

In Memoriam

Clarence Edward Graybeal, MD



We are sad to share that long-time MSD member and Past President, Clarence Edward Graybeal, MD passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on August 10th. Dr. Graybeal served three terms as President of the

medical staff of Milford Memorial hospital and 23 years as chief of surgery. He was a U.S. veteran and served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was an avid private airplane pilot and motorcyclist, riding his Harley-Davidson until age 88! All four of his children followed his lead into a career in the medical field, including MSD member Glenn E. Graybeal, MD of Milford. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Graybeal family during this time. [Read obituary.](#)

You're Invited - MSD Roundtable With Sen. Carper

Topic: Surprise Billing

In an effort to continue to open dialogue with

our legislators, Senator Tom Carper will join MSD members in a roundtable discussion regarding surprise billing legislation and other topics of interest on **Monday, September 16th** from 10:00 -

11:30 a.m., at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. We encourage all our members to register themselves and a colleague to take part in this important opportunity. [To register.](#)

Turn the Heat Up on Congress this August

Grassroots Alert From AMA

The American Medical Association (AMA) is encouraging the medical community to motivate



legislators to address several issues of concern. On the top of the list, surprise medical billing and Medicare/MACRA/QPP. The AMA has put together an "action kit" on surprise billing with all the information you will need to be an effective advocate. [View Surprise Billing Action Kit.](#) The AMA has also put together an "action kit" on MACRA and improvements that are needed to refine the program. [View MACRA Action Kit.](#)

New Primary Care Bill Gets Governor's Signature

Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery to be Formed



Governor Carney, flanked by several members of MSD, signed SB 116, the next step in revitalizing primary care delivery in Delaware. The bill creates an *Office of Value Based Health Care Delivery* within the Department of Insurance to help reduce health care costs by increasing the availability of high quality, cost-effective health insurance products with affordable and predictable rates. It will also promote transparent evidence-based policy and adds a seat to the Primary Care Reform Collaborative. [Read more.](#)

MSD Ranks #2 for Outreach With Legislators

MSD Advocacy Efforts Continue to Pay Off for Delaware Physicians



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Delaware continues to hold bragging rights as one of the top entities that lobbied the General Assembly this year earning second place with the amount of outreaches to legislators on key health care issues affecting physicians and the practice of medicine. To name a few, this year MSD was instrumental in the passage of prior authorization reform bill [HB 105](#), a step therapy bill; [HB 220](#), a bill requiring insurers to cover medication assisted treatment; and many other key bills affecting our members. This year's efforts also held off legislation regarding physician-assisted suicide and legalization of recreational marijuana. [Read more.](#) [Read MSD legislative wrap up.](#)

New Data to Help Combat Overdose Deaths Released

State Overdose Mortality Report Provides a Bigger Picture to a Solution



The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) with the help of 12 multi-agency datasets, has developed a

demographic picture of Delawareans who died from drug overdoses in 2017. The *Drug Overdose Mortality Surveillance Report* shows

a first of its kind snapshot of the type of drugs used, when and if the decedents interacted with Delaware Health Systems, where the deaths occurred, the sex, age, and occupation of those who died along with a variety of other key information. This data will be used to fine tune targeted areas of focus for helping Delawareans with addiction. The report also confirmed the current initiatives and pending efforts are on the right track. [Read report.](#)

- 346 Delaware residents died of drug overdose in 2017
- 81% of decedents interacted with a Delaware health system in the year prior to their deaths
- 67% of decedents were males
- 76 % of decedents were between ages 25 and 54 years
- 79% of decedents were non-Hispanic white
- 59% of decedents were never married
- 36% of males who died were in the construction industry
- 14.7% of females who died were in the food service industry

Mark Your Calendar!

O.B.V.I.O.U.S. Program Scheduled

Mark your
calendar for a
special
O.B.V.I.O.U.S.
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Health



Subcommittee presentation - *The Power of Nutrition* by Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC on **Thursday, September 19** from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Discover the role of a plant-based diet in disease prevention and reversal of serious health problems. Learn how to tackle the cause of illness with special attention to nutrition, and hear why nutrient packed school lunches are critical to student health and well being. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Open to the public. [To register.](#)

CMS 2020 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

Comment Period Open



The 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed

Rule with comment period is now available. This proposed rule updates payment policies, payment rates, and other provisions for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) on or after Jan. 1, 2020. This proposed rule proposes potentially misvalued codes, adds services to the telehealth list and other policies affecting the calculation of payment rates. CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until **September 27th** and will respond to comments in a final rule. [For more information.](#)

Christiana Care Joins Group to Buy Hahnemann Residency Positions

550 Residency Positions Purchased for \$55 Million

Christiana Care Health System as part of a larger group of health care systems successfully purchased Hahnemann University Hospital's 550 residency positions in Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington. The deal reportedly cost \$55 million and was a joint effort between Christiana Health Care System, Einstein Healthcare Network, Temple University Health System, Main Line Health, Jefferson Health, and Cooper University Health Care. [Read more.](#)

Your Input is Needed

Thomas Jefferson University Survey on Obesity

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital researchers are conducting a survey to assess the knowledge and comfort level of physicians in the treatment of obesity.



The researchers have asked MSD physician members to complete this survey, which will take approximately three minutes to complete. [Take survey.](#)

MSD Welcomes Dwayne Downs

Training & Compliance Representative

MSD is pleased to announce Dwayne Downs has joined the MSD Physicians Relations department as the new Training & Compliance representative. Dwayne is a Navy veteran and a Certified Medical Office Manager who will

provide HIPAA/OSHA training, as well as BLS



certification training to our practices. In his free time he enjoys time with his family and playing the drums and teaching private music lessons. Welcome Dwayne!

Pending Members

Evan M. Lapinsky, MD

Amy E. McGhee-Jez, MD

MSD members are afforded a 7 day review period from the date of this publication to comment regarding an applicant applying for membership. Please contact Mary LaJudice at (302) 224-5183 or Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org with any questions or concerns.

"*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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Number of people
between 2017 and

167

Number of people
who died of West
Nile Virus in the
U.S. last year.

2,647

Number of confirmed
cases of West Nile
Virus in 2018 - an
increase of 550 cases
from 2017 with
California having the
most confirmed cases.

<p>2018 who declined re-enrollment in the ACA because their incomes were too high.</p> <p>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</p>	<p>CDC</p>	<p>CDC</p>
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Upcoming Events

- Aug 19** - [Medical Cannabis Provider Education: State of Delaware](#), 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
- 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. 9** - [Understanding and Treating Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#), 9:00 a.m. - noon, The Chapel, Herman Holloway Health & Social Services Campus, New Castle.
- 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 16** - [Roundtable Discussion With Senator Thomas Carper](#), 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
- Sept. 19** - [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 - [8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware \(PSD\) Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Oct. 8 - [26th Annual E. G. Scott Microbiology Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Oct. 11 - [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. 25-27 - [Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants 2019 Annual Conference](#), The Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach.

Oct. 26 - [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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