

## Flu Claims First Two Delaware Lives of Season

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*Officials Warn Flu Cases are Amplifying - Get Flu Vaccine*



68-year-old woman infected with influenza A, and a 65-year-old man infected with influenza B, died this week as a result of complications from the flu. Both individuals were Sussex County residents and both had underlying health conditions. As of the end of December, Delaware has had 1,083 lab-confirmed cases of the flu, the actual number of cases circulating statewide is likely much higher. [Read more.](#)

## Bayhealth Issues Visitation Restrictions

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*Flu Policy in Effect*



With the number of reported flu cases continuing to rise, Bayhealth is enacting a temporary flu visitation policy. Effective immediately, guests under the age of 16 are restricted from visiting anyone at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus and Bayhealth Hospital, Sussex Campus. This policy affects visitors, not individuals receiving medical care. Bayhealth is asking anyone over the age of 16 who is experiencing flu-like symptoms to avoid visiting someone at the hospital until further notice. [Read more.](#)

## New Options for Longitudinal Assessments

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### *Give your Input for Future Assessment for Maintenance of Certification*

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) recently



announced it anticipates launching a longitudinal assessment option in

2022 in as many specialties as possible. As part of this option, internists will be able to:

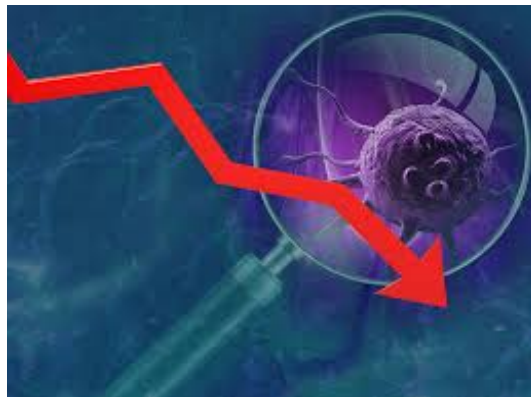
- answer a question at any place or time, and receive immediate feedback as to whether it was correct or not;
- see the rationale behind the answer, along with links to educational material;
- proceed at their preferred pace answering questions during each administration window; and,
- access all the resources they use in practice, such as journals or websites.

Your input and feedback are wanted to help develop the new assessment option. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. [Read more.](#)

## National Cancer Mortality Rates

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*Historic Drop in Cancer Death Rate  
Good News - Detection Rates High*



According to the American Cancer Society, the cancer mortality rate in the U.S. has dropped 2.2% between 2016 and 2017, the biggest single-year drop ever. Experts say the decline in smoking rates, new cancer treatments, improved screening tests, and increased awareness are factoring

into the decline. But, some cancer detection, like prostate cancer, has plateaued, giving raise for concern. [Read more.](#)

## MIPS Data Submission Period is Now Open

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*Important Dates Not to Miss*



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has opened the data submission period for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who participated in the 2019 performance period of the Quality Payment Program. Data can be submitted and updated until **March 31st**. If you would like to check your initial 2020 MIPS eligibility, CMS has designed a [Quality Payment Program Participation Status Lookup Tool](#). [For more information.](#)

## Can you Recognize Signs of Domestic Violence?

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*Do You Have the Resources You Need to Help a Patient in Need?*



The State of Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) Medical Committee is working to help target resources needed to help providers recognize domestic violence, feel comfortable in screening for domestic violence, and most importantly, provide resources for domestic violence victims. The Committee is working to update the *State of Delaware Domestic Violence Resource Manual for Healthcare Professionals*, but your input is needed. Please take a short survey to help improve the manual. [Take Survey](#). [View 2011 Domestic Violence Resource Manual for Healthcare Professionals](#).

## **Maternal Health Awareness Day 2020**

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*Registration Closing Soon*

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Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) will be hosting the 2nd Annual Maternal Health Awareness Day 2020 on **Thursday, January 23rd**. This year's event features presentations to include *Power of Perinatal Collaboratives; Update on Maternal Health; SUD, and the Behavioral Consortium; Well Woman; and Technology and Obstetrics*. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and Rep. Paul Baumbach are expected to be in attendance for this important event. [To register.](#)

## In the Spotlight

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*Cover & Rossiter*



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service to enable clients to achieve their objectives. Cover & Rossiter's core values are built on T.R.U.S.T. For over 80 years we have been guided by the principles of **trust**, service and value for our clients and their professional advisors. We are dedicated to creating long-lasting **relationships**. The better we **understand** your needs, the better advisors we can be. We believe that an uncompromising commitment to provide superior **service** is the difference between success and failure. Finally, we seek to create a work environment that values diversity and fosters development, productivity, innovation, and **teamwork**. One of the industries the firm specializes in is Medical and Dental Practices. There are unique needs due to the growth of healthcare and technological advances, and the governmental regulations and compliance with the insurance industry. [For more information.](#)

## "*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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The approximate number of police officers who died by suicide in 2019, the	Amount of all health care costs that were due to insurance	<b>M</b>
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largest number of all line-of-duty deaths combined.  Blue H.E.L.P.	company overhead and provider time spent on billing in 2017.  Annals of Internal Medicine	currently live with mental illness in the United States.  National Inst. of Mental Health
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## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 14** - [2020 Insurance Payers Workshop](#), 8:00 - 11:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Jan 23** - [Maternal Health Awareness Day](#), 1:00 - 5:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Feb 20, 21, 27, 28** - [Certified Medical Office Manager Course \(CMOM\)](#), MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**March 7** - [31st Annual Update in Cardiology](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 14** - [24th Annual Diabetes Update](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 20** - SAVE THE DATE: 8th Annual Pharmacology Update, 2020, 7:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 26** - SAVE THE DATE: Dementia Care 2020: : Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia, 8:00 a.m. - noon, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 27** - SAVE THE DATE: Fifth Biennial Perinatal Palliative Care Symposium: "Emotional Support and Compassionate Communication," 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**April 3** - [Inaugural Rheumatology Made Easy Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**April 9, 10, 16, 17** - [Certified Medical Office Manager Course \(CMOM\)](#), Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.



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