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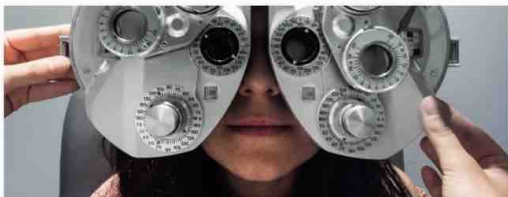
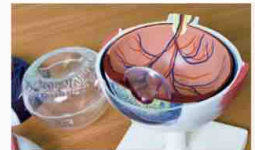
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In Memoriam

YOUN S. KIM, MD

Dr. Youn Kim passed away on May 24, 2020. Dr. Youn Kim was born in South Korea and, after serving as a doctor in the Korean War, Dr. Kim and his family relocated to the United States, where he worked for many years at Blodgett Hospital and became a world-renowned cardiovascular surgeon. After his retirement in 1996, Dr. Kim continued to share his talent as a missionary doctor in Kenya. Dr. Youn Kim was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1969.

ARMAND M. LA SORSA, MD

Dr. Armand La Sorsa passed away on May 3, 2020. Dr. La Sorsa received his medical degree from Loma Linda Medical School and served as a flight surgeon in the Navy for 2 and a half years. Shortly after honorable discharge from Service, he was recruited to join a private medical practice in Manistique, Michigan. Spectrum Health brought Dr. La Sorsa to Grand Rapids, where he practiced radiology for 24 years until his retirement at age 80. A lifelong scholar, he extended his medical education with a

specialty in radiology from Michigan State University and a fellowship in nuclear medicine from William Beaumont in Detroit. Dr. Armand La Sorsa was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1986.

LAWRENCE E. PAWL, MD

Dr. Lawrence Pawl passed away on June 9, 2020. Dr. Pawl earned his medical degree from Wayne State University and trained in internal medicine and oncology at Butterworth Hospital. He practiced medical oncology in the Grand Rapids and Big Rapids area for more than 38 years. During the 90's, Dr. Pawl was in the first wave of board-certified hospice/palliative care providers. He served as the Medical Director of Hospice Grand Rapids prior to the renaming to Hospice of Michigan and was instrumental in writing and passing a cancer chemotherapy usage bill to allow drugs being used off label setting a national precedent. Dr. Lawrence Pawl was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1981.



OTTAWA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

LAWRENCE R. SMITH, MD

Dr. Lawrence Smith passed away on July 9, 2020. Dr. Smith served his undergraduate at Hope College and received his medical degree from Ohio State University Medical School. He completed his internship and residency in emergency medicine at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids before becoming the first board certified ER doctor in the city of Holland. Dr. Smith established Emergency Physicians Inc. which contracted with Holland Hospital, where he practiced from 1978 to 1998. He practiced in the Holland area until his retirement in 2013. Dr. Lawrence Smith was a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society.

BURTON J. WOLTERS, MD

Dr. Burton Wolters passed away on May 31, 2020. Dr. Wolters was a board-certified radiologist, with a BA degree from Calvin College and an MD degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency training at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. After serving his country as a captain in the US Air Force, he practiced as a diagnostic radiologist in Western Michigan for Mercy Hospital, North Ottawa Community Hospital, and Gerber Memorial Hospital. Dr. Burton Wolters was a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Year Like No Other

Based on the Governor Whitmer's executive orders regarding the COVID-19 crisis and the CDC's recommendations, the House of Delegates meeting in late April, which was scheduled to be held in Dearborn, was officially postponed.

Leadership elections (all were uncontested) took place electronically last week. The Michigan State Medical Society 2020 Leadership includes the following newly-elected representatives. I am proud to share the list, of course, highlighting the many Kent County representatives were elected to serve. Their loyalty to the medical profession and their willingness to serve are greatly appreciated.

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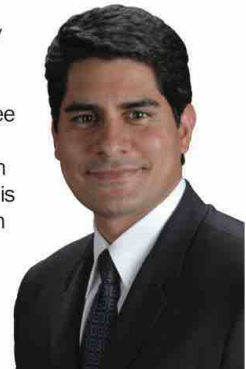
More information regarding the MSMS Leadership can be found on the MSMS website: <https://www.msms.org/About-MSMS/Leadership>



Sandy Dettmann, MD,
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Doctor Mukkamala Accepts Role of MSMS President

S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD, a Flint otolaryngologist, is the new president of the Michigan State Medical Society. While installed in late April in a virtual environment, Dr. Mukkamala quickly began work representing 15,000 Michigan physicians. Members may have seen him on national news programs and with Governor Gretchen Whitmer in media conferences. Doctor Mukkamala, a board-certified otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon is a long-time member of Genessee County Medical Society. He earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and is past chair of the board of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. In addition to having served as MSMS president-elect, Doctor Mukkamala recently completed three years of leadership service as the chair of the MSMS Board of Directors, the American Medical Association Board of Trustees and is a past recipient of the MSMS "Excellence in Medicine" Leadership Award. He also is a past president of the Genessee County Medical Society and currently serves on the GCMS Board.



COVID-19

Tele-Town Hall for Physicians

MSMS has started a weekly Tele-Town Hall for physicians on COVID-19. Guest speakers will provide brief presentations and take questions on a wide range of topics important to physicians. MSMS will continue to host these weekly Town Halls for the next few months.

[Click here](#) to view past presentations and to register for upcoming Tele-Town Halls.

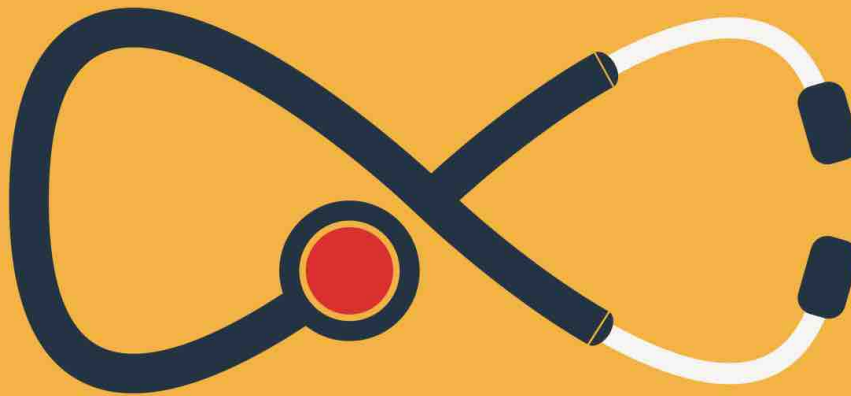
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KAREN BEGROW

Begrow Leads MSMS Alliance Through Advocacy and Action

While the state of Michigan was battling the COVID-19 pandemic, many of KCMS related organizations were making transitions in their leadership.

The Michigan State Medical Society Alliance was unable to hold its in-person 2020 annual meeting, which was scheduled to be held in Grand Rapids. KCMS Alliance Past President and 2019-2020 President for the MSMS Alliance, Karen Begrow, had led a team of dedicated officers, representing various areas of Michigan. Sadly, the completion of her term as MSMS Alliance President came to a close during the pandemic. Karen's dedication, motivation and leadership are greatly appreciated as she represents Kent County and Michigan.

Karen remains active with KCMS Alliance, MSMS Alliance and was recently elected to the AMA Alliance Board as Director of Membership.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

One of my greatest privileges has been to serve alongside each of you as your MSMSA President this year. Prior leadership built a strong foundation on which I was able to set the 2019-20 course for success as an organization that works together to support the family of medicine and advance the health of Michigan. I am so proud of all that we have accomplished this year.

On June 1, 2019, we welcomed Tammy Guastella as our new Alliance Administrator. Tammy's bookkeeping skills and our direct membership collection initiative has allowed us to accurately report our membership numbers for the first time in quite a while. Our current paid members number 183. While that figure cannot begin to rival the participation we enjoyed in the 1950s I feel a sense of pride that this year we increased our membership 20%. This is a notable increase and huge turn around as we

have been steadily losing members every year for the last decade. We have 53 new and renewed members after a lapse of two years thanks to a direct mail campaign that "touched" all of our members from the past 5 years for the first time in a long while with membership dues billing through the US mail. Going forward, our current members will have the ability to automatically renew each year on our website. We now have representation in 15 Michigan counties, 3 more counties than we had last year.

"We must do something for others as well as for ourselves. And the more we have done for others, the more in the end, we shall find we have done for ourselves."

CAROLINE BARTLETT CRANE
MSMSA Founder

That does not mean we have 15 active county alliances, though. However, through our new mentoring program we are prepared to help individuals begin new county alliances. This is where our website comes in.

I could not be more proud of this new website. It represents who we are and what we want to be as an organization. Not only does it look beautiful but it is easy to navigate while still hosting lots of beneficial information for members and non-members alike. The feature of this website that I find most exciting is the step by step support it offers individuals who wish to start an alliance in their area where there isn't one. There is even a section allowing counties to create their own webpage if they don't have a digital foot print yet.

Our second annual Fall Focus event held in October saw an increase in 2 times the number of attendees. Alliance members and those from the general public came from each corner of our state to participate in a symposium designed to normalize the conversation surrounding mental health and suicide. Based on the responses from our feedback questionnaire, 91% of

our attendees said they would recommend our events to friends/colleagues.

Each of us has worked hard this year and I believe that we have certainly seen signs that our efforts have been rewarded. I sense a positive group energy which resulted in leaders stepping up to the plate and performing their tasks with energy and innovation. Job well done all! I am making a donation to the MSMS Foundation in the name of the 2019-2020 MSMSA Board of Directors to thank you. I am truly grateful to each of you.

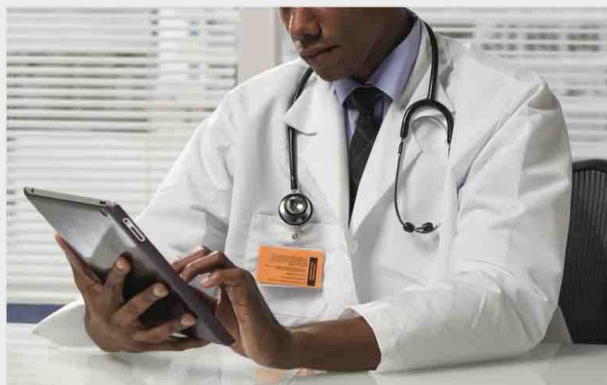
My wish for this organization going forward is to keep up the pace but be willing to adjust the course as needed. Nurture your relationships with existing county alliances.

Act as a guiding light and cheerleader extraordinaire to newly founded alliances. Leadership, be patient but don't maintain the status quo. Take chances and try new things. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there is not a more important time in our history for this alliance to go forth and shine. Medical families need our support as our doctor spouses feel unprecedented stress in their profession. And our state needs our dedication to advance the health of Michiganders through advocacy and action.

I will end with a quote from our 1926 MSMSA Founder, Caroline Bartlett Crane. "We must do something for others as well as for ourselves. And the more we have done for others, the more in the end, we shall find we have done for ourselves."

