Patrick Mills takes the Helm of MSMA in 2018

Patrick Mills is the new MSMA Executive Vice President effective January 1, 2018, replacing Tom Holloway, who retired on December 31, 2017, following a remarkable 30-year career with the Association.

Mills has been MSMA’s Director of Health Care Finance since 1992. Some of his duties throughout his career at MSMA include representing MSMA on the Primaris board, and maintaining relations with Medicare, Medicaid, and other payers. He staffed the AMA delegation, the Missouri State Medical Foundation, and the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Physicians. He was also involved in the development in the new “Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri (SHINE)” partnering with KaMCCO Health Solutions.

Mills credits the Association’s success to its extremely effective physician leadership and the excellent staff at MSMA headquarters.

“Our physician leaders are nothing short of extraordinary,” said Mills. “On the strength of their guidance and our very talented staff, I hope to carry on in the footsteps of Royal Cooper Cork Swarens, and Tom Holloway in providing the very best of services to Missouri physicians and their patients.”

MSMA’s priorities will be many as the new year unfolds, and Mills thinks one of the most important of them will be helping physicians and their patients understand and endure the dramatic changes that lie ahead as a result of possible new federal health care reforms.

Mills wants to remind MSMA members that the Association’s doors and telephone lines are always open, and their thoughts, questions, and suggestions are always welcome. You can reach him at 800-869-6762 or by emailing pmills@msma.org.

Add These Dates to Your 2018 Calendar for Reporting

It’s important for Missouri physicians to have a clear picture of CMS’s Quality Payment Program (QPP) deadlines ahead in 2018. For quick look at what’s coming up, and links to resources for more information, MSMA recommends a visit to CMS’s new QPP Resource page at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Quality-Payment-Program.html. For additional help, check out the MACRA and quality resources available for physicians on the website, www.shineofmissouri.com.

Learn more about MSMA’s recently announced, physician-directed HIE - SHINE, the Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri. SHINE will empower physicians as they transition to the new models of health care delivery, quality reporting, and performance-based payments. Visit www.shineofmissouri.com.
GENERAL SESSIONS & EVENTS

**Friday, March 23 | 1:30 pm**
**Ten Practical Techniques for Improving Care for Patients with Life-Limiting Illnesses**
Patrick White, MD  
Chief Medical Officer  
BJC Home Care  
Washington University  
School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Saturday, March 24 | 10:00 am**
**Advances in Heart Failure Management**
Justin Vader, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Washington University  
School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Saturday, March 24 | 1:30 pm**
**OMSS PRESENTATION**
**Hospital Medical Staffs 2018: Protect Your Practice & Profession**
Elizabeth “Libby” Snelson, Esq.  
Legal Counsel to Hospital Medical Staffs  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**Saturday, March 24 | 3:30 pm**
**Burning Out or Burning Bright?**
Richard Gunderman, MD  
Chancellor’s Professor  
John A. Campbell Professor Radiology  
Indiana University  
School of Medicine  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Saturday, March 24 | 8:00 am**
**Hospitalists: What You Need To Know**
Hiral Choksi, MD  
Section Chief of Hospital Medicine  
Saint Louis University Hospital  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Saturday, March 24 | 10:00 am**
**IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR DISEASE MANAGEMENT**
Richard D. Brasington, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Division of Rheumatology  
Washington University  
School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri

FREE CME TO MEMBERS

CME procedures, sessions available for MOC points, how to obtain CME credit, disclosures, and evaluations will be described in the Official Program. For more information, contact Benita Stennis at 800-869-6762 or email bstennis@msma.org.

2018 Opioid Summit: Treating Opioid Misuse and Opioid Use Disorder

Missouri is in the midst of a crisis! This Opioid Summit is for providers that need evidence-based guidance for treatment of pain, opioid use disorder, community-based services and policy solutions. Learn from national and state leaders who have data that demonstrate successful interventions.

**When:** Friday, March 2, 2018  
**Where:** Marriott St. Louis West, 660 Maryville Centre Dr., St. Louis


House of Delegates
Friday, March 23 - 8:00 am  
Sunday, March 25 - 8:15 am

Reference Committees
Friday, March 23  
Reference Committee A - 10:00 am  
Reference Committee B - 10:30 am

Serve on a Reference Committee
MSMA staff will provide the background and instructions. Email Patrick Mills at pmills@msma.org or call 800-869-6762

Resolution Submission
**DEADLINE**
Wednesday, February 1 - 5:00 pm
Email Cheri Martin cmartin@msma.org or fax 573-636-8552

Convention is EARLY!
**Make Hotel Reservations Now!**
[www.msma.org/annual-convention](http://www.msma.org/annual-convention)

Call Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel  
1-800-468-3571 & mention “MSA”
Group rates available until February 28, 2018.
Rates start at $100 per night plus charges and taxes.
Your Voice in the Capitol

Help MSMA deliver a unified pro-physician and pro-patient message to Missouri legislators by connecting with your representatives and senators in 2018.

