

## MSD Members in the News

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### *John J. Goodill, MD Shares His Views on Physician-Assisted Suicide*



MSD member and Chair of the MSD Committee on Ethics, John J. Goodill, MD, had his opinion published in the *News Journal* this week. Dr. Goodill laid out his opinion opposing physician-assisted suicide. HB 140, the End of Life

Options Act, sponsored by Representative Paul Baumbach, is expected to get a lot of attention this legislative session. Dr. Goodill explains the need for improved education and access to alternative methods for easing a patient through their final days. [Read article.](#)

### *President-Elect Matthew J. Burday, DO Testifies in Dover*



First picture L to R: Matthew J. Burday, DO, DHSS Sec Kara Odom Walker, MD, Rep. David Bentz, Health Policy Advisor Joe Bryant.

Medical Society President-Elect Matthew J. Burday, DO carried the physician banner in Legislative Hall this week, testifying on the importance of the physician at the head of the care team; the vital need to recruit additional primary care physicians to the state; the need to ensure access to feminine hygiene products at school; and the importance of insurance coverage for epinephrine injectors.

***Joseph P. Olekszyk, DO Receives Nanticoke Physician Hall of Fame Award***



Nanticoke



Memorial Hospital paid tribute to MSD Past President Joseph P. Olekszyk, DO by inducting him into the Nanticoke Physician Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes and honors physicians who have served their communities with dedication and distinction and who have made significant contributions to the provision and improvement of health care in Western Sussex County. Dr. Olekszyk has provided Otolaryngology services for over 30 years to the Western Sussex County community through his private practice and at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

## In Memoriam

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Last week we shared the news of the passing of Leslie W. Whitney, MD, a long-time MSD member and great leader in the medical community. His obituary has been published and each word paints the picture of a man and his dedication to his profession and the battle against cancer. In his early career, Dr. Whitney was the Director of the Tumor Clinic at the then Delaware Hospital and helped build a state-wide tumor registry, turning cancer into a reportable disease. He was the Director of the Department of Surgery at Wilmington General Hospital for nearly a decade, and helped establish hospice in Delaware. He was also one of the early developers of the Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research (DIMER), serving as Executive Director. A memorial will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on **Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m.** [Read obituary.](#)

## **Governor Makes Physician Recruitment a Priority**

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*Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program in the Works*

In his State of the State Address, Governor John Carney gave his support to helping



Delaware recruit and retain physicians. The Governor, in partnership with House Health & Human Development Chair, Rep. David Bentz, will create a health care provider loan repayment program. The program will work to attract quality physicians to the areas in the state where they are most needed. Other items of interest were the Governor's promise to invest \$50M to improve Delaware's water, an increased push to pass common sense gun laws that help block "ghost guns" and high-capacity magazines, and an initiative to launch a pilot of the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library*, where participating children will receive one book each month from birth to five years old, free of charge. [Read Address.](#)

## Maternal Health Awareness Day a Success

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*Two Resolutions Highlight Important Work*







More than a hundred health care professionals, community leaders, and decision makers attended the annual Maternal Health Awareness Day event, hosted by the Delaware Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist (ACOG), at the MSD Conference Center. House Concurrent Resolution 67 was presented proclaiming January 23, 2020 as Maternal Health Awareness Day, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 66 was presented ordering the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance to study the extension of Medicaid coverage through the first year postpartum. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and a representative for Sen. Chris Coons were on hand to give updates on important efforts being made in Washington on behalf of maternal health.

## **Coronavirus - What You Need to Know**

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*First Confirmed Case Reported in Washington State*



The  
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Disease  
Control  
and

Prevention (CDC) has released information for health care professionals regarding the recent outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The CDC has confirmed the first case of 2019-nCoV in the United States in Washington State. Physicians should obtain a detailed travel history for patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness. In an effort to reduce cases and transmission of respiratory illness in general, physicians are asked to increase their guidance to patients on:

- \* Vaccines for common illness, such as influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia
- \* Handwashing
- \* Covering coughs and sneezes
- \* Social distancing when sick

[Read more.](#)

## Surgeon General Releases Smoking Cessation Report

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*First Report Released of its Kind in 30 Years*

Three decades after the first Surgeon General's report on smoking



cessation, the Surgeon General released a new report that reviews and updates evidence on the importance of quitting smoking. The report finds that more than two-thirds of U.S. adult cigarette smokers report interest in quitting cigarette smoking; and the majority of adult cigarette smokers in the United States have tried to quit during the past year. Though cigarette smoking among American adults is at an all-time low (14%), it remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States. Approximately 34 million American adults currently smoke cigarettes. [Read report.](#)

## Physician Burnout Survey Results

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### *How Does Your Specialty Rate?*



An online survey of doctors finds an overall physician burnout rate of 42%, which is down from

46% five years ago. Survey results showed the physician burnout rate continues to drop and remains below 50% among doctors in the U.S., which mirrors results from a triennial study from the American Medical Association (AMA), the Mayo Clinic and Stanford University School of Medicine. Nephrology had the biggest increase in burnout, climbing from 32% to 49%. Ophthalmology and Orthopedics ranked lowest in burnout rates. [Read full results.](#)



## In the Spotlight

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### *Vidyo*

MSD is  
pleased to  
welcome  
Vidyo, an  
Enghouse  
Company as



a Premier Educational Partner, supporting high quality professional medical education programs to Delaware physicians. Vidyo enriches people's lives by embedding real-time video into digital communications in the moments that matter most. Millions of people around the world connect visually every day through Vidyo's secure, scalable technology and cloud-based services. Its patented platform integrates with virtually any application environment, network, and device to deliver the highest quality experiences that strengthen teams, build trust, solidify relationships and improve quality of life. [Find out more.](#)

## Pending Members

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*Cheryl A. Bolinger, MD*

*Maria C. Conley, MD*

*Alfred Stillman, MD*

MSD members are afforded a 7 day review period from the date of this publication to comment regarding an applicant applying for membership. Please contact Mary LaJudice at (302) 224-5183 or

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# "*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.

<b>14.4%↓</b> Percentage decrease in visits to pediatricians from 2008 to 2016, while preventive checkups increased by 9.9%. JAMA Pediatrics	<b>6%</b> Percentage increase in visits to acute care venues from 2008 to 2016 for pediatric patients. JAMA Pediatrics	<b>42%</b> Percentage increase in out-of-pocket costs for problem-based primary care visits from 2008 to 2016 for pediatric patients. JAMA Pediatrics
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## Upcoming Events

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

**Feb 25** - [Frank M. and Robert R. Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture 2020, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.](#), John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, 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** - [8th Annual Pharmacology Update](#), 2020, 7:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 26** - [Dementia Care 2020: What is Dementia and What New Treatments are in the Works?](#) 8:00 a.m. - noon, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**March 27** - [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.

**May 5** - SAVE THE DATE: 57th Annual William J. Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.



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