MSMA & MSMA Insurance Agency Create New Insurance Partnership

We are excited to announce that MSMA is partnering with Mylo (My Lockton) to provide MSMA members with a digital one-stop shop for home and auto insurance that may be able to save time and money. Mylo is part of Kansas City-based Lockton Companies, launched in 1966, and now the world’s largest independent insurance broker.

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- Convenient shopping from multiple top-rated carriers;
- A customized recommendation for your home or vehicle.

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New MSMA President: Communicate and Collaborate

With the recitation of the Oath of Hippocrates, newly installed President James DiRenna, Jr., DO, Kansas City, (right), stated, “A recurring theme throughout my career and one that has been an honor to watch, is how our profession is able to communicate, collaborate, and have good camaraderie. These three gifts will be my mantra for our next year.”

During his presidential inaugural address at the 161st Annual Convention, April 5-7, in Kansas City, he was passed the reins of MSMA by Joseph Corrado, MD, (left), and continued, “In the end it always come down to: you are what you do; not what you say you will do. We practice the art of medicine, which is problem-oriented medicine. The definition of a good clinician is one who is accessible, available, accountable, and affordable.”

The three-day Convention attracted more than 500 attendees to Kansas City. Look inside for more Convention highlights, awardees, photos, resolutions, and new officers. Complete coverage in the May/June issue of Missouri Medicine.

MSMA Joins Fund to Improve Health Information Exchange

Your MSMA, in association with five other state medical societies and The Physicians Foundation, announced the formation of the first of its kind $500,000 interoperability fund, known as The Physicians Foundation Interoperability Fund, which will assist medical practices in effectively sharing clinical information with other physicians and hospitals through health information exchanges (HIE). Funding is available for physicians in participating states with an electronic health record system (EHR), and will be allocated to practices on a first-come basis.

Sharing timely clinical patient information among physicians and hospitals with disparate EHRs relies upon a connection to an HIE. Through The Physicians Foundation Interoperability Fund, HIE participants can access patient data regardless of where the patient received care. For more information, contact Patrick Mills at pmills@msma.org or 800-869-6762.

MSMA Participates in Opioid Policy Advisory Council

MSMA physicians have continued their participation in the Opioid Policy Advisory Council. Assisting MO HealthNet are MSMA members: Drs. David Barbe, Bridget Early, Fola Fasuyi, Alex Hover, Daniel Millsap, and Matt Stinson.

Prior authorization for opioids may be obtained by calling 800-392-8030 option 3 or through CyberAccess. Medicaid beneficiaries need a pain related diagnosis documented every six months – down from two years. No additional refills will be allowed if a one-time authorization is granted for a prescription if MO HealthNet requested information is not subsequently submitted.

Please contact Patrick Mills at pmills@msma.org or call 800-869-6762 if you have a specific MHD beneficiary opioid story to share.
Below are the resolutions and actions taken at MSMA's 161st (2019) House of Delegates. For more information, contact Patrick Mills at pmills@msma.org or call 800-869-6762.

**Resolution 1 – Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy**  
*(Referred to MSMA Council)*
RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) take a position that tackle football should not be played before the age of high school; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the MSMA would support any legislation to this effect introduced in our state.

**Resolution 2 – Addressing Healthcare Needs of Children of Incarcerated Parents**  
*(Substitute Resolution Adopted)*
RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association encourage the American Medical Association to support comprehensive and evidence-based care that addresses the specific healthcare needs of children with incarcerated parents and promote earlier intervention for those children who are at risk.

**Resolution 3 – Creation of a Women Physicians Section with the Missouri State Medical Association**  
*(Amended Resolution Adopted)*
RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association create a Women Physicians Section (WPS); and be it further,
RESOLVED, that the Women Physicians Section serve to enhance leadership among Missouri’s women physicians, better engage women physicians in the MSMA, address issues unique to the practice of women physicians, and advocate on behalf of women’s health issues and the health of women physicians.

**Resolution 4 – Support for Bleeding Control Training in Schools**  
*(Amended Resolution Adopted)*
RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association support legislation encouraging the training of high school students and teachers in life-saving bleeding control techniques.

**Resolution 5 – Sexual Health Education in Missouri Public Schools**  
*(Amended Resolution Adopted)*
RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association support the implementation of age-appropriate, medically accurate comprehensive sexual health education that stresses the importance of abstinence in preventing unwanted teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, teaches contraceptive choices and safe sex, and integrates sexual violence prevention, including conversations about consent, and the social and economic impact of teen pregnancy; and be it further,
RESOLVED, that our MSMA opposes the sole use of abstinence only based sex education.

