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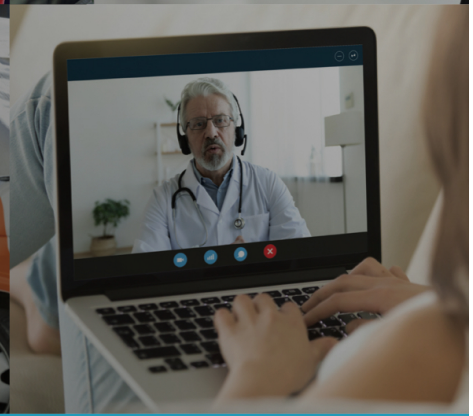
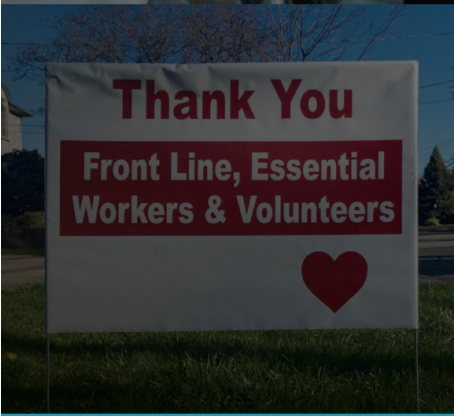
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The challenges experienced in 2020 have caused many industries to re-evaluate and change how they function. As you may know, the KCMS continues to provide administrative services for the Kent County Osteopathic Association and the Ottawa County Medical Society. The staff also are incorporating neighboring counties to participate in Legislative Committee Meetings and endeavors such as our virtual meetings. **In this year-end Bulletin, presidents from Barry County and Ottawa County have provided updates for their counties (pages 20 & 21). Electronic distribution of the Bulletin enables us to share this magazine with regional members.**

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Examples of health workers and care givers who are everyday superheroes.

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The 118th Annual Meeting of the Kent County Medical Society will be held virtually for the first time. The decision was made to move to an online platform out of concern for the safety of our physicians—who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic—and out of respect for the time and schedules of members whose first priority remains caring for the patients of Kent County.

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OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Thursday, January 14, 2021

6:30-8:30pm

AGENDA

- **2020 Year in Review**
*KCMS President
Sandy Dettmann, MD*
- **Election of New Officers**
- **Appointment of Delegates
and Alternate Delegates**
- **Installation of 2021
KCMS President**
Gerald Lee, MD

Please Note: All ballots, financials, and other discussion items will be emailed in advance of the meeting.

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A YEAR OF CHALLENGE AND CHANGE 2020

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Medical Societies Allow Physicians to Be Heard



Gerald Lee, MD
2021 KCMS
President-Elect



Sandy Dettmann, MD,
DABAM, FASAM
2020 KCMS President,
Board of Directors

Since 1902, the cornerstone of the Kent County Medical Society's success has been the passion our members have for their profession and their patients. These grassroots efforts by our members are reminiscent of those made by dedicated physicians who founded this organization. If you have become familiar with the KCMS history, you may recall there were earlier attempts to organize our profession. Little did those doctors know the unforeseen challenges, changes and adaptations that would occur in the future practice of medicine in Grand Rapids and our country.

As your organization expands to engage with physicians in our neighboring counties, the goal of the KCMS Board is to help you be successful, content in your practice, where possible; and assist you in your chosen methods of availability to your patients. While a worldwide pandemic (but I think worldwide may be inherent in the definition of pandemic?) was never in the plans, our community of physicians worked within executive orders for our practices, working with local hospitals in serving on the front lines, and ultimately caring for patients and ourselves. Physicians have once again had very visible, critical roles in keeping our families, co-workers and community healthy.

As we close 2020, we look back at KCMS' work to help you while you were on the frontlines, from dedicated staff answering questions, providing resources, and coordinating information sessions for you to addressing how social issues affect our patients and community. COVID-19

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related resources, small business loans, PPE, PPP and mental health resources are still available on websites including KCMS. Our physician community has initiated critical dialogue on racism and inclusion in the new virtual Fireside Chats. Other topics, including the "Business of Medicine," address issues that interest physicians. As always, we continue to welcome your ideas on issues that pique your curiosity.

