

"Tobacco 21" Takes Effect

Delaware Joins 16 States in Anti-Smoking Legislation



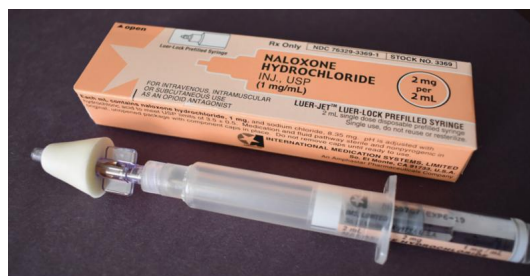
As of last Tuesday, anyone under the age of 21 in the state of Delaware will no longer be

able to purchase tobacco products. The new law, dubbed "Tobacco 21" was signed into law by Gov. Carney and punishes businesses with penalties up to \$1,000 who sell to anyone under 21. To date, 17 states and the District of Columbia have passed Tobacco 21 laws. [Read more.](#)

Naloxone Video Highlights Lifesaving Drug

DPH Director Featured

MSD member and Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health



(DPH), Karyl Rattay, MD is featured in a short

informational video, "The Value of Naloxone: Testimonials From the Field." The video, produced by Quality Insights, promotes the use of naloxone, the overdose-reversing medication. [View video.](#)

Nanticoke and Peninsula Regional to Officially Merge

*Ownership of Nanticoke Health Services
Changes Hands in 2020*



Nanticoke Health Services (NHS) of Seaford, and Peninsula Regional Health System (PRHS), based in Salisbury, MD, announced this week that a definitive agreement to affiliate has been reached. Pending final state and federal regulatory approval, which is anticipated in November, Nanticoke Health Services will join the Peninsula Regional Health System. [Read more.](#)

Hahnemann Hospital Announces Closure Date

*PA Medical Society Offers Helpful
Information*

Hahnemann University Hospital announced a timeline for its scheduled closure, including a final shut down date of September 6th. The plan is awaiting approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the



Earlier this month, the hospital's owners, Philadelphia Academic Health System, filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy. The Pennsylvania Medical Society has compiled a list of resources and information to assist affected physicians and residents. [Read resource list.](#)

MSD 2019 Guidelines for Medical Records

Suggested Fee Schedule Updated



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Medico-Legal Affairs Committee, after final approval by the Executive Board, has released their 2019 Guidelines for Medical Records. These guidelines offer a suggested fee schedule for reproducing medical records. The committee consists of members of both the medical and legal community. [Read guidelines.](#)

Ali Z. Hameli, MD Physician Emeritus Presentation

Watch Full Presentation Online

Last month Ali Z. Hameli, MD presented to the MSD Physician Emeritus Section at a luncheon held at the University & Whist Club in Wilmington. Dr. Hameli spoke about his experiences as Delaware's Chief Medical Examiner and Director of the Forensic Sciences Laboratory. The presentation, "The Establishment of Medicolegal Investigation of Death and Forensic Sciences in the State of Delaware" is available online thanks to a generous grant from the Delaware Medical Education Foundation (DMEF). [Watch presentation.](#)



Ali Z. Hameli, MD

In Memoriam

Felix J. Boffa, MD

We are sad to report that MSD member and anesthesiologist Felix J. Boffa, MD passed away recently. Dr. Boffa worked in Labor and Delivery at Wilmington General Hospital and is credited with helping to open Christiana Hospital in 1985. [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.

5.1% Percentage reduction in fatal drug overdoses from 2017 to 2018 according to provisional data from the CDC. CDC	68,500 Number of overdose deaths in the United states in 2018 according to provisional data from the CDC. CDC	76 Billion Number of opioid pills distributed by the country's largest drug companies between 2006 -2012. DEA
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Upcoming Events

- 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.
- Aug. 22** - [7th Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium](#), 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
- Sept. 10** - [Practice Management Session: Active Shooter Presentation](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, 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** - [Contemporary Approaches to Heart & Valve Disease](#), 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.
- Sept. 19** - SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Neal Barnard of George Washington School of Medicine presents, "Using the Power of Nutrition for Health," hosted by MSD O.B.V.I.O.U.S. and School Health Subcommittee, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
- Sept. 20** - [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. 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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