**Resolution 6 – Abolishing Prior Authorization Requirements for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment**  
*(Substitute Resolution Adopted)*
RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association support legislation to abolish prior authorization requirements for FDA-approved generic medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association support legislation to encourage that generic medications to treat opioid use disorders be reclassified on to the lowest cost-sharing tier of a health plan’s pharmacy benefit.
Resolution Actions, continued

Resolution 7 – Supporting Common Sense Climate Change Legislation
(Referred to MSMA Council)
RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association release a formal statement endorsing that climate change is a real phenomenon with health consequences; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association will advocate on behalf common sense policies to reduce carbon emissions, reduce environmental pollution, and improve the air/water quality of Missouri; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association work with relevant stakeholders to lobby for Missouri legislation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the environment for the sake of Missouri patients.

Resolution 8 – The Study of Physician and Trainee Suicide Based on the Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Project
(Amended Resolution Adopted)
RESOLVED, that our MSMA work with relevant stakeholders in the creation of a national database of student, resident/fellow, and physician suicides to track statistics in regards to those who commit suicide and relevant factors surrounding their suicide; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our MSMA endorse resident, fellow, and medical student participation on the Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Committee.

Resolution 9 – AMA Delegate Term Limits
(Resolution Adopted)
RESOLVED, that the MSMA Bylaws be amended to create term limits for delegates (not alternate delegates) of the Missouri AMA delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if this amendment to the MSMA Bylaws is approved it will go into effect beginning with the MSMA Convention in 2021 with past service being counted when considering the 2021 Missouri AMA delegation composition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MSMA Bylaws, Chapter III. House of Delegates, Section 10 of said Bylaws include: “MSMA members may serve a maximum of eight years as an AMA Delegate; however, term limits are suspended while serving as a member of an AMA House of Delegates Council.”

“Gen Nation: Making Sense of Generational Differences in the Workplace and Beyond,” was presented by Michael Wood at the 2019 Convention.

Nicholas Madaffer, DO, presented “Non-Opioid Pain Medicine (The Other Pills Used to Cure the Ills),” at the 2019 Convention.

Miss an Annual Convention General Session?
Presentations for MSMA’s General Sessions can be found at www.msma.org/convention-wrap
Highlights from 2019 Annual Convention

2019-2020 Officers, from left: Alex Hover, MD, Council Chair; George Hruza, MD, President Elect; James DiRenna, DO, President; and George Hubbell, MD, Council Vice Chair.

AMA President Barbara McAneny, MD, with MSMA President James DiRenna, DO.

Harvey Tettlebaum, JD, receives the Missouri Medicine Distinguished Editorial Service Award from Missouri Medicine Editor John Hagan, MD.

Drs. James DiRenna, Joe Corrado, and Charles Van Way presented a “Roll of Honor” dedicated to the nine MSMA physicians who lost their lives during the Great World War 1914-1918. Doran Cart, Senior Curator, National World War One Museum and Memorial, is placing the brass plaque inside the Museum.

David McKinsey, MD, receives the Art Gale Freedom of Expression Award from MSMA President Dr. Corrado.
Twenty-three physicians received their 50-Year Physician Pin in 2019. Those in attendance who received their Pin during the Presidential Inauguration were, from left: Drs. Michael Clarke John Hagan, Christopher Jung, Mary Case, MSMA President Joe Corrado (presenting), Kenneth Azan, and Krikor Partamian.

The MSMA Medical Student Section was well represented by six schools of medicine from around the state: A.T. Still University Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City University, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri -Columbia, University of Missouri - Kansas City, and Washington University.

The MSMA Resident and Fellow Section introduced a resolution creating a Women Physicians Section within the MSMA. Review the new section guidelines at www.msma.org/msma-constitution-bylaws.

Dr. DiRenna stands with William Haynie, MD, Family Physician from Butler, Missouri, and MSMA member since 1963. Dr. Haynie counts the 2019 Annual Convention as his 44th meeting in attendance.
MSMA Elects Leadership

**MSMA Officers**

**President**  
James DiRenna, Jr., DO, Gladstone

**President Elect**  
George Hruza, MD, Chesterfield

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**Honorary Vice President**  
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Joseph Corrado, MD, Mexico

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Sam Page, MD, St. Louis

**Vice Speaker**  
Timothy Swearingen, DO, Rogersville

**Councilors**

**Chair, MSMA Council**  
Alexander Hover, MD, Springfield  
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**Vice Chair, MSMA Council**  
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**6th District**  
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Lancer Gates, DO, Kansas City  
Marc Taormina, MD, Lee’s Summit

