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president's letter



**Danielle C. Duncan,
MD**

Meet Your New President!

Dr. Danielle Duncan was born in Lansing, Michigan on March 9, 1969, and was raised in nearby Haslett. She is the only daughter of Dan Duncan, a homicide detective and Sherrie Duncan, a computer programmer. Her step-mother, Karen, is a homemaker extraordinaire and private investigator. She has one half-sister, Kelley, and two half-brothers, Dan and Scott.

Dr. Duncan attended medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine and graduated in 1995. Her desire to become a physician came in second grade when her teacher, Joyce Frank, set up her classroom like a government. Young Danielle became the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. She would wait in the office with ill or injured children, read and hang out with them when they couldn't go out for recess, and wait with them until parents could pick them up.

Dr. Duncan originally chose general surgery as her specialty and matched her first choice which was the MSU program based out of McLaren and Hurley. During September and October of her first year, she rotated in orthopedics and knew she wanted to change from general surgery to orthopedics. She did a rotation at Shriner's Hospital in Spokane, Washington and also at Beaumont for ortho-oncology during residency. She joined Saginaw Valley Bone & Joint in 2001.



Dr. Duncan spends two days per week in the office and three days per week in surgery. She takes call most Thursdays, and rotates with her partners for weekends and holidays. She enjoys improving patient function and quality of life. She is Section Chair for Orthopedics at St. Mary's and Physician Champion for Geriatric Fracture Care at Covenant.

Dr. Duncan has been married to Darrell Cho, an attorney, for 20 years. They met at Rick's in East Lansing when he was interning at Dickinson Wright. They have two daughters, Emily, 16 and Riley, 13. Her girls are smart, funny and fun. Both love the water and are good at wake surfing and wakeboarding. They have both given up skis for snowboards, and hockey and basketball for volleyball.

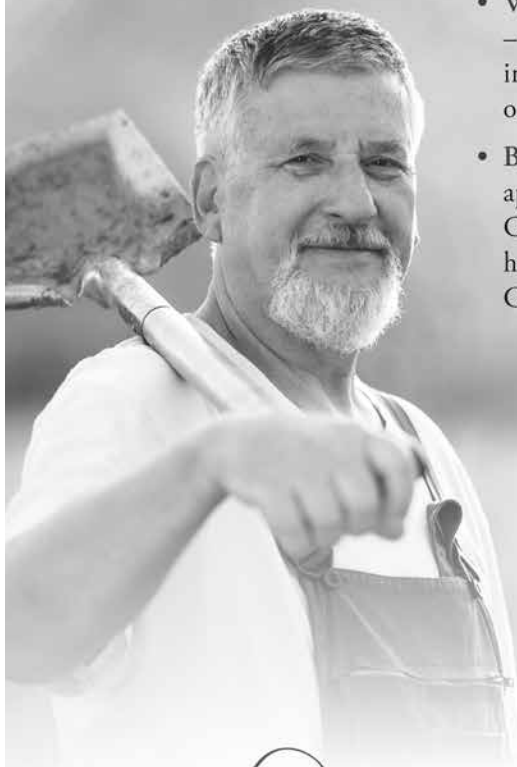
Dr. Duncan enjoys time with family, water skiing and reading. She is happiest on days she can be outdoors moving in some way for at least an hour.

Dr. Duncan believes medicine is a team sport and through the SCMS, she gets to know other members (physicians) on the team. She wants to help support policy and initiative to encourage the core and well-being of our patients and medical students, nursing students and residents. She became involved in the SCMS via peer recruitment, and considers Drs. Tom Veverka and Rao Gudipati as her mentors from the SCMS.

Dr. Duncan's goals as President include relevant programming, working with the CMU College of Medicine as they work out their clerkship and mentoring needs, and recognizing the potential for developing medical students and residents that may take root in our community. □

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from the editor



Louis L. Constan, MD

Too Many Bosses

The following is a transcript of my speech on the occasion of receiving the MSMS Community Service Award, as delivered at the SCMS Annual Meeting on May 19, 2015.

There are two reasons I am happy to receive this award.

First, I'm happy to be added to the list of past recipients, some of the 20 most admired Saginaw physicians, including Drs. Dan Wechter, Stu Rupke, Malcolm Field, Tony Egleston, Caroline Scott, Bob Vitu, Hugh Sulfridge, Waheed and Raana Akbar, Larry Whiting, Eddie Balcueva, Jim Hines, and others. We honor them now, but they have honored us more by fulfilling the ancient Hippocratic tradition: Always putting their patients first. And they did Hippocrates one better by declaring that everyone is their patient. All of Saginaw, not just the ones in their clinic, hospital bed, or operating table. That, folks, is Community Service.

Second, getting this award gives me the opportunity to say a few words about volunteerism. For those of you who have read our Bulletin over the last three decades, or the local newspapers, or the Detroit News, or the AMA news, or assorted other publications, you will not be surprised that I

have a strong opinion on this, and that I am fully capable of sharing my opinion with others. So, brace yourself. Here it comes.

I believe that volunteerism is essential to our role as physicians. In this day and age, the need of a suffering humanity has never been greater. But, more than that, our current patients need to see us volunteering. Why? Because they are distressed and confused over the societal conflicts that Medicine is embroiled in. They are aware that we have heated arguments with very powerful organizations about how to take care of patients. Insurance companies, government and hospitals are stepping up their efforts to control Medicine, to insert their goals between us and the patient. As one frustrated Saginaw physician told his patient: "I have too many bosses."

Put yourself in the place of that patient. When we give advice, or a prescription, or recommend surgery, that poor patient never really knows if that treatment decision is coming from us or from one of our bosses. Patients today bluntly question whether we still focus on their best interests. This is a seismic shift. And when patients are skeptical of our motives, they tend to engage in some very unhealthy behaviors. They put off examinations, decline needed surgery, don't fill or don't take their medicine. Sound familiar?

I submit that we need to reassure our patients, and ourselves, that our motives have not changed. But we cannot effectively do that in our offices, where money is changing hands. We must do it where our altruism is in full view, where we volunteer for no pay, where we can experience the pure joy of serving others.

Those bosses cannot touch us...and we prove it when we volunteer.

Contrast the actions of our 20 award-winning physicians with those groups that are so eager to tell us how to practice Medicine. When is the last time you've seen a politician, an insurance agent or a hospital executive preparing food for the hungry? When have you seen them using their skills

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in other countries, fighting for the health and welfare of a suffering global humanity?

I firmly believe that everyone in this room is in Medicine for altruistic reasons; that everyone in this room volunteers in our

community. And so I am happy to accept this award for myself, and for my service to our community, but I salute everyone else in this room that has given so selflessly over the years. I wish for all of you to get one of these. ☐

PEER REVIEW ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Saginaw County Medical Society has a **Peer Review Ethics Committee** (“Committee”) which is comprised of Waheed Akbar, MD – Chair, Caroline G.M. Scott, MD and James R. Hines, MD. Members of the Committee are elected by the membership.

The following is the definition of the Committee pursuant to Chapter IX Conduct and Discipline of Members of the SCMS Bylaws:

Section 5. PEER REVIEW ETHICS COMMITTEE. This Society shall have a standing committee designated the Peer Review Ethics Committee, charged with duties and powers concerning the maintenance of standards of conduct and discipline of members including the duties and powers specifically set forth in this chapter. Whenever any matter of alleged misconduct is referred to the Peer Review Ethics Committee, such Committee shall have the right to conduct investigations and hearings thereon, both informal and formal, and to make findings of fact and recommendations for discipline.

If you need to refer a matter to the Committee, please contact Drs. Akbar, Scott or Hines, or Joan Cramer at the Saginaw County Medical Society office. All matters are confidential and are not to be disclosed to the Board or membership.



