You Are Invited! MSD Inaugural Gala

Register Now for A Night of Fun and Celebration

Get ready for a night of fun! Register now for the 2019 Inaugural Gala, Saturday, November 23 at Deerfield in Newark. Put on your fancy clothes and your dancing shoes and join your friends, colleagues, and Delaware elected officials and decision makers in welcoming Joseph J. Straight, MD as MSD's 176th President, as well as all of MSD's newly elected officers. Enjoy a night that will be talked about all year long. Register for MSD Annual Meeting & Gala.

Child Abuse Reporting Options Expand in Delaware

New Reporting Portal Includes Mobile Devices

The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) has launched a new reporting portal that allows both professionals and members of the community to submit online reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. The new portal, with its enhanced functionality, is more efficient and can be accessed on any mobile device or desktop. The agency says it receives approximately 21,000 reports of abuse or neglect annually. Read more.
Blood Bank Experiences Critical Shortage

Please Consider Donating Today

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) has issued an urgent appeal for blood and platelet donations. According to the blood supplier, it takes more than 350 donors daily to supply the 19 hospitals throughout the Delmarva Peninsula with the blood products they need. Current reserves have fallen below a seven-day inventory, the minimum recommended reserve. The shortage is due to a significant decline in repeat and first-time donors, as well as an increased demand for blood products. To donate call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or to schedule an appointment.

Delaware State Health Improvement Plan Released

2019 Annual Report Details a Course for Improved Health

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) released the 2019 Delaware State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The plan describes how DPH and the community it serves will work together to improve the health of Delaware's population. Communities, stakeholders, and partners can use the SHIP to set priorities, direct the use of resources, and develop and implement projects, programs, and policies. The four priority areas are chronic disease, maternal and child health, substance use disorder, and mental health. Read executive summary. Read full plan.

Physicians Foundation 2019 Survey Results

How Patients Experience the U.S. Health Care System

The Physicians Foundation has released the 2019 Survey of America's Patients, a biennial survey designed to evaluate American's attitudes on the physician-patient relationship, the cost of health care, and key drivers of...
health care outcomes, such as social determinants of health and the opioid epidemic. More than 2,000 Americans participated through an extensive 32 question survey. Of interest:

- 73% of Americans are concerned about their ability to pay for medical treatment if they were to get sick or injured and half of Americans say they feel they are one sickness away from being in serious financial trouble.
- 42% of Americans could afford $500 or less before they would have financial issues.
- 86% of Americans say cost and 72% say waiting for insurance pre-approvals negatively impact patient care.
- 55% of Americans are more likely to vote for a presidential candidate who advocates for expanding private insurance reforms.
- 62% of Americans say rising health care costs are due to cost of prescription drugs, while 49% point to hospital costs.
- 53% of Americans say pharmaceutical companies are most responsible for the opioid epidemic.

Read more.

**Practice Management & Education Session**

**ADA Guidelines & Effective Communication**

Do you know your responsibility for obtaining interpreter services for your patients? Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on **Thursday, November 7**, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus. This session will focus on the requirements of language interpreter services and how to meet ADA guidelines. Participants will be provided an overview of the ADA enforcement history, learn how to find a qualified interpreter, determine the extent of interpreter duties, code of ethics, respectful language, and much more. This event is free for MSD members and staff. This activity has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**. [To register](#).
Hot Topic CME - Delaware's Gun Law Affects You

Registration Closing Soon

MSD's *Hot Topic CME* - on **Thursday, November 7th** from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m at the MSD Conference Center in Newark.

- Explain the history of dangerous behavior and mental illness as seen through Delaware legislation with regard to clinicians in the state.
- Define the current changes in House Bill 302 ("Gun Bill") that affect physicians and their patients.
- Identify a possible path forward to advocate for necessary changes to House Bill 302.
- Explain why physicians can and should become legally certified to deem a person "dangerous" or "mentally ill" and how to initiate interdiction in weapon confiscation.

This educational activity is approved for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register.

Drug Take-Back Day Accepting Vaping Devices

Drop Off This Saturday

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is this **Saturday, October 26th** at designated sites around the state from 10 am - 2:00 pm. For the first time, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will also accept vaping devices and cartridges. Devices containing lithium ion batteries cannot be accepted. If batteries cannot be removed, individuals are encouraged to consult stores that recycle lithium ion batteries. This biannual event is free, and no personal information will be collected. Medications must be in a container (pill bottle, box, blister pack, or zipped plastic bag), with personal information removed. Needles,
Physician Emeritus Presentation Available Online

Ali Z. Hameli, MD - Identifying Dr. Joseph Mengele: The Angel of Death

The MSD Physician Emeritus Section held its final lunch and learn program on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. Ali Z. Hameli, MD, Former Delaware Chief Medical Examiner and Director of the Forensic Sciences Laboratory, as well as Chair of the Physician Emeritus Section, presented "Identifying Dr. Josef Mengele: The Angel of Death." Dr. Hameli was selected as a member of an international team of forensic scientists to identify the exhumed remains thought to be those of Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele. Mengele conducted inhumane medical experiments on concentration camp prisoners, mostly children, and was the subject of an international manhunt following World War II. Upon his death, Mengele was buried under the assumed identity of Wolfgang Gerhard. Watch presentation.

"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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