**8th District**  
Mathew Stinson, MD, Springfield

**9th District**  
Lirong Zhu, MD, Rolla

**10th District**  
Sharon Wallace, MD, Cape Girardeau

**Organized Medical Staff Section**  
Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, Mexico

**International Medical Graduate**  
Sri Kolli, MD, St. Louis

**Young Physician Section**  
Ramona Behshad, MD, Chesterfield

**Resident & Fellow Section**  
Daniel Young, MD, St. Louis

**Medical Student Section**  
Scott Berndt, Columbia

**Jared Lammert, MD, Columbia, provides testimony during the Reference Committees.**

**AMA Delegates & *Alternate Delgates***

Elie Azrak, MD, Chesterfield  
Edmond Cabbabe, MD, St. Louis  
James Conant, MD, St. Joseph  
Warren Lovinger, MD, Nevada  
Charles Van Way, MD, Kansas City  
*Joseph Corrado, MD, Mexico  
*George Hruza, MD, Chesterfield  
*Ravi Johar, MD, Chesterfield  
*Michael O’Dell, MD, Kansas City  
*Samantha Lund, Washington University

**AMA Past President**  
David Barbe, MD, Mountain Grove

**AMA Regional Resident & Fellow Alternate Delegate**  
Frances Mei Hardin, MD, Columbia

**AMA Regional Student Delegate**  
Manna Varghese, UMKC

**Alliance**

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Gill Waltman, St. Louis

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Diana Corzine, St. Joseph
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- MSMA staff met with more than 170 medical group managers from around the state at the Medical Group Management Association Annual Conference April 10-12 in Osage Beach, along with MSMA Insurance Agency staff. They spoke with group managers and offered up information on MSMA advocacy work, practice resources, services, and membership benefits.
- Boone Country Medical Society hosted educational seminars on April 2 and April 16 for residents, fellows, and early-career physicians in Columbia. Guest speakers focused on topics such as asset protection, personal and professional insurance, investing, saving for retirement, and IRS implications for new physicians. Speakers were Casey Elliott from Van Metre Law Firm; Ronnie Staggs from MSMA Insurance Agency; Robert Doroghazi, MD, author of “The Physician’s Guide to Investing”; Marsha Fifer, CFP, of Central Investment Advisors; and Jeff Echelmeier, CPA, of Williams Keepers CPAs.
- MSMA joined the Missouri Healthcare Workforce Coalition, whose goal is to strengthen the primary care workforce for the state of Missouri by increasing the number of primary care providers practicing in Missouri and retaining primary care provider that are educated and/or trained in Missouri to continue practice in the state.
- The Time Critical Diagnosis Committee and DHSS are moving forward to review existing and new resources, and to discuss next steps.
- MSMA is a partner of a newly formed Missouri Immunization Coalition, which is studying the current state of immunization in Missouri, challenges and opportunities, best practices in other states, and future goals.

Ten Medical Students Receive $30,000 Scholarship
Elissa Arnold, center, a third-year student at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, received one of 10 $3,000 MSMA Scholarships awarded to SLU medical students. Elissa is a student member of MSMA and a graduate of Jefferson City High School. She is pictured with longtime MSMA member William Fogarty, MD, a retired endocrinologist and SLU Med alum, and Mary Walley, coordinator of Student Financial Services at SLU.

Medical Marijuana and Controlled Substances Resources
The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services is the state agency tasked with developing the administrative rules and regulations regarding implementation of the medical marijuana amendment passed by voters last November. MSMA anticipates publication of the proposed regulations late in the spring. MSMA will review and comment on the proposed regulations, which are likely to not become official until this summer. Until this occurs, no patient certifications will be issued by the state, and hence, no patient recommendations may be made by physicians. MSMA will continue to follow this issue closely and separate fact from fiction as we move closer to implementation. You can find a number of medical marijuana resources on the MSMA website. MSMA also publishes “Missouri’s Guide to Controlled Substances” which can be found at www.msma.org/guide-to-controlled-substances.

MSMA: Advocates for ALL Medical Specialties
May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and MSMA has been tracking and supporting a number of dermatology-related bills this year like HB 1213 and SB 419. Those bills would prohibit tanning bed usage by any child under 18 years of age. We joined the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Cancer Society in support of those bills. Another skin cancer prevention bill, HB 343, would allow children to bring sunscreen to school and apply it before going outside. We’ve also been monitoring bills that would offer assistance to cancer patients during their course of treatment like HB 808, which would provide necessary dental treatments for cancer patients who are MO HealthNet participants. Another forward-thinking bill is HB 245, which would require insurance companies to provide fertility preservation procedures for minors undergoing cancer treatments that could put their future fertility at risk.
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May 14  Marc Taormina, MD - Lee’s Summit
May 15  Edmond Cabbabe, MD - St. Louis
May 16  Dan Jackson, MD - Columbia
May 17  Jerry Kennett, MD - Columbia

Thank you to all who served as Physician of the Day during the 2019 legislative session. Remember, all specialties are welcome and encouraged to serve. Watch for the available dates this fall when we announce the 2020 program.

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