MSD Creates Coronavirus Resource Page

Helpful Information for Physicians and Practices

In an effort to share the most up to date information for MSD members, a resource page has been created on our website. The resource page contains important billing information, coronavirus courses, and the latest from the Delaware Division of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. View MSD coronavirus resource page.

DPH Opens Coronavirus Call Center

1-866-408-1899

In response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID)-19, the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) opened a call center this week at its State Health Operations Center (SHOC) in Smyrna. The call center is open to take questions from the public, schools, medical providers, state agencies and community organizations. Hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The call center number is 1-866-408-1899. There is also an email address where individuals can submit questions:
Delaware Lab Equipped for Coronavirus Testing

Nine Residents Test Negative

The Delaware Public Health Laboratory in Smyrna is now equipped to test for the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease after weeks of sending samples to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for testing. A total of ten Delawareans have tested negative. DPH continues to monitor 23 travelers arriving in the U.S. from countries with a Level 3 or higher Travel Alert (China, Italy, Iran or South Korea). The lab will have the ability to turn around tests in approximately a day for COVID-19 and provide either a presumptive positive or negative result. The CDC will provide confirmatory testing.

DPH Investigating Mumps Outbreak

Seven Confirmed Cases in New Castle County Schools

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is investigating an outbreak of mumps cases among school-age children in New Castle County. DPH has identified nine cases of mumps as part of this outbreak, including seven confirmed cases and two probable cases. The confirmed cases involve five individuals at William Penn High School, one individual at George Read Middle School, and one individual at St. Georges Technical High School. Physicians are asked for vigilance in identify mumps cases early to prevent outbreaks. Read more.

Telemedicine Coverage for Medicare Approved

Coronavirus Spending Bill Authorizes Medicare to Waive Restrictions
This week Congress passed and the President signed an $8.3 billion emergency funding package to help combat the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. Included in the bill is a provision to waive telemedicine restrictions for Medicare beneficiaries.

The funding package authorizes $500 million into a telemedicine program to help seniors access health services remotely. Until now, telemedicine was limited primarily to residents in rural areas. Read more.

MSD Subsidiary "Health Hub" Offers Telemedicine Options

Mini Grants Available for VIP Participating Physicians

With the increased threat of the coronavirus sweeping the country, many physicians are wondering if this isn't the time to bring telemedicine options into their practices. MSD's subsidiary Health Hub has done the leg work to vet the best telemedicine companies for MSD's members and their practices. Mend, a leading platform for telemedicine has received the Health Hub seal of approval as being a solid product that delivers what it promises. For MSD members who participate in the Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP), there are small grants available for new Mend customers. Learn more. For more information about Mend.

AMA Helps Hahne...
"long-tail" medical liability insurance coverage that could cost tens of thousands of dollars to replace and prevent them from practicing in many states. The AMA stepped in to underwrite legal representation, resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement. The ruling will ensure that the 572 residents and approximately 100 attending physicians displaced by Hahnemann's closure - plus about 300 additional residents who previously trained at the hospital - have the necessary professional liability insurance to cover their time at Hahnemann. Read more.

MSD Tackles the Issue of Vaping: Register Now!

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

The MSD 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.

MSD Practice Management Session

Cyber Security

The next MSD Practice Management & Education session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital Kent Campus. Anahi Santiago, CISM, from ChristianaCare and Sharon Ruth, Healthcare Client Advocate, from the Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services, Inc. (MSDIS) will present on cyber-crime, cyber extortion, how you can protect your practice, multi-media liability,
Membership Renewal Past Due

Don't Lose Your Access to Important Information

For any MSD members who have not yet renewed their MSD membership for 2020, please note that beginning April 1, we will begin suspension of our communications, which includes the weekly e-News & Views, the weekly Practice Matters communication to your staff, Legislative e-Updates, and the bi-monthly Delaware Medical Journal. Renew online today or contact Michelle Seymour at (302) 224-4905 or Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org.

Pending Members

Renee Quarterman, 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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American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Current Biology

United Network for Organ Sharing
Upcoming Events

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 23 - Children of 2020: The State of Today and the Vision for Tomorrow, 7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

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.

May 6 - Annual Delaware Trauma Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington.