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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Candidates Forum (State Rep, Senate and Congress)

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3340 Hospital Road, Saginaw, Michigan
6:30 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner
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president's letter



M. Sohail Jilani, MD

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: ARE WE READY?

- Health care environment is changing.
- Health care costs are rising. More than 17 percent of the gross domestic product, about twice the percentage of the rest of the nations.
- As technologies were introduced, it improved the quality of life as well as increased the cost for hospitals and physician practices to buy the technology and hire trained professionals.
- The number of physician specialists has increased. In 1933, there were only four specialty board exams and now physicians can be certified in more than 145 specialties.
- Now there is a concern that the current health care system may not be viable for a prolonged period of time and it needs some reform.
- Government is also working and introduced Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- Different practice models are being introduced and they vary by region. Large Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), private practice medical homes, large independent groups, large aligned groups, community health

centers and small aligned groups are increasing.

- These changes are increasing the physician's legal compliance obligations, and potential liability under the Federal Fraud and Abuse statute requiring extra funding for the enforcement and training of staff.
- Changes in health care reform will be a dynamic process with Obama Care where uninsured people are getting insurance. Therefore, the number of patients will increase and health care demand will increase, both in rural and urban areas.
- Physicians are struggling to adapt with the rapid changes. It is causing a financial burden while taking time away from patient care to learn and implement changes like electronic medical records, meaningful use, PQRS, hiring technical support requiring administration and compliance. Therefore, some of the physicians are retiring, changing their professions, or joining hospitals or larger groups. The majority of new physicians are joining hospitals or larger groups, and very few physicians are going into private practice.
- This is creating and exacerbating physician shortages creating access issues for many patients, especially in primary care which is largely being filled by mid-level providers.
- Sustainable growth rate (SGR) has not been fixed as of yet. There is also a concern that it is unlikely to be resolved by Congress and will probably be folded into new payment mechanisms in the future, but change is inevitable. All of us have to look into our own situations; it may vary from rural to urban areas and from small towns to bigger cities.
- Information and support on many of these issues can be found at www.msms.org. □

FREE CME

If You Renew Your MSMS/SCMS Membership by November 15



MSMS/SCMS membership renewals have been mailed. As a thank you for your loyalty as a member and for paying early, all physicians who pay their 2015 dues by November 15 will receive a coupon for a free CME course at a MSMS educational offering.

MSMS/SCMS values you as a member and this is just a small token of our appreciation for your continued support of organized medicine. For questions about membership, please contact Joshua C. Richmond, Director, Membership & Political Fundraising, at 517-336-5788 or jrjrichmond@msms.org.

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from the editor



Louis L. Constan, MD

If Could Ruin Your Day

Referring to the hundreds of cosmetic procedures she bragged about having, and showing her utter disregard of the risks she was taking solely for her vanity, the late Joan Rivers quipped: "I wish I had a twin, so I could know what I look like without plastic surgery."

Ms. Rivers was a comic genius with many fans, her acerbic wit a big influence on our world; but she had a "tragic flaw" (an ancient Greek concept) that did not do good service to the noble profession of Plastic Surgery. She blithely dismissed the possibility of complications, perhaps encouraging her admirers to risk their lives as well.

The ancient Greeks had another concept, "hubris," meaning an over-confidence that one is immune to the vicissitudes of life, can laugh in the face of the odds and take inordinate risks. As keen observers of the human condition, the ancient Greeks saw that such attitudes were usually punished, either by "the gods" (fate, karma) or by the community (lawsuits, ostracism). Twenty-five hundred years later, the concept of hubris still applies and is echoed in such aphorisms as:

- How the mighty have fallen
- The bigger they are, the harder they fall

- What goes up, must come down
- Don't get cocky, kid

Nevertheless, it's too easy to forget this truth and we do so at our peril. Ms. Rivers certainly did so. She had heard all the disclaimers and signed all the pre-op forms, steadfastly refusing to believe that they applied to her. Simply stated, her cavalier attitude toward surgery, her hubris, cost her life.

Another Hubris-challenged person was a world-renowned Gastroenterologist; physician, author, researcher, medical director of an endoscopy center, and so filled with self confidence that he thought nothing of doing a procedure (on the vital respiratory tract of all places) on an 81-year-old woman, a procedure complicated enough to require two physicians, at a facility with minimum backup. After all, he had done hundreds, maybe thousands of similar procedures with no problems. Why bother to make the trip to a regular hospital where they had all the expertise of a traditional operating room? Classic hubris. The result? Loss of directorship of the endoscopy center; severe blow to his reputation, his legacy; reporters camped outside his door; endless inquiries; office phone line clogged with calls and virtually unusable. This sort of thing could spoil a doctor's day.

A third Hubris-challenged person was a prominent ENT surgeon, no doubt the sort of person popular with celebrities, who thought it appropriate to perform surgery on an 81-year-old patient at a center where he had no privileges. After all, he was doing it with another prominent physician and the medical director of that center. Such a collection of talent they had! What could go wrong? What indeed? Though exactly what happened on that fateful day is shrouded in mystery, and no one wants to talk about it, I suspect the whole story will come out eventually in court proceedings. And lawyers have such a special skill at ruining one's day. Punishment indeed!

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Hubris has no part in our profession, dedicated as we are to a 2,500 year old Hippocratic ideal of humble service to humanity, to always putting the patient's welfare first, to always showing appropriate caution, especially when putting the patient under the knife.

Presciently, Ms. Rivers also once quipped: "I've had so much plastic surgery, when I die, they will donate my body to Tupperware." Funny when she said it, a stroke of comic genius, now only sad.

With all the negative publicity surrounding this case, some patients will probably be reluctant to have procedures done at outpatient centers. They will no doubt question the motives and methods of all physicians. Well, the damage is done. Extra time will need to be spent reassuring patients. Trust will have to be restored. Perhaps this media

storm will blow over some day, but may we never, never forget that hubris will be punished, and may we never suffer from this affliction. □



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Letters to the editor

Dr. Constan received the following letter from Tom Cavendish, the brother of Dr. John W. Cavendish, who passed away in December and who Dr. Constan wrote about in the March Bulletin.

Dear Dr. Constan:

Dr. Ron Jenson sent me the article you wrote about my brother, John. I am not talented enough to write my heartfelt gratitude for the kind thoughts and words.

There were only two of us, and we were very, very close but I keep finding out there was so much I didn't know about him or so many fine people that were in his life.

