MSD Takes Stand Against Recreational Marijuana

MSD, along with the Medical Societies in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey, has signed a joint statement against the legalization of recreational marijuana. The group lists concerns regarding lack of scientific evidence that supports recreational marijuana use. The statement also supports reclassifying marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug, which would enable government funding to be used for necessary research that clearly defines the positive and negative elements of marijuana use. Connecticut and New Jersey are expected to vote on measures next week that would legalize the drug. Read statement.

150th Legislative Session Making Progress
The 150th General Assembly is off to a good but cautious start with the welcoming of 15 new faces representing Delawareans. MSD is watching several important pieces of legislation that affect the practice of medicine, which includes the highly publicized Senate Bill 25, raising the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21. Also being considered is Senate Bill 15, which would require written notice to all patients undergoing Lyme Disease testing to forewarn of possible unreliable test results. The Medical Society is carefully examining each bill and connecting regularly with lawmakers on behalf of our members. Read full report. MSD bill chart.

Maintenance of Certification Presentation

Register Now, Seating Is Limited!

On Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m., MSD will host
Dan K. Morhaim, MD, from the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons for an important and informative presentation on Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and recertification. Dr. Morhaim will share the latest information regarding proposed changes to MOC, the ongoing efforts to improve the process, and what you can do. This event is open to non-MSD physicians. Please share this information with your colleagues and invite them to attend. To register.

In Memoriam

John F. Gehret, MD

It is with sadness that we report the passing of longtime MSD member and Delaware OBGyn, John F. Gehret, MD. Dr. Gehret passed away peacefully last week in his Wilmington home. Among his many accomplishments, it is estimated that he birthed more than 10,000 babies during his career! A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 5 PM at Vicmead Hunt Club. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wilmington Friends School. Read obituary.
MSD Interim Council
Meeting Registration Open

Don't Miss This Important Biannual Event

MSD's Interim Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover. This important biannual meeting is open to all MSD members and will cover important topics and issues you won't want to miss. Please consider joining your colleagues and fellow MSD members. MSD Council members are also required to register in advance. To register.

March/April Delaware Medical Journal

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The March/April Delaware Medical Journal digital edition is now available to read at your convenience. This 48-page issue features informative clinical, practical, and timely articles about:
• President's Page: Low Payments, Government Regulation Have Exacerbated a Crisis
• Am I on the Spectrum? A Case Report
• Evolution of Carpal Coalition Based on Series Radiographs
• Evaluation of Delaware Cancer Registry Data
• Hip Evaluation in Children Congenital Central Hypotonia
• Impact of Video Laryngoscopy on Resident Airway Mgt.
• Trends in Patient Engagement
• An HR Alternative for the Modern Private Practice
• In Memoriam: Mustafa Oz, MD, Robert G. Altschuler, MD

Read DMJ.

Health Hub Welcomes Vidyo

Latest Telemedicine Provider To Get The MSD "Seal Of Approval"

MSD's subsidiary, Health Hub has added a new telemedicine provider to our list of vetted companies. Vidyo™ provides a real-time video solution that delivers quick-start telehealth applications spanning the continuum of care, including in-home, acute, post-acute, and emergent settings. Consults can be scheduled or on-demand, enabling virtual visits and remote patient monitoring. Health
care professionals can easily integrate Vidyo with their EHR solution and workflows, browser and mobile-based patient portals, and existing scheduling tools. Vidyo offers a frictionless user experience across mobile, desktop, and clinical devices designed for inpatient care settings, such as telemedicine carts and wall-mounted stations. Vidyo offers multi-participant capabilities, remotely operated pan, tilt, and zoom cameras, medical exam cameras, digital stethoscopes, and otoscopes, allowing for the most robust remote examination capabilities in the market. Vidyo's open platform and integrations into leading healthcare technology solutions enrich the patient/provider experience. More information.

Help Wanted

Medical Director

Brandywine Counseling and Community Services (BCCS) has an immediate opening for a full-time Medical Director. The ideal candidate should have a strong behavior health/addictions medicine and/or psychiatry background. The position
will include both client care and administrative responsibilities and will include some travel to southern Delaware. [For more information.]

**Pending Member**

*Kenneth J. Lingenfelter, 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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**Upcoming Events**
March 27 - Maintenance of Certification Issues Update, 6:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
April 4 - ProAssurance Physician Risk Management Seminar - Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover.
April 5 - ProAssurance Practice Manager Session - Close Calls: Real Questions, Real Answers, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover.
April 5 - 7th Annual APC Pharmacology Update 2019, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
April 9 - 2019 Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders Conference, 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Delaware State University - MLK Center, Dover.
April 19 - 7th Neurovascular Symposium, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
May 1 - Annual Delaware Trauma Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Chase Center at the Riverfront, Wilmington.
May 7 - 56th Annual William J. Holloway Infectious Disease Symposium, John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
May 16 - SAVE THE DATE - DE Section, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Spring CME Dinner. Topic: Maternal Mental Health and Mood Disorders, The Duncan Center, Dover.
June 17-21 - SAVE THE DATE - University of Delaware’s 42nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium, Rehoboth Beach.

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.

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