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## Reminders

### 2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2022 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK "Like"

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## Happy Fourth of July! – MSD Offices Closed

The most popular way to celebrate the 4th of July is by getting together with family and friends. However you plan to celebrate this year, MSD wishes you a safe and happy holiday. In observance of this federal holiday, MSD offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and July 4th.

## Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia Education Legislation

Senate Bill 283 (SB 283) <https://tinyurl.com/bdetdbx5> was passed during the 151st General Assembly and signed by the Governor on September 8, 2022. This legislation added a requirement that practitioners licensed by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and the Board of Nursing who treat adults to complete one hour of continuing education in each reporting period on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Through the efforts of the Medical Society of Delaware and concerned physicians, a Town Hall was held with the primary sponsor of the bill, Sen. Spiros Mantzavinos. As a result of the Town Hall and subsequent meetings with the Senator, Senate Bill 185 (SB 185) <https://tinyurl.com/363myv3y> was recently introduced that delays implementation of the requirements created by SB 283. At the time of this publication, SB 185 was reported out of the House Health & Human Development in Committee and has been placed on the Ready List.

## HB 227 - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Your Action Made A Difference

Through the efforts of Delaware physicians, the Medical Society of Delaware, the Delaware Healthcare Association, and others, the provision in HB 227 (<https://tinyurl.com/mmn83u>) that required physicians to go through a training program every two years regarding childhood lead poisoning and testing is being removed after hearing from the health care community. House Amendment 2 (<https://tinyurl.com/4awus2w9>) to HB 227 removes the training language and was passed in the House last week. At the time of this publication, the bill was reported out of the Senate Health & Social Services Committee and is on the Senate agenda for June 30th. MSD expects the bill to pass with the amendments.

## Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

This live virtual class will be held on **August 9, 16 and 23 from 10 am – 1 pm**. Setting high performance standards in the front office will lead to more informed and satisfied patients, smoother workflow, and a healthier revenue cycle. Attendees will learn essential responsibilities to excel in a patient-interfacing role. Emphasis on quality care measures, overall patient satisfaction, workflow, compliance, and the bottom line are key ingredients that make-or-break office success. Class includes discussion on new health care communication and compliance challenges. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOSJune>.

## Groundbreaking Pilot Program to Reduce Opioid Deaths

Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Ph.D., R.N., announced a pilot program to distribute the nation's first combination fentanyl and xylazine test strip in Delaware. Currently, fentanyl and xylazine test strips are only offered as two separate tests. The new test strip, known as HarmGuard FX, was developed by SIVAD Diagnostic Medical Group, LLC, headquartered in Bear, Delaware. Delaware is the first in the nation to pilot a dual fentanyl and xylazine test strip, offering a new tool in the ongoing epidemic. The product also utilizes a QR code and AI-driven portal with geolocation to help people find local resources. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hh9rsnd>.

## DHSS Announces Statewide Town Hall Series

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) will host a series of in-person town hall events (<https://tinyurl.com/34yvjav3>) to discuss ways to improve Delaware's State Service Centers. The four events will take place in July across the state and will highlight the steps DHSS is taking to transform how they serve Delawareans and receive community feedback. Share flyers with your patients in English <https://tinyurl.com/2dfbfk6w> and Spanish <https://tinyurl.com/yf4xupst>.

## Recall of ARROW Endurance Extended Dwell Peripheral Catheter System

Teleflex and Arrow International are recalling the ARROW Endurance Extended Dwell Peripheral Catheter System after reports of catheter separation or leakage. If the catheter separates while in a blood vessel, the catheter fragments could be left in the bloodstream, and may migrate to other places in the body. This issue may cause serious injury including blockage of blood vessels, inadequate blood flow, injury to blood vessel walls, blood clots, blockage of the lung arteries (pulmonary embolism), heart attack, or death. Use of these devices may cause serious injuries, serious health consequences, or death. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4x8stb8j>.