I most definitely will take your advice and tell my family physician how much I appreciate her. And while there is still time, I will also tell Dr. Jenson, my sister-in-law, my wife, my son, my daughter, my grandchildren, my minister and most definitely, you.

When my brother, John, and I ended our telephone conversations, we always said, "I love you man." Those are the last words he spoke to me.

*I Love You Man,
Tom Cavendish*



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For questions regarding reservations, please contact Lisa Prakash at 327-1313
or Jamie at the SCMS office 790-3590*

alliance news

Submitted by Jamie Chamberlin,
Executive Assistant

Tuesday, October 21 Meeting

Spouses are invited to the next meeting of the Saginaw County Medical Society on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at Health-Source Saginaw. The topic is a Candidates Forum in which candidates for Senate, State Rep and Congress will be available to answer questions and give information about their platform. There is no charge to SCMS and Alliance members, but reservations are required. Please call or email me at 790-3590 or jamie@saginawcountymt.com to reserve your seat. The social begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting and program at 7 p.m. Please plan to attend and pick up your Doctors and Their Families Make a Difference pink bag (see below).

Doctors and Their Families Make a Difference

We are collecting items for the Underground Railroad as part of "Doctors and their Families Make a Difference" in Michigan. Pick up a pink bag at the next SCMS membership meeting (see above), or call the SCMS-A office (790-3590) or any of your Alliance board members and ask for one. A list of suggested items to put in the bag will be included. Fill the bag with as many items as you can, then give it back to the board member or deliver to the SCMS office and those bags filled with supplies will be given to the Underground Railroad. Feel free to take as many bags as you like and share with friends and colleagues! This is a great way to get your kids involved in serving others by letting them pick out the items! The deadline to turn in the filled bags is Friday, October 31, 2014.



SAVE Day

SAVE Day (Stop America's Violence Everywhere) will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, and marks the 20th



Anniversary of this project. On October 8, 2014, the Alliance Board met with Carrie Schultz and Annie Cocker from Child & Family Services and gave them over 200 copies of children's booklets entitled "Hands are not for Hitting" and "You don't have to be Bullied." They are grateful and appreciative of this generous donation and will use them at many of the health fairs they attend.

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11th Annual Jingle Mingle

Preparations for the 11th Annual Jingle Mingle have begun and we are well on our way to the biggest and best Jingle Mingle yet! Mark your calendar for Monday, December 8, 2014, now! The Saginaw Country Club can accommodate 100 people for lunch which includes information on Child & Family Services Sexual Assault Center. Since this event is open to the public and will fill up fast, be sure to get your reservations in early (see page 7)! Shopping is available for anyone, regardless of whether they have lunch, between 10:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.



Future of the Alliance

The Alliance Board is meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at Crumbs to discuss the future of the Alliance and additional

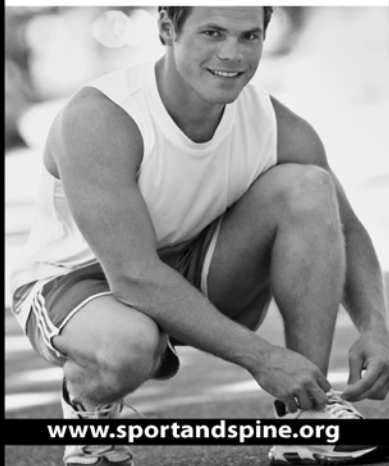
preparations for the Jingle Mingle.

The Alliance board feels there is not a lot of support for what the Alliance is doing outside of the Jingle Mingle. The seven nursing scholarships are funded only by dues payments, and we do not get enough dues payments to fund even two scholarships. For the last several years, the Alliance has accepted a generous donation from the Saginaw County Medical Society Foundation in order to support the scholarships. The Jingle Mingle benefits a local charity and none of the monies raised from that event are given to the scholarship fund. The Alliance has held luncheons with various topics in order to supplement the scholarships, however, there is very low attendance at these events. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Alliance to raise more funds for these scholarships, please call the SCMS office at 790-3590 or one of your board members. □



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SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at Horizons Conference Center. The meeting was also the 15th annual joint meeting with the Saginaw County Osteopathic Society. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President of the SCMS, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed a record-breaking crowd. Dr. Jilani welcomed E. George Galsterer, DO, President of the Saginaw County Osteopathic Society, and all Osteopathic Society members, spouses and guests. He thanked Stephanie Krieger of s7 Consulting for assisting with registration. Dr. Jilani thanked the following Key Providers in attendance for their ongoing support of SCMS programs: **Arner Investment Management – Todd Arner, Nathan Breidinger and Shannon Childs; Bieri Hearing Specialists – Dr. Cathy Bieri Ryan and Jerd Clayton; and St. Mary's of Michigan – Dan Scheffer, Director of Outpatient Rehabilitation Services.**

Dr. Jilani welcomed Dr. Galsterer to the podium who conducted Osteopathic Society business.

Dr. Jilani then conducted the following business of the SCMS:

- The Minutes of the May 2014 Membership Meeting were attached to the Agenda and published in the September Bulletin. **MOTION:** Accept the May 2014 Meeting Minutes as printed. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Members were encouraged to contact their legislators about Senate Bill 2 through the Advocacy Action Center at www.msms.org.
- New members approved at tonight's Board Meeting were:
 - o **Shrinivas Kambali, MD** – St. Mary's of Michigan Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates
 - o **Binu Malhotra, MD** – Covenant Cancer Care Physician Group

- Dr. Jilani welcomed the following new members:

- o **M. Arshad Bashir, MD** – Dialysis Associates, PC
- o **Christopher R. Heberer, DO** – CMU Emergency Medicine Resident
- o **Adebambo M. Kadri, MD** – St. Mary's Riverfront Cardiology
- o **Shrinivas Kambali, MD** – St. Mary's of Michigan Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates
- o **Zaira Khalid, MD** – CMU Psychiatry Resident
- o **Harmohan S. Kochar, MD** – Comprehensive Internal Medicine, PLC
- o **Ferdinand C. Osuagwu, MD** – CMU Psychiatry Resident
- o **Michael R. Owen, MD** – CMU Emergency Medicine Resident
- o **Nikita Roy, MD** – CMU Psychiatry Resident
- o **Michael J. Tucker, Jr., DO** – Covenant Center for Advanced Orthopaedics
- o **Tyler J. Weese, MD** – CMU Emergency Medicine Resident

- Dr. Jilani welcomed the following new St. Mary's of Michigan physicians, and asked them to join:

- o **Joseph Adel, MD** – Neurosurgeon
- o **Ibrahim Malak, MD** – Pathologist
- o **Asma Taj, MD** – Medical Oncologist

- Dr. Jilani asked for volunteers to serve breakfast to those in need on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at First Congregation Church in Downtown Saginaw through Homes from Heaven.