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Richard Wood, MD

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Executive Order 2020-82 states that “effective immediately and continuing through June 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., LARA may recognize hours worked responding to the COVID-19 emergency as hours toward continuing education courses or programs required for licensure.” As an KCMS or OCMS member, physicians may choose to complete this survey describing what you learned from the COVID-19 emergency and [submit to the MSMS Education department](#) where CME credit will be issued.

You may only claim hours worked directly responding to the COVID-19 emergency. This would include: research, reading articles, listening to podcasts, discussing plans and direct clinical care of COVID-19 with patients. Applicable dates for COVID-19 CME credit are March 17 through June 9, 2020.

Please pay special attention to complete the survey fully and thoroughly document what you learned or we cannot issue CME credit. Incomplete surveys cannot be processed. Physicians are asked to submit a new survey for each DAY spent responding to COVID-19.



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The current crisis has exposed some glaring cracks in our health care system. Some hospitals were hours away from running out of PPE, regulatory burdens had to be suspended to build field hospitals, and the public health infrastructure was exposed for what it is: underfunded. Now, more than ever, physicians need to have a voice in Lansing to help find solutions.

Over the last three months, MSMS has been continuously educating our policy makers. With the help of nearly 40 of our member physicians across the state, MSMS's voice was heard across Lansing. Their efforts paid off.



Paul Bozyk, MD, (Oakland County), testified in front of the House committee on Judiciary about the need for physician immunity. MSMS President S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD, (Genesee County), worked tirelessly with a variety of stakeholders and public policy makers to make sure physician offices were well-poised to re-open safely. His efforts

came to fruition when he stood with the Governor to announce that elective and non-essential procedures would resume.

Our policy efforts are well on their way, but there is still so much more to do. As the legislature starts to shift back to life before COVID-19, we are up against legislation that would impose fee schedules, expand scope of practice, and enact harmful policy that could alter our ability to properly care for our patients. We need to be heard, loud and clear. Amplify your voice by getting involved. Get to know your current Representatives and Senators. Make sure you're registered to vote and are familiar with the candidates and issues that will be appearing on your ballot. And GIVE.

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The KCMS and KCOA would like to thank all of our physician members and local legislators who continue to join us for our Legislative Committee meetings via Zoom. These meetings provide an opportunity for our physician members to connect with local legislators and to share issues of concern such as state legislation proposed and enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, among other topics.

As always, we encourage you to contact your lawmakers to advocate on key issues affecting West Michigan physicians and patients. A complete listing of elected officials and their contact information is attached. KCMS



and KCOA leadership and staff continue to advocate for and support the physicians and patients in our community during these unprecedented times. If you are interested in joining the KCMS/KCOA Legislative Committee, call (616) 458-4157 or email kcmsoffice@kcms.org.



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Financial Relief Resources

- [The Kent County Small Business Recovery Program](#)
- [CARES Act](#)

Medical Education

- [CME for COVID-19 available through Michigan State Medical Society](#)



- [CME for COVID-19 available through Michigan State University CHM](#)

Kent County Testing Locations

Kent County Health Department Testing Locations:

616-632-7200 [Register for Timeslot](#)

- Kent County Health Department Fuller Clinic
700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Monday & Wednesday
9:00am - 12:00pm
- Kent County Health Department South Clinic
4700 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49508
Monday & Wednesday
9:00am - 12:00pm
- The Potter's House School
810 Van Raalte Dr. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00am - 12:00pm
- Baxter Holistic Health Center
935 Baxter St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Tuesday & Thursday
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Other Testing Opportunities:

- Cherry Health
616-965-8347
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- Metro Health
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- Rite Aid
5995 Kalamazoo Avenue SE
Kentwood, MI 49508
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- WellCare Urgent Care
6460 28th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-591-5995
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- Mercy Health
616-685-2683
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- Spectrum Health
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[COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#)

Who to Contact for Help

- Kent County Health Department
(616) 326-0606
Covid@kentcountymi.gov
- Michigan Attorney General
(877) 765-8388
michigan.gov/agcomplaints
- Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
1-800-292-3939
MDA-Info@michigan.gov
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/>
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
(888) 535-6136
covid19@michigan.gov
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation
(888) 522-0103
<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/covid19/>
- Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration
(This agency can assist critical infrastructure workers who believe their employer is failing to take the proper workplace precautions to protect employees from COVID-19 exposure)
(800) 866-4674
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Adam Wolfe, DO
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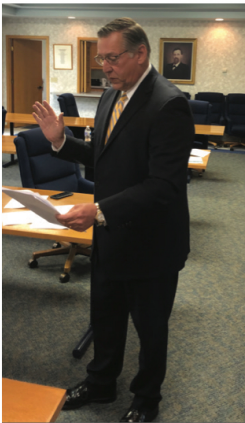


KCOA Proudly Salutes New MOA President, Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO

The Kent County Delegation to the Michigan Osteopathic Association participated in the 2020 House of Delegates meeting of the MOA. Kent Delegates were attending the virtual state-wide meeting from their homes, office, or via a socially-distanced gathering at a conference room.



Kent Delegates prepare to live stream the virtual MOA House of Delegates from the Metro Health Hospital Conference Center.



KCOA Member, Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, was installed as President of the MOA.



The "Command Center" at the MOA House of Delegates.



Through the use of technology, members of the Kent Delegation were able to debate and vote on resolutions and bylaws.



**JEFFREY D.
POSTLEWAITE, DO**

2020 Inaugural Address

Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, MOA President
Saturday, May 30, 2020

Welcome everyone. On behalf of the Michigan Osteopathic Association I would like to thank all of you for joining us in the first ever, virtual House of Delegates. These are certainly strange and challenging times and I would like to express my appreciation that so many of our members have adapted

to a different way to connect with their colleagues.