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alliance news

*Submitted by Jamie Chamberlin,
Executive Assistant*

The Saginaw County Medical Society Alliance, in conjunction with the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance, participated in National Immunization and College Bound Immunization Week in late April. The SCMS Alliance received a \$500 grant from the MSMS Alliance for Saginaw County immunization awareness and education.

A large focus was on the immunization against meningitis for high school and college age students, and many parents brought in their students to get immunized.

Our grant allowed the Saginaw County Department of Public Health to print and mail letters and flyers to schools, pre-schools, day care, churches and other areas where children are cared for and educated. The grant also helped fund counseling of some parents who brought their children in, but were hesitant to have the immunizations administered. The counseling and visuals that were presented gave the parents the awareness that was needed to say "yes."



**Kemberly Parham, RN of SCDPH with
Janie Gugino and Lisa Prakash**

SAVE THE DATE!

Preparations for the 12th Annual Jingle Mingle are well under way! Make sure to mark your calendar to join us on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the Saginaw Country Club.



HCap Credentialing Committee Seeking Members

HCap (Health Care Alliance Pool) is searching for physicians interested in serving on the HCap Credentialing Committee. The Committee meets four times a year and addresses credentialing issues for the organization. If interested, please contact HCap:

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SCMS members and their families are invited to serve breakfast to those in need in cooperation with *Homes from Heaven* on **Saturday, October 3, 2015, at First Congregational Church located at 406 South Jefferson (near the corner of Hayden) in Downtown Saginaw.** We need at least 15 people to prepare, serve and clean up on that

day. Families are strongly encouraged to participate. We also pay for the food served that morning.

➤If you would like to help with the breakfast, please contact the SCMS by email at joan@saginawcountymms.com, phone 790-3590 or fax 790-3640 by Tuesday, September 22.



DIRECTIONS: Use the parking lot and entry off Baum Street behind the church.

I will work at the Saturday breakfast (check shift(s) you will work):

☐ 7:30-10 a.m. ☐ 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ☐ Entire time - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President of the Saginaw County Medical Society, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Dr. Jilani welcomed the SCMS Foundation Essay Contest Winners and their parents, and the evening's speaker, Stacey Hettiger, Director, Medical & Regulatory Policy of MSMS. Dr. Jilani thanked Key Providers in attendance for their ongoing support of SCMS programs: St. Mary's of Michigan and Wellspring Lutheran Services.

Dr. Jilani conducted the following business of the SCMS:

- The minutes of the April 2015 Meeting were attached to the Agenda and published in the May Bulletin. **MOTION:** Accept the April 2015 Meeting Minutes as printed. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Dr. Jilani called for a moment of silence for Dr. Jack and Arline Barry who died in an automobile accident in Arizona on May 16. Dr. Barry was a 53-year member of the SCMS and served as President in 1980, and as MSMS President in 1993.
- Louis L. Constan, MD was presented the 2015 MSMS Community Service Award for his many years of service as Editor of the SCMS Bulletin, on hospital boards and committees, and as an advocate for patient rights, among other things.
- Dr. Jilani installed Danielle C. Duncan, MD, as the new SCMS President and presented her with the President's medallion. Dr. Duncan then gave her presidential address.
- Dr. Duncan then awarded a plaque to Dr. Jilani thanking him for his leadership service to the SCMS. Dr. Duncan took over the meeting as President.
- Dr. Duncan welcomed Meena Ramani, MD, Chair of the Nominating Committee

to the podium. Dr. Ramani presented the Slate of Officers for 2015-2016. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Accept the Slate as presented by the Nominating Committee for 2015-2016. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- The SCMS annual meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Duncan called Matthew D. Deibel, MD, SCMS Foundation President, to the podium.

Dr. Deibel called to order the Annual Meeting of the SCMS Foundation, and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the Annual Report of the Foundation. He announced that the Foundation recently awarded seven \$5,000 loans to medical students with ties to Saginaw, and there are currently over \$176,000 in loans out to medical students and residents.
- After many years of service as president, secretary/treasurer and trustee of the Foundation, Dr. Dick Hausler has retired from the Foundation Board. We wish Dr. Hausler well and thank him for his dedication and service to the SCMS and the Foundation. The Foundation Board elected three new Trustees at the Board meeting on May 5. We would like to welcome Dr. Tom Damuth, Dr. George Gugino and Dr. Iris Marteja. Dr. Lowell Butman, current Vice President, was elected Secretary, and Dr. Rao Gudipati, current Trustee, was elected Treasurer.
- The SCMS Foundation sponsored its 5th Annual Essay Contest which was open to high school juniors and seniors in Saginaw County who want to become physicians and hopefully stay in Saginaw to practice medicine. Students who entered wrote an essay, "Why I Want to Become a Physician in Saginaw County."

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The following winners were announced:

Bradley Krajkowski, a senior at Nouvel Catholic Central, won first place. He received a check for \$1,000 and a one-day mentorship with an SCMS member physician. Marlee Jo Curnutt, a junior at Heritage High School and Cody Oczepek, a senior at Hemlock High School, tied for second place. Both received a check for \$500 and a one-day mentorship. Receiving checks for \$100 and a one-day mentorship were Rebecca Jiggins, a senior at Freeland High School; Cassandra Keinath, a junior at Frankenmuth High School; Nikita Patel, a junior at SASA; and Annaleigh Scott, a junior at Nouvel Catholic Central.



Drs. M. Sohail Jilani and Danielle Duncan



5th Annual Essay Contest Winners with Drs. George Gugino and Matt Deibel

- Dr. Deibel reminded members they were also members of the Foundation by virtue of their SCMS membership.
- The SCMS Foundation annual meeting was adjourned.

Program

- Dr. Duncan introduced Stacey Hettiger of MSMS who gave an update on issues discussed and debated at the 150th Annual House of Delegates held in Grand Rapids in April 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Cramer
Executive Director*



Dr. Lou Constan



Drs. George Gugino, Beverly Jarema, Thomas Burkey and M.Y. Khan

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Drs. Meena Ramani, Iris Marteja and Albert Manlapit



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The SCMS Foundation held its 6th annual Golf Outing at the Saginaw Country Club on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Twenty-three teams participated.

The event was a fundraiser for the Foundation which was founded in 1969. Initial funding was provided through physician donation of earnings from educational and charity work. The Foundation's primary role has been to provide low interest loans to medical students with "ties" to the Saginaw area. As of 2012, all of the loan interest is forgiven if the individual sets up practice in Saginaw County upon completion of medical school and residency. Thanks to the support and participation of our members and sponsors, the Golf Outing raised over \$21,000 to support the work of the Foundation. Since its inception in 2010, the Golf Outing has raised nearly \$130,000!

The SCMS Foundation would like to thank the following for helping make the Golf Outing a huge success!

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The SCMS Foundation would like to give special thanks to the Head Golf Professional at the Saginaw Country Club, Chad L. Boyce PGA; Golf Shop Manager, Amy Dreffs; and Sherry Charbonneau for all their help arranging and planning the golf outing.

☒ **Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual SCMS Foundation Golf Outing on Saturday, June 11, 2016**



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Pain Consultants Team 1



MCVI Team



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Pain Consultants Team 2



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SOUP KITCHEN – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 TIME TO SIGN UP!

The Saginaw County Medical Society will again volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The Soup Kitchen is located in the **Hunger Solution Center**, 940 East Genesee in Saginaw (corner of Janes Street).

Last March, our members and their families served lunch to 322 people. Please consider donating your time on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, to help those in need in Saginaw.

Volunteers are asked to sign up to work at the Soup Kitchen for various one hour shifts from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., or for the entire morning if desired.

I will work at the Soup Kitchen at the following time (check shift(s) you will work):

- ☐ 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 ☐ 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
☐ 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 ☐ Entire time - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
☐ Other time _____ a.m. to _____ a.m./p.m.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
PLEASE PRINT (we will call/email to remind you)

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HONOR THIS COMMITMENT. We will be the only organization volunteering that day. If our members are not in attendance, there will be no other workers there to serve and pack lunches.