Our Legislative Committee members continue to meet monthly with local legislators in providing real science, real stories and real perspective in our profession. All members are welcome to participate in these virtual meeting discussions.

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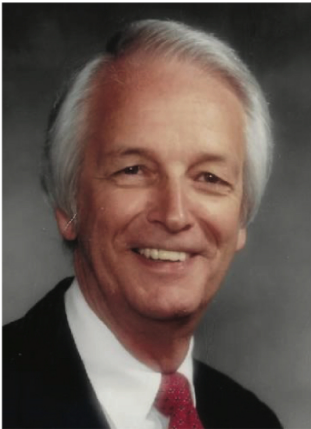
In Memoriam

JANE J. JAWAHIR, MD

Dr. Jane Jawahir passed away on November 11, 2020. Born in Lahore, Pakistan, she graduated from Fatima Jinnah Medical College. Dr. Jawahir and her husband of 55 years, Vivian P. Jawahir, MD, moved to Grand Rapids to complete their respective residencies. Subsequently, they moved to London, Ontario to further their medical training before returning to Grand Rapids where she remained until her passing. Dr. Jawahir practiced obstetrics and gynecology independently and at St. Mary's Hospital until her retirement in 2009. She also periodically practiced at Blodgett and Metropolitan Hospitals. Dr. Jane Jawahir was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1971.

GORDON F. VANOTTEREN, MD

Dr. Gordon VanOtteren passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020. He graduated from Union High School in Grand Rapids and continued on to receive his medical degree, specializing in Internal Medicine, from the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. VanOtteren was a distinguished Army Veteran where he served the United States of America with exceptional duty and honor as a practicing physician. Spectrum Health formally recognized Dr. Gordon F. VanOtteren for the numerous contributions he made to the Grand Rapids medical community over the past 60 years. Dr. Gordon VanOtteren was a member of the Kent County Medical Society since 1964.



Mr. McClimans served as the Kent County Medical Society and Executive Director of the Kent Medical Foundation for 32 years until his retirement. He died on October 13, 2020.

Remembering Former KCMS Executive Bill McClimans

For long-time members of Kent County Medical Society and Kent Medical Foundation, Bill McClimans was a familiar friend to physicians, supporter of organized medicine, and an important part of the KCMS History.

KCMS Honorary Member, William "Bill" Grant McClimans, of Grand Rapids, MI, died peacefully on October 13, 2020. He was born in Greenville, PA on September 27, 1924. Following graduation, Bill moved to Hawaii and worked in the insurance industry before landing a position at Pan American World Airways. During his 10-year

residence in Hawaii, he was called to duty in the Army and served in Korea during the Korean War.

Following his service, Bill returned to Hawaii where he met his wife, Marcia Warnshuis. They were married in 1955, and in 1956 moved to Grand Rapids where Bill worked with his father-in-law, Roger Warnshuis, Sr., at Merchants Service Bureau. Through the Bureau, he would begin serving as the Executive Secretary of the Kent County Medical Society and Executive Director of the Kent Medical Foundation for 32 years until his retirement in 1989.



Mr. McClimans, third from the right, participated in a KMF sponsored IV League Breakfast gathering with retired doctors.

Online Referral Guide Changes

The following listings have been updated in the KCMS/KCOA Online Referral Guide. Please visit www.WestMichiganDoctors.com and review your listing. Contact the office at (616) 458-4157 or kcmsoffice@kcms.org with any change.

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Claire D. Olgren, MD
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MEDICAL SOCIETIES ALLOW PHYSICIANS TO BE HEARD

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practice medicine. We believe a regional focus embraces a momentum of ideas and educational needs which include our professional partners: Kent County Osteopathic Association, Ionia, Montcalm, Ottawa and Barry County Medical Societies as well as regional partners: The Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine and the southwest region of the state of Michigan.

