The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) issued a health alert this week to provide the health care community with information regarding the alarming increased presence of fentanyl associated with the State's drug overdose deaths and illicit drug supply. According to DPH, fentanyl does not show up on standard drug screens. DPH has compiled an important information sheet about fentanyl and with recommendations for communicating important information with patients. [Read more.](#)



## DPH Answers Questions About Measles

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### *National Outbreak Raises Important Concerns*



As a result of the recent measles nationwide outbreak, many questions are being asked about the need for an Mumps, Measles, Rubella (MMR) booster shot. According to the CDC, there is no evidence that immunity to the measles virus wanes over time.

Division of Public Health (DPH) Medical Director, Rick Hong, MD, shared an open communication regarding the issue. [Read more.](#)

## MSD Hot Topic CME - Register Now

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### *Measles Outbreak*



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 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.](#)

## Apollo - Youth in Medicine Makes TV Debut

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### *Students Share Plans For the Future*



MSD Past President Randeep S. Kahlon, MD and four student leaders from the *Apollo - Youth in Medicine* program were interviewed earlier this week by MSD member, Michael J. Axe, MD, on his cable television program *Youth in Sports*. The students answered questions about the program, which pairs high school students with physicians for a day of shadowing in the clinical setting. The panel discussed the history of the unique program, as well as the plans to open up shadow sessions this summer. The hour-long show will air **Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30 pm on Comcast channel 28.**

## In the Spotlight

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*LabCorp Supports MSD as a Premier Educational Partner*

LabCorp, headquartered in Burlington, North Carolina, is a leading global life sciences company that is deeply integrated in guiding patient



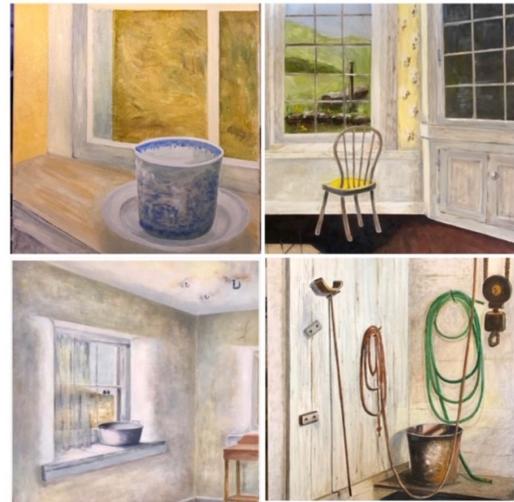
care through its comprehensive clinical laboratory and end-to-end drug development services. Employing nearly 60,000 employees worldwide, the company's mission is to improve health and improve lives by delivering world-class diagnostic solutions, bringing innovative medicines to patients faster, and using technology to improve the delivery of care. LabCorp serves a broad range of customers, including managed care organizations, biopharmaceutical companies, governmental agencies, physicians and other healthcare providers, hospitals and health systems, employers, patients and consumers, contract research organizations, food and nutritional companies, and independent clinical laboratories. [More info.](#)

## You Are Invited!

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### *Artists' Reception*

MSD member, Beth Duncan, MD, will be showcasing her art on **Saturday, May 4th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, at the Lorelton, 2200 West 4th Street in Wilmington. Proceeds from the sales from her paintings and greeting cards will be donated to her charitable organization, *Healing Impressions of the Brandywine*, which benefits three area non-profit agencies. The show will continue through the month of May.

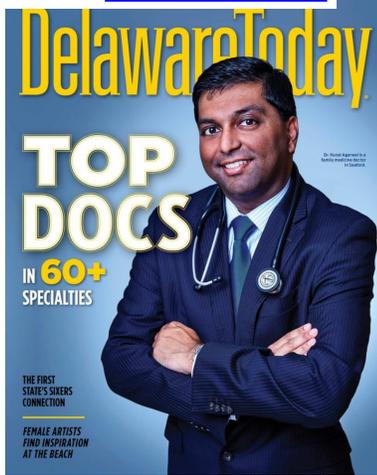


## Delaware Today's 2019 "Top Docs"

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### *Final Days to Submit Your Nomination*

Time is running out to nominate who you think are the best physicians in Delaware. *Delaware Today* wants your proposal for *Delaware Today's "Top Doctors 2019" issue*. This year's categories are divided into two sections - pediatric and adult. All participating physicians must be licensed in Delaware and all nominees must practice in the First State. Nominations close May 17th. For questions, call the Delaware Today office at (302) 656-



## Maximize Your Practice's Potential

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### *UD Telehealth Course - Streamline Your Patient Care*

Telehealth initiatives hold exciting potential to address healthcare access issues in Delaware and beyond, whether from shortfalls in critical healthcare specialties, or in under-served geographic locations.



Telehealth also provides innovative ways to meet the demands of an aging population, reduce inappropriate use of emergency departments, prevent hospital readmissions, bring care to the most appropriate setting and more. The University of Delaware is offering a 15-week, self-paced online course starting May 20th. [Sign up now.](#) [Read benefits.](#)

- 15-week, self-paced online course starts May 20
- Geared toward professionals and providers from a variety of backgrounds; no telehealth experience necessary
- Program approved for 45 AMA PRA Category 1 credits
- Discounts, payment plan available

## *"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.



# 52,000

Number of children under age six who were treated in U.S. hospitals for medicine poisoning in 2017.

Safe Kids Worldwide

# 80%

Approximate percentage of people who underwent IVF fertility treatments in 2018 who had little or no insurance coverage.

FertilityIQ

# 10%

Percentage of people infected with measles in the recent outbreak who received one or two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Upcoming Events

**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 13** - [Physician Suicide: What YOU Can Do to Save a Life](#), 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**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** - DE Section, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Spring CME Dinner. [Maternal Mental Health and Mood Disorders](#), Duncan Center, Dover.

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

**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.



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