

## MSD Holiday Hours

### *Office Closed for Presidents' Day*



Medical Society of Delaware will be closed on Monday, February 17th in honor of Presidents' Day, or "Washington's Birthday" as it is sometimes known. For those interested in fun facts about this federal holiday, the following states have chosen slightly different names for the day, while other states (Delaware) don't officially observe it:

- George Washington Day - Virginia
- Washington's Birthday - Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Louisiana, and New York
- Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday - Montana
- Washington-Lincoln Day - Colorado, Ohio
- Washington and Lincoln Day - Utah
- Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday - Minnesota
- George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday - Alabama
- George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day - Arkansas

States not observing Presidents' Day: DE, GA, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, NC, NM, RI, and WI.

[Read more.](#)

# MSD Invites You to "Pubs and Politics"

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*Join Your Colleagues and Hear the Latest Legislative News from Dover*



Get ready for *Pubs & Politics*! Interested in politics? Have concerns you want addressed in Dover? Interested in being part of the process in moving legislation? Join your colleagues for an evening of conversation and delicious food and beverages with key decision makers on issues affecting you and the practice of medicine at the *MSD Pubs & Politics* event on **Thursday, February 20th**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Painted Stave Distilling in Smyrna. Rep. David Bentz, Rep. Jeffrey Spiegelman, and Rep. William Carson plan to be on hand to answer your questions and listen to your concerns. A tour of the distillery is available to a limited number of participants. Bring a nonmember physician colleague with you! [Register now](#).

## MSD Advocates for DE Physicians in Washington

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*AMA National Advocacy Conference*



First picture: (L to R) Joseph J. Straight, MD, Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, Janice E. Tildon-Burton, MD, Mark B. Thompson, MHSA. Second picture: (L to R) Mark B. Thompson, MHSA, Joseph J. Straight, MD, Senator Chris Coons, Janice E. Tildon-Burton, MD

MSD President, Joseph J. Straight, MD, MSD Past President and delegate to the AMA, Janice E. Tildon-Burton, MD, and MSD Executive Director Mark B. Thompson, MHSA, represented MSD at the American Medical Association National Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC this week. The group met with Senator Tom Carper, Senator Chris Coon, and Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester to discuss legislative initiatives. Of particular interest were discussions on unanticipated out-of-network (surprise) medical bills, reducing prior authorization burdens, improving MACRA, medical marijuana research, and the Conrad 30 Waiver

program.

## MSD "*Did You Know?*" Question

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*What is the Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" Program?*

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MSD *Campaign for Kids* is an initiative launched in 2013, focusing on seven critical issues that affect young Delawareans and their families. These issues spell out O.B.V.I.O.U.S.

- Obesity
- Bullying
- Violence
- Intelligent Decisions
- Opioid Use
- Underage Drinking
- Suicide Prevention

The *Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS"* program encompasses teen, parent, and health care professional education presentations by experts on these focus issues. In the past year, MSD has held presentations on internet and screen safety with a showing of the movie *Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age*, and a presentation by Neal Barnard, MD, *Using the Power of Nutrition for Health*, that shared the importance of a plant-based diet to improve health outcomes. Keep on the lookout for more programs

this year!

## "It's OBVIOUS" Presents: The Dangers of Vaping

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*Registration Open*



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Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" program presents *Vaping: What We Do & Don't Know* on **Wednesday, March 18th** from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This informative program features guest speaker Albert Rizzo, MD, FACP, pulmonologist and Chief Medical Officer of the American Lung Association, who will share the latest information available on vaping-related illness, prevention initiatives, and what parents and the public need to know. This event is free to the general public and all health care professionals. [To register.](#)

## "It's OBVIOUS" Presents: The Opioid Epidemic

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*Registration Open*



Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" program, presents *The Opioid Epidemic* on **Wednesday, April 29th** from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This informative program features guest speaker Terry Horton, MD, FACP, Chief of the ChristianaCare's Division of Addiction Medicine and Founder and Medical Director of ChristianaCare's "Project Engage." Hear what is being done both locally and nationally in the fight against opioid addiction, and how you can make an impact in the battle to keep children safe from drug addiction. This event is free to the general public and all health care professionals. [To register.](#)

## **MSD Hosts Important Coronavirus Update**

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*Helpful Resources Make Detection Easier*

MSD hosted a successful *Hot Topic CME* event this week which featured Division of Public Health (DPH) Director Karyl T. Rattay, MD, and DPH Medical



Director Rick Hong, MD. Attendees were updated on the most current information regarding the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), as well as informed of CDC and state updates that included health risk for the general public and how to promptly identify and evaluate any suspected cases. For the latest information on the coronavirus, please call 1-888-295-5156 or visit the [DPH website](#).

## Pending Members

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### *Tyler Bates, 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](mailto:Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org) with any questions or concerns.

***"Rerum Cognoscere"***

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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>1 in 4</b> Number of pregnancy or postpartum deaths caused by cardiovascular complications, particularly hypertensive disorders.  National Vital Statistics Report	<b>20%</b> Estimated percentage of patients who have elective surgery using an in- network hospital/physician who receive surprise bills.  JAMA	<b>\$2,011</b> Average price of a surprise medical bill patients receive for elective surgery using an in- network/physician.  JAMA
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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 18** - [Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" presents: Dangers of Vaping](#), 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, 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 24** - [MSD Practice Management Session - Cyber Security](#), 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., MSD Conference Center, 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.

**March 28** - [Living Well with Lupus Seminar](#), 9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wilmington University, New Castle.


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

**April 7** - [MSD Hot Topic Event - Physician-Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid In Dying, Pros & Cons](#), 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

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

**April 29** - [Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" presents: Opioid Epidemic](#), 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**May 5** - [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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