MSD Working for YOU!

MSD President Participates in Congressional Round Table

MSD President Prayus T. Tailor, M.D. was a panelist in a recent Health Care Round Table convened by Senator Chris Coons on the topic of the Affordable Care Act. Held Monday, January 30 at the Christiana Care Wilmington Campus, the forum was intended to discuss the risks of ACA repeal from the perspective of hospitals, physicians, policy makers, and patients. Dr. Tailor reviewed the results of a flash survey of the MSD membership on this topic, noting that 40 percent of respondents believe repeal without an adequate replacement to the ACA would negatively impact practices with a return to higher levels of patients without coverage and decreased access to care. Another 40 percent of respondents were unsure of the impact of repeal with the remaining 20 percent of the opinion that repeal of the ACA would yield a positive effect on practices with a decrease in
MSD Leadership Welcomes New Governor

Health Care Reform, Medicaid and Physician Burnout Discussed

MSD President Prayus Tailor and President-Elect Richard Henderson, along with Mark Meister, Executive Director, met with Delaware Governor John Carney recently to officially welcome our new Governor on behalf of the Society and pledge our support and assistance to the Carney Administration as it embarks upon the difficult task of guiding health policy for our state. The meeting served as a timely opportunity to discuss a range of important topics effecting physicians and their patients, including health care reform, Medicaid, population health, and physician burn out.

MSD President To Be Interviewed On WILM Radio

Why Delaware Needs DIMER Will Be The Topic

Tune in to radio stations WILM or WDOV at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 4 to hear MSD President Prayus Tailor, MD discuss Why Delaware Needs DIMER.

The radio interview will be part of the program "Money and Politics in Delaware"
with Dace Blaskovitz. WILM can be found at 1450 on the AM radio dial in New Castle County. WDOV is found at 1410 on the AM dial in Kent and Sussex counties. The program can also be accessed via live streaming through internet programs.

Download an infographic on DIMER which you can use in discussions with Delaware legislators to support full funding for the program in the state budget.

EMS Policy For Response to MAUs and Physician Offices

Medical Directors Publish Procedures for Prioritizing Services

The Delaware Office of Emergency Medical Services has established statewide policy and procedures regarding Delaware's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response to walk-in medical practices, subsequent patient care, and transportation to hospitals.

Among other procedures, it has been determined by Delaware's EMS Medical Directors that when two similarly ill patients present to the EMS dispatch system at the same time during a period of limited available EMS resources that the patient outside of any medical facility will take priority over a patient under treatment within a medical facility.

Read the procedures.
Controlled Substance Registrations Suspended for Pain Management Physicians

Patients May Be Seeking New Doctors

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is alerting physicians that the Controlled Substance Registration to prescribe schedule II controlled substances has been suspended for three New Castle pain management physicians and the medical license for one Sussex County pain management physician was suspended recently.

Patients of these physicians may be seeking new physicians. DPH recommends that physicians check any new patient's controlled substance history through the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program prior to prescribing opioids.

Delaware State Innovation Model (SIM) Practice Transformation Support

Enroll Now for Practice Transformation Support

The Medical Society of Delaware/MedNet was selected by the State of Delaware and the Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) and currently provides primary care practice transformation support at no cost to primary care private practices to prepare for Delaware's health care reform
initiatives. Primary care practice transformation is a key component of the State's Health Innovation Plan. MSD/MedNet and our partner, HealthTeamWorks, are committed to supporting Delaware physicians as they strive to meet the daily demands of the practice of medicine and enhancing the health of our communities.

The benefits of working with MSD/MedNet include the possibility of positioning your practice for improved reimbursement, a proven approach that emphasizes a customized hands-on personalized service for you and your staff that insures minimal disruptions to the daily office work flow, complimentary educational webinars, and most of all, you will be working with the state's premier physician organization that understands your needs and expectations.

Space is limited. Enrollment is open now for practices interested in receiving support.

Contact Michelle Seymour, Quality Improvement Coach (302/224-5188) to enroll or to learn more about how you and your practice can benefit from MSD/MedNet practice transformation services.

**Training Offered To Primary Care Practices**

**Six Modules Complement Ongoing Practice Transformation Efforts**
The University of Delaware College of Health Sciences and HealthTeamWorks are supporting the Delaware Center for Health Innovation (DCHI) & the Delaware Healthcare Commission (DHCC) by offering training for primary care physician practices to help prepare for team-based care models, valued-based payments, behavioral health integration, and other primary care innovations. This training is designed to complement ongoing practice transformation efforts in which some practices are engaged, and is designed for primary care practice teams, including physicians, practice managers, office, and clinical staff.

This training is offered in six modules. Each module includes a virtual pre-work session, an in-person session, and webinars. The in-person session for Module 1 will be held from 8:30-4:30 p.m. on February 16 at the STAR Campus Health Sciences Complex in Newark. This session focuses on Performance Management & Quality Improvement. In-person module sessions will be held every four months throughout and will rotate locations through the three Delaware counties.

Learn more and enroll.

**Last Chance for Next Physician Leadership Cohort**

*12-Week Self-Paced Certificate Program Begins February 6*

The Medical Society of Delaware offers
physicians a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development to develop and improve the skills necessary for leadership excellence.

The next cohort will begin February 6 with the required live participation sessions scheduled for February 6 and April 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark.

A total of 19 AMA PRA Category 1™ credits can be claimed at the completion of the series.

To enroll in the "Excellence in Physician Leadership Series" or to learn more about the program, email antje.arnold@medsocdel.org or call Antje Arnold at 302-224-5193.

**Mandatory Training for License Renewal Available**

*All Delaware Medical Licenses Expire March 31, 2017*

A training course on the recognition of child sexual and physical abuse, exploitation, and domestic violence, and the reporting obligations under the Medical Practice Act (regarding the duty to report unprofessional conduct and the inability to practice medicine with safety) is required prior to the March 31, 2017 deadline for renewing current medical licenses in the state of Delaware.
This mandatory training is required by the Medical Practice Act and must be completed each licensing period, providing an attestation of completion of this training each time your medical license is renewed. The course is now available online. It will require approximately one hour to complete and CME credit will be awarded to those who have taken and completed the course as of January 12, 2017 or later.

New Face at MSD

Grace Ford Is New Physician Relations Coordinator

Medical Society of Delaware is pleased to announce Grace Ford as our new Physician Relations Coordinator. Grace brings many years of experience in health care and will oversee our practice management support programs and services. Please contact Grace at 302-224-5196 or email her at Grace.Ford@medsocdel.org for physician relations or practice management inquiries.

"Rerum Cognoscere"

The Latin phrase Rerum Cognoscere translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

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loses predicted in Delaware if ACA was repealed without a replacement.

Fortune, January 31, 2017

Number of hydrocodone pills distributed over two years by one pharmacy in the town of Kermit, W.Va., population 392.

Health News from NPR, January 27, 2017

Upcoming Events

**February 11** - Delaware Chapter American College of Physicians Meeting, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., John Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital.

**March 2** - American College of Physicians and Medical Society of Delaware Young Physician Sections' How to Be An Impactful Physician...A Guide to Advocacy for the Young Physician, 5:15 to 7 p.m., MSD Conference Center.

**March 4** - Beebe Healthcare's Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: The Role of Integrative Health in the Management of Chronic Pain, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Irish Eyes Restaurant, Lewes.

Visit our Calendar of Events Page for Delaware Medical Education Opportunities.

Was the information in this newsletter useful? If so, forward to a friend to let them know the value of your Medical Society of Delaware membership.

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