Dr. Jilani introduced Julia M. Koch, Director of Development and Advocacy for The Hope Project, a non-profit faith-based organization dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking, and Valerie Hoffman, CEO of The Underground Railroad

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and Chair of the Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force. Both speakers presented a program on “*Human Trafficking in Saginaw County – What You Need to Know.*” □

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Cramer
Executive Director*



Dr. E. George Galsterer



Drs. Zaira Khalid, Nikita Roy and Ferdinand Osuagwu



**Val Hoffman
and
Julia Koch**



**Mary Catherine and Dr. Ken Distler with
Dr. Cathy Bieri Ryan and Jerd Clayton**



**Lisa Prakash, Rebecca Wong, Colleen
Cheney and Janie Gugino**



**Drs. Miriam Scheingart and Sajeda
Nusrat, Cortland Seaver, and Karen
and Dr. Lou Constan**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PART 2 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

As a complement to the September Meeting on *“Human Trafficking in Saginaw County – What You Need to Know,”* the SCMS will host *“Human Trafficking Part 2”* at the January Membership Meeting which is joint with the Dental Society.

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Program: “Human Trafficking Part 2”

Speaker: Trooper Steven A. Kramer, Flint MSP Post

Location: Horizons Conference Center

Time: 6:30 p.m. social (cash bar), 7 p.m. dinner and program

Dinner Cost: SCMS Members/Spouses and Dental Society Members/Spouses—no charge
Guests \$35 per person (payable in advance) Reservations are required!

Invitations will be mailed in early January

The hour-long program will include:

- Terminology used in the industry
- Facts about the industry
- Real cases and stories
- Photos and videos
- The differences and similarities between human trafficking and sex trafficking
- Things to look for and common forms
- How it is advertised and how the victims get trapped
- Information on how it is prosecuted

The program is designed to give general information on the industry, to show how real it is, and to bring awareness to the problem. Currently it is the second fastest growing criminal enterprise.



Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force Needs Your Help!

In an effort to end human trafficking in

Michigan, the Underground Railroad, Inc. of Saginaw has teamed up with the state-wide Michigan Human Traf-



ficking Task Force to better serve their surrounding communities. The main goals within the Task Force are to educate, network with others, enhance community awareness and rescue and restore survivors of trafficking.

The Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force (MMHTTF) is a smaller, regional branch of the state-wide Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, which was founded in 2007 by Jane White at the Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice.

The MMHTTF is made up of social service agencies, law enforcement, religious-based groups, and community activists dedicated to preventing human trafficking in Mid-Michigan and the surrounding communities. The MMHTTF serves Arenac, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tuscola Counties.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month in Saginaw. If you would like to be a part of the MMHTTF or help with funding, please contact Kirsten Bierlein of the Underground Railroad at kbierlein@undergroundrailroadinc.org or (989) 399-0007 for more information.

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Legislature Sends Bills Combating Human Trafficking to Governor Snyder

On Thursday, October 2, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette praised the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate for passing comprehensive key provisions recommended by the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking, which he co-chaired with Rep. Kurt Heise.

“This victim-centered legislation brings us one step closer to accomplishing the goals we outlined last year with the Commission on Human Trafficking and marks positive progress towards ending modern day slavery in Michigan,” said Schuette. “Young women who are forced into modern day slavery are victims, not criminals. This legislation strengthens victim protections and toughens penalties for traffickers by reducing the financial incentives to commit the crime.”

The Senate passed legislation removes outdated language from existing human trafficking law, allows trafficked victims to clear their record of crimes they were forced to commit under their traffickers, creates new provisions to safeguard child victims of trafficking, and makes additional reforms to existing law. The bills were sent to the House for concurrence and now head to Governor Snyder for signature.

The House passed legislation that strengthens penalties against johns and traffickers, as well as, bills to safeguard child victims of traffickers. The bills were sent to the Senate for concurrence and now head to Governor Snyder for signature.



Grassroots political action is needed on SB 596!!! Act NOW

We have worked very hard to raise awareness of human trafficking in our backyard, across Michigan and the country. Now is the time to act upon legislation that will provide us with the

TAKE ACTION!

funding we need to raise greater awareness and for helping victims of HT.

Please call the Governor’s office at (517) 373-3400 and ask for his support of SB 596 which would create the human trafficking board act; provide for an interdepartmental human trafficking board; prescribe the membership of the human trafficking board; and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the human trafficking board.

The Bill would ensure that HT will be taken seriously and continuously, and will also ensure that the board can look into and can apply for federal grants for anti-trafficking efforts. We would like to see it housed in the Michigan Dept. of Community Health which would also ensure that victims’ mental and physical health, dental care, counseling and substance abuse issues will be addressed. Many healthcare professionals and women’s and children’s organizations understand and support addressing health care issues of victims.

Please call the Michigan Senate Leader’s office at (517) 373-3543 and the House Speaker’s office at (517) 373-1787 and ask them for their support of the Bill as well. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Jayashree Kommareddi
jaykommareddi@gmail.com
(810) 252-9250

Jayashree Kommareddi manages an internal medicine practice in the city of Flint. She is a longtime community activist and organizer with a focus on charitable and political activities. Her community activities have included leadership positions in the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance and the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic. Jayashree is a recipient of the Michigan State Medical Society Award for Community Service.

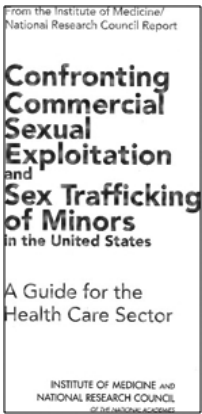


Health Care Sector Guide Now Available on Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking

Health care professionals frequently come into contact with youth who

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have past, ongoing or potential sexual exploitation for commercial purposes or sex trafficking victimization. However, according to the 2013 report from the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council, Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States, the United States is in

the early stages of recognizing, understanding and developing solutions to prevent these crimes.

A new supplement to the report Guide for the Health Care Sector at <http://www.>

iom.edu/~media/Files/Resources/guide-forhealthcaresector.pdf is designed for use by health care professionals and in settings where youth are treated for injury and illness or taught about prevention. The guide includes key terms, risk factors and consequences, barriers to identifying victims and survivors, current practices and recommendations. This project was funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. □

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Recently, Ernie started having some issues with his heart and is currently fighting heart rejection and arterial irritation and disease which is common among those who have received a transplanted heart and arteries. These issues forced several visits to the hospital, and after his condition deteriorated rapidly, he was flown to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The doctors were hoping through treatment they could resolve all of the problems, but that hasn't worked and he is now on the list for another heart transplant.