Normally, as Incoming President I would be facing a convention room full of delegates from all over the state as I explain my vision and our challenges for the coming year. This year, we will face unique challenges and our association will be tasked to help our members rise to these challenges.

At this time, the COVID-19 crisis still presents many unknowns. Michigan has flattened the curve and with precaution, our communities have taken some steps to reopen businesses and navigate how we can transition to a normal way of life.

As physicians, we have been an essential component in combating the coronavirus and we will continue to be an essential component as our communities find their way back to normalcy.

For our patients, we need to convey confidence. We need to have our hospitals and practices to instill trust in our communities. Patients need to know that as the risk of COVID-19 diminishes, it is time to get back on track in terms of exams, vaccinations, medications and routine visits that can prevent serious health issues.

For our physicians, we need to recognize their efforts in facing COVID-19, help them adjust to a new normal and make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure they can do what they do best: Practice medicine.

With that in mind, my term will have a focus on the business of medicine. We will offer business resources that not only target physicians, but also practice managers. As part of the new normal, telemedicine will be expanding. While telemedicine is limited in how you can examine and treat

a patient, the benefits and increases in technology are making the benefits apparent.

But the payer and HIPAA requirements need to be clear. We will work to communicate just how new technologies can benefit physicians and our I.T. Committee will be tasked with making interoperability a primary focus. If you are required to enter data, there must be a streamlined process that reduces error and multiple points of data entry. The MOA will provide guidance on the requirements and the software needed to maintain compliance.

One of my primary goals is to expand the access to CME. Due to the coronavirus we have already transitioned to an online Spring Convention. Over the next year we will expand our CME offerings, including LARA required credits, on our new platform and allow our members and non-members the ability to view interactive sessions on their own schedule.

We will of course continue to host our conventions in the spring and autumn, but those sessions can also be included in online courses.

With the online CME courses, we will also have the opportunity to partner with other state associations in presenting joint CME sessions online. We will work with the American Osteopathic Association to ensure their requirements for online CME are clear and that all of our online offerings fulfill those requirements.

As our country pulls out of the shutdown that has taken place, both federal and state legislators are scrambling to stimulate the economy and get businesses back in business. But as the tax dollars are spent on righting the ship, we want to ensure physicians are included in any plan that is signed into law. Whether it is a small practice or a major hospital, healthcare providers have taken a tremendous blow financially.

In the coming months health policy will see major adjustments in how a physician sees and treats a patient. I am committed to making sure the MOA is at the table when these policies are formed. We cannot allow legislators and policy makers to proceed without our voice being heard and our expertise being a factor in these changes.

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The MOA will direct our Council of Governmental Affairs to continue their work on the issues facing our physicians:

- Access to Care
- Vaccinations
- Maintenance of Certification
- Prior Authorization
- Projected Primary Care Shortage

With the assistance of our Executive Director, Kris Nicholoff, the MOA has placed a number of our members on committees, on statewide boards and with task force assignments. As healthcare becomes more and more political, we need to expand our presence in the roles that will affect change.

I would like to thank the Michigan Health and Hospital Association for being such a great partner. We have enjoyed a strong relationship and I look forward to finding even more opportunities to collaborate.

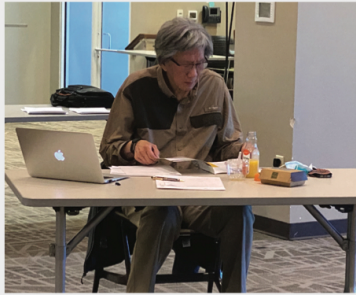
I would also like to thank Dean Amalfitano and the

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine for being a partner on so many levels. In the coming months MSUCOM, much like other schools, will face challenges and I want the Dean to know that we will have our support. The MOA has always had a strong connection to MSUCOM and we look forward to strengthening that bond and finding even more ways to provide support and collaboration.

In 1898, our Association first convened for a Spring Scientific Convention. They arrived by train and carriages. If that seems like an eternity ago, just imagine what they would think about us connecting over an “internet” on a thing called “Zoom”.

So, no matter what the delivery vehicle, our connection with our colleagues is still strong.

I again thank all of you for attending our virtual House of Delegates. And I remind you that now, more than ever, osteopathic physicians can find strength in numbers and I look forward to the challenges ahead of us. Thank you!



Edward Lee, DO



Gary Marsiglia, DO

Congratulations to Honored KCOA Members

Kent County Delegates and KCOA President, Adam Wolfe, DO recognized two local colleagues during the Annual House of Delegates electronic meeting. Joanne Grzeszak, DO and Gary Marsiglia, DO were recognized for serving 30 years as Kent County Delegates to the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Edward Lee, DO was recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Osteopathic professional and the KCOA. He was presented the MOA Lifetime Professional.



Joanne Grzeszak, DO



KENT MEDICAL FOUNDATION



Brian Janssen
2020 Kent Medical
Foundation, Board Chair

nicoTEAM Looks Ahead to 2021

The Kent Medical Foundation relies on generous donations to provide support to community efforts that improve health initiatives in public and community health, support for the underserved and wellness initiatives for youth and adults.

KMF

Like other organizations across the country, Kent Medical Foundation was forced to cancel the 2020 nicoTEAM Art Contest with 100 young artists representing nine school districts in West Michigan. The program, which is possible through a grant by the CDV5 Foundation, educates middle school students on the hazards of tobacco use and vaping, is a peer to peer program where students learn the lessons of healthy life choices and educate the other students. The poster contest has been an annual focus in the spring teachers, middle schools and amateur artists since 2006. The committee looks forward to resuming the jury event and 15th Poster Contest Ceremony in 2021.

The KMF Board and nicoTEAM Committee would like to thank the following organizations who had pledged support for the 2020 nicoTEAM Program. Their donation of prizes, in-kind services, facilities, prizes and more are what make the nicoTEAM Program unique. We hope to see you in 2021!

Thank You to nicoTEAM Poster Contest Partners

- CDV5 Foundation
- Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
- John Ball Zoo
- Grand Rapids Art Museum
- Grand Rapids Community College
- Kendall College of Art & Design, Ferris State University
- Kent County Osteopathic Association
- Meijer Corporation
- Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park
- Swift Printing and Communications
- West Michigan White Caps



Grants Support Families, Non-Profits During Pandemic

While health care heroes were working on the front lines helping patients in the emergency department or ICU, or working to serve patients in their offices, many non-profits in our community were assisting in serving families with emergency needs of food, pharmaceuticals, protective equipment and more. The KMF Board was able to assist some of those with the spring grant allocation which includes the following grants:

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Three community clinics and their physician teams received support of \$5,000 for patient care needs. The clinics are Catherine's Health Center, Cherry Health, and Exalta Health. Like physician offices, these clinics had experienced limited hours, staff reductions, and personal protection equipment needs and challenges.

GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM

As an invaluable partner to the KMF nicoTEAM Program, the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) has donated meeting space and tremendous event coordination for the nicoTEAM Poster Art Contest jury and celebration event for the life of the nicoTEAM Poster Art Program. In appreciation for their support, the Kent Medical Foundation is contributing \$2,500 to assist the GRAM in facility repairs for damage done to the museum during the recent political unrest over Memorial Day weekend.

AUTISM SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY

For a second year, the Kent Medical Foundation has funded the Autism Society of Kent County (ASK) annual walk with a \$500 contribution. The ASK Walk has been rescheduled for this fall.

GRAND RAPIDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

As a complement to a previous grant awarded to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, the KMF Board elected to provide additional weighted vests in various youth sizes for the GRKM Sensory Backpack program. The program allows families with children who require

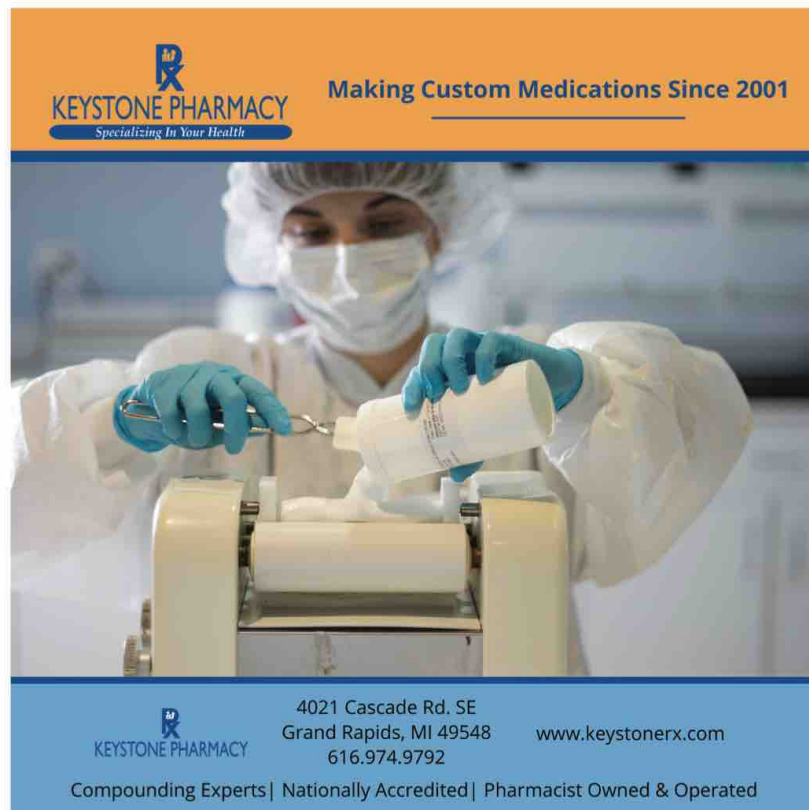
sensory support to enjoy the museum activities with sound reduction headphones, weighted vests and other resources. A gift of \$500 was made to the GRKM.

LAB COATS AND LIBATIONS

As a partner with the KCMS Alliance, the Kent Medical Foundation supports the Lab Coats and Libations event at \$250. The KMF Board is fortunate to have the support and guidance from KCMS Alliance members and appreciates what the KCMS Alliance Foundation provides to the West Michigan community in the form of grants and mini grants. The event will be held in the fall of 2020 and will be a great way to support the Alliance Foundation and connect with friends.

The Kent Medical Foundation Board welcomes volunteer support in the role of Trustees. If you are interested in learning more about the KMF Board and are interested in serving, please contact Patricia Dalton at patricia@kcms.org. Meetings and obligations are coordinated to respect the busy lives of our Trustees. Their guidance and participation are greatly appreciated.

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SUHAIR MUALLEM

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*It was a busy spring in Kent County, even when the coronavirus kept us at home. Many masks were sewn and donated to local hospitals. A virtual "envelope stuffing" was held for our annual appeal, as well as virtual belly dancing, book club, yoga, and mahjong. The first ever Virtual Annual Meeting was held May 12 across Kent County. It was not the same as an in-person luncheon, but it still did the trick. Dr. Carolyn King was the guest speaker. Her topic was a timely *Dealing with Emotions During the Pandemic*. The KCMSA in-coming officers were virtually installed by MSMSA President Rula Ali in Grand Blanc.*



NANCY FODY

Many KCMSA members attended the virtual AMAA Alliance annual meeting on June 6th. To see the virtual presentation of two AMAA awards for Kent County projects. The first award was for Social Media. It was judged on "the innovative use of social media to engage current or potential members for the promotion of alliance health education, fundraising, or other programs to the community at large." KCMSA received the award for our "Peanut Butter Challenge" held in December 2019. 182 jars of peanut butter were donated and displayed as a holiday tree at a local bank by engaging our members and the community using our Facebook page. The peanut butter was distributed to Feeding America. The second award was for Physician Family Day. The project was judged on originality, the effort involved in planning, and the impact to the community's physicians. KCMSA's Family barbecue held last August at a member's home with pool, face painting, and games for the kiddies and barbecue and a home tour for the adults was the winner.

We are all looking forward to another KCMSA event filled year. We hope you can find something that appeals to you. Check us out on our Facebook page for upcoming events. Joining KCMSA is easy, just go to our website www.kcmsalliance.org click on "Get Involved" and then "Join/Renew Membership".

*Sincerely,
Suhair Muallem and Nancy Fody
KCMSA Co-Presidents*

kcmsa Calendar

The year will be interspersed with mini-fundraisers, time and talent projects, and fun events. Follow us on Facebook or find us at KCMSAlliance.org

09 | 24 Lab Coats and Libations

09 | 25 General Membership meeting

December Holiday Open House

Time and place to be announced

Peanut Butter Tree at Mercantile Bank

Collect for Baxter House

2020 | 2021 kcmsa board of directors

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Event Recap spring 2020

KCMSA strives to provide opportunities for fellowship, social outlets philanthropy, and community involvement for members in all stages of their medical life. Members are encouraged to participate in the events that interest them and fit their busy lives. Follow us on Facebook or visit the website for upcoming events. A sample of recent events:

Gourmet Club

After a blustery winter, members wistfully enjoyed Caribbean theme drinks & dinner at a member's home.

Masks for local hospitals

Many masks were sewn by Alliance members and distributed to local hospitals.

Book Club

Book Club has been meeting virtually. Recent discussions included "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See and "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens.

Mahjong

Mahjong has been meeting virtually.

Belly Dancing

Belly Dancing instruction in the privacy of your own home.

Judge Gardner's Closet

Household item collection for young adults exiting the foster care system.

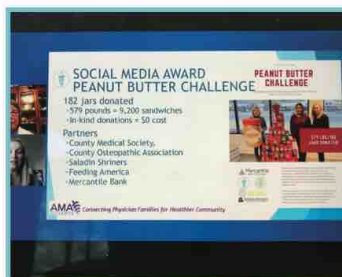
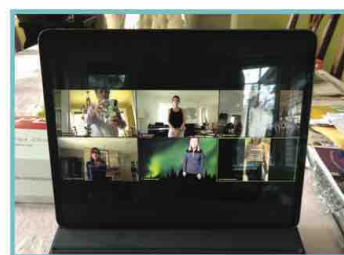
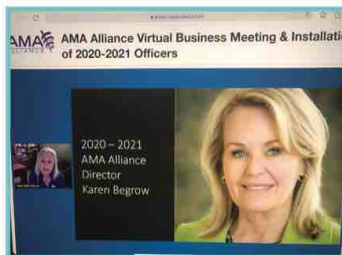
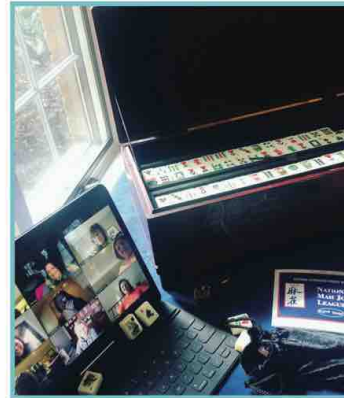
Virtual Envelope Stuffing

The KCMSA Foundation Annual Appeal envelope stuffing was a virtual event.

Our Hope Association

Collected items for women recovering and healing from addiction.

All current and prospective members are welcome to attend any calendar event! For more information please use our website KCMSAlliance.org or email president@kcmsalliance.org



KCMSA Foundation Mini-Grants

September

Children's Healing Center

\$2,000 partial funding of request for clean transportation for clients to and from their center

Pine Rest

\$2,000 partial funding of request for the Patient Assistance Fund for adults with financial need to receive help for addiction treatment services

November

Beyond 26

\$1,800 partial funding of request and enough money for a shredding machine for adults over the age of 26 with developmental disabilities to use in their document shredding program

MSU Extension

\$2,250 partial funding of request and enough money to support materials for their National Diabetes Prevention Program

Our Hope

\$1,680 full funding of request for a yearly supply of pregnancy tests, smoking cessation kits, and OTC medications.

Our Kitchen Table

\$3,000 full funding for educational kits for "Educate to Elevate" program offering healthy eating education to pregnant women and nursing mothers

March

Alternatives in Motion

\$2,000 partial funding of request to support their Pediatric Battery Program

Boys and Girls Clubs of West Michigan

\$1,250 partial funding of request to support their 2020 Be You Wellness Fair

Equine Assisted Development

\$3,000 full funding to be used for their Therapeutic Interventions Program for 8-10 young girls who are part of the Manasseh Project

Feeding America

\$1,875 partial funding of request to support their Fresh Start initiative providing nutritious food to people who are food insecure

\$20,855 Granted in Total! (2019-2020)



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KENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

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Matchings, Rotations and COVID-19



Angela Thompson-Busch, MD, PhD
Assistant Dean, Michigan State
University College of Human
Medicine Grand Rapids Campus

On March 13, ten days prior to Governor Whitmer's Stay at Home Order, Michigan State University's President Stanley issued what will surely be an historic order that all non-essential MSU staff, faculty and students should go home/stay at home. At the same time, our West Michigan health systems asked students to refrain from coming to their clinical experiences.

