

Progress Notes

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Advocacy Efforts Ramp Up for 2020 Session

The MSMA Council met via conference call for its January 11, 2020, meeting due to inclement weather. Below are the highlights.

Advocacy

Ravi Johar, MD, reported that MSMA staff have read 1,500 bills and are following 400 bills that affect healthcare. He encouraged members to sign up for Physician of the Day, and to consider allowing a medical student to shadow. White Coat Day at the Capitol will be March 3, 2020. Phone 2 Action is a good tool for physicians to connect with legislators. Currently, there are 120 physicians signed up.

The Council approved that Resolution #1, which addresses the issue of tackle football below high school age, not be adopted. Members were also updated on the E/M coding revision and Texas v. Azar challenge to the ACA.

Other updates included marketing efforts, membership outreach, Medicaid expansion, and a healthcare collaboration with Missouri Hospital Association.

James DiRenna, Jr., DO, MSMA President, reported on his travel throughout the state, as well as other states. He encouraged members to keep in touch with their legislators. MSMA's Annual Legislative Award be presented to Representative Robert Ross and Senator Bill White. The MSMA Constitution and Bylaws will be changed to reflect the addition of the Women Physicians Section, which was added at the 2019 Annual Convention.

Annual Convention and CME

The Actions and Resolutions from the 2019 Annual Convention can be found online at msma.org/annual-convention. Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, outlined general session topics for the upcoming Annual Convention including Vaping, Science of CBD, Stop the Bleed, Artificial Intelligence, and Missouri Medicaid. There reports also reviewed recent accreditation decisions. Betty Drees, MD, reported on the restructuring of the Annual Convention. A proposal will be presented at the July MSMA Council meeting.

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Fees for Medical Records Effective 2/1/2020

The new maximum fees for copying will be \$26.06 plus \$0.60 per page for the cost of labor and supplies for copies provided in paper form and \$24.40 for additional costs if records are maintained off-site. The new maximum fees for copying will be \$26.06 plus \$0.60 per page, or \$114.17 total, whichever is less, for copies provided electronically. For more information, go to <https://health.mo.gov/atoz/fees.php>

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162nd Annual Convention

April 3-5, 2020 | Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel | www.msma.org/annual-convention

GENERAL SESSIONS



Friday, April 3 | 1:30 pm
MO HealthNet Update

Todd Richardson, JD
Director, MO HealthNet
Jefferson City, Missouri



Saturday, April 4 | 10:00 am
Vaping: Public Health Scourge or Safer Way to Use Nicotine?

Donald D. Bohnenkamp, MD
Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Washington University School of Medicine
St. Louis, Missouri



Friday, April 3 | 3:30 pm
To CBD or Not to CBD? That is the Question for Medical Practitioners

Merrill Norton, PharmD., DPH, ICCDP-D
Clinical Associate Professor
University of Georgia
College of Pharmacy
Athens, Georgia



Saturday, April 4 | 1:30 pm
Stop the Bleed/ Trauma First Aid

Laurie J. Punch, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery
Washington University School of Medicine
Acute and Critical Care Surgery
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Co-Director, Stop The Bleed STL
St. Louis, Missouri



Saturday, April 4 | 8:00 am
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Health Care

Kent Bottles, MD
Thomas Jefferson University
College of Population Health
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Saturday, April 4 | 3:30 pm
State Legislative Update

Jeff Howell, JD
Director of Governmental Relations
Heidi Geisbuhler
Director of Legislative Affairs
Missouri State Medical Association
Jefferson City, Missouri



Council Actions, continued

MSMA Insurance Agency

George Hubbell, MD, reported that the agency continues to meet member needs, urged them to utilize the agency for any insurance coverage, and encourage their colleagues to do likewise. The Council also discussed the status of MPM-PPIA/Physician Standard Insurance Company.

Physicians Health Program

Bill Woods, MD, offered the report as Chair of the Physicians Health Committee. Due to the resignation of Executive Director Bob Bondurant as of December 31, 2019, Acting Executive Director Mary Fahey has been named Bob's replacement. The organization chart has been changed so that the Physicians Health Committee will oversee the operations of the MPHP; the finances will be overseen by the MSMA EVP, both will report to the Physicians Health Foundation board.

Dr. Woods outlined the Safe Haven system that is used in some states, which would allow those seeking voluntary help from MPHP from reporting this to the Board of Healing Arts, as long as they are actively involved in the program. MPHP staff will research the issue and come up with recommendations to be presented at the next Council and the Physicians Health Foundation board.

Membership

Joseph Corrado, MD, reported that the Committee had met on January 7 via conference call. He reviewed current membership numbers, the results of the Councilor-signed recruitment letters, recent advocacy events, and other marketing strategies. Staff will be connecting with hospital Chief Medical Officers. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the Advocacy App Phone2Action.

Publications

The Council gave its approval of Missouri Medicine's 52-member Editorial Board to serve in 2020. The Editorial Board provides peer-review and submits articles to the Journal.

Alliance

Gill Waltman reported on the fall conference in Hannibal in October. She thanked all who contributed to the 2019 Alliance Holiday Sharing Card, which raised over \$3,200. Sue Ann Greco, St. Louis, will be installed as AMA Alliance President next June.

AMA Report

Elie Azrak, MD, reported that the delegation represented Missouri at the AMA interim meeting in San Diego in November. A resolution put forth at the 2018 MSMA Annual Convention resulted in a change in AMA policy, which addressed the inclusion of health system sciences subjects in medical curricula and LCME accreditation. AMA members are encouraged to read and comment on resolutions, which can be accessed online.