Ernie will need to remain hospitalized at Mayo until he can receive another heart. The timeline is uncertain at this point because it all depends on when a suitable donor becomes available, which will most likely take many months. Once he receives a new heart, there will be a minimum of

three months he will have to stay in Rochester while the doctors monitor his progress.

Needless to say, the costs will be immense. Because Ernie has been away from his job for so long, his employment and benefits have been terminated. He has applied for COBRA so his insurance situation is tenuous. In addition to medical expenses, there will be the costs of keeping family and friends nearby to provide assistance, and the monthly payments on his house and utilities while not being able to work.

If you are unable to attend the spaghetti dinner, please take a moment to make a donation to "Have another Heart for Ernie" at YouCaring.com <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/have-another-heart-for-ernie/189230> to help with these expenses. Your donations are appreciated more than you know, and if we all work together, we can make this situation more bearable for Ernie and his family. He will be in Rochester until a donor is found and by supporting this effort, you can help give Ernie peace of mind so he can focus solely on his health and recovery. If by chance there is any money left over after the expenses are paid, the additional monies will go towards the college fund for Ernie's sons.

SPECIAL MEDICAL MISSIONS ISSUE ARTICLES NEEDED

The SCMS will again feature the Medical Missions of our members in the December 2014 Bulletin. If you or someone you know of has participated in a medical mission (at home or abroad) within the last year or so, please contact Joan Cramer at the SCMS office at 989-790-3590 or joan@saginawcountymys.com. We are looking for articles of approximately 400-600 words in length along with photos to publish for each Medical Mission article. **The deadline for submissions is Monday, November 24, 2014, to joan@saginawcountymys.com.**

The December Bulletin will feature physicians who participate in any of the following:

- Volunteer Medical Work
- Overseas Missionary Service
- Environmental and Conservation Programs
- Public Health Programs

Depending on the number of articles received, we may need to publish some of the articles in future issues of the Bulletin.



member news

Dr. Constan Speaks at Michigan Academy of Family Physicians Annual Conference

Retiring MAFF Board member, Louis Constan, MD, FAAFP, spoke about physician burnout and preventative tactics at the MAFF Annual Conference in Lansing July 17-19, 2014.

MAFF is the state's largest specialty physician association. With more than 3,700

members, MAFF is dedicated to assisting family physicians and their practices as they work to ensure high-quality, cost-effective health care for patients of all ages.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015

Please note the upcoming events for 2014-2015 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.

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 – SCMS serves at the East Side Soup Kitchen. *Volunteers needed to prepare and serve lunch!* See page 19 to volunteer.

There is no Membership Meeting in November or December.

Monday, December 8, 2014 – 11th Annual Alliance Jingle Mingle at the Saginaw Country Club benefitting the Sexual Assault Center at Child & Family Service. See page 7 for invitation and RSVP.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center which is joint with the Dental Society. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Human Trafficking Part 2 (see page 12 for details).

There is no Membership Meeting in February or March.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 – 11th Annual SCMS Health Fair “The Doctor Is In!” at Horizons Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 – SCMS serves at the East Side Soup Kitchen in honor of Doctor’s Day. *Volunteers needed to prepare and serve lunch!*

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program TBA.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Annual Meeting.

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@saginawcountymys.com.



SOUP KITCHEN - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

TIME TO SIGN UP!

The Saginaw County Medical Society will again volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The Soup Kitchen is located in the **Hunger Solutions Center**, 940 East Genesee in Saginaw (corner of Janes Street).

Last March, our members and their families served lunch to 275 people, and packed lunches for local centers to feed children. Please consider donating your time on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, to help the less fortunate in Saginaw.

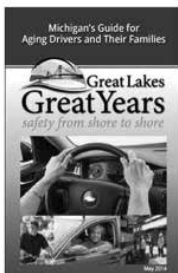
Volunteers are asked to sign up to work at the Soup Kitchen for various one hour shifts from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., or for the entire morning if desired.

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, Michigan 48638. Thank you!



There are 1.2 million Michigan drivers age 65 and older. That number is increasing, and by 2025 one in five drivers will be in this group.

The *Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families* publication was developed to improve older driver safety by providing aging drivers and their families and caregivers with information about the licensing process, resources that help maintain safe driving, alternative transportation options and more.

The guide was developed through a collaborative partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, AAA Michigan and the Michigan Department of State. The goal is to help aging drivers maintain their driver's license for as long as it is safe for them and other road users. Visit www.michigan.gov/sos to download the guide or obtain hard copies.

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- Monday, January 26 to Friday, January 30, 2015

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All physicians, employees and visitors should follow the common sense rules to reduce the risk of spreading colds, flu and other illnesses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough
- Avoid sharing items with those who are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

The visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. Thank you for your continued cooperation and attention to this matter.

Covenant Listed in U.S. News & World Report for High Achievement

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recently announced that Covenant HealthCare has been included in the annual U.S. News & World Report congratulatory advertisement.

The recognition comes as a result of participation in the “Get with the Guidelines” quality improvement program and commitment to achieving “award-level adherence to up-to-date research-based treatment guidelines for heart failure and stroke patients.”

“We hope you will share your accomplishment with everyone at your hospital and throughout your community,” said Jeanne Rash, Senior Director Quality and Systems Improvement, American Heart Association, Midwest affiliate.

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Since 1997, Dr. Sarvepalli has established one of the busiest family practice offices in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Patients continually comment that Dr. Sarvepalli truly loves her patients and provides the most compassionate care. She has delivered medical care to thousands of patients at every life stage from delivering babies to providing geriatric care.

The Spirit of St. Vincent Award is presented annually to at least one highly respected physician who has rendered long and noteworthy service to the Great Lakes Bay community and beyond. The prestigious award will be presented at the 20th Annual Cornette Ball on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at 6 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center.

St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation's Cornette Ball is one of the grandest black-tie galas in the region. The festive evening includes a cocktail hour, a magnificent five-course gourmet meal and live music by Detroit's Intrigue.

Proceeds from the event support St. Mary's of Michigan's new Interventional Radiology Special Procedure Suite. This \$2 million project will provide today's patient with the most advanced care while utilizing leading-edge technology. Whether treating brain or abdominal aneurysms, opening blocked arteries and veins or treating other non-cardiac conditions, the new interventional radiology suite will offer the patient less invasive treatment options, less radia-

tion exposure and quicker recovery time.

