

Progress Notes

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Laws Go Into Effect

Dozens of new laws were officially added to the books on August 28 as the products of the 2022 Missouri legislative session went into effect. Here are just a few of the new changes that might affect you or your practice:

SB 710 – Hospital Visitation Policies

Under the new law, hospitals must allow at least two designated caregivers to visit a patient currently under the facility's care. The bill does include certain exemptions for high-risk hospital areas like operating rooms, intensive care units, etc. The designated caregiver law also applies to long-term care homes.

SB 710 – APRN/PA Home Health Orders

In response to federal changes instituted during the pandemic, SB 710 permits APRNs and PAs to order home health services for patients without a physician's order. However, the health care plan must be reviewed by a supervising physician at least every six months.

HB 2162 – Naltrexone Standing Order

HB 2162 allows the director of DHSS, if a physician, to issue a statewide standing order for naltrexone, an addiction mitigation medication. Such an order would allow pharmacists to dispense naltrexone. If the director is not a physician, they are allowed to contract with a physician to issue the order. Similar standing orders are already allowed for naloxone, an emergency treatment for opioid overdose.

SB 718 – Preceptorship Tax Credit

SB 718 creates a new tax credit program to incentivize physicians to serve as preceptors for medical students in rural and underserved areas. If more medical students have the opportunity to gain experience working in rural areas, we hope they'll choose to stay for at least a few years and offer their services to underserved communities.

HB 2149 – Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine

A provision in HB 2149 prohibits the Board of Healing Arts from pursuing disciplinary action against a physician for lawfully prescribing ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine to a patient. The bill also prohibits pharmacists from contacting the patient or the prescribing physician to dispute the efficacy of the treatment, unless the physician or patient inquires.

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**THANK YOU to the
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House of Medicine Wins in Primary

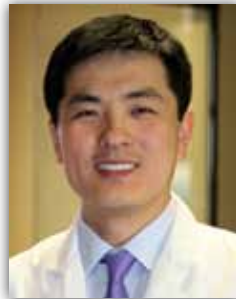
Congratulations to our pro-medicine advocates! The August 2 primary elections turned out prosperous for physicians running for office. See below for results.



MSMA Past President **George Hruza, MD**, a dermatologist in St. Louis County, won his primary in the Senate's 24th district, which includes several of St. Louis' western suburbs, including Maryland Heights, Kirkwood, Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Fenton, Sunset Hills, and Valley Park.

If elected to his first term in the general election, Dr. Hruza, an MSMA member since 1989, would be the only physician in the Senate. He does have an opponent in November. Dr. Hruza will be a strong physician advocate, so be sure to vote pro-medicine if you live in the 24th district.

General surgeon and incumbent Representative **Jonathan Patterson, MD**, ran unopposed in his House primary for District 30, which includes parts of Lee's Summit, Independence, and Blue Springs. However, he will face a democratic opponent in the general election on November 8.



An MSMA member since 2011, this would be his third two-year term in the House. Dr. Patterson has completed surgical mission trips around the world, including to the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Jordan.



Incumbent Representative **Lisa Thomas, MD**, District 124, which includes portions of Camden and Miller Counties, is a psychiatrist in Lake Ozark. She will begin her second two-year term in the House as she will not have an opponent in the general election.

An MSMA member since 2005 and current District 5 Councilor, she currently serves as the medical director of the Missouri Physicians Health Program.

MSMA Assistant Physician Survey

Are you a Missouri physician who currently collaborates with an assistant physician (AP), or have collaborated with an AP in the past? If so, we want your input!

In April 2022, the MSMA House of Delegates approved a resolution that tasks MSMA staff with examining data related to APs in Missouri. While we've been digging into statistics, we also want to hear about your personal experiences.

The aim of this research project is to better understand the impact of the AP program on patient access, expansion of primary care in underserved areas, and outcomes of those holding an AP license in the state of Missouri. We also hope to better understand the impact of Missouri's AP program on the career paths of those practitioners who have held AP licenses.

If you are a Missouri physician who has experience collaborating with an AP and wish to participate in the survey, please visit <https://forms.gle/CfBTJz2kSQHHqPtW9>.

Contact Heidi Geisbuhler Sutherland at heidi@msma.org with any questions.