As an advocate for physicians, KCMS partners with MSMS to provide services and information you can trust with vetted referrals and endorsed vendors and education. Your involvement and participation strengthens our efforts. There is room for you on the KCMS Board of Directors, the Kent Medical Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Legislative Committee. Please consider how important your voice is in providing advocacy, leadership, and representation. We have worked to streamline meetings and communication to make the best use of your time and talent.

We wish you and your family safe and restful holidays and look forward to celebrating a welcomed 2021.


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Previous topics include:

- **Diversity/Equality/Inclusion**
- **Grief and Loss**
- **Health Department Updates**



KENT MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Thank you to the Kent Medical Foundation for its support of KCMS/KCOA Fireside Chats.

Leadership Opportunities

The KCMS and KCOA Board of Directors welcomes members' involvement in Boards and Committees. The following areas have openings for 2021. Brief descriptions are included below; if you wish to have more information, feel free to contact the KCMS Office at 616-458-4157 or patricia@kcms.org.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Function: To review editorial content and to review the layout and design of the Bulletin magazine. Assist the KCMS Staff with editing of the quarterly Bulletin via email and phone communication.

KCMS/KCOA/OCMS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Function: To be patient advocates and to educate area legislators of the effects of proposed legislation regarding the practice of medicine. In 2020, the committee began meeting virtually once a month at noon, which has made it possible for more physicians to participate. The Kent and Ottawa County Medical Societies and Kent County Osteopathic Association also include Kalamazoo County Medical Society physicians and legislators to provide a regional focus to various issues discussed.

KCMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Provide leadership and direction to ensure the Kent County Medical Society upholds its mission and vision in the eyes of its member physicians and the Michigan State Medical Society. This may include providing direction in staff activities, operations, gift and/or grant seeking and advocacy for the organizational direction. The Board meets between 6-10 times per year.

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Provide leadership and direction to ensure Kent Medical Foundation (KMF) upholds its mission and vision. This may include providing direction in staff activities, operations, gift and/or grant seeking and advocacy for the organizational direction. The Board meets 4-5 times per year.

MSMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The role of Delegate or Alternate Delegate allows you to take part in shaping policy. The House of Delegates' work begins in early winter prior to the spring meeting. A Resolution Brainstorming Session is held in January and allows members to discuss current issues and proposed solutions presented in a written Resolution. A dinner with the Regional Director and all local Delegates is held prior to the House of Delegates. The HOD is held on a weekend in the spring (May 1-2, 2021) with representatives from all over Michigan gather to conduct the House of Delegates.

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MSMS House of Delegates News

A report of 2020 Resolutions was reviewed virtually by the MSMS Reference Committee and Michigan Delegates. The list of Resolutions below were reviewed and can be found on the MSMS website, under the Advocacy tab. Kent County author, Jayne E. Courts, MD, FACP was able to defend her Resolution via a Zoom call with the Reference Committee.

22-20 - Preserve and Increase Graduate Medical Education Funding
Introduced By: David Whalen, MD, Chair, Kent County Delegation
Original Author: Jayne E. Courts, MD, FACP
House Action: Approve

While the AMA has policy on GME funding, this resolution specifically addresses the diversion of GME funding for non-physicians, which is not included in any existing policy. The Committee supports this resolution.

Final Report of Virtual Reference Committee

14-20 - Curb Human Trafficking
House Action: Amend

The Committee amended the resolved portion to read:

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate for the passage of human trafficking legislation which toughens criminal and financial penalties for persons soliciting sexual activity for payment rather than the victims of trafficking. The Committee fully supports the resolution to criminalize the solicitors rather than the victims of human trafficking. The two Resolved clauses were combined into one for the purpose of clarity and to define the Nordic Model rather than to use the specific name.

21-20 - Safe Disposal of Controlled Substances Prescribed for Home Hospice Patients
Withdrawn by author

Withdraw by author since the issue expressed in the resolution has been addressed.

34-20 - Board Exam Eligibility for Canadian Physicians in Michigan
House Action: Extracted, will be held until 2021

This resolution asks MSMS to work with the Michigan Legislature to ensure Canadian physicians who have passed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part I and Part II are eligible to be licensed in Michigan without having to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination. This resolution received significant testimony from delegates. After thorough dialogue from members, the Committee agreed to support this resolution due to Michigan's proximity to Canada and that 44 other states already allow this eligibility.