For information about attending the event please call (989) 907-8300, or visit www.stmarysofmichigan.org/foundation.

Annual Oncology Symposium – Focus on Breast Cancer

Saturday, November 1

St. Mary's of Michigan Seton Cancer Institute, along with the Institute for Medical Education (IME), invite you to attend the **20th Annual Fall Oncology Symposium – Focus on Breast Cancer on Saturday, November 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** at Horizons Conference Center.

This CME accredited symposium will bring together national thought leaders, and innovators in the areas of diagnosis, risk assessment and treatment of breast cancer. The newly appreciated value of a centralized team approach involving providers, patients and their families will be incorporated in this event.

Physician lineup includes those from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Henry Ford Health System, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Derrick L. Davis Cancer Center.

At the conclusion of the symposium, you will be better able to:

- Identify the role of genetics in the development of breast cancer
- Assess current chemotherapeutic recommendations
- Assess new technologies in radiation therapy treatment for breast cancer
- Identify the value of coordinated involvement between providers, patients and families to improve patient outcomes
- Assess the value of an integrated medical and surgical team for improving patient outcomes

Cost: Physicians - \$100

Residents - No Charge (documentation required)

Online registration is available at: www.regonline.com/20thFallOncology.

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Cardiac Rehabilitation Program receives AACVPR certification

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at St. Mary's of Michigan is proud to be awarded certification from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) for meeting strict standards of practice. Certified AACVPR programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available. The certification process was a year-long effort of providing proper documentation to show the program meets AACVPR's criteria. Major insurance carriers such as BCBSM recognize AACVPR program certification when awarding levels of distinction.

To refer a patient to cardiac rehab, call (989) 907-8733.

Surviving Life Retreat

St. Mary's will host a Surviving Life Retreat for all cancer survivors, care givers or anyone seeking to improve or create healthy behaviors. Attendees will enjoy sessions on laughter, wellness, adventures in self-discovery and behavior modifications.

Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Incoming medical students carry a military bearing

Two ROTC students, West Point graduate and veteran part of class

Levi Dever is a 31-year-old former infantry mortarman with the U.S. Army. John Geselman went through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Ferris State University, and Soham Parikh was part of the ROTC program at Michigan State University. Ricardo Galindo is a recent graduate of the United States Military Academy.

The military influence was visible August 8, 2014, at the white coat ceremony for the incoming class of 104 Central Michigan University College of Medicine students. Geselman and Galindo both wore service uniforms, while Dever and Parikh blended in with the rest of the class with shirts and ties.

All four are Michigan residents, and they say the mission of the CMU College of Medicine to provide quality physicians in rural and underserved areas influenced their decision to come to Mount Pleasant.

Geselman is from Carson City, a town of about 1,000 people about 34 miles south of Mount Pleasant. "I went to Carson City's hospital," he said. "And since it is out in the middle of nowhere, I got to like it. And then because I loved it so much, I saw the mission statement here and got interested."

Geselman, Parikh and Galindo applied for and received education delays for their required four years of service in the U.S. Army. Geselman and Galindo are part of the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program, which will cover their tuition and allow them to perform their active duty as a physician going through residency.

"This whole plan was risky from the start," said Geselman, who graduated with a biology major and military science minor.

"I was never guaranteed I would get into medical school. Never guaranteed I would get the delay. Never guaranteed I would get the scholarship to pay for it. That's why I'm wearing the uniform today, because the Army is going to pay for it."

Parikh, like Geselman, did well in ROTC, but he decided not to pursue the scholarship program. "I want to do orthopedic surgery, and the contract with the Army for that is 16 years," Parikh said. "And it's a family-based decision. Being Indian, it's all about the family."

Parikh, who is from Canton, said his grandfather and several uncles are physicians, and he has known since he was in middle school he wanted to be a doctor. And the military, he said, is experiencing the same physician shortage as Michigan and other areas of the country, so he is eager to help.

Galindo, a Farmington Hills native, comes from a military family. His father is a West Point graduate and his mother went through the ROTC program while attending the University of San Francisco. But why the interest in medicine? "My mom's a nurse," he said. "As long as I can remember, I've wanted to be in medicine."

Galindo owes the Army five years of active duty and three years of reserve duty, plus the four years of service the Health Professions Scholarship Program requires, so he is enjoying his return to Michigan while he can. "It is nice being home," he said. And I really liked the idea of a new program at Central Michigan. Yes, there are a lot of other big-name programs, but at a school like Central Michigan is the opportunity, we've been told, to shape where this program goes."

Dever jokes about being an older student, but he is looking forward to medical school and becoming a physician. "This was always my plan, actually," said Dever, a Millington native and a University of Michigan-Flint graduate. "I have executed my plan; it just took a little longer than I thought."

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Dever enlisted in the Army after high school, in August 2001, just weeks before the four Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He learned to run a mortar system and eventually was a team leader who saw action in Afghanistan. Along the way, he had stops at Army sites in Georgia, South Korea and New York. Now he feels at home at CMU. "CMU was my No. 1 pick because of the location and the Saginaw campus," said Dever, who lives in Millington with his wife and two young children. "I figure in my third and fourth years I should be able to live at home."

Students spend their first two years of study on CMU's main campus in a state-of-the-art 60,000 square-foot-facility. The third and fourth years will be spent in clinical training at a number of medical facilities across central and northern Michigan, including Covenant HealthCare and St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw.

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Dr. Lenhart’s career with HealthSource began in 1993

when he first joined the Behavioral Medicine department. He left HealthSource in 2008 at which time he became the Medical Director at Bay Arenac Behavioral Health Authority in Bay City Michigan.

In August of 2014, Dr. Lenhart retired from Bay Arenac and returned to HealthSource which he describes as “coming home.”

Dr. Lenhart will be working with adult patients in the outpatient office, as well as, supporting the HealthSource Nursing Care units with psychiatric consults.

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- 1998 – Jack L. Barry, MD
- 1997 – Bala Srinivasan, MD and Ramesh B. Cherukuri, MD
- 1995 – James R. Hines, MD
- 1993 – William R. Engelman, MD

Please contact the SCMS with the name of the physician you would like to nominate. You can email your nomination to joan@saginawcountymys.com or fax to 989-790-3640 by December 1, 2014.



