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president's letter



M. Sohail Jilani, MD

MiHIA

We have been hearing about MiHIA for the last couple of years, but a lot of people (including me) don't know what it is. Who started it and who runs it? What are its goals? How is it going to improve awareness and thereby improve the health delivery system in our community? For my own education, I requested information from MiHIA which I am sharing with you so we all better understand the organization.

The Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. (*formerly known as the Michigan Health Information Alliance, Inc.*), or MiHIA, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders collaborating to improve health and health care delivery in central Michigan. MiHIA was created in 2007, with the help of a planning contract awarded to Central Michigan University's Research Corporation, from the State of Michigan Department of Community Health.

Over the next three years, MiHIA's efforts to build a thriving health community would earn a designation as a Chartered Value Exchange (2008) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and be selected by the Institute for Health Improvement to participate in the Triple Aim (2010).

MiHIA serves a 14-county area including Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot,

Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. This region is one of nine medical trading areas defined by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The geography includes a population of about 800,000 people.

MiHIA's work varies, but it all falls under what is known as "The Triple Aim," which targets health and systems broadly at the regional level. The Triple Aim focuses on three facets of health delivery – population health, patient experience and cost of care. At the individual level, this translates to good or better health, high quality care and good value.

Functionally and operationally, MiHIA works at many levels. In some cases, MiHIA acts as the convener for multiple

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HAPPY DOCTORS' DAY!



*Thank you for being a
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*And helping serve the
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parties, establishing shared goals and objectives, setting collective targets or aligning business plans. In other cases, MiHIA is an assessor, evaluating processes and offerings to reduce redundancies, conducting environmental scans or providing health data. MiHIA also seeks funding to bring resources to our area, and facilitates or supports projects or initiatives that will impact better health and health care in our region. MiHIA employs two full-time employees: Beth Roszatycki, Chief Executive Officer and Beth Pomranky, Operations Manager. MiHIA utilizes contractors to carry out additional business functions, as well as, management of projects and other strategic initiatives. Multiple volunteers serve on various MiHIA committees, workgroups and project teams to ensure success.

MiHIA is currently in the process of implementing a three-county Diabetes Prevention Program in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties. MiHIA will partner with Viridian Health Management for implementation of the MiHIA Diabetes Prevention Program (MiHIA DPP) proj-

ect, as well as, local partners: Aetna, Bay County Health Department, Covenant HealthCare (including PHO Partners), Dow Chemical Company, Dow Corning Corporation, Health Delivery, Inc., Health-Plus of Michigan, McLaren Bay Region, MidMichigan Health, Midland County Department of Public Health, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority and Saginaw Pathways to Better Health. The program has been funded through the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation and will serve 500 patients within the three counties over a two-year time period.

MiHIA's experience convening can be evidenced as co-convenor of Michigan Pathways to Better Health (MPBH), a three-year initiative funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through a Health Care Innovations Grant awarded to the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). MPBH impacts healthcare quality, cost, utilization, and health status by connecting clients to needed health and social services in order to improve their health, increase their utilization of primary

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Please join us for

CMED in Saginaw

An evening of networking, appetizers and a look at our vision



Wednesday, March 18
7 p.m. at the Horizons Center
in Saginaw

Join the leaders of CMU College of Medicine, including new Dean Dr. George Kikano, and CMU Medical Education Partners for the first in a series of conversations about where we are headed and how to be involved.

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ASAP to Kristen Edgerton at
989-774-6893 or kristen.edgerton@cmich.edu

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care services and decrease the cost of their health care through reductions. The MPBH project worked closely with local agencies in Saginaw County to build a Pathways Community Hubs (HUB). HUB identifies and connects at-risk persons with chronic conditions to Community Health Workers who will work with HUB's Registered Nurse and Clinical Social Worker to coordinate access to health care services and human services (such as housing, nutrition and transportation) that are needed to improve health. HUB provides the tools and strategies that at-risk persons need in order to be served in a timely, coordinated manner; this avoids duplication of effort and keeps persons on track to improve their health.

MiHIA is currently managing the Choosing Wisely® campaign for our region. This is a national initiative aimed at reducing duplication, waste and risk to patients by increasing communication between patients and providers. It is sponsored by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM). Since the Choosing Wisely® campaign was launched in 2012, medical specialty societies have identified tests or procedures commonly used in their field whose necessity should be questioned and discussed. The ABIM Foundation has awarded MiHIA a two-year, \$70,000 grant to expand the Choosing Wisely® campaign in the region. Support for the grant program comes from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As one of only nine campaign grantees, MiHIA uses the funding to educate physicians, hospital systems and other community health organizations – as well as consumers – about established guidelines for evaluating tests and procedures.

