

ANNUAL MEETING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 229th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Delaware.

Advances in technology continue to have an impact on both our patients and the practice of medicine on a daily basis. The program this year will examine three aspects of such technology: 3D medical printing, implantable medical devices, and the use of blockchain technology.

I'm particularly interested in the blockchain presentation and its application to the prior authorization process. In 2016 MSD was successful in getting legislation passed addressing the "hassle factor" associated with prior authorization. The application of blockchain technology has the promise of creating a "smart" prior authorization process that may further reduce or eliminate the hassle factors altogether.

This year, MSD was successful in initiating the critical conversation and educating our state legislators about the rapidly decreasing access to care provided by independent primary care physicians in this state. The result of that conversation and needed education was Senate Bill 227 which focused on the critical state of independent primary care practices in Delaware. Please accept this invitation to attend the Council meeting on November 17, 2018 to hear more about both SB 227 and other MSD legislative activities. And, as usual, I look forward to your participation, discussion, and contributions to the challenges facing MSD in the coming year.

After a stimulating day of presentations and discussions, I hope you plan to join us in the evening for the Inaugural Gala at the DuPont Country Club as we celebrate the installation of Andrew Dahlke, MD as the 175th MSD President. Dr. Dahlke is a strong advocate for patients, physicians, and the mission of MSD. I look forward to his leadership in 2019.

I would like to thank the wonderful individuals of the staff at MSD, as well as our lobby team of Andrew Wilson, Esq. of Morris James LLP and the Byrd Group for all of the work and energy they've put in to making my year as President as smooth and successful as possible.

During my presidency, I've had the opportunity to see what Abraham Lincoln described as our "better angels" as we, without hesitation, fear, or doubt, discussed and worked through the complex and challenging issues before us. We may not have agreed on all of them, however, we were still able to move forward with both purpose and power for those on which we found common ground. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as the 174th President of MSD.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Henderson, MD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard W. Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

President, Medical Society of Delaware President