



Medical Society of Delaware  
LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHY DELAWARE

## Medical Society of Delaware Major Accomplishments-2015

### *“Why Membership Matters”*

#### **MSD LAUNCHES “HOT TOPIC CME”**

As part of its overall Professional Education Program, MSD began delivering responsive, timely, and relevant mini-lectures on emerging topics with essential medical education content most needed by our membership. This innovative concept provides important information of a more immediate need for physicians through continuing medical education specific to health care in Delaware in a manner most relevant to the ongoing educational needs of our members.

#### **MSD NAMED 4<sup>TH</sup> MOST ACTIVE IN STATE**

MSD was ranked by the *News Journal* in 2015 as the 4<sup>th</sup> most active advocacy organization in the state “to wield the most influence in Dover” during the 2015 legislative session. The Government Affairs Committee, lobbyists and staff are committed to dynamic and proactive representation of Delaware physicians on vital issues such as scope of practice challenges, telemedicine, and challenging the state’s overzealous regulatory environment.

#### **ADVANCING TELEMEDICINE**

Your Medical Society was instrumental during 2015 in writing and passing HB69, better known as the “Telemedicine Bill.” This bill, effective January 1, 2016, is considered to be one of the nation’s most forward-thinking laws of its type. MSD was the drafter of this legislation and was part of a diverse coalition that ensured its passage. It both regulates the use of telemedicine to ensure its safe and responsible practice and creates a constructive legal environment – including payment parity – for physicians to use this tool in their practices.

#### **EMERGING HEALTH INITIATIVES**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the Delaware Care Collaboration’s application to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organization (ACO) on January 1, 2016. This collaboration between Saint Francis Healthcare, Trinity Health and MSD/MedNet will bring two of Delaware’s health care leaders together to improve the way care is provided for Medicare patients across the state. Delaware Care Collaboration, a physician-driven ACO, will become the second physician-led statewide ACO supported by MedNet in Delaware.

#### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EDUCATION**

As the State of Delaware imposed mandatory education requirements surrounding the prescription drug abuse matter, MSD provided effective communication to its members informing of their responsibilities of education for controlled substance registration renewal, as well as their requirement for registering with the Prescription Monitoring Program. MSD was also instrumental in bringing the state-approved, Delaware-specific controlled substance prescribing education to Delaware health care professionals in an online delivery format providing convenient access to meet the State regulation, as well as providing links to online education to meet the additional non-Delaware education requirements.

#### **MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION**

MSD participated in a stakeholders’ group beginning in 2015, consisting of national and state medical organizations across the country, voicing difficulties experienced over the MOC process. Meetings held included representatives from the ABIM and FSMB to hear the concerns from a grassroots level. As a result, the ABIM announced in December 2015 that it will extend the current suspension of requirements of earning MOC credits through December 31, 2018. And the ACCME and ABIM are integrating MOC and accredited CME activities.