As a physician, you amplify MSMA’s lobbying efforts through individual contact with your legislators. For example, volunteering as MSMA Physician of the Day in Jefferson City strengthens the MSMA brand and will earn you instant plaudits from your elected officials. Your participation in MSMA has tremendous potential to affect change in the halls of the State Capitol.

To learn more about MSMA advocacy efforts and volunteering to be the MSMA Physician of the Day, contact Jeff Howell at jhowell@msma.org or by calling 800-869-6762.

MSMA: Advocating for ALL Medical Specialties

MSMA is part of a broad coalition advocating for pending legislation in the Missouri state legislature that could soon put a damper on teen tanning. Rep. Nick Schroer (R-O’Fallon) has proposed House Bill 1260, which would prohibit anyone under the age of 18 from using a tanning bed. Under current Missouri law, a child under 17 years of age must obtain parental consent before they can use a tanning bed or other tanning device.

House Bill 1260 would require a tanning facility to obtain an annual operating permit from the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration. The legislation would also require a trained operator to be present during operating hours to assist customers and offer information about proper tanning device usage. Violations of the proposed law would result in a fine to be paid by the tanning facility.

The bill includes an exemption for underage patients who require phototherapy devices prescribed by a physician to treat a medical condition. Such conditions could include psoriasis, vitiligo, eczema, and others. MSMA supports this legislation and applauds Rep. Schroer’s efforts to decrease skin cancer rates in the state.

Physician of the Day

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

- Gary Gaddis, MD
- Warren Lovinger, MD
- Clark Andelin, MD
- Matt Casey, MD
- Douglas Char, MD
- Joanne Loethen, MD
- Matt Linsenbardt, DO
- Kit Young, MD
- Cassidy Leonard Scott, DO

SIGN UP!

www.msma.org/physician-of-the-day

Medicaid Managed Care Provider Enrollment is HERE

Beginning January 1, 2018, federal regulations require all states to screen and enroll, and periodically revalidate, all network providers of Medicaid managed care organizations. This requirement applies to all ordering, prescribing, and referring providers in the managed care setting, as well. It does not cause managed care network providers to see fee for service Medicaid clients.

Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance is working with MO HealthNet (Medicaid) and the managed care health plans to provide a streamlined process for enrolling managed care network providers that have not yet enrolled with MO HealthNet. If you have questions or concerns, please contact MMAC.ProviderEnrollment@dss.mo.gov.

Use Mobile App for Missouri Drug Card - Save on Epipens

Get app and download at www.msma.org/missouri-drug-card

Share this with your patients! Missouri Drug Card just announced two new benefits for card-users. Patients can now download the MO Drug Card mobile app to show pharmacies when they fill a prescription to get access to the lowest insurance plan price on prescriptions. NO enrollment forms, restrictions, waiting periods, or age and income requirements. Accepted at more than 54,000 pharmacies across the country.

If you have patients who need Epipens, using the MO Drug card saves about $100 off a prescription. It is great for those with no insurance, since it will honor the lowest insurance price out there, and helpful for those facing out-of-pocket costs.

Visit www.msma.org/missouri-drug-card for FAQs and instructions on how to download the mobile app or the MO Drug Card for printing.
Already Breaking Your
New Year’s Resolutions?
Here Are Some You Can Keep

It’s still January, and it’s not too late to make some resolutions for 2018. Considering your profession and your practice, you can resolve to pick from this important list from MSMA:

- Pay your 2018 dues. It’s easy, it’s quick, it’s convenient. Go online to www.msma.org/joinrenew.
- Be a Physician of the Day at the Capitol during this Legislative Session. Visit www.msma.org/physician-of-the-day.
- Commit to read the Legislative Report regularly and contact your area lawmakers when a “call to action” appears for a pending issue.
- Make a habit of referring regularly to www.msma.org for news and information.
- Attend the MSMA Annual Convention, March 23-25, at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.
- Learn something new to help your practice. Attend an MSMA seminar or workshop.
- Recruit one new colleague to become an MSMA member.
- Reach any staff member by calling 800-869-6762 or email Patrick Mills, Executive Vice President, at pmills@msma.org.