MiHIA has an active Population Health Strategy Team with representation from all 14 counties and multiple sectors/industries, including health systems, social service entities, business, education and public health entities. The Population Health Strategy Team has been selected by the National Quality Forum to be one of 12 Field Testing

Sites for their Guide to Community Action. The testing period will provide MiHIA with technical assistance on topics such as community health engagement, health indicator measurements and community asset mapping.

MiHIA's efforts on behalf of the 14-county region and 800,000 residents it represents have continued to gain momentum as more and more regional stakeholders participate in aligning goals and metrics for regional health success. MiHIA routinely convenes partners for new health initiatives, seeks and receives grant funds, coordinates and shares health data through the MiHIA Health Dashboard, and works to align many different facets of the region's health and health systems.

After reading so much information on this chilly winter day, my mind may be frozen. But do not get depressed, SPRING is coming soon! GOD BLESS ALL OF US. □

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Membership Meeting at Horizons

*Invitations will be mailed/emailed
later this month*

Speaker: George Bosnjak
Great Lakes Health Connect

Topic: Health Information Exchange
CME Credit Available!

Michigan Health Connect and Great Lakes Health Information Exchange have merged to form Great Lakes Health Connect, one of the nation's largest providers of health information exchange, allowing hospitals, physicians and other medical professionals to quickly and securely share the health records of more than five million people.

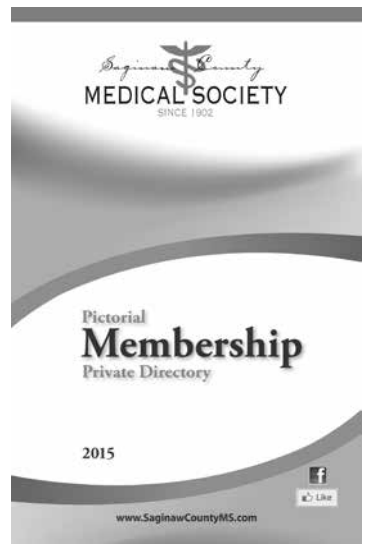
HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The new 2015 Pictorial Membership
Private Directory is here!

The *Private Directory* will be mailed or delivered to all practicing members at their office the second week of March. Retired members will receive the Directory at their home.

The *Public Directory* (without phone, fax and pager) will be distributed at the 11th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, March 21 at Horizons Conference Center.

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from the editor



Louis L. Constan, MD

Humble and Humbler

Last month, we reviewed four cases where it seemed that overconfidence on the part of a physician caused harm to the patient. One physician was too reluctant to admit that he had a high post-op infection rate; another too proud to admit that he was becoming forgetful; another too enamored of the power of images on a screen to make a diagnosis; and the fourth too arrogant to admit that a doctor whom he considered his inferior could have made a diagnosis that he missed.

Confidence is good, overconfidence bad, and the struggle between these two may be the defining challenge to the physician who aspires to excellence in his practice. Here's why:

- We must not forget the fact that, although sometimes put on a pedestal by our patients and by our society, we are human and are going to make mistakes. We can strive mightily to be the very best and to check and double check, but inevitably will make a mistake. At that point, we have three choices. Either we can forgive ourselves as fallible humans; or we can berate ourselves as bad doctors, and try harder and harder to be perfect, leading to burnout; or we can take an aggressive approach and blame someone else, leading to strife with our patients and

our colleagues. The latter solution can, as we have seen, lead to harm. It makes a bad situation worse.

- We actually should expect to make mistakes at some point. The surgeon with the high infection rate would have noticed it sooner if he accepted that a high infection rate was always a possibility. No one watches you when you're scrubbing up, and, being human, you can always get distracted and scrub improperly. We are not machines. Our minds overload. This is not our fault. What is our fault is unwillingness to see evidence of failure on our part. When we put ourselves into a mind-set that failure can happen, it is easier and faster and absolutely the right thing to do, accept this and take whatever actions are necessary. We owe it to ourselves and our patients to attain such a mind-set.
- We should accept that someone else may know more than we do. This should be self-evident, but medical students and residents live through an intense period in their lives during which they are rewarded and praised only when they can prove that they are better than their peers. This becomes a mind-set in which we "must" be better than the other guy. It's a slippery slope to thinking that we "are" better than the other guy. Further, the medical specialty system promotes the idea that a specialist in one area "must" know more than a non-specialist in that area. So, God forbid that we accept advice from someone who does not have the same specialty credentials. Such thinking is patently ridiculous. We've all seen instances in which one specialist missed something that we've uncovered, and that's perfectly OK. Experience matters, sometimes trumping credentials. Also, consider this: Unless we've won the Nobel Prize recently, there is **always** someone who knows more about any given topic than we do. That's good though! We can learn from that person, who usually is quite eager

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to pass along his knowledge. So when a colleague calls you with a suggestion or a bit of advice, it's a good idea to listen carefully. He may be on to something. And learning that information just may make you a better doctor.