Since that time, there have been amazing efforts to propel our medical students forward in meeting graduation requirements and keeping them in their educational setting. I thought a calendar showing our progress might give you some ideas of how the College of Human Medicine continues to advance medical education throughout our state.

March 20

99% of our graduating class of 2020 matched into residency. This is our best outcome to date. 43% matched into primary care and 44% matched into a residency in Michigan.

March 23

The College of Human Medicine offered students—for the first time—two-week, virtual electives in pathology, radiology, ICU, biomedical ethics neurology and clinical anatomy.

April 6

Our college presented a two-week course about COVID-19 in preparation of all students returning at some point to clinical experience. It is available for anyone interested. You can access the course at www.justintimemedicine.com. You do not need an MSU net ID to access the materials and you do not need to request CME to access the materials. The direct link to the CME course content is www.justintimemedicine.com/CurriculumContent/p/6694

April 20

Two-week virtual clerkship experiences on Zoom began for third-year students remaining clerkship requirements.

May 1

197 students from the Class of 2020 successfully graduated from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

May 4

Mercy Health Saint Mary's allowed a few students back into clinical rotations. This was quickly followed by Spectrum Health, Mary Free Bed and Pine Rest. We are so thankful for all of their help and dedication to educating our students.

It has been a wild ride, including cancellation of USMLE exams, securing PPE, changes in away rotations and visiting student requirements. The students have been amazing, calm and understanding. They are happy to be back in clinical settings and be useful. They will complete their clinical expectations by the end of the summer and be ready to begin their fourth year of medical school on time.

While we try to prepare for another potential surge in COVID-19, we hope that our students do not hit more roadblocks. We are grateful to all of those that helped to keep our students on track.



Nirali Bora, MD
Kent County
Health Department
Medical Director and
Brian Hartl, MPH

Impact of Social Determinants of Health on COVID-19 in Kent County

As of June 24, 2020, there were 4,279 confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Kent County and 126 deaths in individuals who had tested positive. To date, investigations into clusters and outbreaks of illness have identified housing conditions, transportation and employment as three major contributors to ongoing transmission within populations.

KCHD

It is well known that social determinants of health (SDoH) or health-related social needs (HRSN) play a key role in the overall health of an individual (Figure 1). The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the social inequities in our community. We must work together as a community to address these inequities and help educate our communities that are most at risk on how to stem transmission of COVID-19 if we see a re-emergence of the virus during the upcoming fall and winter.

Racial and Ethnic populations are disproportionately impacted by inequities in SDoH. As has been true throughout the country, COVID-19 in Kent County has disproportionately impacted these populations. Similarly, cases in Kent County have followed the national trend of being concentrated in areas of high population density, where racial and ethnic populations are most likely to live. While those who identify as Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American make up about 10% of the total Kent County population, nearly 40% and 20% of positive cases in the county have occurred in these populations, respectively. While the disparity in deaths isn't as great in the Hispanic/Latino population (14% of all deaths), it persists in the Black/African American

FIGURE 1
Contributors to Individual Health



population where patients have accounted for nearly 20% of all deaths. Among the Hispanic/Latinx population, however, there is a significant age disparity among those who have died after testing positive for COVID-19 (62.4 years vs 76.4 years among all deaths).

While KCHD investigators do not collect data on social determinants of health during contact investigations with patients confirmed as having

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Notifiable Disease Report

Kent County Health Department
700 Fuller N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
www.accesskent.com/health

Communicable Disease Section
Phone (616) 632-7228
Fax (616) 632-7085

June 2020

Notifiable diseases reported for Kent County residents through end of month listed above.

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED		MEDIAN CUMULATIVE
	This Month	Cumulative 2020	Through June 2015-2019
AIDS	2	4	5
HIV	1	11	N/A
CAMPYLOBACTER	6	32	41
CHICKEN POX ^a	0	4	9
CHLAMYDIA	257	1447	1878
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	0	6	6
Shiga Toxin Producing E. Coli	0	4	6
GIARDIASIS	1	10	25
GONORRHEA	139	722	543
H. INFLUENZAE DISEASE, INV	1	2	5
HEPATITIS A	0	0	1
HEPATITIS B (Acute)	1	2	0
HEPATITIS C (Acute)	0	8	1
HEPATITIS C (Chronic/Unknown)	1	33	116
INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS ^b	0	16397 ^b	31781
LEGIONELLOSIS	0	2	2
LYME DISEASE	0	2	2
MENINGITIS, ASEPTIC	1	3	6
MENINGITIS, BACTERIAL, OTHER ^c	1	5	7
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE, INV	0	0	0
MUMPS	0	0	0
PERTUSSIS	0	2	8
SALMONELLOSIS	6	23	24
SHIGELLOSIS	1	9	9
STREP, GRP A, INV	2	13	19
STREP PNEUMO, INV	0	20	35
SYPHILIS (Primary & Secondary)	0	0	3
TUBERCULOSIS	5	12	6
WEST NILE VIRUS	0	0	0