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❖ **New MSMS President: Physicians should lead way in protecting patient rights**

By Jay Greene



James Grant, MD, president of the 16,000-member **Michigan State Medical Society** for 2014-15, says his chief goal this year is to encourage more physicians to become outspoken leaders for their profession and on behalf of patients.

Too few physicians are hospital CEOs or executives, and not enough serve in state legislatures or Congress, where they can make a difference, Dr. Grant said in a recent interview with Crain's. "In these times of tremendous change in health care, physicians have to take the lead to ensure the needs and well-being of Michigan patients remain the focus of our health care system," he said.

As chair of anesthesiology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Dr. Grant succeeded Kenneth Elmastian, DO, as MSMS president in April. As quite possibly the youngest state medical society president at age 53, Dr. Grant is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University School of Medicine, and served his residency at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago.

In a recent interview, Dr. Grant discussed a range of topics that included top priorities for MSMS this year.

Why do you say physicians need to take more leadership roles?

Of the top 20 hospitals in the U.S., at least 12 are led by physicians. We under-

stand what is best for patients, and our leadership has proven this out at the Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, Massachusetts General Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital. I believe doctor leaders need to continue to practice medicine, maybe not every day but often, to stay in touch with patients.

Why is MSMS supporting Gov. Rick Snyder in his re-election?

For the second time in 150 years, the Medical Society is endorsing a candidate for governor. Gov. Snyder has been a constant and tireless advocate for Michigan patients. He has been a leader in signing bills that save the lives of children in schools that have allergic reactions. He has simplified the authorization process for clinical prescriptions. He is an important advocate for medical schools and universities to train the doctors we need for the future so that every patient has access to quality care. And he signed legislation for the Healthy Michigan Medicaid plan, ensuring 475,000 of our citizens get health care while protecting taxpayers.

With the new Beaumont Health forming from three separate hospital-based systems, what do you think of consolidation of hospitals and physician groups?

There are benefits to being a part of a larger organization. But a lot depends on the purpose of the consolidation. I believe Beaumont Health is being formed to improve patient care. There are many details to be worked out. By bringing Beaumont, Oakwood and Botsford organizations together, we can reduce costs by reducing administrative costs, increase efficiencies in "backroom" areas such as human resources, information technology and revenue cycle. I predict we are going to see more consolidation in the future and probably eventually national affiliations. My practice was acquired by American Anesthesiologists in 2012. Joining AA has saved us money in human resources,

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employee benefits and many back office areas. They don't tell us how to practice. We take a look at the best clinical practices that are part of our 800-member group and decide what is best for our patients. Physicians and hospitals need to come together to coordinate care and cooperate in delivering the best care to patients.

Is MSMS doing enough to support physician practice management issues?

Yes, we have a high priority in assisting physicians with a variety of practice issues on the business side. We are seeing a dramatic increase in physicians who are employed by hospitals and physicians who become part of larger, multispecialty mega-groups.

One of our strategic priorities is to work with members on practice enhancement and sustainability. Physicians are increasingly asked to report quality metrics and patient satisfaction data. We will also offer more one-on-one practice management consulting by phone or web. Last year, MSMS handled more than 1,100 requests for one-on-one assists. We also put on many seminars and webinars on practice management models.

Do we have enough doctors in Michigan?

No, we have many new medical schools in the state, but if we are going to produce more physicians, we need more residency positions at hospitals. We have an artificial cap imposed by the federal government in how much it will pay for physician training. Residency training is financially supported by federal and state governments. Hospitals are more often funding residents out of operating funds. We need a new partnership between the federal government, the state and hospitals to increase the numbers of physicians trained at hospitals.

What legislation is MSMS supporting or opposing this year?

We are supporting HB 4524 (which requires hospitals to clearly label names

of health professionals that come into patients' rooms). We continue to oppose Senate Bill 2 (which would grant additional practice rights to advance practice nurses, including the ability to prescribe physical therapy, speech and occupational therapy and mental health counseling for children in schools. Nurse practitioners also could independently order prescription drugs and Schedule 2-5 narcotics without physician supervision under specific circumstances). We also oppose any changes in the auto no-fault laws and believe patients with catastrophic injuries should receive care they deserve. (A bill was introduced this year, but not much action has occurred.)

Other bills MSMS supports:

- Prior authorization: House Bills 4191 and 4192 would prohibit the retroactive denial of a previously paid claim when

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a physician in good faith has verified benefits or eligibility with a health plan and later the plan says “no” to payment.

- Retrospective denials: HBs 4191 and 4192 also would set parameters on retrospective denials/takebacks so that plans would have to provide written notice of and reasons for the retrospective denial, and such action would have to be taken within a year of payment of the claim. Exceptions would include fraud, duplicative payment and adjustment with another health plan/coordination of benefits.
- Expedited partner therapy: HB 4736 would allow a physician to write a prescription for treating a sexually transmitted disease for the patient and the patient’s partner.
- Tanning salon legislation: HB 4404-4405 would ban those under age 18 from using a tanning salon.

❖ **Reclassification of Hydrocodone Combination Products Impacts Prescribers and Patients**

Recently, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) published a final rule to reclassify hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) from Schedule III to the more restrictive Schedule II category of controlled substances. This rescheduling took effect on Monday, October 6, and applies to “all pharmaceuticals containing hydrocodone currently on the market in the United States.”



As a result, physicians currently prescribing HCPs to their patients will need to recognize the new restrictions this change requires when they write future prescriptions. All prescribers in Michigan will be expected to follow the federal rule and must treat an HCP prescription the same as any other Schedule II prescription.

❖ **Media Notes MSMS’ Unrelenting Efforts to Stop Senate Bill 2**

The MSMS message on Senate Bill 2 was not lost on Wednesday, October 1, as Advance Practice Nurses came to Lansing to lobby for its passage. A mobile billboard was created and parked in front of the House Office Building as a reminder of the medical community’s strong opposition to this inappropriate scope expansion bill.



The billboard was noted in the Capitol newsletter MIRS:

On APRN Advocacy Day, Jansen Bashes Critics

Advanced practice registered nurses (ARNPs) advocated at the Capitol today for the power to diagnose and prescribe, and Sen. Mark Jansen (R-Gaines Twp.) took to the Senate floor to denounce their many critics.

Jansen is the sponsor of Senate Bill 2, a bill that would allow ARPNs to diagnose illnesses and prescribe medications to patients. Supporters contend ARPNs have enough education and experience to do so, but doctors throughout the state have condemned the legislation as an overreach.

A large truck that read “Protect Patients. Say No to Senate Bill 2” sat in front of the Capitol for most of the day, prompting Jansen to encourage opponents to “read the Senate-passed version rather than lie about another Senate version that was not passed” on the Senate floor.