- Part of the hyper-competitiveness we learn in medical school is to argue against, even belittle, the ideas of our colleagues. "I'm right and you're wrong. How could you not see that? There must be something wrong with you." Such attitudes are damaging when we find ourselves part of a medical team, as so often happens these days. Medical care is simply too complicated for any one doctor to do well. So we work as a team, helping each other to achieve a goal, in this case, good patient care. Those teams depend on synergy, the total effectiveness of the team is greater than the sum of effectiveness of the individual parts of the team. The team is smarter than any of its

members. There's a humbling thought. In the team, there are only colleagues, and no one is more important than anyone else. It is in our interest and the patient's interest that each team member seek to improve the effectiveness of the other members of the team. Therefore, the competition model we learned in medical school is wrong. We must seek to build up our colleagues rather than tear them down. We must treat them with respect. We must compliment them in their work. Together we can be humbly self-confident and thus better doctors.

All four doctors we met last month were well-respected physicians and consultants with good surgical technique, broad medical knowledge, fine diagnostic skills and engaging bedside manners; but their lack of humility meant that they were unable to learn from their mistakes, calling into question their ability to do what was right for their patients. That is not now us! ☐

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alliance news

*Submitted by Jamie Chamberlin,
Executive Assistant*

SAVE THE DATE

The date for the spring luncheon has changed so we can have it at a new and popular venue! We are very excited that the luncheon will be held at the new farm-to-table restaurant in downtown Saginaw called **Bradley's Bistro** <http://www.bradleysbistro.com/> on Monday, May 11, 2015. The guest speaker is not yet confirmed, but we have a wonderful array of possibilities that will appeal to everyone! Invitations will be mailed toward the end of April, but mark this on your calendar now so you don't miss it! Proceeds will benefit the nursing scholarship fund.

Preparations for the 2015 Jingle Mingle are under way as well! The Board has decided to contact vendors early, so if you know of anyone who would like to participate as a vendor, please contact a board member or the SCMS office at (989) 790-3590. The 2015 Jingle Mingle will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the Saginaw Country Club. Make sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this fun and important event!

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Nursing scholarship applications have been mailed to both Delta College and SVSU in addition to prior applicants. If you know of someone from Saginaw County who is attending college in an accredited nursing program, please feel free to share this information! Applications are available on the Saginaw County Medical Society website www.SaginawCountyMS.com under the Alliance tab, or by calling the SCMS office at (989) 790-3590. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2015.

GET TO KNOW THE LEGISLATOR DAY



Past SCMS-A President and current MSMS-A Recording Secretary, Janie Gugino, participated in MSMS-A's "Get to Know the Legislator Day" in Lansing on Tuesday, February 24. While at the event, Janie was able to speak with State Senator Ken Horn about issues pertinent to MSMS-A. □

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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I will attend and staff the SCMS booth from

☐ 9-10 a.m.

☐ 10-11 a.m.

☐ 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

☐ 12-1 p.m.

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Got Drugs?



DUMP YOUR DRUGS AT THIS YEAR'S HEALTH FAIR!

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Horizons Conference Center • 6200 State Street, Saginaw**

The Saginaw County Health Department and Saginaw County Sheriff's Department will collect your unused, unwanted and expired medications at this year's Health Fair.

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Be somebody who saves lives.

Give Blood

Ernie Balcueva received his second lifesaving heart transplant after a rare and tragic disease took the lives of his four brothers. His life was saved because of blood and organ donors. Save a life like Ernie's. Make a lifesaving difference and donate blood to boost our community blood supply in Ernie's honor!

Have A Heart For Ernie Blood Drive

Saturday, March 21, 2015

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saginaw County Medical
Society Health Fair

Horizons Conference Center
6200 State Street, Saginaw

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

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please visit our website SaginawCountyMS.com**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2015

Please note the upcoming events for 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.

There is no Membership Meeting in March.

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at MCVI in the Board Room at 5:30 p.m.

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 – SCMS Board Meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Health Information Exchange (HIE). CME available.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 6th Annual SCMS Foundation Golf Outing at the Saginaw Country Club.

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

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SOUP KITCHEN – TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 TIME TO SIGN UP!



The Saginaw County Medical Society will again volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in honor of Doctors Day. The Soup Kitchen is located in the **Hunger Solution Center**, 940 East Genesee in Saginaw (corner of Janes Street).

Last November, our members and their families served lunch to 301 people, and packed lunches for local centers to feed children. Please consider donating your time on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 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!