Foundation Releases \$300,000 in Scholarships to Medical Students

Continuing a long tradition of support, the Missouri State Medical Foundation (MSMF) has recently provided \$300,000 in medical student scholarship funds to our Missouri medical schools.

Ten students at each of Missouri's six medical schools will receive \$5,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Foundation is proud to offer this support, and thanks the many donors who have made it possible, especially the Missouri State Medical Association Alliance. If you are interested in donating to MSMF, please visit <https://www.msma.org/Donate>.

Watch the inside front cover of Missouri Medicine for students who receive scholarships this academic year.

Future of Medicine Webinar Series

October 2nd Managing Student Debt Mark Zietz, Wisconsin Medical Finance	October 9th Issues with Employment Agreements Kyle Claussen, CEO, The Practice Agency
October 16th Job Search & Interview Tips Rajulu Adiga, MD, Interim CEO, Liberty Hospital	October 23rd Private Practice vs. Employment Wandy Molaska, MD, President, Wisconsin Medical Society
October 30th Investing and Retirement 101 Mike Carpenter, Moneta	November 6th Health Equity & Diversity Kendrick Robinson, MD

All begin at 7:00pm CT
visit msma.org/events to register



MSMA Advocates for You Year-Round!

Throughout the legislative interim, your MSMA advocacy team has been taking time to deliver checks to the candidates MMPAC chose to support before the primary elections. Now that the primary elections are over, your lobbying team is working through the results and coming up with a new strategy for the general elections in November.

MSMA has hosted and endorsed political fundraisers for friends of medicine around the state. In early August, we co-hosted a fundraiser in St. Louis for MSMA member and past president George Hruza, MD, who is running for state Senate. Along with attending fundraisers, we've enjoyed getting to visit with hospital groups and local medical societies. Recently, we presented a legislative update to the physicians at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia.

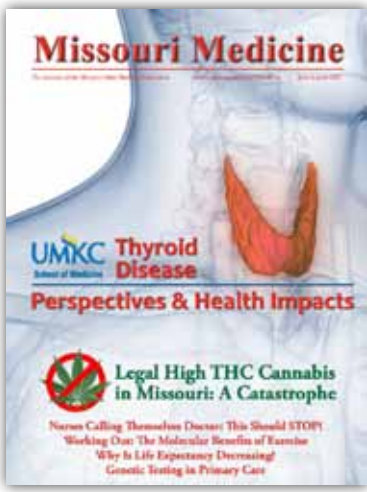
Additionally, MSMA has been visiting medical school organization fairs around the state to encourage students to become members and get involved with MSMA's Medical Student Section.



Above: Thank you **Carson Gates**, MU Medical Student for joining MSMA!

So far we've had a great time getting to know and sign up 360 new future leaders in medicine at the campuses of University of Missouri - Columbia, Kansas City University - Kansas City, Kansas City University - Joplin, and AT Still University.










Missouri Medicine Now Online

- Thyroid Disease: Perspectives and Health Impacts by University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine
- Nurses Calling Themselves Doctor
- Reversing Life Expectancy
- Genetic Testing and Disclosure
- Working Out: The Science of Exercise
- COVID and Its Impact on Sleep

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Physicians: Beware of DEA Scammers!

The Missouri Department of Health has received reports from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that it has been getting multiple reports of scam callers impersonating DEA agents/investigators.

The callers will advise the practitioner that there is a problem or investigation regarding their DEA number and will try to obtain additional information. They may make threats of arrest if the practitioners try to involve a third party. They may provide a return number that will be a legitimate DEA phone number and the scammers may provide a badge number.



As a reminder to DEA Registrants:

- DEA investigators do not threaten registrants with arrest
- DEA employees do not give out our badge/credential numbers over the phone
- Registrants can call the local DEA office for verification of DEA inquiries

There is also a scam alert reporting portal on the DEA website at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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Topics

- Physician Perception in the Current Legislative Environment
- Engaging with Your Legislators
- How to Testify
- Legislative Leadership
- Preparing for the 2023 Session

Speakers

- Legislative Leadership
- State Capitol Legislative Staff
- MSMA's Advocacy Team

Attendees are then welcome to attend the MSMA Legislative Committee Meeting following the workshop. Seating is limited/register now at www.misma.org/events.