38-20 - Involuntary Hospitalizations of Patients with Serious Mental Health Illness
House Action: Amend

The Committee amended the resolved portions to read:

RESOLVED: That MSMS continue to advocate that community mental health agencies and hospital administrators should, at all times, respect the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act regarding inter-facility transfers of patients with serious mental health issues; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports appropriate modification of the Michigan Mental Health Code in order to make involuntary hospitalization more rapidly accessible for mentally ill persons requiring such intervention for the benefit of their safety and the safety of others.

The Committee fully understands and supports the intent of this resolution. Committee members believed the issues surrounding facility transfers and involuntary admissions were already well outlined by the author and additional verification of the problem was not needed. Therefore, the first two Resolved clauses were omitted to focus MSMS' time and energy on addressing the complex issues regarding mental health treatment.

41-20 - Oppose Criminalization of Physicians and Patients for Evidence Based Standard of Medical Care

House Action: Amend

The Committee amended the resolved portion to read:

RESOLVED: That MSMS oppose the criminalization of physicians for delivering evidence-based standard of medical care, as well as for refusing to engage in care that is neither safe nor evidence based.

The Committee fully supports policy that would oppose the criminalization of physicians for delivering evidence-based standard of medical care, as well as for refusing to engage in care that is neither safe nor evidence based. The Committee omitted the second Resolved clause as the first one is well crafted and broad enough to cover all types of medical care, therefore not needing to specify one treatment or procedure over another.

43-20 - Anonymous Prescribing Option for Expedited Partner Therapy

House Action: Approve

MSMS and AMA have policies that support Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). This resolution asks for the next practical step to be able to prescribe EPT with an EMR. Therefore, the Committee supports this resolution.

47-20 - Access to Opioid Agonist Treatment for Incarcerated Persons

House Action: Approve

This resolution asks MSMS to advocate for the availability of all types of opioid agonist treatment for opioid use disorder for incarcerated persons. The Committee supports this resolution.

50-20 - Remove Clinic-Specific Caps on Buprenorphine Prescriptions

House Action: Refer

The Committee was supportive of the intent of this resolution. However, the issues surrounding the administrative rules versus the legislation referred to in the first Resolved, as well as a discussion around removing or increasing the cap, led the Committee to decide additional expertise was needed. Committee members believed that specialists on the MSMS Task Force on Substance Use would be better suited to make a recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is that this resolution be referred to the Board.



JAYNE E. COURTS, MD, FACP

Whitmer Names KCMS Past President to Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

Congratulations to KCMS Past President, Jayne E. Courts, MD, FACP on being appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The committee advises the Department of Health and Human Services on issues affecting prescription drug coverage for its various health care programs. The Committee shall recommend to the Department guidelines for prescription drugs covered in its various health care programs.

Dr. Courts is the Regional Medical Director for At Risk Populations for Mercy Health Physician Partners. She serves as Chair of the MSMS Legislative Committee, is Chairperson of the KCMS/KCOA Legislative Committee, is a Delegate for the KCMS and is an Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association. She also currently serves on the MSMS Board of Directors.



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In Memoriam

JASON KINNEY, DO

Dr. Jason passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2020. Dr. Kinney was a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was a family practice doctor who served the West Michigan area for 22 years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Adam Wolfe, DO
2020 KCOA President,
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Ready for the Next Step

“Lately it occurs to me what a long strange trip it's been.” —Jerry Garcia

We are in such an interesting time as physicians in medicine. I don't think that anyone could have predicted the utter disruption from COVID-19 that we continue to navigate together. We are thinking differently about every aspect of health care, as well as our daily lives. COVID-19 has shone a spotlight on the fragility of health and the importance of respect for the scientific method. As physicians we have been integral at every level of the pandemic, and will be critical to our recovery from it. The virus has been unpredictable, however the response of our profession should not be a surprise to anyone. I have seen inspirational determination and focus from our colleagues in 2020. We have stood strong in the face of incredible risk and worked together with our colleagues and care teams to deliver exceptional care to patients who enter our hospitals, offices, assisted care facilities, and surgical centers. We have developed evidence-based plans for our patients and work together towards a common goal of a healthier, more prepared, and knowledgeable community. We have achieved this collaboratively, by having open and honest communication with all systems involved. We have supported each other during our greatest time of need. Our battle, however, has not been without cost — some of which is apparent, but by no means do we presently know the full extent of the damages.