GOLF OUTING *Save The Date!*

The SCMS Foundation will host its 6th annual golf outing on **Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Saginaw Country Club**. *The SCMS Foundation makes low interest loans to medical students with ties to the Saginaw area in the hopes of encouraging the students to return to Saginaw to practice.*

**Saturday, June 13, 2015
Saginaw Country Club
Four Person Scramble
12 p.m. Registration
1 p.m. Shotgun Start**



Watch upcoming issues of *The Bulletin* for information and sponsorship opportunities!

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



The Saginaw County Medical Society Alliance announces that applications for the annual \$500 Nursing Scholarships are now available. Interested individuals should be residents of Saginaw County who are currently enrolled in a nursing program and have a GPA no lower than 2.79. Students who reside in Saginaw County only to attend Delta or SVSU are not eligible. High school seniors are also not eligible to apply. *Applications may be downloaded from the SCMS website www.saginawcountymys.com under the "Alliance" tab*, or available from the Saginaw County Medical Society, 350 St. Andrews Road, Suite 242, Saginaw, Michigan 48638. The telephone number is (989) 790-3590 or e-mail at jamie@saginawcountymys.com. **Deadline for applications is March 31, 2015.**

MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE



Do you know of a medical student (with ties to the Saginaw area) in need of a loan? The SCMS Foundation may be able to help. The Foundation was formed in 1969 and originally funded through physician donation of earnings from educational and charity work. The Annual Golf Outing and donations now fund the Foundation which makes low interest loans to medical students with ties to the Saginaw area. The intent is to encourage physicians to return to Saginaw County to practice medicine.

Current SCMS Foundation officers are President, Matthew D. Deibel MD; Vice President, Lowell A. Butman MD; and Trustees Rao V.C. Gudipati MD, Richard C. Hausler MD and Robert J. Toteff MD.

If any SCMS member knows of a medical student in need (with an interest in the Saginaw area), please encourage him or her to contact the SCMS office at (989) 790-3590 or joan@saginawcountymys.com for loan application details. *Applications may be downloaded from the SCMS website www.saginawcountymys.com under the "Foundation" tab.* **Deadline for applications is March 31, 2015.** ☐

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. ☐



Dr. George Kikano's extensive background as a family medicine physician, an educator and leader will serve him well as the new dean of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine, Provost Michael

Gealt said.

Gealt announced Kikano's appointment Tuesday. He will start part time at CMU April 1 and full time July 1. Kikano currently is the founding director of the Weatherhead Institute for Family Medicine and Community Health at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He also is the medical director for Home Care Services with University Hospitals in Cleveland and a professor of family medicine at CWRU. He continues to practice as a physician and has made Cleveland Magazine's "Top Docs" list every year since 2002 and has been on the "Best Doctors in America" list every year since 2003.

"From the start of our conversations, Dr. Kikano talked about the CMU College of Medicine's mission to provide quality health care in underserved areas, and he was able to tie his experiences and the initiatives he has led to that mission," Gealt said. "He has been hands on in research, family medicine and teaching and as an administrator."

Kikano takes over the nation's 137th medical school as it prepares to admit its third class and finalize its third- and fourth-year curriculum, which includes clinical training in Saginaw and at a number of medical facilities across central and northern Michigan. A new education building in Saginaw on the campus of Covenant HealthCare is on schedule to open in June 2015. Plans to build clinical space at the College of Medicine's other Saginaw partner, St. Mary's of Michigan, were approved last year by the CMU Board of Trustees.

"As I said in the open forums on campus, I'm fully energized. You have something good going on here at CMU," Kikano said. "The mission is a core value that should not be changed, should not be altered. Anything we do here, whether it is education, clinical research, basic science research, investing in facilities or investing in programs — that core mission will guide us."

Kikano, who has secured millions of dollars in grants for education and faculty development while at Case Western Reserve University, earned his medical degree in 1986 from American University in Lebanon. He started at Case Western Reserve University in 1987 as a research fellow and performed his family medicine residency with University Hospitals of Cleveland. By 1992, he was the associate residency director, and he served in a number of leadership roles before becoming chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Case Western in 2001.

Linda Perkowski has served as the interim dean for the College of Medicine since July and will continue in that role until Kikano arrives on campus full time. □



in memory



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Suryarao Kurumety, MD.

Captain Suryarao Kurumety, MD, beloved husband, father, grandfather, dedicated doctor and

retired Captain of the U.S. Navy passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday evening, February 28, 2015, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. He was born on July 10, 1935, in Andra Pradesh, India as the only son of late Damodarao and Mangaraju Kurumety. He immigrated to the United States in 1974, and practiced as a Radiologist in Philadelphia, PA, Bethesda, MD and Portsmouth, VA, prior to settling down in Saginaw in 1982. While living in Saginaw with his wife, Kamala Kurumety, he served as a Radiologist at several local area hospitals, as well as, at the Saginaw Naval Reserve Center and the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center.