Please fax to the SCMS office at 989-790-3640 or mail to 350 St. Andrews Road, Suite 242, Saginaw, MI 48638. Thank you!

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SCMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015-2016

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Please note the upcoming events for 2015-2016 on your calendar so you will be able to attend. Postcard meeting notices with return RSVP are mailed and emailed each month we have a membership meeting, and are due a week before the meeting. Board members, Delegates and Alternate Delegates also receive an email and fax with board meeting information each month.

Saturday, October 3, 2015 – SCMS members and their families serve breakfast to those in need through Homes from Heaven at First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Saginaw from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Volunteers needed!** (see page 7)

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – SCMS Board meets at 5:30 p.m. at HealthSource Saginaw. Membership Meeting at HealthSource Saginaw. Social at 6:30 p.m. followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: End of Life Planning for Patients (CME tentative).

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 – SCMS members serve at the East Side Soup Kitchen from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Volunteers needed!** (see page 17)

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – SCMS Board meets at MCVI at 5:30 p.m. in second floor board room.

There is no membership meeting in November.

Monday, December 7, 2015 – SCMS Alliance 12th Annual Jingle Mingle at the Saginaw Country Club benefitting the Alliance Nursing Scholarship Fund.

There is no board or membership meeting in December.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - SCMS Board meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting, joint with the Saginaw County Dental Society, at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: TBD.

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Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – SCMS Board meets at MCVI at 5:30 p.m. in second floor board room.

There is no membership meeting in February.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – SCMS Board meets at MCVI at 5:30 p.m. in second floor board room.

There is no membership meeting in March.

Saturday, March 19, 2016 – 12th Annual SCMS Health Fair “The Doctor Is In” at Horizons Conference Center.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - SCMS Board meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center – spouses invited. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Physician Wellness/Burnout. Speaker: Gerald A. Shiener MD, Chief of Psychiatry at Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Saturday-Sunday, April 30-May 1, 2016 – 151st Annual MSMS House of Delegates at The Henry in Dearborn.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - SCMS Board meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center – Annual Meeting. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Update on MSMS House of Delegates.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 – 7th Annual SCMS Foundation Golf Outing at the Saginaw Country Club. ☐



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CMU M-3 College of Medicine Students Now in Saginaw

The inaugural class of 64 Central Michigan University College of Medicine students began third-year studies on July 6. Half of the class opened with 24-week community clerkships in primary care at one of 12 sites around the state. The other half started hospital-based clinical rotations at affiliated hospitals, including Covenant HealthCare, St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw and St. John Providence in Detroit.

Many of the third-year students acted as tour guides and demonstrators of state-of-the-art technology when the CMU College of Medicine held a grand opening of its new educational facility in Saginaw on June 17. About 200 regional physicians, elected officials and Great Lakes Bay Region community leaders attended the event.

The 46,000-square-foot facility on the campus of Covenant HealthCare was completed in May, and a 10,000-square-foot simulation suite is on the first floor. The building also has four advanced training classrooms and a large library. It serves as an important hub for our medical student and residency programs, and it is a training center for regional healthcare professionals.

Community Training Center Status for Courses

The CMU College of Medicine and Covenant Healthcare recently were awarded Community Training Center status by the American Heart Association courses for Pediatric Advanced Life Support. The CMU Simulation Center (also referred to as SYNAPSE) has been conducting the PALS course for the mid-Michigan region since 2010, however, course oversight was provided by Health Education Strategies in Monroe. This new accreditation will allow CMU further autonomy and enhance the status of its PALS program.

CMU College of Medicine students and residents, as well as, medical staff from Covenant and St. Mary's of Michigan will fill the bulk of the American Heart Association courses, said Education Coordinator Cheryl Such. "Before, we were under multiple training centers," Such said. "This brings everything under one center and makes it easier for administration and makes it more cost effective."

The CMU College of Medicine offers a comprehensive array of life support training including PALS, advanced cardiovascular life support, basic life support, advanced trauma life support and fundamentals of critical care support. All courses are hosted at the new educational building and simulation center, located at 1632 Stone Street in Saginaw.

White Coat Ceremony

The latest class of 104 medical students was welcomed to CMU with a white-coat ceremony on August 7. The third class brings the total medical student population at CMU to 272, and 85 percent are from Michigan. Dr. George Kikano, addressing his first incoming class since taking the role of Dean in April, spoke about the ongoing need for physicians in rural and urban areas, noting a recent national study that shows an expected shortage of 46,000 to 90,000 doctors in the next 10 years. "We need them everywhere," Kikano said. "We need them in Saginaw. We need them in Mount Pleasant. We need them across Michigan. We need them nationally."

This class was drawn from 4,603 applicants. Fifteen percent of the new class is considered underrepresented minorities, well above the national average of 10.5 percent for medical schools. □

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CMU President Dr. George Ross with Dean Dr. George Kikano



Dr. Usha Bulusu, CMU medical student Ayesha Yalamarthy and Suseela Yalamarthy



Drs. Deirdre Knobeloch, Kathleen Cowlings and Iris Marteja



Kitty McAnany, Elizabeth Ross, Drs. Ernie Balcueva and Usha Bulusu, Suseela Yalamarthy and Dr. John Bartnik



Drs. Sam Kottamasu, Matt Deibel and Jon Deibel

ATTENTION RETIRED MEMBERS!

Retired physicians meet for lunch every Wednesday at 12 noon at IHOP, 2255 Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw. Those attending are responsible for their own lunch, and the informal gathering lasts about an hour. Join your retired colleagues whenever you like!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cramer at the SCMS office at 790-3590 or by email at joan@saginaw-countymms.com. □





Heart Failure/Heart Success Program

St. Mary's of Michigan recently launched a new heart failure program designed to help patients be successful in managing their health condition. Goals for the program include reducing hospitalization and/or length of stay. When hospitalized, heart failure patients are now placed in a dedicated heart failure care area (located on 5 South) where they benefit from specially trained staff and best-practice protocol.

In addition, an outpatient heart failure clinic has been established in partnership with the physicians of Michigan Cardio-Vascular Institute (MCVI). The clinic is located at 1015 S. Washington Avenue in Saginaw. Patients will benefit from:

- A heart failure team dedicated to helping patients take a more active role in their treatment
- Specialized services, such as phone follow-up care, and home monitoring and treatment
- Patient education on diet, exercise, medication management and symptom recognition

If you have a patient with CHF, recommend the Heart Failure/Heart Success program of St. Mary's of Michigan and MCVI – for treatment, education and encouragement so they can have a longer, more comfortable life. For more information or to make a referral, call (989) 754-3324.

New Senior Services Program Available

St. Mary's of Michigan Guardian Angel Respite & Adult Day Care has expanded their services at the Howard Street location to include a Senior Services program. Newly renovated space allows them to offer additional programming to meet those individuals' needs. The new program offers services to adults age 55

and older who require supervision due to cognitive and neurological disorders, and other mentally-debilitating conditions. The program provides socialization opportunities, cognitive stimulation and assistance with functional activities of daily living. This additional program will serve up to 15 participants per day and provide respite for the families in our community.

The Senior Services program is located at 801 S. Howard Street, right behind the main hospital in Saginaw. For more information about Respite Care, Senior Services or Adult Day Services, please call (989) 907-7348.

