October 4, 2019

Delawarean Dies of Vaping-Related Lung Illness

Physicians Asked to be on the Lookout for Cases

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed a vaping-related death in Delaware due to severe pulmonary disease. Officials are asking all medical professionals to be vigilant in asking all patients who report e-cigarette product use within the last 90 days about signs and symptoms of pulmonary illness. Medical professionals should report cases of significant respiratory illness of unclear etiology and a history of vaping to the Delaware Division of Public Health, Bureau of Epidemiology (24/7) at 1-888-295-5156. To date, Delaware has 11 probable or confirmed cases of vaping-related lung injury. There are 1080 cases in the U.S. Read more.
Join Your Colleagues at MSD's Annual Meeting

Registration Open!

Reserve your spot for the 2019 MSD 230th Annual Meeting followed that night by the Inaugural Gala. This year's Annual Meeting, "Physician Resilience: How YOU Can ... Get Well, Be Well, Stay Well," will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Presentations will include "Sleep: The Neglected Vital Sign," "Care for the Caregiver: The Power of Peer Support," and "Nutrition Update: What's New in 2020." LabCorp will be on site to perform health screenings and Delaware Medical Political Action Committee (DELPAC) members can enjoy gourmet coffee and conversation with some of Delaware's most powerful lawmakers and decision makers. To register. To join DELPAC.

Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready! 2019 Inaugural Gala
Registration Open!

The time has come to register for the Medical Society of Delaware's 2019 Inaugural Gala being held on **Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019** at the Deerfield in Newark. Dust off your dancing shoes, get out your fancy clothes, and join your colleagues and Delaware's elected officials in welcoming Joseph J. Straight, MD as MSD's 176th President, as well as all of MSD's newly elected officers. This is an event not to miss! [To register.](#)

**Apollo - Youth in Medicine Needs Your Help!**

*Sign Up to Have a Student Shadow Your Day and Make a Difference*

*Apollo - Youth in Medicine*, a highly acclaimed program designed to give
Delaware high school students an opportunity to shadow a physician in the outpatient setting, is looking for doctors to participate in the Fall session. Participating physicians offer to host a student for 2-3 mornings or afternoons during the shadow sessions. Apollo students are selectively chosen, HIPAA trained, briefed on terminology and office protocol, and ready to learn more about the profession of medicine. To sign up email apolloyimde@gmail.com. Fall shadow session dates:

- Monday, Nov. 4 - Friday, Nov. 8
- Monday, Nov. 10 - Friday, Nov 16

Learn more.

Delaware Gets High Marks for Palliative Care

First State Hospitals Earn 100%

The 2019 State-by-State Report Card on Access to Palliative Care in Our Nation's Hospitals has been released
The report, compiled by the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) and the National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC), provides an analysis of whether patients living with a serious illness in the United States are receiving equitable access to palliative care services in hospitals. All of Delaware's hospitals have palliative care programs, earning Delaware a 100% score - only four states received a perfect score. Read report.

**Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age**

*Don't Miss This Important Opportunity*

Mark your calendar for the FREE MSD documentary showing of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* on **Wednesday, October 16** from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. This program, presented by the MSD School Health Subcommittee and the "It's OBVIOUS" campaign, addresses head on the most pervasive parenting issue of our time by depicting teen struggles with social media, video games, and internet addiction. Learn practical solutions for adults to help children navigate the digital world. To register. View movie
MSD Physician Leadership Series

New Session Starting October 10th

Join your colleagues to learn about important leadership concepts specifically designed for physicians. The "Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development" is a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development. The program requires attendance in person at two designated sessions. The next cohort starts October 10th. This program shares the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and equips physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making to lead organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. To register

In Memoriam

Mark G. Cohen, MD
It is with sadness that we report longtime MSD member Mark G. Cohen, MD passed away last week. Cohen, a Korean War veteran and cardiologist, was a past president of the Delaware Chapter of the American Heart Association, as well as Chief of Medicine at St. Francis Hospital. Among his many achievements, he helped develop the first outpatient cardiac rehab center in Delaware. A celebration of life for friends and family will be held on October 13th at 2:00 p.m. at Vicmead Hunt Club, in Wilmington. Read obituary

Pending Members

Peter A Burke, Jr, DO
Steven Chmielewski, MD
Tracy Ruth Dahlke, 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 Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org with any questions or concerns.

"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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<td>Number of transgender people who were killed this year in the U.S.</td>
<td>Percentage of adults polled who plan to get a flu vaccine this year, despite 60% saying they think it is the best preventive measure against the flu.</td>
<td>Delaware's ranking in least competitive commercial health insurance markets. Alabama, Louisiana, and Hawaii rank first, second, and third.</td>
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### Upcoming Events

**Oct. 8** - [26th Annual E. G. Scott Microbiology Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Oct. 11** - [Dementia Care 2019: Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia](#), 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach.

**Oct 16** - [Screenagers Film Premiere](#), Presented by the MSD School Health Committee, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Oct. 17-18** - [Trauma Resuscitation in Kids (TRIK) Course](#), 7:30 a.m., Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington.

**Oct. 25-27** - [Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants 2019 Annual Conference](#), The Hyatt Place,
Dewey Beach.

**Oct. 26** - 12th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Nov 2** - Delaware Academy of Family Physicians Sports Medicine Symposium, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Nov. 7** - SAVE THE DATE - Hot Topic, Delaware Gun Laws, What Physicians Need to Know and Do, 6:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Nov. 23** - Medical Society of Delaware's 230th Annual Meeting & Inaugural Gala, MSD Conference Center, Newark / Deerfield, Newark.

**Dec. 9** - 2019 Communicable Disease Summit, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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.