He met and married Kamala in Vizianagaram, India in 1956. Besides his loving wife, he is survived by his four

children Suseela Yalamarthy, Ravi Kurumety (wife Serena Kurumety), Sudha Gollapudi (husband Arun Gollapudi) and Usha Bulusu (husband Aditya Bulusu) and nine grandchildren Ayesha and Neel Yalamarthy, Sasha and Sahas Kurumety, Shilpa and Karthik Gollapudi and Arjun, Asha and Veena Bulusu.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, March 7, 2015. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider donations to the Disabled Veterans of America (<http://www.dav.org/donate>) or the East Side Soup Kitchen (www.east-sidesoupkitchen.org). The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all the excellent physicians, surgeons, nurses and caregivers involved in his care, St Mary's of Michigan, Reverence Hospice Services, as well as, all the wonderful family and friends that stood by them through this difficult time. □



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For your support, you will enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, course contest and raffles, lunch and refreshments on the course, prizes for top division foursomes, complimentary gifts, dinner and awards reception.

For more information about the Annual Charity Golf Classic and how you can sponsor the event or send a team of four, please call (989) 907-8300.

St. Mary's RN's Achieve New Stroke Certification

An eager group of eight registered nurses at St. Mary's of Michigan are among the first in the Great Lakes Bay Region to



Pictured clockwise from top: Chris Florence, Nicole Tucker, Tracy Bruff, Renee Dittmar, Tracy Sullivan, Eric Maher and Melissa Arends. Not pictured is Jessica Vanduinien.

receive stroke certification designation. The Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) is a new certification offered by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses through the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing which has nationally been earned by only 800 registered nurses.

The SCRN credential formally recognizes the attainment and demonstration of a unique body of knowledge necessary for the practice of stroke nursing.

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The overall goal of the program is to prevent injuries, decrease pain (if any) and improve performance. Brent Betzold, M.S.P.T., M.T.C., a physical therapist with 14 years of experience and a runner himself, leads the program at St. Mary's of Michigan Spine & Rehabilitation. He has vast running experience, including marathons and triathlons - from sprints to full Ironman distances.

To learn more about the available packages or to schedule an appointment, call (989) 498-5102.

Thank YOU!

In honor of Doctor's Day, St. Mary's of Michigan thanks all of the great physicians. We honor your spirit of sacrifice and your devotion to helping those in need. Your skill and commitment to our hospital and those we serve is appreciated and valued. Happy Doctor's Day! ☐



Upgrades Coming to the Covenant Radiation Center

We want to make you, our physician partners, aware of some upcoming changes set to take place at the Covenant Radiation Center.

We value our relationship very much and thank you for trusting us with your patients' care. Covenant does our best to keep patients informed through every aspect of their treatment, and we also want to make you aware that near the end of March, our current location (5400 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw) will be closed for construction and will reopen July 2015.

During this time, the existing linear accelerator will be removed and replaced with new equipment and expanded capabilities. The Center will be upgraded with an array of technologic features.

While the facility is closed for the upgrade and remodeling, the Covenant Radiation Oncology practice office will temporarily relocate to the fifth floor of 5400 Mackinaw. Consultation and follow-up appointments will be scheduled at the temporary office. The Covenant Radiation Oncology practice will continue to offer radiation treatment at surrounding radiation centers while construction is underway.

Please be assured that Dr. Paul Kocheril will continue to oversee care, and the Covenant Radiation Center staff is still available for any questions you and your patients may have. We will be notifying patients in the upcoming weeks of how this will impact the logistics of their treatments to ensure a smooth transition for them and/or their caregivers.

All these changes will lead to the Covenant Cancer Care Center having a new, leading edge radiation center to complement its ability to offer state-of-the art, compassionate cancer care to the region.

Again, thank you for allowing us to be your cancer care partner. It is our mission to provide your patients with extraordinary care. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Jackie Tinnin or Dr. Paul Kocheril at 989.583.5250.

Want to Educate Your Patients on Bone Health? We Can Help!

The Covenant Cancer Care Center and Covenant Breast Health Program invite male and female cancer survivors to an informational seminar on maintaining bone health on Thursday, March 19. Registration will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. with the program to follow from 6:15-8 p.m. at Covenant HealthCare Mackinaw (5400 Mackinaw, Saginaw). Speakers will include a pharmacist discussing treatment options and a registered dietitian who can

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help patients modify their diet for healthier bones. A physical therapist will also be on hand to speak about how physical activity affects bone strength. Survivors may bring a guest, and RSVP through March 12 by calling 1.866.COVENANT (1.866.268.3626).