Thank you all for what you have done, and plan to do — it has been nothing short of awe-inspiring to fight this battle with you.

We cannot afford to lose focus of successful collaboration as we move with cautious optimism into this next phase of community patient care. My most significant ongoing concern for our future is the impact of the pandemic on our community's mental health. Isolation, unpredictability, and misinformation are some of the elements that lead to my concern. Only through education, access, and outreach are we going to help our communities heal wounds that are not apparent to our eyes or through our stethoscopes. Success in this next phase of the battle will require continued determination and focus. I know that we are capable of this, as I have witnessed this from all of you. We stand together, ready for this next step, however it may present. Thank you all for what you have done, and plan to do — it has been nothing short of awe-inspiring to fight this battle with you.

I continue to be humbled and honored to serve as president of this amazing organization. Undoubtedly in the months and years to come, we will be faced with both personal and professional challenges. KCOA will continue to tirelessly advocate for the needs and growth of our Osteopathic profession and our communities. I am confident with consistent collaboration, success will prevail. Thank you all for all that you have provided for our community, and our great profession. Please be safe, healthy, and continue to be fierce advocates for those around you.



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Setting the Record Straight

In response to misinformation regarding the training and abilities of osteopathic physicians that has been spread through the news outlets and social media, the leadership of Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) have issued a joint statement (below).

KCOA

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) was quick to respond to the false statements made in the media. With a campaign that included social media targeting the news outlets who originated the false claims disparaging DOs and statements from AOA leaders. The effort also included statements from the American Medical Association (AMA) highlighting the fact that DOs and MDs work side-by-side on a daily basis.

"Certainly, we stand side-by-side with the swift actions of the AOA, AACOM, as well as all DOs and professional partners to help educate those who are misinformed about our profession and refute those who seek to undermine a 130-year tradition of providing compassionate and holistic care to the nation and state of Michigan."

JOINT STATEMENT **Dear Michigan DO community** **and DO medical students:**

Over the past weeks, and as noted by the American Osteopathic Association below, the tenets, expertise and motivations of the entire osteopathic medical profession were called into question by several major news outlets, both in print and social media, over the past week. This dissemination of misinformation not only appears to question the intentions of a small group of journalists, but also tarnishes those in the media who strive to present unbiased health and medical information.

Certainly, we stand side-by-side with the swift actions of the AOA, AACOM, as well as all DOs and professional partners to help educate those who are misinformed about our profession and refute those who seek to undermine a 130-year tradition of providing compassionate and holistic care to the nation and state of Michigan. We specifically appreciate the AOA's rapid

response and their multi-faceted efforts to "set the record straight."

On behalf of the thousands of DO medical students, residents, fellows and physicians in Michigan, we at the Michigan Osteopathic Association and the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine similarly are working rapidly to address and rebut questions or concerns that may be arising from these recent and unfortunate, short-sighted events. Please let us know if you are being adversely affected.

Meanwhile, we note the multiple actions, interventions and corrections that already have taken place, with more likely to come as summarized by the AOA notification below. Please also note that many of our professional colleagues in the allopathic, nursing and other health professions also have stepped up to dispel the misinformation and short-sighted notions of a few.

Please let them know we appreciate their support during these tumultuous and divisive times.

Jeffery Postlewaite DO, FACOOG, MBA
MOA President

Kris Nicholoff
MOA CEO

Andrea Amalfitano, DO, PhD
Dean, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine



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Brian Janssen
2020 Kent Medical
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The Kent Medical Foundation Board of Trustees would like to thank you for your continued support! The KMF has worked to provide meaningful gifts to our community in this year, and have focused on programs that benefit critical health care teams.