Reports of Councilors – Selected

District 3

I.J. Singh, MD, reported that the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society will install Jason Skyles, MD, as the 2020 SLMMS President. Four physicians were represented with awards, including Sam Page, MD, who received the Schlueter Award and Bill Huffaker, MD, who received the President's Award. Dr. Singh also offered an update on the Choosing Wisely program.

District 5

Lisa Thomas, MD, reported that the Boone County Medical Society had a successful residency forum in October. They will be offering a second session on financial, legal and insurance issues for medical students and residents. BCMS held its annual installation of officers and gala on February 1. The BCMS Alliance has been reorganized under the direction of Mary Katherine Heimburger and Donna Corrado, and will be renamed as Central Missouri Medical Alliance. The BCMS board approved a contribution to the MPHP in 2019.

District 8

Matt Stinson, MD, reported that the Greene County Medical Society held a medical marijuana discussion led by Lyndall Fraker of DHSS. Kayce Morton, DO, will be taking over the GCMS presidency. Dr. Hover expressed his appreciation for the social and recruiting events hosted by the Alliance.

District 9

Lirong Zhu, MD, reported that David Barbe, MD, had been named the President-Elect of the World Medical Association. She stated that new members had joined at Mercy Clinic-Rolla and Phelps Health, and they anticipate more new members in the coming months. They are seeking to fill the vacancy of Vice Councilor-District 9.

Women Physicians Section

Joanne Loethen, MD, reported that they have had three conference call meetings since inception of the new section. They will have an information mixer on Friday, April 3, in St. Louis during the Annual Convention. They are looking at having networking events across the state in 2020.

Medical Student Section

Scott Berndt reported that two legislative bills are proceeding in support of the resolution that the MSMA Council passed at AC 2019 regarding adverse events suffered by children of incarcerated parents, which was sponsored by the Medical Student Section.



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Pediatric Health Legislation

While the MSMA lobbying team keeps an eye out for legislation that could affect patients of any age, our past month has been filled with pediatric-focused bills in particular.

One bill we're watching is SB 525, which would authorize the creation of recovery charter high schools in the Kansas City area for students in recovery from substance use disorder or dependency. MSMA testified in favor of HB 1727, a bill that would require flotation devices to be used by minors under the age of 13 on boats. Currently, only children under the age of 7 must wear such devices. We also supported HB 2199, which would require the use of rear-facing child seats in vehicles for children under 2 years of age.

There are dozens of other bills that could affect young patients this legislative session – if you're interested in a particular topic, don't hesitate to reach out to Heidi at heidi@msma.org or Jeff at jhowell@msma.org.



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

- Frances Mei Hardin, MD, Columbia
- Joseph Corrado, MD, Mexico
- Matthew Linsenhardt, MD, St. Louis
- Ravi Johar, MD, St. Louis
- Donald Potts, MD, Independence
- Matthew Satterly, MD, St. Louis
- Charles Van Way, MD, Kansas City
- Evan Schwarz, MD, St. Louis
- Kathy Sun, MD, Springfield

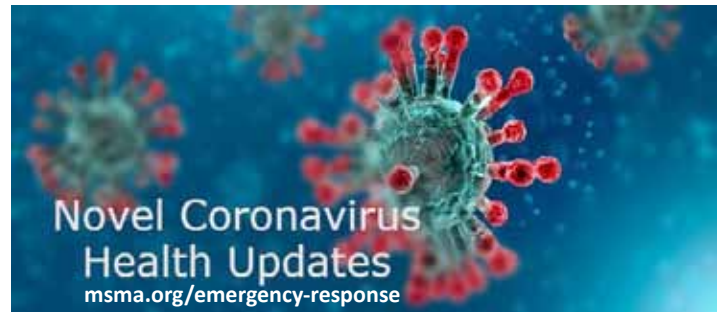
Get involved as the Physician of the Day during the legislative session. Meet your local legislators and get introduced in the House or Senate chambers. It's a great experience and a great service. All specialties are welcome and encouraged to serve!

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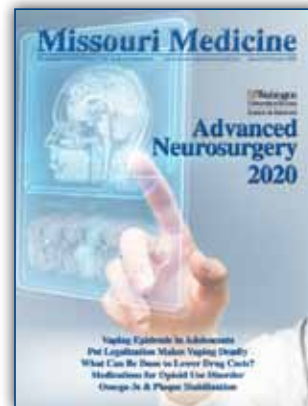
Funding for HIE Available

MO HealthNet has received funding from the State of Missouri (10%) and matching funds from CMS (90%) to develop and implement a Health Information Exchange (HIE) Onboarding Program. This HIE Onboarding Program provides funding to cover implementation fees and one year of annual costs for health services providers to participate in HIE. The MSMA endorsed HIE is SHINE of Missouri. If you would like to utilize this funding to connect to SHINE or need more information, please contact Russell Calicutt at RCalicutt@konza.org for more details.



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- ENTER 52886 IN THE PHONE NUMBER FIELD
- ENTER MOMEMEDICAL IN MESSAGE FIELD
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- MSMA WILL SEND A RETURN MESSAGE
- CLICK LINK IN MESSAGE TO ACCESS SIGNUP FORM

- COMPLETE THE SIGNUP FORM
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