Office of Physician Relations Update

Hannah King has joined the Office of Physician Relations as a Medical Staff Physician Liaison where she serves as a key communication link to physicians and their



office staff. A registered nurse, Hannah has been with Covenant HealthCare since 2010, serving most recently as Charge Nurse on Harrison 6Main. She can be reached at 583-4049 or hannahking@chs-mi.com.

Save The Date! Doctor's Day 2015 is Monday, March 30

All Covenant Medical Staff physicians are invited to join us for a breakfast celebration for National Doctors' Day 2015. The celebration will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with made-to-order omelets in the white tent in the physician parking lot at the Covenant Cooper Campus. We hope you can join us! For more details contact Maryvonne DeSmyter, office administrator, at 583.4040. □



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HealthSource Saginaw Appoints New President & CEO

HealthSource Saginaw, Inc. Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Lapham as the new President and CEO.



Ms. Lapham, who has been acting interim President and CEO since September 2014, joined HealthSource Saginaw in 2011 as the Chief Financial Officer. Her health care career began in 1993 with HCR Manor Care. Prior to her employment

with HealthSource, she spent 13 years with McLaren Health Care in various senior leadership roles.

"During her time as interim President and CEO, Lisa has proven herself a dynamic and progressive health care leader with the expertise required to lead HealthSource into the future" states Tim Novak, HealthSource Saginaw Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Lisa is a graduate of Central Michigan University and currently resides in Midland with her husband, Ron, and their three children.

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C.R. Indira MD	4/7
Rahul Jacob MD	4/3
M. Sohail Jilani MD	4/3
Mohd Shaffi Kanjwal MD	4/10
Min H. Kim MD	4/30
Narendra R. Kumar MD	4/12
H.F. Labsan MD	4/13
Phillip W. Lambert MD	4/10
Peter A. Lassing MD	4/17

Toby C.J. Long MD	4/14
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Vasantharaj Rajagopal MD	4/11
Sundhar R. Ramasamy MD	4/23
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ER/LA Opioid REMS: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care

According to the report *Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic*, Michigan has the 18th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States, with 13.9 per 100,000 people suffering drug overdose fatalities. Conversely, opioid drugs play a critical role in the treatment of pain providing patient benefits when used properly. However, there is a line to be drawn between treating a patient with opioid analgesics and the risk of opioid misuse and addiction.

On July 9, 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) for extended-release and long-acting opioid medications. The Collaborative on REMS Education, a multidisciplinary collaboration of 10 Partners and three cooperating organizations, have designed a core curriculum based on needs assessment, practice gaps, clinical competencies, learner self-assessment, with shared tools, resources, and outcomes to meet the requirements of the FDA REMS Blueprint.



MSMS is pleased to announce the following free educational opportunities:

⇒ **Saturday, May 2, 2015 • 4-6 p.m.**

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⇒ **Thursday, May 14, 2015
9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

The Henry in Dearborn
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Course REMS051415
(3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits)

⇒ **Wednesday, October 21, 2015
5:15-7:30 p.m.**

Somerset Inn in Troy
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<http://www.msms.org/Education.aspx>!
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❖ **Gov. Snyder Signs EPT into Law**

Recently, Governor Rick Snyder held a bill signing ceremony for HB 4736, Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). In 2012, the MSMS House of Delegates passed HOD Resolution 1 which said MSMS would support the implementation of the policy in Michigan.

Public Act 525 of 2014 authorizes EPT for treatment of sexually transmitted infections, allowing for physicians to prescribe infected individuals and their partners and for pharmacists to fill those prescriptions.

❖ **Update on Medicaid Primary Care Uplift**

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently released a final bulletin (MSA 14-61) that explains

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how increased payments for Medicaid primary care services (uplifts) rendered by primary care physicians will be paid in 2015. MSMS advocated for practice characteristics (60% of specified evaluation and management codes) to be added as one of the eligibility criteria. We are happy to report that provision was included in the final version.

The current Medicaid primary care uplift was authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Because it expired in 2014, the Michigan Legislature included a partial continuation of the Medicaid primary care enhanced rates to Medicare rates beyond December 31, 2014, in the Fiscal Year 2015 MDCH budget (Section 1801 of Public Act 252 of 2014).

This extension will enable physicians with a specialty designation of family



medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatric medicine who provide certain primary care services to be reimbursed at approximately 78 percent of Medicare rates for dates of service on and after January 1, 2015. Payments will be made on qualified procedure codes. To be eligible for the adjusted payment, physicians must be board certified or board eligible in one of the three designed primary care specialties recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Osteopathic Association and the American Board of Physician Specialists. Non-board certified or non-board eligible primary care physicians may be eligible for the uplift if a review of their billing history demonstrates that at least 60 percent of the physician's codes paid by Medicaid are for E/M codes specified in the policy.

