

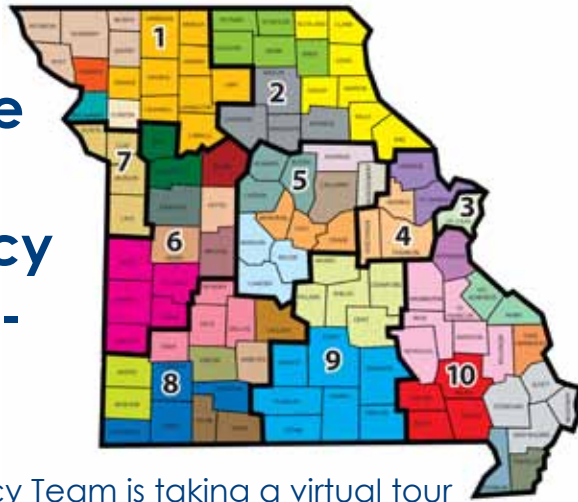
Progress Notes

AUGUST 2020

MSMA Reporting the Progress of Missouri's Medicine

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Join MSMA for Statewide Virtual Advocacy Meetings - All Districts!



The MSMA Advocacy Team is taking a virtual tour around the state to update physicians on the 2020 Legislative Session. Please join us for a FREE virtual advocacy meeting (VAM) in your District or choose from any of the following dates when you can connect online with MSMA. All VAM's take place from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Register FREE at www.MSMA.org/VAM.

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| • District 1 Tues Aug 25 | • District 10 Thurs Sept 17 |
| • District 2 Tues Sept 1 | • District 6 Tues Sept 22 |
| • District 3 Wed Sept 2 | • District 7 Thurs Sept 24 |
| • District 4 Thurs Sept 3 | • District 8 Tues Sept 29 |
| • District 9 Tues Sept 15 | • District 5 Thurs Oct 1 |

MSMA Members Win in Primary Election

A hearty congratulations to MSMA members Jon Patterson, MD, Sam Page, MD, and Lisa Thomas, MD, on their wins in the August primary elections!

Dr. Patterson is a general surgeon running for his second senatorial term to represent the Lee's Summit area.



Dr. Thomas is a psychiatrist running to represent Camden and Miller

Counties in the House of Representatives.

Dr. Page is an anesthesiologist seeking re-election to the office of St. Louis County Executive. We appreciate their willingness to serve in elected offices. Best of luck to Drs. Patterson, Thomas, and Page in the November general election!

To support their campaigns, contact MMPAC at 800-869-6762.



Missouri Expands Medicaid to Increase Healthcare Access

Voters waited with bated breath on August 4 to find out the results of the primary election. One of the most hotly contested issues on the ballot was Amendment 2, which would expand Medicaid services in the state to people making 138% of the federal poverty level. By the end of the night, the results were in: Medicaid expansion passed!

MSMA was part of a coalition of healthcare organizations and providers who supported Amendment 2. MSMA supported Medicaid expansion because

we want patients to have access to the best healthcare options possible.

Increased access to healthcare is linked to better health outcomes in patients of all ages. In particular, access to preventative healthcare can help prevent or delay the onset of much more costly and devastating chronic healthcare problems for patients. We expect the General Assembly to be discussing implementation of expansion during the 2021 legislative session. According to the Missouri Constitution, expansion must take effect by July 1, 2020.



PPE for MSMA Physicians

MSMA and ActionPPE are working together to offer Missouri physicians the opportunity to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Through this partnership formed by MSMA and ActionPPE, Missouri physicians can obtain PPE through a dedicated distribution network, fast turnaround, and at more reasonable prices. This effort is intended to provide physician practices with the PPE they need at this critical time. We want to keep your offices open, while providing a safe environment for you, your staff, and patients.

Visit actionppe.org/3/msma to directly order certified PPE.



July Council Actions: Advocacy and Membership Are Top MSMA Priorities

Your MSMA Council met by videoconference for the July 2020 meeting due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.

Advocacy and membership are MSMA's priorities. Advocacy outreach, accomplished with virtual meetings across the state, will inform members and nonmembers how MSMA is representing physicians, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. See schedule on page 1. The MSMA lobby team is also available to present to local societies, medical staffs, and other physician groups. Contact Shantel Dooling (shantel@msma.org) to schedule a meeting.

We also continue to offer advocacy meetings by communicating directly with chief medical officers at hospitals since they employ about half of the physicians in the state.

MSMA was one of more than 260 supporting organizations in favor of Medicaid expansion, voted on and passed on August 4.

MSMA has signed on with ActionPPE, which offers physicians a reliable source of personal protective equipment.

Your Association is continuing to conduct informational calls with Randall Williams, MD, Director of Missouri DHSS on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

#MaskUpMO is a social media campaign initiated by MSMA. MSMA has sent a letter to Governor Parson, co-

signed by the Missouri Nurses Association, asking him to consider a mask requirement. A downloadable #MaskUpMO poster is available on MSMA's website.