Save the Date – Annual Fall Oncology Symposium

St. Mary's of Michigan Seton Cancer Institute will sponsor the 21st Annual Fall Oncology Symposium on **Saturday, October 31** at Horizons Conference Center. This CME accredited activity, focusing on lung cancer, will bring together national thought leaders, and innovators in the areas of diagnosis, risk assessment and treatment of lung cancer:

- **Michele L. Cote, PhD** - Associate Professor, Wayne State University, Karmanos Cancer Institute
- **Michael T. Jaklitsch, MD** - Thoracic Surgeon, Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Cancer Center & Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School
- **Gregory P. Kalemkeria, MD** - Medical Oncologist, University of Michigan Health System
- **Shawn M. Regis, PhD** - Patient Navigator, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center Lung Cancer Screening Program
- **M. Salim Siddiqui, MD, PhD** - Radiation Oncologist, Henry Ford Health System

The newly appreciated value of a centralized team approach involving providers, patients and their families will be incorporated in this symposium.

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St. Mary's of Michigan Achieves Comprehensive Center Accreditation for Bariatric Surgery Program



Patients seeking surgical treatment for severe obesity and its related conditions have a new, high-quality choice for receiving treatment at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality of care in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

St. Mary's of Michigan Bariatric Center received Accreditation as a Comprehensive Center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).

After an extensive site visit, this national accreditation recognizes that St. Mary's Bariatric Surgery Program has met the highest standards for patient safety and quality of care and ensures that bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program, not just a surgical procedure, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success.

To earn the MBSAQIP accreditation, the team met essential criteria for staffing, training and facility infrastructure and protocols for care, ensuring its ability to support patients with severe obesity.

Dr. Vasanth Stalin, lead bariatric surgeon at St. Mary's, was the first bariatric surgeon certified in obesity medicine in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Lisa Guyton, Bariatric Center Manager, was the first certified bariatric coach in the region and also leads the St. Mary's of Michigan

Bariatric Support Group, which meets the first Tuesday of every month.

St. Mary's Bariatric Surgery Program also offers nutritional counseling and weight management support lead by a full-time registered dietitian who meets with patients considering bariatric surgery prior to their procedures and continues counseling after surgery.

For more information on our Bariatric Center or to refer a patient, call (989) 907-8716.

St. Mary's of Michigan Performs First Robotic Pancreatectomy

Dr. Maher Ghanem, board certified general surgeon with CMU Health Division of Surgery, recently performed a robot-assisted distal pancreatectomy and splenectomy at St. Mary's of Michigan. Dr. Ghanem is the first surgeon north of Detroit to perform this state-of-the-art surgery using the da Vinci robotic surgical system.



Only a few hospitals in Michigan have performed a robot-assisted distal pancreatectomy - Dr. Ghanem is one of only 10 surgeons throughout the state.

Dr. Ghanem specializes in advanced laparoscopic and robotic general, endocrine, oncologic, stomach cancer and esophageal cancer surgery. He completed a fellowship in endocrine and oncologic surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine under worldwide distinguished surgeons, John L. Cameron, MD and Martha Zeiger, MD.

The da Vinci robotic surgical system can be used for a range of surgeries. The St. Mary's of Michigan robotic surgery team currently uses the da Vinci for colorectal, general, gynecological, thoracic and urological procedures. □



Baby-Friendly Designation Achieved

Baby-Friendly USA announced that Covenant HealthCare has received prestigious international recognition as a Baby-Friendly Designated birth facility.

Baby-Friendly USA, Inc. is the U.S. authority for the implementation of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative ("BFHI"), a global program sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The initiative encourages and recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that offer an optimal level of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. This prestigious international award recognizes birth facilities that offer breastfeeding mothers the information, confidence and skills needed to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding their babies.

The "Baby-Friendly" designation is given after a rigorous on-site survey is completed. The award is maintained by continuing to practice the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding as demonstrated by quality processes.

Each year, more than 3,000 babies are born at Covenant HealthCare. More than 2,000 hours of training alone went in to supporting frontline staff to reach this designation.

Currently, there are more than 20,000 designated Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers worldwide, with 10 active Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers in Michigan. Connie Downing, Director of Women's and Children's Services at Covenant says, "Here at Covenant, we have been honing Baby-Friendly practices for nearly two decades; we have endeavored to keep families together throughout their stay and are just finishing a four year renovation project designed around family comfort and safety. This designation is recognition of

Covenant's mission to provide extraordinary care to all generations, beginning with moms and babies. We are the only birthing facility in Saginaw County, and serve as the regional center for mothers and babies in our immediate region and for some as far away as Sault St. Marie. I feel great pride and affection for my extraordinary team who worked so diligently to achieve this goal."

Further information about the U.S. Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative may be obtained at www.babyfriendlyusa.org.

Covenant Joins MD Anderson Cancer Network

Covenant HealthCare is Michigan's first and only certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, a program of MD Anderson Cancer Center. A world renowned-leader in cancer care, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is recognized as one of the best cancer hospitals – it has been ranked in the top two cancer centers in the nation since the U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospitals" survey began 25 years ago.

As a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, Covenant is utilizing MD Anderson's renowned clinical standards and expertise to elevate the quality of care for patients in the region. Joining forces with the network allows Covenant to offer patients access to the latest in evidence-based care from one of the leading cancer centers in the U.S. Cancer often reaches a stage where a patient may wish to seek another opinion. Covenant can now provide patients access to the most advanced treatment protocols for their particular cancer condition. In the future, patients can benefit from Covenant's access to select MD Anderson clinical trials.

To become a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network®, Covenant had to meet stringent clinical requirements according to MD Anderson's model. Covenant underwent clinical practice reviews

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and rigorous onsite and offsite evaluations of the medical oncology program, radiation oncology program, surgery, diagnostic imaging, and inpatient and outpatient pharmacy. Covenant is the 12th certified member in the MD Anderson Cancer Network®. MD Anderson's evidence-based clinical guidelines and best practices are now Covenant practices, using nationally accepted quality indicators to standardize the oncology program.

In addition, a number of physicians at Covenant are now certified physicians of MD Anderson Cancer Network® and have access to a wide range of multidisciplinary care resources, including disease-specific and evidence-based guidelines, treatment plans and best practices developed by MD Anderson experts. With routine treatment collaboration and peer to peer consultations, some of the best cancer expertise is now close to home at the Covenant Cancer Care Center; saving local patients extra travel and valuable time.

Thanks to the work of staff and physicians, the Covenant Cancer Care Center has received national recognition and accreditations, including:

- Women's Choice Award America's Best Breast Center
- Commission on Cancer (CoC)
- American College of Radiology (ACR)
- Breast Imaging Center of Excellence
- National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC)
- STAR Certified Clinicians and Providers (Survivorship, Training and Rehabilitation)

Visit www.covenantcancercare.com for more information and frequently asked questions.

Open Access EGD Now Available

Covenant Digestive Care is now taking patients for Open Access EGD. A physician referral is required, and the patient's health history will be reviewed under guidelines

set by the gastroenterologists. If the patient qualifies, they will be scheduled for an EGD without having to see the gastroenterologist prior to procedure. For questions or to refer a patient, please call (989) 583-7460, Option 3. Physician offices may also fax a request to the Digestive Care office at (989) 583-7432.

Covenant Pediatric Sleep Program

The Covenant HealthCare Sleep Center is proud to bring the expertise of Dr. George Zureikat to our patients. Dr. Zureikat and our entire team of sleep professionals are devoted to helping resolve sleep disorders in the pediatric population with the very latest in sleep technology and treatment approaches. For a referral to Dr. Zureikat, call (866) 366-0462 or to schedule a sleep study at Covenant HealthCare, call (989) 583-2930. □



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application

Application for membership which may be recommended for acceptance at the October 20, 2015, Board Meeting. If you have any questions about the applicant, please contact the SCMS immediately at 790-3590 or Joan@SaginawCountyMS.com.

Jacquelyn M. Charbel, DO (*Mid-Michigan Surgical Specialists, PC*)

Primary: Colon & Rectal Surgery, Board Eligible.

Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, Pennsylvania, 2009.