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reflects that they provide specialty or subspecialty, (e.g. cardiology, endocrinology, or oncology, etc.) services will not be eligible for the adjusted payment in 2015. Physicians with multiple subspecialties will also not be eligible for the adjusted payment in 2015. Exceptions will be made for practitioners who have subspecialty practices in adolescent and geriatric medicine.

Physicians must update and maintain their primary specialty designations in their Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) enrollment profile. Because the enhanced payment has not been disclosed, please work with the health plans to define the enhanced capitated payment. As you contact the health plans to determine that enhanced capitated payment, please verify with them your specialty as the state will not provide an eligibility roster to the health plans.

Physicians may see the enhanced rates by visiting the [MDCH website](#) and scroll down to the Primary Care Rate Increase.

After meeting with Medicaid, MSMS confirmed the increase is intended to be paid to the physician/employer in full. The increase is not to cover administrative costs.

If you have further questions, contact Stacie J. Saylor, CPC, CPB, at (517) 336-5722 or ssaylor@msms.org.

❖ Single Drug Formulary Announced for Medicaid Managed Care Plans

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently announced changes in the upcoming request for proposal (RFP) for the Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans.

Starting with the new contracts, effective January 1, 2016, pharmacy services that have been covered by the Medicaid Health Plans will be carved out. Currently, each Medicaid Health Plan has their own formulary for covering drugs. All pharmaceutical services for Michigan



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Medicaid beneficiaries will no longer be the responsibility of the Medicaid Health Plans and will be through a single contracted pharmacy entity. This change will result in cost savings through increased pharmaceutical rebates and administrative efficiencies at the state level and will also result in significantly streamlined administration for providers.

The health plans have organized around a campaign to question the need for a single drug formulary. **MSMS needs your help.** In order for MSMS to act on your behalf, we are **in need of practices that will share their experiences with costs, time and administrative hassle it takes to have multiple formularies for your Medicaid patients.**

Multiple formularies have been a challenge for physicians, hospitals and patients. The complexity of multiple coverage arrangements takes time. It is yet another

administrative hassle that practices absorb while accepting 60 cents on the dollar for participating in Medicaid. **If Medicaid cannot pay the costs of caring for a patient, why can't it eliminate as many hassles as possible for the provider?**

As a SCMS/MSMS member, we are advocating on your behalf. Please watch your inbox for additional engagement on this issue.

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Aaron D. Dora-Laskey, MD (*CMU Healthcare – Emergency Medicine*)

Primary: Emergency Medicine, Board Certified 2009.

Medical School: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine,

Cleveland, Ohio, 2004.

Internship/Residency: New York University School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, 7/04-6/08.

Prior Practice: Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dayton, Ohio, Clinical Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, 2004-12.

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board highlights

The January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at Horizons Conference Center prior to the 26th Annual Joint Meeting with the Saginaw Dental Society. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The minutes of the November 18, 2014, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the November Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Joan informed the Board that Dr. Phillip A. Dean relocated his practice to Seattle, Washington as of December 31, 2014, and had resigned from his position as Treasurer. Dr. Thomas J. Veverka agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer pending Board approval. **MOTION:** Appoint Dr. Thomas J. Veverka Interim Treasurer. **MOTION APPROVED.** Dr. Veverka then presented the November and December 2014 Treasurer's Reports. **MOTION:** Approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports. **MOTION APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **District 8 Director** - District 8 which includes Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw and Tuscola Counties, has been entitled to two District Directors since 2011-12. Due to a decrease in District membership, the District is now entitled to only one District Director as of December 4, 2014. Dr. Mridha's third and final three-year term expires in May 2016, and Dr. Veverka's first three-year term began in 2014. Traditionally, the senior Director remains in office when a District Director position is cut, but that is up to the District. Dr. Veverka could run for a new three-year term in 2016 if he so desires. Decrease in member-

ship is due in part to the MSMS Bylaws change concerning retired members. Since MSMS no longer offers a dues exempt retired status, retired members pay \$150 annual MSMS dues as "Active Emeritus" members and are included in the Delegate count, or they do not pay and as "Emeritus" members, are not included in the count. Dr. Mridha was not present at the meeting, but Dr. Veverka agreed to step down as District Director and allow Dr. Mridha to complete his third and final three-year term. Dr. Veverka mentioned that he may also join the Midland County Medical Society, in addition to Saginaw County, since he is now working in Midland. The April 2015 Membership Meeting is joint with the Midland County Medical Society.