❖ **AMA Offers Physician Response to CMS Data Release**

Physicians’ financial data under the Physician Payments Sunshine Act, also known as the “Open Payments” program, was released to the public on Tuesday, September 30. It focused on payments to physicians from drug and device manufacturers. While

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most physicians won't find their data in the local news, chances are their patients or others they know will ask them about it.

An article titled *CMS Releases Sunshine Act Data: What Physicians Need to Know* was included in the *AMA Advocacy Update* emailed in late September. It included talking points for giving a thoughtful response to three questions physicians most likely might hear from patients, information about what the AMA has been doing about this issue, and instructions to dispute data that is being released.

❖ **Be Cybersecure: Explicit Photos Are Nothing Compared to This**

Cybercrime costs the U.S. economy billions of dollars each year and causes organizations to devote substantial time and resources to keeping their information secure.

It's especially important for health care organizations, the most frequently attacked form of business. Cybercriminals target health care for two main reasons: Health care organizations fail to upgrade their cybersecurity as quickly as other businesses, and criminals find personal patient information particularly valuable to exploit.

The repercussions of security breaches can be daunting. A business that suffers a breach of more than



500 records of unencrypted personal health information (PHI) must report the breach to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR). This is the federal body with the power to enforce the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and issue fines. To date, the OCR has levied more than \$25 million in fines, with the largest single fine totaling \$4.8 million. A health care organization's brand and reputation also are at stake. The OCR maintains a searchable database (informally known as a "wall of shame") that publicly lists all entities that were fined for breaches that meet the 500-record requirement.

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 Amandeep S. Dhaliwal MD 11/18
 Mark G. Greenwell MD 11/23
 Ronald C. Hazen MD 11/7
 Christopher R. Heberer DO 11/12
 Beverly A. Jarema DO 11/19
 Adebambo M. Kadri MD 11/10
 Phadej Keopunna MD 11/18
 Nikolai Kinachtchouk MD 11/2
 Harmohan S. Kochar MD 11/13
 John M. Kosanovich MD 11/11
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applications

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J. Patricia Dhar, MD (*CMU Health – Internal Medicine Dept.*)

Primary: Internal Medicine, Board Certified 1986.

Secondary: Rheumatology, Board Certified 1990.

Medical School: Wayne

State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, 1982.

Internship/Residency: Wayne State University Affiliated Hospitals, Internal Medicine, 1982-86.

Fellowship: Wayne State University, Rheumatology, 1986-89.

Prior Practice: **Wayne State University School of Medicine** (1) Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, 1985-91; (2) Full Time Faculty (Assistant Professor), Division of Rheumatology 1992-04; (3) Associate Residency Program Director of Internal Medicine 2003-04; (4) Full Time Affiliate, Dept. of Internal Medicine 2004-06; (5) Full Time Faculty,

Division of Translational Research and Clinical Epidemiology (TRACE), 2007-14; (6) Full Time Faculty, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology 2008-14; (7) Joint Appointment as Assistant Professor, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology 2007-14; (8) Adjunct Faculty in the graduate Basic Medical Sciences (BMS) graduate program 2010; (9) Dean's Appointment to the Cardiovascular Research Institute, 2010-14; and (10) Associate Chief, Division of Rheumatology, 2011-12. Henry Ford Health Systems, Senior Staff Physician, Division of Rheumatology 2004-06.

Sponsors: Doctors Ronald H. Bradley and Raghu Sarvepalli.



Toby C.J. Long, MD (*Health Delivery, Inc./Roosevelt S. Ruffin Community Health Center*)

Primary: Family Medicine, Board Certified 2011.

Medical School: Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 2008.

Internship/Residency: St. Mary's Family Medicine, Grand Junction, Colorado, 6/08-6/11.

Sponsors: Doctors Brenda M. Coughlin and Douglas J. Saylor. □



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Board highlights

The August meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at Michigan CardioVascular Institute. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Dr. Jilani welcomed Saginaw County Sheriff Bill Federspiel and Lt. Randy Pfau; new Alternate Delegate, Khawar G. Mohsini MD; and SCMS Foundation President, Matthew D. Deibel MD.

The minutes of the June 17, 2014, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the June Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Dr. Dean presented the Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2014. **MOTION:** Approve the June and July Treasurer's Report. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Dr. Ramani's Projects** – Sheriff Bill Federspiel and Lt. Randy Pfau were invited to the meeting to discuss Dr. Ramani's suggested gun buyback and anti-bullying programs. Sheriff Federspiel reported that school resource officers are practically non-existent in Saginaw County due to budget cuts. The Sheriff's Department has a contract with the Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township, whereby those entities pay a portion of a deputy's salary to patrol their area and go into the Merrill schools. He also mentioned there is a deputy that currently works road enforcement in Saginaw County, and a portion of his salary is paid by the Saginaw County Road Commission. The Sheriff is working with the Saginaw County Department of Public Health to write a grant to obtain funding (\$30,000-\$40,000) for this deputy to spend part of his time in the schools. Sheriff Federspiel noted they cannot just go into the schools, and he would need to work with the school superintendents to determine interest and if they would be

welcomed into the various school districts. Sheriff Federspiel also mentioned a bullying website www.stopbullying.gov and the Lifeline phone number for that purpose is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

As far as a gun buyback program, the Sheriff's Department does not currently have funds for such a program. He said there are pros and cons to a buyback program. The pros are getting unwanted guns, specifically from those who have guns and no longer want them, or have guns of deceased family members they want disposed. The cons are criminals stealing guns to sell back. The Sheriff's Department is working with the ATF and Congressman Dan Kildee to distribute free gun locks the end of August. Several board members asked if the Sheriff's Department would take guns and ammunition if they were brought in, and the answer was yes. There are no funds to buy back the guns, but they will be accepted and destroyed. It was suggested that the Sheriff's Department have a booth at our Health Fair about gun safety, and perhaps give out free gun locks. Dr. Danielle Duncan offered to write an article for the 2015 Healthy Living supplement in the Township Times about gun safety and disposal.