KCHD

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2020	DISEASE	NUMBER REPORTED Cumulative 2019
Brucellosis	1		
Carbapenemase Producing CRE	1		

a. Chickenpox cases are reported primarily from schools. Confirmed and probable cases are included.
 b. Includes "Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)" and lab-confirmed influenza. ILI cases have flu-like symptoms and are reported primarily by schools.
 c. "Meningitis, Bacterial, Other" includes meningitis and bacteremia caused by bacteria OTHER THAN H. influenzae, N. meningitidis, or S. pneumoniae.
Except for Chickenpox, Campylobacter, Cryptosporidiosis, Shiga-Toxin Producing E. Coli, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis & Influenza-Like Illness, only confirmed cases (as defined by National Surveillance Case Definitions: <http://www.cdc.gov/nndss/script/casedefDefault.aspx>) are included.
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COVID-19, analysis of these cases by geography and comparing them to SDOH data from the US Census Bureau at the census tract level can shed some light on the potential impact of SDOH factors on the likelihood of someone becoming infected with COVID 19. For this analysis, nearly 4,000 addresses of positive COVID-19 patients were geocoded using ARC Map 10.6.1 and joined to the census tract to enumerate the number of cases by census tract. Census tract data from the US Census Bureau (www.data.census.gov) was obtained to calculate COVID-19 infection rates per 1,000 population and obtain data on percent poverty, transportation (number of households with no vehicle) and housing density (percentage of households with greater than one person per room). Microsoft Excel was used to plot the rate of COVID-19 cases per 1,000 against the various SDOH indicators to identify potential correlations (Figures 2-4).

Positive correlations were found for all three social determinants of health included in this analysis. The strongest correlation was related to census tract housing density where for each unit increase in the percentage of households with greater than one person per room, the rate of COVID cases increased by 1.4 per 1,000. KCHD has investigated several household clusters where the housing environment presents challenges to taking appropriate household precautions (social distancing, utilizing separate bathrooms, etc.) to control the spread of COVID-19. As we prepare for the potential resurgence of infections in fall and winter, medical and public health professionals alike must educate the community on how they can best prevent spread in the household in the face of these challenges.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the need to address health related social needs and connect families to resources to help with housing instability, utility needs, transportation, food insecurity and intimate partner violence. Physicians play an essential role in screening for social determinants of health, connecting patients to resources through an office social worker or community liaison, and educating families who are most at-risk on how they can prevent the spread of COVID-19.

FIGURE 2
Rate Of Covid-19 Infections by Percent of Households Within the Census Tract That Are Below the Poverty Level

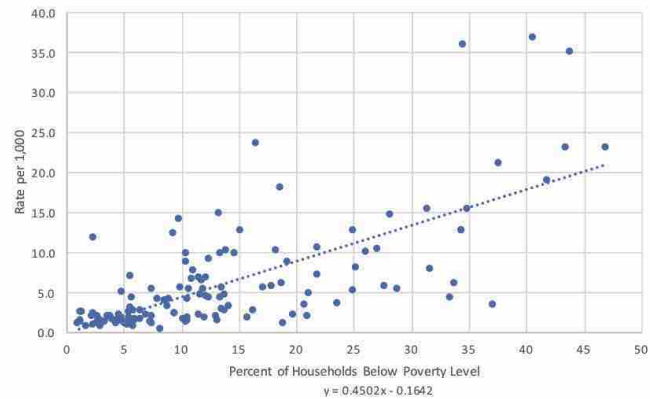


FIGURE 3
Rate Of Covid-19 Infections by Percent of Households Within the Census Tract That Do Not Own a Vehicle

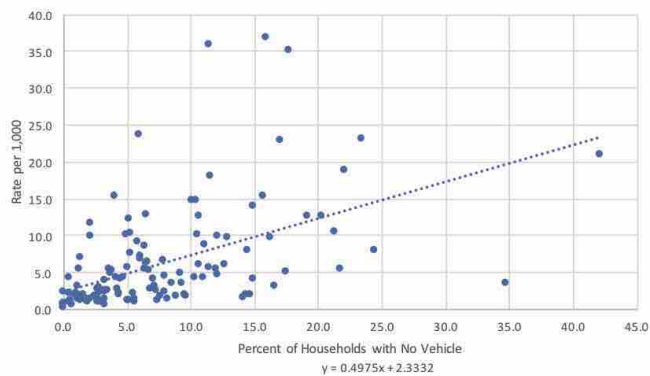
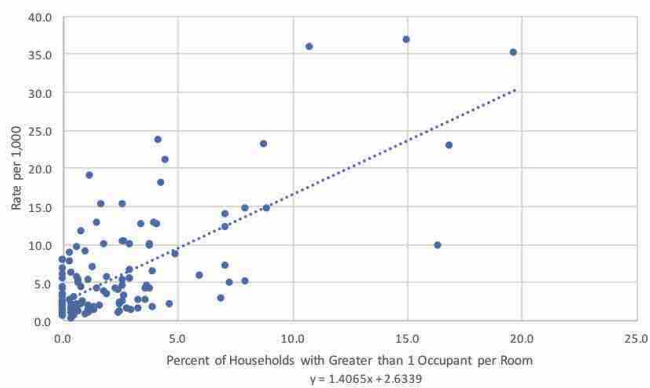


FIGURE 4
Rate Of Covid-19 Infections by Percent of Households Within the Census Tract With Greater Than One Occupant Per Room



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Kent County Offering Employers Back-to-Work PPE

Kent County has launched a program to provide Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies to qualifying small businesses and other employers to assist in reopening their operations. To qualify, employers must be located in Kent County, Michigan and must employ 100 people or fewer.

Qualifying employers may place PPE requests until funding for this program is no longer available. All qualifying requests will be entered into a random selection process.

All employers selected in the selection process will be contacted after their requests are selected and filled, and they will be told where they can pick-up their order. Requests not picked up by employers within 5 days of notification will be returned to inventory. If an employer is not initially selected, they will remain eligible until either selected or funding is no longer available.



REQUESTING PPE

- **Online:** Employers can place requests online at <https://kentcountybacktowork.com/ppe>
- **Phone:** Call the fulfillment company at (616) 245-3636 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the line is busy, the caller may leave a message with their contact information, and a representative will return the call to take the request.

For more Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) resources, please see the COVID-19 Resources on page 16.