Internship/Residency: Henry Ford Health System, General Surgery, 2009-2014.

Fellowship: Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, Washington, Minimally Invasive Colon & Rectal Surgery, 2014-15.

Sponsors: Doctors Sujal G. Patel and Todd G. Richardson. ☐



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The HHH Board of Directors meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in the Covenant An-

dersen Building on Almira in the Frank N. Andersen Executive Board Room.

HHH is thankful to the members of the medical community who currently provide guidance to our non-profit organization by serving on our Board of Directors, including Dr. Jack Ferlinz and Dr. Waheed Akbar.

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The SCMS would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families of our members and spouses who have passed away in the last year. Those who have passed since the May Bulletin are featured below. All others were featured in previous issues of The Bulletin (please contact the SCMS if we missed anyone):

Edgar P. Balcueva, MD
 Arline J. Barry
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 Nancy J. Cabrera
 Beverly D. Cady
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 Eugene A. Calabrese, DO
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 Suryarao Kurumety, MD
 Travis L. "Terri" Lingenfelter
 Jacob C. Ninan, MD
 Anna Grace Sinischo



Edgar P. Balcueva, MD

- Beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother passed away Sunday, June 21, 2015, at Covenant-Cooper Campus at the age of 83. The son of the

late Eusebio and Berenguela Balcueva, Dr. Balcueva was born August 31, 1931, in Lagonoy, Camarines Sur Philippines. He married Mary Jane Cohoon, his loving wife of 54 years, on May 27, 1961. She survives him.

Dr. Balcueva attended Pontifical University of Santo Tomas School of Medicine. He did his Residency at Saginaw General Hospital in association with the University of Michigan Medical School, and specialized in Internal Medicine. Dr. Balcueva

began practice as a physician-surgeon for six months in Caramoan, Camarines Sur, Philippines. For 18 months, he was a Medical Officer in the Office of the President of the Philippines at Malacanang Palace in Manila.

Although Dr. Balcueva wanted to be a physician as a child, he credited his father as a strong influence in his decision to become a physician. At the height of his medical education, Dr. Balcueva contracted malaria, complicated with pneumonia. He thought this was the end of his medical education. He was in the hospital for a month, but with the help of a priest friend and a lot of prayers, he was accepted back to school and finished his studies. During his rotation in medicine, Dr. Balcueva was under the service of Doctors Bert M. Bullington and Thomas O. Lohr. They were a strong influence in choosing his specialty, Internal Medicine. Dr. Balcueva credited Dr. Bullington as his more important mentor as a physician. In his role as physician, Dr. Balcueva enjoyed most the close relationship with his patients. He also enjoyed teaching the residents and students. He started several community programs that are doing very well. Dr. Balcueva stayed busy in retirement. He volunteered to see patients one day a month at the mobile unit of Healthy Futures. He also covered the office practices of several internists when they were out of town.

Dr. Balcueva met his wife, Mary Jane, as a student nurse at Saginaw General Hospital. They were introduced by her classmate at their graduation party. Mary Jane was Dr. Balcueva's office nurse for the last few years of his practice. Dr. and Mrs. Balcueva had five boys and adopted a three-years-old girl from the Philippines. Four of their sons died from a very rare form of heart disease, apoptosis of the conducting system of the heart. Their son, Ernie, was saved after two heart transplants at the Mayo Clinic and has two sons, Ernest and Evan Randall (Randy) and live in Sylvan Lake. Their daughter, Erlinda, is married to

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Rodney Warner of Clinton Twp. and have two daughters, Elaina and Evelyn.

Dr. Balcueva's outside interests included golf, fishing, babysitting, playing cards, mahjong, volunteering, having lunch with fellow retirees, traveling and cruising. He was involved in several non-medical organizations, including life member and past president of the Saginaw chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, life member of the Germania Towne & Country Club, trustee of the Serra Club, board member of the Saginaw Sports Hall of Fame, past president of the Philippine Association of North Eastern Michigan and past president of the Downtown Saginaw Lions Club. As soon as Dr. Balcueva was able to practice his profession, he became involved in the Saginaw County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He worked diligently on several committees. Dr. Balcueva served as Secretary of the SCMS, and then as

President from 1990-91. He also enjoyed being a delegate to the MSMS House of Delegates for several years.

Dr. Balcueva would like to be remembered as an American International Graduate. He was given many opportunities, worked hard and became successful. He was a man who loved his parents, his family and his community very much. He encouraged all physicians to join the SCMS and be active and get involved for a stronger and vibrant organization. He also encouraged the IMG's to be active for progress by joining the SCMS, MSMS and AMA. Dr. Balcueva was State Chairman for the IMG's of the MSMS and worked hard to obtain a permanent seat at the AMA level.

He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Dr. Balcueva was involved in the first Cardiac Care Unit in a Michigan Hospital and the Dialysis Unit at the Methadone Clinic. He also dedicated time to the Soup Kitchen and enjoyed playing

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golf with his special group of friends. Dr. Balcueva considered it an honor and a privilege to be an American citizen, and all the opportunities that came with citizenship. He proudly proclaimed, "GOD BLESS AMERICA" and "GO BLUE!"

Surviving besides his wife, Mary Jane, and their children, Ernest and Erlinda, are four brothers and one sister, Dr. Ernie and Leanne Balcueva of Saginaw and Ernesto and Adelina Balcueva, Dr. Eden and Dr. Lourdes Balcueva, Ernani Montenegro, and Dr. Ermelo and Julita Balcueva, all in the Philippines; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his sons, Dr. Balcueva was preceded in death by his sister, Erlinda Balcueva, and his brother, Eusebio Balcueva, Jr.

Funeral Liturgy took place on Friday, June 26, 2015, at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the American Heart Association or The Balcueva Scholarship Fund.



Barbara A. Jahnke, MD

- Beloved daughter, mother and sister was greeted by her Lord on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at St. Mary's of Michigan following a lengthy illness. Age 56 years. The daughter of

Mary Ann (Ewald) Jahnke and the late Harold Jahnke, Barbara was born on May 23, 1959, in Saginaw.

Barbara completed her undergraduate degree at Alma College and then later graduated from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She completed her residencies at Eastern Virginia University and Georgetown University. Barbara was very proud to be the first person to complete a Sleep Study Fellowship from the University of Michigan in 1990.

She had been practicing Neurology since 1990 with a subspecialty in sleep disorders. Barbara was a member of Saginaw County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. She was also a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church where she served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Barbara had a passion for mentoring and teaching others and enjoyed giving lectures and sharing her knowledge.

Surviving are three daughters, Sarah, Samantha and Shelby Bergholtz, all of Saginaw; her mother, Mary Ann Jahnke, Saginaw; a brother, Steven (Lisa) Jahnke, Freeland; a sister, Linda Biere, Peachtree City, Georgia; several cousins, nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Funeral Liturgy took place on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials for her children's education fund. Checks can be made payable to her brother, Steven Jahnke, and mailed to him at 7867 Teaberry Drive, Freeland, Michigan 48623-8422.



Jack L. Barry Jr., MD

Jack passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 16, 2015, in Nogales, Arizona with his beloved spouse, Arline. Jack was 84 years old. He was born in Detroit on April 27, 1931, to the late

Jack Sr. and Doretha (Clark) Barry.

In Jack's early years, he was an Eagle Scout and in 1950, he graduated from Royal Oak High School. He followed in his parents' footsteps and attended Albion College, graduating in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Jack furthered his education at Wayne State College of Medicine and received his Medical Degree in 1959. He

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settled in the Saginaw community in 1961, and established a thriving family practice in Bridgeport for 37 years. He was chief of staff for St. Mary's Medical Center from 1973-1974. He was President of the Saginaw County Medical Society from 1979-1980 and the Michigan State Medical Society in 1994. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Health Plus of Michigan from 1987-2014, dedicating 27 years to the growth and performance of the company.