While the deadline for the Holiday Card project has expired for 2020, all tax-deductible gifts are welcome before December 31. Please see pages 18 and 19 for more information. A list of all donors will be shared in its entirety in the first Bulletin of 2021. Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season.



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Holiday Card CAMPAIGN

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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR ALLOWING THE KENT MEDICAL FOUNDATION BOARD THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF GRANTS MADE TO DATE IN 2020.

AUTISM SUPPORT OF KENT COUNTY WALK \$500

KMF supported the annual community awareness walk coordinated and run by the Autism Support of Kent County organization, a local resource for education and support.

Visiting families with children who have sensory challenges or are on the autism spectrum utilize the backpack tools allowing them to feel relaxed and at ease while they play and explore.

FIRESIDE CHAT SERIES ON RACISM, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION \$2,000

Virtual meetings featuring a panel of physicians discussing issues that affect collaboration within our health care teams, young physician mentoring, and training of future physicians.

KCMS ALLIANCE \$250

Sponsorship of the Lab Coats & Libations event benefitting the Kent County Medical Society Alliance Foundation and their support for many local organizations and programs.

GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM \$2,500

A grant was made to long-time nicoTEAM supporter, the Grand Rapids Art Museum. The GRAM has offered use of their facility for more than a decade for the annual nicoTEAM events. The grant assisted in funding for necessary repairs during their extended time of closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SENIOR SING ALONG PROGRAM \$1,995

A grant to purchase musical instruments necessary to deliver music therapy sessions (more than 1,000 sessions) to local seniors in West Michigan senior living homes in 2020.

GRAND RAPIDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM \$500

A grant was made to purchase weighted vests in different sizes for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum sensory backpack program.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL HEALTH CLINICS DURING COVID-19 \$9,000

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges related to forced closures, personal protection equipment needs, and more, the KMF Board made grants to three local, physician-run health clinics. Catherine's Health Center, Cherry Health Center, and Exalta Health were each provided a grant to assist their budgets for the remainder of 2020.

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The members of the Kent Medical Foundation know that there is competition for your generosity. It is hoped that you will continue to support the KMF and its grant making endeavors.



Belén Amat, MD
2020 President
Barry County
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BARRY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

In Search of a Silver Lining

What a year! As winter lurks around the corner, I reflect on a year that has been unpredictable. A year that has challenged us as physicians, parents, educators and business owners. I always like to see the positive turn on difficult situations. It has been interesting to take a step back and try to find the positive side of 2020.

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When faced with a world-wide crisis, we go back to the basics: doctors taking care of patients. Maybe something positive, is that for a time, we removed rules and regulations that get in the way of patient care. We broke the rules, re-used PPE, worked across state lines, saw patients virtually or even in the parking lot. This crisis has pushed us to be more creative and look for ways to reach our patients and make the most of our staff skills.

We have all focused on the most important thing: our patients. My wish for the next few years is that after the storm we can regroup and learn which things help us take better care of our patients and our practices, and which things need to go. Maybe we can re-design medicine, thinking we have one chance to get it right.

The COVID pandemic did give our neighbors and legislators the reminder of how important the work of all health care team members is, not just now, but every day. Like many of you, I have been working on the frontline.

This crisis has pushed us to be more creative and look for ways to reach our patients and make the most of our staff skills.

As we begin a resurgence of COVID-19, our community of physicians will again partner with one another to take care of our neighbors and ourselves. We may do so on Zoom, the telephone or text threads; perhaps socially distanced on a walking track. County and state medical societies are working within these constraints to help physicians' work environments, safety and compensation.

Feel free to join in on the conversation: West Michigan medical societies (Kent, Barry, Ottawa Counties and Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine, and Kent County Osteopathic Association) are partnering with respective Legislators on various topics (Out of Network Billing, Surprise Billing, COVID-19 issues). The Legislative Lunch meeting will be held virtually on Monday, December 14 at Noon. Email your interest to KCMSoffice@kcms.org and a Zoom link will be sent. All county members are welcome.

