MSD Holiday Hours

Wishing You and Yours a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

In observation of the Christmas holiday, the Medical Society of Delaware will be closing at 2:00 p.m. today, Friday, December 20th and reopening on Thursday, December 26th. We hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and relaxing holiday season, and for those who are working over the holiday, we thank you for your continued dedication to the practice of medicine!

MSD Winter Drive Makes an Impact

Thank You for Your Contributions
The MSD Clothing Drive wrapped up last week with loads of gently used and new hats, gloves, scarves, coats, and socks being donated. The items were lovingly donated by MSD members, partnering organizations, and staff and will bring warmth to those less fortunate. The Ministry of Caring sent their heart-felt gratitude for MSD's generous contribution. Thank you to everyone who helped make the MSD Winter Drive such a success!
Don't Let Your Membership Lapse

It is that time of year to send in your 2020 MSD membership renewal. We are pleased to announce that this year's rates have remained the same as they have for the past few years. Dues can be paid electronically by logging into the MSD website or by mail. Please contact MSD Membership Coordinator Michelle Seymour at 302-224-4905 or Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org if you have questions. All membership renewals are due by January 1, 2020.

MSD Practice Management & Education Session

2020 Insurance Payers Session

Please join us for the next Practice Management & Education Session, 2020 Insurance Payers Workshop, Tuesday, January 14th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m., at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital,
Kent General Campus. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Cigna, CMS, Highmark Delaware, Highmark Health Options, and United Healthcare will present on the latest changes and updates that will affect your practice and patients' health insurance plans for the upcoming year. Seating is limited! To register.

Identity Theft Lunchtime Webinar

IDShield Joins MSD as Affinity Partner - Discounts Available

MSD, in partnership with IDShield, is offering a FREE Lunch Time Webinar on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. This session will provide an overview of identity theft, data breach, who can be affected, and services offered for protection. MSD has partnered with IDShield to offer identity theft protection services that protect your personal information from getting into the wrong hands. Their plan benefit offers a $1 million protection policy; unlimited service guarantee; identity, credit, and social media monitoring with real time alerts; username and password combination monitoring; full-service identity restoration; child monitoring (family plan only); and 24/7 emergency access. MSD members, their employees and families receive a discount! To register.
Health Awareness Day

January 23, 2020

The Delaware Section of the American College of 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.](#)

VIP Grant Opportunity

*Interested in Utilizing Telemedicine in Your Practice?*

The Board of the Medical Society of Delaware's charitable foundation, Delaware Foundation for Medical Services (DFMS), has approved a set of grants in the amount
of $1,000 each to be applied to startup costs (toward one license and setup) for the first year of implementation of telehealth services for physicians who participate in the Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP). The grant would assist in startup fees with MSD's contracted telemedicine vendor "Mend." If interested, please complete the MSD Telemedicine Grant Application. Read more.

**Pending Member**

*Keerthi Sarumpudy, DO*

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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JAMA Internal Medicine

JAMA Pediatrics

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.

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.