Throughout Jack's very busy life, he spent 42 wonderful years with the love of his life, Arline. He is survived by his children: Michelle Lamb, Elizabeth Depner and Katherine (Glen) Herman; stepchildren: Michael (Cheryl) Fabian, Kathleen (Philip) Naegle and Cheryl (Clint) Hemingway; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Leroy (Sue) Barry, MD; sister, Margaret "Peggy" (John) Bashur; and many

extended family and friends. Jack was an avid boater, hunter, golfer and fisherman. He was an avid reader, had many hobbies and enjoyed being a world traveler.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Deisler Funeral Home in Saginaw.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the American Cancer Society or Wayne State University College of Medicine.



Arline Joan Barry

Arline passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 16, 2015, in Nogales, Arizona with her beloved spouse, Jack. She was 79 years old. Arline was born in Detroit on December

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23, 1935, to the late John and Josephine (Midura) Warren.

Arline graduated from Dominican High School in 1954. She attended the University of Detroit for two years and was inducted into the Mensa International High IQ Society. Arline then graduated from Delta College in 1972 as a Registered Nurse. As a nurse, she worked at St. Mary's Hospital and then Jack's family practice in Bridgeport until their retirement. While working, she was also a scuba instructor at the Saginaw YMCA. In 1996, Arline returned to Michigan State University and graduated as a nurse practitioner.

Throughout Arline's very busy life, she spent 42 wonderful years with the love of her life, Jack. She is survived by her children: Michael (Cheryl) Fabian, Kathleen (Philip) Naegle and Cheryl (Clint) Hemingway; stepchildren: Michelle Lamb, Elizabeth Depner and Katherine (Glen) Herman; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Carol (Robert) Amerine. Arline was a world traveler, an avid reader and loved the water. She enjoyed golf, playing bridge and was an excellent cook.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Deisler Funeral Home in Saginaw.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Michigan State University or the Taymouth Township Library.



Mrs. Nancy J. Cabrera - Beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away Sunday, June 21, 2015, surrounded by her family at the age of 76. The daughter of the late Clare and Frances (Lynch) Gillett, Nancy was born June 6, 1939, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Nancy was previously married to John Wait with whom she had

two daughters, Mellissa and Tracy. She married Dr. Donato M. Cabrera Jr., her husband of 34 years, on October 31, 1980. He survives her.

Nancy owned and operated Jack & Jill Nursery School until its closing. She later managed her husband's physician's office for many years. In 2003, Nancy and her two daughters owned and operated Jack & Jill Clothier in Saginaw. Nancy was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and had volunteered in many school functions. She also volunteered for St. Mary's of Michigan Auxiliary. Nancy enjoyed reading, knitting, playing cards and hosting wonderful family gatherings and holidays. Most of all, she loved time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Surviving besides her husband, Dr. Donato M. Cabrera Jr., are seven children, Alan and Izumi Cabrera, San Francisco; Melissa and Chris Fila, Saginaw; Cheryl and Michael Mitri, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Jeffrey and Gina Cabrera, New Mexico; Steven Cabrera and Russell Davies, London, England; Tracy and Andrew Concannon, Saginaw; and Brian Cabrera, Oakland, California; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister, and several nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law.

Funeral Liturgy took place on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. □

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or Wellspring Lutheran Services, the hospice which took care of Nancy.



announcements



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Sacred Heart Mercy Health Care Center in Alma, Michigan announces the Fifth Annual Saint Luke Lecture (**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY 10/1/15**).

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015

Program: Protecting Human Dignity and Preservation of Self Worth: *A practical, compassionate approach to end-of-life care* (CME credit available)

Speaker: E. Wesley Ely, Jr. MD, Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

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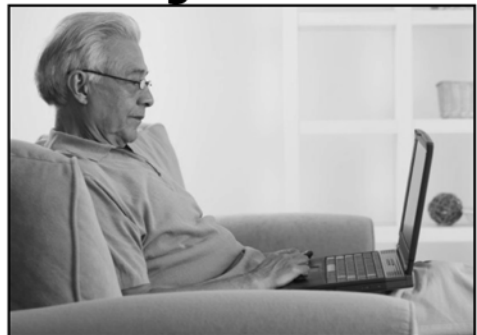


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board highlights

The April meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Horizons Conference Center prior to the membership meeting. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

The minutes of the March 17, 2015, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the March Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Dr. Veverka presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 and the 990 for 2013 (December 1, 2013, to November 30, 2014). **MOTION:** Approve the March Treasurer's Report and the 990 for 2013. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **CMU Health** – Dr. Vance gave a brief update on CMED. He said there was good attendance at the first CMED in Saginaw meeting at Horizons on March 18. Dean George Kikano is in Saginaw every other week at this time. He also said third year medical students were currently in town and will start in Saginaw in July. The next CMED in Saginaw meeting is planned for June and will be held at the Covenant campus.

2. **Health Fair** – Joan reported that the 11th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2015, was a success. Eighty-one vendors participated, along with 33 physicians and six medical students, and over 1,000 attended. Nearly 100 gallons of unwanted or expired medications were collected by the Health Department and Sheriff's Department. Michigan Blood collected 12 units of blood from nine donors. We did not get the turnout we expected for the blood drive which was held in connection with Have a Heart for Ernie Part 2 because those that donated at

the prior blood drive on January 30 were not yet eligible to donate. Financials are incomplete at this time.

3. **MSMS House of Delegates (HOD)** –

The 150th Annual House of Delegates will be held May 1-2, 2015, at the Amway in Grand Rapids. Joan has registered those attending (Drs. Scott, Dawis, Talati, Walter, Ramani, Dedicatoria, Nallani and Willy), with MSMS and made hotel reservations. The District Director's Briefing will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. at the Saginaw Country Club.

4. **ABMS v. NBPAS Board Certification** –

The controversy surrounding the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program was brought to the Board's attention by one of our members at the March Board meeting. Attached to the agenda was a more detailed explanation of the issue as written by Drs. Jilani and Del DeHart for the April Bulletin. Joan noted there are several resolutions on the issue for debate at the HOD, and Delegates will report back to the Board on the outcome of those resolutions.

5. **Senate Bills 68 and 248** – Attached to the agenda was information on both Senate Bills regarding scope of practice and auto no-fault, and how members could contact their lawmakers through the MSMS Action Center.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Slate of Nominees for 2015-16** – Dr. Ramani, as chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Slate of Nominees for 2015-16. Dr. Walter noted she had previously spoken with Dr. Shahrukh Hashmi, and that he was interested in becoming involved. Joan will make note of this and have Dr. Walter contact him again to determine interest prior to the Nominating Committee meeting in

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2016. **MOTION:** Approve the Slate of Nominees for 2015-16 as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

2. **Unpaid Dues Update** – The Board reviewed the list of members who had not paid their 2015 membership dues. Those attending were asked to contact anyone they knew on the list and encourage them to pay their 2015 MSMS/SCMS dues.

3. **Invite New CMU College of Medicine Dean to Board Meeting** – Dr. Constan met the new Dean, Dr. George Kikano, at the CMED in Saginaw meeting in March. The Board discussed inviting Dr. Kikano to attend a SCMS Board Meeting, and encourage his membership. **MOTION:** Invite Dr. George Kikano to a future SCMS Board Meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

4. **6th Annual SCMS Foundation Golf Outing** – Everyone in attendance was given Sponsorship and Team Registration

forms, and encouraged to participate in the annual outing which raises money so the Foundation can grant low/no interest loans to medical students with ties to Saginaw.

