

MSD Prior Auth Resolution Accepted By AMA

Delaware Initiative Gets Needed Attention



MSD President, Andrew W. Dahlke, MD speaking before the Reference Committee

A resolution requesting the AMA explore emerging technologies to automate the prior authorization process was approved unanimously by the AMA Reference Committee and adopted by the AMA House of Delegates. This is a strategic initiative that MSD has been working diligently to make a reality with the use of blockchain technology to reduce the burdens associated with the

prior authorization process. [Read more.](#)

AMA Conference Well-Represented By MSD

AMA President Speech Sends Attendees to their Feet!

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) was held June 8-12 in Chicago. MSD representatives were in attendance to elect officers and address important policy. AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, the first African-American woman to hold the office, gave her inaugural speech which received repeated standing ovations



Left to Right (back row): Russ Raphaely, MD; Andrew W. Dahlke, MD, MSD President; Nancy Fan, MD, OMSS Delegate; Enrica Arnaudo, MD; Stephen Permut, MD, JD,

Former Chair AMA Board of Trustees: (front row) Janice

and was the talk of the week-long event. We encourage you to watch her speech. [Watch video](#) .

former Chair, Health Board of Delaware, (from left) James Tilton-Burton, MD, Delegate; Stephanie Guarino, MD, Alternate Delegate; (not pictured) Mark B. Thompson, MHA, MSD Executive Director

How AMA Policy is Made

Watch this Short Video and Learn the Process



Ever wonder how the AMA makes their policies? Interested in learning about submitting resolutions? Curious about how you can have a role in the parliamentary process to make meaningful policy? [Watch this short video and learn more.](#)

Physician Emeritus Section

Ali Z. Hameli, MD Discusses Nation's First Forensic Science Lab



The MSD Physician Emeritus Section held its second "lunch and learn" program this week at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. Ali Z. Hameli, MD, Former Delaware Chief Medical Examiner and Director of the Forensic Sciences Laboratory, as well as Chair of the Physician Emeritus

Section, presented on *"The Establishment of Medicolegal Investigation of Death and Forensic Sciences in the State of Delaware."* Dr. Hameli told the story of his struggles in eliminating Delaware's coroner system, which was in existence since the early 1600s in the U.S., to the establishment of a medical examiner system in Delaware in 1964 under his leadership. His quest was to establish an independent system to provide justice for those to whom a crime was committed, as well as advocating for better public health and safety, learning from the deceased.

Be an Apollo - Youth in Medicine Volunteer

Share Your Day With a Student and Help Launch a Physician Career



Apollo - Youth in Medicine, a program designed to give Delaware high school students an opportunity to shadow a physician in the outpatient setting, is looking for doctors to participate in the July summer session. Participating physicians would ideally host a student for 2-3 mornings or afternoons anytime in July. [See list of physician volunteers.](#) [Read more.](#)

MSD Member Co-Leads Nemours Birthing Program

Nemours & Christiana Care Advance Delivery Program

MSD member, Margaret R. Chou, MD, a Christiana Care ob-gyn will co-lead a new program between Nemours/Al duPont Hospital For Children and Christiana Care Health System which will coordinate delivery of some of the sickest babies

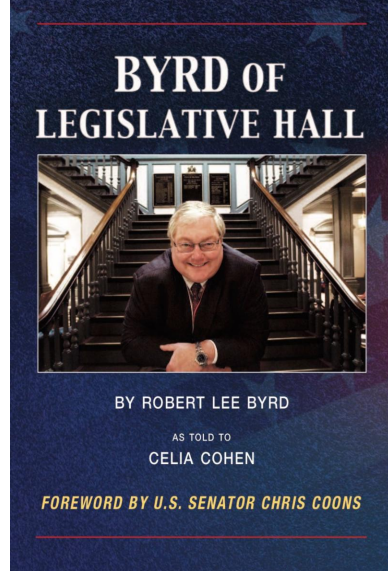


at Nemours. The initiative plans to deliver 30 babies in the first year starting in September. The births will be coordinated with Christiana Care physicians and nurses working their shifts at the children's hospital. The plan is designed to help care for mothers and babies with prenataally diagnosed conditions that require swift intervention after the birth. [Read more.](#)

"Byrd of Legislative Hall" Hits Stands

MSD Lobbyist Shares Experiences Navigating Politics

The Medical Society of Delaware's long-time external lobbying firm, the Byrd Group, LLC, is considered one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the country and has helped MSD launch bills, fight legislation, and bend the ears of key decision makers in Dover for years. Robert "Bobby" Byrd, former



member of the Delaware House of Representatives and CEO of The Byrd Group, LLC, shares the inner workings of his life in Dover in his newly released book, *Byrd of Legislative Hall*, with a forward penned by U.S. Senator Chris Coons. Congratulations Bobby! [View book.](#)

"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.

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| <p>90,000</p> <p>Approximate number of</p> <p>microplastic particles consumed</p> <p>annually by Americans who</p> <p>exclusively drink bottled water.</p> <p>Environmental Science & Technology Journal</p> | <p>1 Million</p> <p>Approximate number of people worldwide who catch a sexually transmitted infection each day.</p> <p>World Health Organization</p> | <p>127 M</p> <p>Number of new cases of chlamydia worldwide in 2016. There were 87 million cases of gonorrhea, and 6.3 million cases of syphilis.</p> <p>World Health Organization</p> |
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Upcoming Events

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

June 18 - SAVE THE DATE: MSD 2019 "Spring into Summer" Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

June 18 - [Diagnostic Errors - My Role in Preventing Harm](#), 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Christiana Hospital with videoconferencing to Wilmington Hospital.

July 10 - [Live MAT Waiver Training](#), 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., DE DSAMH Training Center, New Castle.

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](#)

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

Aug. 22 - SAVE THE DATE: 7th Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Sept. 12-13, 19-20 - [Certified Medical Office Manager \(CMOM\) Course and Exam](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 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. 14 - SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Heart and Valve Disease Summit, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.

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

Sept. 21 - [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 - [Bariatric Summit 2019: Innovation and Care Coordination](#), 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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