MSMA continues to work with Arizona and Wisconsin in developing an Association Health Plan to be in place by January.

Mark your calendars for MSMA's White Coat Day, scheduled for March 2, 2021.

George Hruza, MD, stated that this is an unusual year to be MSMA President, as his travel has been limited. He is optimistic that he will be able to travel in his role as MSMA President before his year is over. With MSMA's support, Dr. Hruza has been working with the IMG section to support federal visa legislation that would help bring physicians to underserved areas in Missouri.

New websites have been created for promoting free membership to residents and students. There is also a new member-to-member forum, which utilizes slack.com. For further information, please contact Haley Wansing (hwansing@msma.org).

MSMA personnel and members have delivered lunch for frontline COVID workers through our DocPlates program on a request basis.

Membership dues for Active Members (\$395) and Young Physician Members (\$100, \$200 and \$300 in the first, second and third years of practice, respectively) will be maintained for 2021. The Council approved increasing Honor Member dues to \$100 and Affiliate Member dues to \$150.

Resolutions #2 through #12 were referred to Council due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Convention. You can find them at www.msma.org/resolution-actions.

The next Council meeting will be October 17, 2020.



Weekly MSMA/DHSS Calls Continue

MSMA member Randall Williams, MD, Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, is continuing his conference call updates to MSMA members on the status of COVID-19. Dr. Williams presents an overview of the current situation, gives a rundown of recent developments, and then we open it up for questions from the audience. Join us every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to get an update on the state's COVID-19 response and predictions. Physicians, residents, and medical students can dial 888-330-9939, and entering #767288 when prompted. We hope you'll join us for these important updates!

FREE COVID-19 CME

MSMA and Rockpointe CME have partnered to bring physicians free CME/MOC-eligible courses on "Obesity and COVID-19" and "Lung Cancer and COVID-19." Registration is open and CME is free.

Visit www.msma.org/cv19-education.

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www.msma.org/missouri-medicine-library

Missouri Medicine
UMKC
Infectious Disease: Public Health Triumphs & Ongoing Challenges

Missouri's Fentanyl Problem: The China Connection
COVID-19 Therapy Considerations Based on ACE Inhibitor Use
A Possible Role for Metformin
Youth Suicide: Another Catastrophic National Epidemic
What Can Be Done?
Training for Longevity: The Reverse J-Curve for Exercise

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- COVID-19 Therapy & Meth Blue
- Youth Suicide Epidemic
- Exercise for Longevity



MSMA Reaching Out and Representing YOU!

Want MSMA to come to you? Email Haley Wansing at hwansing@msma.org.

SLU Medical Students Participate in Virtual Advocacy Meeting

MSMA staff had the honor of giving a virtual advocacy presentation to the M1 class at Saint Louis University School of Medicine on Aug. 5. Dave Nowak, Executive Vice President of Saint Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, joined the call and reminded students to claim their free membership in both the local and state medical societies.



Major Annual Convention Changes for 2021

The MSMA Council approved numerous changes to the MSMA Annual Convention. An ad hoc committee was appointed to look into various aspects of the Convention and make recommendations. That committee met eight times in the past year and discussed all aspects of the Convention. The mission of the ad hoc committee was to streamline the Convention agenda, identify potential savings, and find alternative means that maintain the MSMA Convention's historic purposes of association governance, medical education, and camaraderie. Some of the changes attendees will see at future conventions include:

- Shorten the Convention by one day (Convention business will now take place on Saturday and Sunday morning)
- Maintain the House of Delegates and reference committee structure
- Transition to an electronic Delegate Handbook and a Convention mobile phone app
- Change district delegate apportionment
- Maintain the Presidential events
- Shorten CME sessions to one hour
- Re-schedule certain ancillary meetings prior to Convention
- Eliminate specialty society participation beginning in 2022
- Eliminate the exhibit hall
- Change nonmember registration beginning in 2022

These changes will result in a streamlined and busy Annual Convention. In addition, it will allow MSMA to examine other host locations and properties for future meetings. Mark your calendars and join us at the 163rd MSMA Annual Convention, which will be held April 9-11, 2021, at the Kansas City Westin Crown Center.

MSMA Scholarships: \$270,000 Granted to Medical Students

Your Missouri State Medical Foundation recently sent \$45,000 to each of the six Missouri medical schools to fund the MSMA Scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. Each medical school will select ten Missourians to receive \$4,500 each to support their studies. This \$270,000 distribution lifts the cumulative total for MSMA Scholarships to \$1.7 million provided to Missouri medical students.

CMS Physician Compare Preview Period is Open

The Physician Compare 60-day Preview Period is officially open as of June 22. You can now preview your 2018 Quality Payment Program performance information on the QPP website before it will appear on the Physician Compare profile pages and downloadable database. A user guide on how to preview your data can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2018preview-period-guide.pdf> or visit the QPP website - <https://qpp.cms.gov/login>.

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