5. **HealthPlus of Michigan** – The Board held a brief discussion on what they knew about the situation with HealthPlus of Michigan.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center prior the Annual Membership Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



The May meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, May 19,

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2015, at Horizons Conference Center prior to the membership meeting. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

The minutes of the April 21, 2015, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the April Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Dr. Veverka presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2015. **MOTION:** Approve the April Treasurer's Report. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **CMU Health** – Dr. Vance gave a brief update on CMU Health.
2. **MSMS House of Delegates (HOD)** – The 150th Annual MSMS House of Delegates was held May 1-2, 2015, at the Amway in Grand Rapids. Dr. Jilani thanked Drs. Scott, Dawis, Talati, Walter, Ramani, Dedicatoria, Nallani and Willy for attending. The Board discussed the outcome of Dr. Constan's resolution on Immunization Waivers and the many resolutions on Maintenance of Certification. Joan noted Stacey Hettiger of MSMS was our speaker at tonight's meeting, and would be updating the members on those resolutions and others that were debated during the HOD.
3. **SCMS Foundation Golf Outing** – Joan reported we are still in need of golfers and tee/hole sponsors. Drs. Duncan and Veverka mentioned Delta College Public Radio has a community calendar, and they do public service announcements at no charge but need an advance three week notice. Joan said she would contact them early next year to announce the Health Fair, but didn't feel it would work for the Golf Outing because time is short and the public is not the audience we are seeking. Several Board members agreed to contact colleagues to sponsor or golf.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Applications for Membership** – Dr. Talati presented the following applications for their first reading:
 - a. **Juliette M. Perzhinsky, MD MSc** – Board Certified in Internal Medicine, CMU Health-Internal Medicine (Associate Professor), sponsored by Drs. J. Patricia Dhar and Marilyn Haupt; and
 - b. **Harriet A. Squier, MD** – Board Certified in Family Medicine, CMU Health-Family Medicine, sponsored by Drs. Bernard D. Noveloso and Shraddha Patel.
2. **Unpaid Dues Update** – The Board reviewed the list of members who had not paid their 2015 membership dues. Those attending were asked to contact anyone they knew on the list and encourage them to pay their 2015 MSMS/SCMS dues. All have been dropped, but can be reinstated with payment.
3. **Programs for 2015-16** – Joan indicated she would like to offer CME at our September, October, January and April membership meetings.
4. **Resident Representative** – Dr. Farhaj Siddiqui was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He will be graduating from the Internal Medicine Residency program in June, and will leave Saginaw to work as a Hospitalist at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. The Board would like to thank Dr. Siddiqui for his service the last two years, and wish him well. Dr. Siddiqui has spoken with Rahul Jacob, MD, a PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident, about taking over as Resident Representative. Dr. Jacob will be invited to the June Board Meeting for review and approval.
5. **Other Business** – Joan was contacted by Samantha McKenzie, Executive Director of Hospital Hospitality House. The HHH Board of Directors is seeking new members to serve on the Board for 2015-

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16. Drs. Waheed Akbar and Jack Ferlinz are currently on the HHH board. The Board was given information to contact Samantha directly if they were interested.

This summer's Board Meeting schedule is as follows: The next meeting of the Board will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at MCVI in the Board Room. The Board does not meet in July. The August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at MCVI in the Board Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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**The June meeting of the Board of Directors** of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in the boardroom at Michigan CardioVascular Institute. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, Past President, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. President, Danielle C. Duncan MD, was on vacation and unable to attend.

Dr. Jilani welcomed PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident, Rahul Jacob MD, to the meeting. Dr. Jacob is a candidate to take over the Resident Representative seat of Dr. Farhaj Siddiqui who has completed his residency and will be leaving Saginaw.

The minutes of the May 19, 2015, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the May Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Dr. Veverka presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2015. **MOTION:** Approve the May Treasurer's Report. **MOTION APPROVED.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **SCMS Foundation Golf Outing** – Joan reported 22 teams golfed in the 6th Annual SCMS Foundation Golf Outing to raise money for the Foundation to offer low/no interest loans to medical students with ties to Saginaw. Once all expenses have been paid, it is estimated the Foundation will net over \$20,000 this year. She noted that Taylor Boehler, a

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M2 CMU student, spoke at the Awards Reception and was very well received.

2. **Members Dropped for Nonpayment of Dues** – The Board reviewed the list of members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues.
3. **Programs for 2015-2016** – A calendar of meetings and events was handed out at the meeting. Joan indicated she would like to offer CME at the September, October, January and April membership meetings. Those attending were asked for program suggestions. Dr. Veverka will check with the Midland County Medical Society to see if they are interested in a joint meeting in April 2016.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Applications for Membership** – In Dr. Paidipaty's absence, Dr. Talati presented the following applications for their second reading:

- a. **Juliette M. Perzhinsky, MD MSc** – Board Certified in Internal Medicine, CMU Health-Internal Medicine (Associate Professor), sponsored by Drs. J. Patricia Dhar and Marilyn Haupt; and
- b. **Harriet A. Squier, MD** – Board Certified in Family Medicine, CMU Health-Family Medicine, sponsored by Drs. Bernard D. Noveloso and Shraddha Patel.

**MOTION:** Approve the applications for Membership of Drs. Perzhinsky and Squier as referenced above. **MOTION APPROVED.**

2. **Delegates to Serve as Voting Board Members** – In June of each year, the Board elects three Delegates via ballot to serve as voting Board members. Again this year, there were only three Delegates who were not currently serving as Officers or Directors, therefore, a ballot was not necessary. **MOTION:** Elect Elvira

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M. Dawis MD, Meena Ramani MD and Mohammad Y. Khan MD as voting board members. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**3. Anti-Trust Avoidance Statement and Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

– Each year, all Officers, Directors, Delegates and Alternate Delegates are required to complete and return the above referenced documents which were distributed at the Board meeting. Those not in attendance would receive their documents via postal mail.

**4. MSMS Committees** – Attached to the Agenda was a list of MSMS Committees seeking new members. Those that were interested in serving on a committee were asked to notify Joan or MSMS of their desire.

**5. Approval of Key Providers** – The following businesses/organizations have applied to participate as Key Providers for 2015-2016:

- a. Bieri Hearing (renewal)
- b. HealthSource Saginaw (new)
- c. Healthway Compounding Pharmacy (renewal)
- d. St. Mary's of Michigan (renewal)
- e. Sport & Spine (renewal)

Joan noted we can have up to eight Key Providers in a year. She is still waiting to hear from Arner Investment, Chemical Bank and Wellspring on their intentions for the coming year. **MOTION:** Approve the above five businesses/organizations as Key Providers for 2015-2016. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**6. Resident Representative** – Dr. Farhaj Siddiqui graduated from the Internal Medicine Residency program in early June, and will leave Saginaw to work as a Hospitalist at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. The Board would like to thank Dr. Siddiqui for his service the last two years, and wish him well. Dr. Siddiqui introduced Rahul Jacob MD, a PGY-2 Internal Medi-

cine Resident, who was interested in taking over as Resident Representative. Dr. Jacob is originally from South Carolina, and he and his wife, Sarah R. Jacob MD, a PGY-2 Emergency Medicine Resident, were both medical students in Saginaw through Ross University prior to their residency. **MOTION:** Approve Rahul Jacob MD as the Resident Representative to the SCMS Board. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**7. Other Business** – Joan was contacted by Samantha McKenzie, Executive Director of Hospital Hospitality House. The HHH Board of Directors is seeking new members to serve on the Board for 2015-16. Drs. Waheed Akbar and Jack Ferlinz are currently on the HHH board. The Board was given information to contact Samantha directly if they were interested.