Dr. Ramani will work with Sheriff Federspiel on both issues in the future. Dr. Ramani suggested a possible future fundraiser for the Sheriff's Department for these purposes at the Dow Event Center.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Applications for Membership** – Dr. Talati presented the following applications which were recommended for approval at tonight's meeting:
 - a. **Adebambo M. Kadri, MD** – Thoracic Surgery, employed by St. Mary's of Michigan but working at Michigan CardioVascular Institute, sponsored by Drs. Christopher M. Genco and Luigi Maresca.
 - b. Emergency Medicine Residents spon-

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sored by Dr. Steven J. Vance

- 1) **Hussein J. Al Amer MD** • King Saud University, Saudi Arabia, 2009
 - 2) **Corey L. Alvarez MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 3) **Jesse H. Ellsworth MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 4) **Kamara W. Graham MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 5) **Christopher R. Heberer DO** • Lincoln Mem. Univ/DeBusk College of Osteo Med., TN, 2014
 - 6) **Ahmad A. Jaber MD** • King Saud University, Saudi Arabia, 2008
 - 7) **Sara R. Jacob MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 8) **Jamie J. McCartney MD** • MSU-CHM, 2014
 - 9) **Heather K. Sherwin MD** • Duke University School of Medicine, North Carolina, 2014
 - 10) **Tyler J. Weese MD** • University of Toledo, Ohio, 2014
- c. *Family Medicine Residents sponsored by Dr. Sreeram Gonnalagadda*
- 1) **Madhumitha Krishnamoorthy MD** • Aarupadai Veedu Medical College & Hospital, Pondicherry, India, 2009
 - 2) **Sagar P. Patel MD** • American University of the Caribbean, St. Maarten, 2013
 - 3) **Blake A. Putnam MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 4) **Snehal P. Reddy MD** • Spartan Health Science University School of Medicine, St. Lucia, 2009
 - 5) **Bilal A. Shah MD** • American University of Antigua, 2012
 - 6) **Nadezda Stelmaschuk MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
- d. *Internal Medicine Residents sponsored by Dr. Marilyn Haupt*
- 1) **Ashwathy Balachandran Pillai MD** • Mahatma Gandhi University Medical College Kottayam, India, 2011
 - 2) **Paritharsh Ghantasala MD**

- Siddhartha Medical College, India, 2010
 - 3) **Rahul Jacob MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2014
 - 4) **Haritha Machavarapu MD** • Katakatiya Medical College, India, 2010
 - 5) **Devika M. Madhavan MD** • Amrita School of Medicine, Kerala, India, 2012
 - 6) **Nimmy M. Rodrigues MD** • T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha, India, 2009
 - 7) **Madiha Tahir MD** • Rawalpindi Medical College, Pakistan, 2011
 - 8) **Jerry Xavier MD** • Kottayam Medical College, Kerala, India, 2011
- e. *Ob/Gyn Residents sponsored by Dr. Shirley A. Layko*
- 1) **Maighan S. Guffey DO** • Lincoln Memorial Univ/DeBusk College of Osteo Med., TN, 2014
 - 2) **Deirdre H. Knobloch DO** • Lincoln Memorial Univ/DeBusk College of Osteo Med., TN, 2013
 - 3) **Olivia A. Phifer-Combs MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2013
 - 4) **Tanoja Rathi DO** • MSU-COM, 2014
- f. *Psychiatry Residents sponsored by Dr. Ronald H. Bradley*
- 1) **Zaira Khalid MD** • Windsor University, St. Kitts, Caribbean, 2013
 - 2) **Thersilla Oberbarnscheidt MD** • Christian Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany, 2005
 - 3) **Ferdinand C. Osuagwu MD** • University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1997
 - 4) **Nikita Roy MD** • Ross University, Dominica, 2013
- g. *General Survey Residents sponsored by Dr. Anthony J. Senagore*
- 1) **Ammar Hashmi MD** • Dow Medical College, Pakistan, 2012
 - 2) **Lucy C. Martinek MD** • St. George's University, Grenada, 2012 (PGY-3)
 - 3) **Tamer M. Shaker MD** • Univ. of Minnesota Medical School, 2014

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MOTION: Approve the Membership Applications of Adebambo M. Kadri, MD and all of the Residents as presented above.
MOTION APPROVED.

Dr. Talati then presented the following applications for their first reading. The applicants may be recommended for approval at the September 16, 2014, board meeting:

a. **Shrinivas Kambali, MD** – Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, SMOM Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates, sponsored by Drs. Gopi K. Nallani and Sanjay J. Talati.

b. **Binu Malhotra, MD** – Internal Medicine, Oncology and Hematology, Covenant Cancer Care Physician Group, sponsored by Doctors Jay B. Nayak and Jacob C. Ninan.

2. Program Committee – Dr. Jilani reported on upcoming SCMS Membership Meeting Programs:

a. September – Human Trafficking planned in cooperation with the Saginaw County Osteopathic Society. It was noted that St. Mary's of Michigan is having a new member reception for five of their new physicians prior to our meeting, and all SCMS members are invited to attend.

b. October – Candidates Forum at HealthSource Saginaw.

c. January – To be planned by the Saginaw Dental Society.

d. April – Possible topics for the meeting were medical records and the law, malpractice, and ICD-10.

e. May – Annual Meeting, with update on MSMS House of Delegates.

3. Approval of Key Providers – The following companies/organizations applied to be Key Providers for 2014-15:

- a. Arner Investment Management
- b. Bieri Hearing Specialists
- c. Healthway Compounding Pharmacy
- d. St. Mary's of Michigan
- e. Saginaw Valley Sport & Spine
- f. Wellspring Lutheran Services

MOTION: Approve the above six organizations as Key Providers for 2014-15.

MOTION APPROVED

4. SCMS Foundation Update – Dr. Matt Deibel, Foundation President, updated the Board on the following:

- a. Foundation Board Officers
- b. Annual Golf Outing
- c. Medical Student Loans
- d. Essay Contest
- e. Assisting the Alliance with Nursing Scholarships

5. Physicians Review Organization of Michigan, Inc. (PROM) – PROM is looking for physician reviewers. Those interested were asked to contact Joan and she will forward the application.

6. MSMS Committee on Licensure and Discipline – MSMS is seeking members to serve on this committee. Those interested were asked to contact Joan.

7. Homes from Heaven Breakfast – The SCMS will serve breakfast on Saturday, October 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Board members were invited to sign up to participate.

8. CME Programs – Dr. Dedicatoria reported that she was approached by several retired members regarding CME programs at SCMS meetings. Joan reported that since we only have five membership meetings per year, we do our best to obtain CME credit, but not all programs qualify. Several members suggested webinars through MSMS for those retired members looking for CME credit.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center prior to the membership meeting which is joint with the Saginaw County Osteopathic Society and spouses. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. □

*Respectfully submitted,
JOAN M. CRAMER
Executive Director*

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