2. **CMU Health** - In Dr. Vance's absence, a handout was distributed regarding the CMED Dean Search. Dr. Vance wanted to address the concerns of the Board in regards to the late invitation to community forums for the Dean candidates. He agreed that communication in the past has been poor and said they are truly working hard to improve. In this particular case, these sessions were intended to introduce the candidates to a small group of community leaders. Names were solicited by CMU from Saginaw Future, the Chamber of Commerce, Covenant, St. Mary's and the Great Lakes Bay Alliance. Some of the Board members received invitations, but not specifically due to their SCMS role. Moving forward, he has asked their Director of Communications and Director of Development to include SCMS leadership in this type of community outreach event.

In terms of the late invitation, CMU had lower than expected attendance at the first sessions in Midland and Saginaw. Therefore, they saw an opportunity to expand the conversation and looked to the entire Medical Society. He mentioned

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that if the Board was unable to attend these sessions, another opportunity to meet the candidates would be at the hospital open forum. These dates and times were posted on MLive and can be found at the following link http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/01/cmu_college_of_medicine_dean_f.html.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Applications for Membership** – Dr. Talati presented the following applications for their first reading:
 - a. **Kristin M. Constantino, MD** – Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging, PC, sponsored by Drs. Ramakrishnayya Gadani and Harvey K. Yee;
 - b. **Walker N. Foland, DO** – Emergency Medicine, Covenant HealthCare

Emergency Department, sponsored by Drs. Kathleen M. Cowling and Matthew D. Deibel;

- c. **Randy D. Hicks, MD** – Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology, Regional Medical Imaging, sponsored by Drs. Veronica E. Lorenzo and Jorge M. Plasencia; and
 - d. **Marcus W.C. MacNealy, MD** – Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology, Advanced Diagnostic Imaging, PC, sponsored by Drs. Ramakrishnayya Gadani and Harvey K. Yee.
2. **Health Fair** – Dr. Jilani asked those attending to let Joan know if they can staff the SCMS booth at this year's Health Fair. Dr. Zubeda Khan offered to staff the SCMS booth.
 3. **MSMS House of Delegates** – Delegates and Alternates were asked if they planned

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on attending this year's HOD in Grand Rapids. Ten Delegates are needed and will be considered in order of seniority. Drs. Dawis, Paidipaty, Talati, Walter, Ramani and Dedicatoria all plan to attend as Delegates. Dr. Nallani is able to attend as an Alternate if needed. Drs. Zubeda and Mohammad Y. Khan are unable to attend this year. The Board was reminded that Resolutions to the HOD are due to Joan by Monday, February 23. Attached to the Agenda was Dr. Constan's Resolution regarding vaccinations. Dr. Ramani reported that she was working with Dr. Constan to write her proposed Resolutions on Medicaid patients abusing the Emergency Department and DME cost.

4. Invitation to Serve on MSMS Committees

– MSMS is looking for members interested in serving on the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Committee, Committee on Licensure and Discipline and Liaison Committee with Michigan's Public Health. Information on the requirements for each committee were attached to the Agenda. Those interested were asked to contact MSMS directly.

5. Michigan Board of Medicine – MSMS is seeking the nomination of members who are interested in serving on the Michigan Board of Medicine. MSMS will review the applicants, and make a recommendation to the Governor. Those interested were asked to complete the application and return to MSMS.

6. SCMS Foundation 6th Annual Golf Outing – This year's Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Saginaw Country Club.

7. Nominating Committee – Dr. Jilani asked the Board for anyone they knew who may be interested in serving in a position on the Board.

8. Choosing Wisely® Grant Request – Joan reported she received an email prior to the meeting from Gary Billotti who

works on the Choosing Wisely® campaign. Gary indicated MiHIA is putting together a proposal for a new grant to measure whether Choosing Wisely® recommendations are being implemented. The grant requires them to include a medical society as a partner. Gary has tentative commitments from Covenant HealthCare, Health Delivery and Mid-Michigan Health to be involved. Dr. Veverka, a member of the MiHIA board, has also expressed support for the grant request. Dr. Veverka gave an overview of the grant proposal. **MOTION:** Support the Choosing Wisely® Grant Request to determine if the Choosing Wisely® guidelines are being implemented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

INFORMATION ONLY

- The semi-annual report of the Peer Review Mediation Committee, Peer Review Ethics Committee and Physician Health & Well-Being Committees was attached to the Agenda. There were no cases reviewed for the period of July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.
- Volunteers are needed to work at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
- The 2015 Membership Directory should be available in late February.
- Tonight's Membership Meeting is joint with the Saginaw Dental Society. The speaker is Trooper Steven A. Kramer of the Flint Michigan State Police Post, and his topic is "Human Trafficking Part 2."
- The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at MCVI. There is no Membership Meeting in February. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Respectfully submitted,
JOAN M. CRAMER
Executive Director*

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