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- The semi-annual report of the Peer Review Mediation Committee and Peer Review Ethics Committee was attached to the Agenda. There were no cases reviewed from January-June 2015. Joan mentioned that she and Jamie receive numerous calls throughout the year from patients complaining about a physician or their office staff. Most of the time, patients do not file complaints because Joan or Jamie were able to calm them down, let them vent, and explain why some things happen the way they do.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at MCVI in the Board Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. ☐

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**JOAN M. CRAMER**  
*Executive Director*



## PROGRAM HELPS IMPAIRED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Health care professionals are not immune to substance abuse or mental health disorders. Many otherwise highly qualified professionals may develop these problems due to stress, long hours, a genetic predisposition, or a tendency to self-medicate.

To assist health care professionals impaired by these disorders, consider the care monitoring services of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP).

The Michigan HPRP was established by legislation in 1993 to assist impaired professionals before their actions harm a patient or damage their careers through disciplinary action. Any licensed or registered health care professional in the State of Michigan is eligible to participate in the program.

To maintain participant confidentiality, the HPRP is operated by a private-sector contractor under the authority of the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC), a committee comprised of a representative from each of the health professional licensing boards. The Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Professions provides administrative services to the HPRP.

Participation in the HPRP is confidential. If a licensee/registrant is referred to the program, has a qualifying diagnosis and complies with the HPRP requirements, his/her name will not be disclosed to state regulatory authorities or the public. Provided there is no readmission, records of HPRP participants are destroyed five years after successful completion.

Referrals to the HPRP may come in the form of a self-referral from a licensee/registrant or from colleagues, partners, employers, patients, family members or the State. Any of the 20 health professional licensing boards may also refer licensees/registrants to the HPRP for monitoring as a condition to regain or retain their license to practice. The names of individuals reporting a licensee/registrant suspected of impairment are also kept confidential.

For more information on the HPRP, call 1-800-453-3784 or visit [www.HPRP.org](http://www.HPRP.org). Informational presentations on the HPRP are available to employers and health professional groups at no charge. Call the toll-free number to arrange a presentation at your facility. ☐

**TO MAKE A REFERRAL OR SELF REPORT,  
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### **SCMS Physician Health & Well-Being Committee Confidential assistance to physician members with personal issues affecting their private and professional lives**

The SCMS Physician Health & Well-Being Committee is a CONFIDENTIAL resource for SCMS members who have issues affecting their private and/or professional lives. The Committee acts totally independently, and NO INFORMATION is shared with the SCMS Board, members or staff. If you are in need of confidential assistance, or know of another member who is having a difficult time, please contact **Dr. Kaushik Raval**, Chair of the Committee, at (989) 790-7742. If he is not available, leave a message and he will return your call.

❖ **Join CDC Webinar on Draft Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Chronic Pain**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) invites physicians, other health care providers, patients, and organization representatives to provide input on Draft CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Chronic Pain during a webinar presentation and discussion scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 2:30-4 PM EDT**. The recommendations are intended for the prescribing of opioid pain relievers for patients 18 and older with chronic pain, in primary care settings and outside end-of-life care.

During the webinar, CDC experts will walk through the guideline development process and the 12 top-line prescribing recommendations. CDC will pause for webinar participants to provide comments for each recommendation. Participants can submit comments 1) orally over the phone, 2) in writing in real-time via the webinar portal, or 3) via email immediately after the webinar and up through 5 PM EDT on September 17, 2015. The email address will be provided at the time of the webinar.

CDC will summarize public comments and provide responses to comments in a document that will be posted on the **[NCIPC Peer Review Agenda website](#)** in October 2015. The written summary will be anonymous and will not include names of individuals or organizations submitting comments.

There is no charge for the webinar, but given the limited lines available via the webinar platform, participants must register in advance. Select the link to the CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Public Webinar, and click “register.” Once registered, you will receive an email containing a link to the webinar for use on the

day of the presentation. A conference line will be displayed once the webinar begins.

The CDC needs your input in order to improve the content, clarity, and utility of the draft recommendations.

❖ **This is the Year of Big Change in the Credit Card Processing World...**

It’s bigger than the introduction of the magnetic stripe on cards way back in the late 1970s and early 80s... Bigger even than Y2K and the need to upgrade terminals because cards were issued with year 2000 expiration dates.

What’s so big this year is that in October, there will be a dramatic shift in the way fraudulent or counterfeit transactions are handled. The shift could bite your practice if you’re not prepared.

Today, if your practice accepts a counterfeit card and do everything else correctly, you don’t hold any liability for that chargeback. The bank that issued the card is responsible for the loss.

After October 1, the loss may be your responsibility.

The reason for this change, known as the “liability shift,” is that the card networks (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) all have changed their rules to allow for the liability on a counterfeit card, and in some cases a stolen card, to fall to the physician. The liability shift is coming about because of the use of the new EMV or “chip cards” or “smart cards.” These are cards that have an embedded chip. Banks and credit unions are issuing the chip cards to consumers now, in preparation for the liability shift later this year.

**If you have not already upgraded your credit card terminal to accept chip cards, you need to seriously consider the impact that not upgrading will have on your business after October 1. While there is no requirement that you upgrade your terminal, failure to do so**

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**could expose you to chargebacks you don't currently see in your business.**

Because there are two parts to this relationship between the issuing bank and your practice, there are several different scenarios that could play out at after October 1:

1. You chose not to upgrade your terminal and a patient with a non-chip card pays for their visit. This is identical to what happens today, and there is no change in the liability. The issuing bank is still responsible for counterfeit transactions.
2. You upgraded your terminal and your patient uses a non-chip card to pay for their appointment. Same thing, you are not responsible for the bad transaction.
3. You upgraded and your patient presents a chip card for payment. No change in liability here, either. The issuing bank is still responsible for the bad transactions.
4. You chose not to upgrade and your patient presents a counterfeit chip card at your practice. You are responsible for the chargeback, even though you did all of the other things correctly.

Obviously, #4 is the cause for concern and confusion in the physician community. Since you have the least secure system (non-chip card ready), you bear the risk of the counterfeit card. In some cases, you may also assume some additional risk in the world of lost or stolen cards.

The big question, then, is... should I spend the money to upgrade my terminal?

As a practicing physician seeing many patients every day, I would suggest that, yes, you should upgrade -- you can pay for the cost of a new terminal (about \$500) with just one "bad" transaction.

At the end of the day, the new rules do not mandate that you abandon your current equipment, and the big change that's coming will not prevent you from doing business after October 1. However, you must decide if the risk from the changes is worth the cost of the upgrade.

If you have questions about this or any aspect of the merchant processing world, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin McFatrige, MSMS Director of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations, at [kmcfatrige@msms.org](mailto:kmcfatrige@msms.org) or (517) 336-5745. As a member of MSMS Practice Solutions, the Michigan Retailers Association provides discounts on these products and services to MSMS members. If you'd like to get started with a new terminal, please contact Chris Smith at [csmith@retailers.com](mailto:csmith@retailers.com) or (517) 327-8972.

❖ **Vote 'NO' on SB 320, Dangerous Legislation That Removes Physician Anesthesiologists**

State lawmakers introduced **Senate Bill 320**, dangerous legislation that would remove physician anesthesiologists from **doctors' offices and operating rooms across Michigan**, and end physician supervision of anesthesia care.

The bill risks patients' health—and even lives—by ending physician supervision of the anesthesia care team.

Michigan physicians understand that every discussion in Lansing about health care and health policy should start and end with what is best for Michigan patients.

Please urge your lawmaker to put the needs of Michigan patients first by **voting NO Senate Bill 320, as currently written**. Visit [www.msms.org](http://www.msms.org) and click on the "Advocacy" tab, locate the issue, and send a prewritten message to lawmakers.

❖ **Blue Cross - New process for Provider Enrollment and Change Requests**

Effective October 1, 2015, Blue Cross Complete provider data will no longer be managed through the BCBSM Provider Enrollment and Change process. For Blue Cross Complete provider enrollment and change requests, visit [MiBlueCrossComplete.com/providers](http://MiBlueCrossComplete.com/providers) and scroll down to the Provider Forms section. □

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