I look forward to meeting you personally when handshakes are allowed again. In the meantime, I wish you memorable holidays.



OTTAWA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Working to Help Physicians Help Their Patients



Bryan Huffman, MD
2020 President
Ottawa County
Medical Society

What a year this has been! I hope things are finding you well in this chaotic year. I want to thank all of you for your service to the community during this health crisis. Whatever area of medicine you may work in, all have had been affected by COVID-19 and contributed to caring for our community. I am hopeful the newly developed vaccines will help return our workplaces and community to normal.

Throughout these recent months, your county, state, and national medical societies have been working on your behalf. Representatives from the Ottawa County Medical Society participated in round table discussions with local legislators to help devise plans to safely reopen medical offices during the shutdown this spring. MSMS worked with the Governor's office to help advise on opening medical offices and businesses in a safe way. You may have seen the President of MSMS, Bobby Mukkamala, MD, at one of the Governor's press conferences to help present the plan for reopening Michigan. Your local, state, and national medical societies have been working to bring much needed PPE to Michigan. The AMA currently has a program in place in which members can preferentially order much needed PPE from suppliers.

In addition to COVID-related issues, MSMS has also worked on your behalf on legislative issues. The main medical legislation this year in Michigan involves surprise medical billing. MSMS has been working to revise the state's surprise billing legislation to be sure physicians are treated fairly in the process. This has been an uphill battle against insurers and other interests, but MSMS

remains the only organization that fights for physician interests at the state level.

The annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting was cancelled this year due to COVID, but will be taking place in Kalamazoo next year. The House of Delegates is our annual meeting in which physician representatives from every county in the state meet to determine the official MSMS stance on all sorts of issues pertaining to medicine. If you have any medical-related issues for which you would like to see change, you may present them for discussion and a vote at the House of Delegates. I would be happy to help any member with this process. We are also always interested in any member who wishes to participate as a representative of our county society at the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates is run much like a state house

or the U.S. House, and I have found participation in it to be very interesting and rewarding.

I thank you all for your continued support of both the Ottawa County Medical Society and the Michigan State Medical Society. They remain the only organizations advocating for physicians at a local and state level.

If you have any medical-related issues for which you would like to see change, you may present them for discussion and a vote at the House of Delegates. I would be happy to help any member with this process.

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**MESSAGE FROM
THE CO-PRESIDENTS**

When we agreed to be 2020-2021 KCMSA Co-Presidents back in 2019 we couldn't even imagine what our term would be like! COVID-19 wasn't even on the radar. Suddenly everyone's world turns upside down. But the more things change, the more they stay the same. People and non-profit organizations still need help. That's what we do, even if we are doing it differently this year.



NANCY FODY

KCMSA perseveres because it's flexible. Unfortunately, KCMSA's first volunteer opportunity was cancelled. In the Image's annual

S.H.O.E.S. event had no recipients signed up for October 15, the day KCMSA members volunteered. Is that good news or bad? No one needed shoes or everyone was too concerned with COVID-19 to venture out. We're not sure.

KCMSA's first fundraiser of the season on October 19 did proceed. Katey Romence of Romence Gardens & Greenhouse presented a hybrid class on planting Fall Bulbs for Spring Blooms. Members and guests attended virtually and in person. The presentation covered basic and unique bulb varieties, planting tips, tricks and designs. Thank you to all who attended and supported the KSMSA Foundation. Funds raised support our grant program.

When this was written the November election had not yet taken place. No matter the outcome, we are grateful for our freedoms that allow us to choose our leaders, especially this year, the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

Looking forward to normalcy,

Suhair Muallem and Nancy Fody
KCMSA Co-Presidents

kcmsa Calendar

December Peanut Butter Challenge Collection
We will be collecting jars of peanut butter for Feeding America through December 28. Drop-off sites are Bang Blow Dry Bar & Salon in Gaslight Village and The James Salon and Spa in Ada. See details on our Facebook page.

January Snowshoeing TBD

January 19 Book Club Meeting Via Zoom
"Call Your Daughter Home" by Deb Spera.

February 16 Book Club Meeting Via Zoom
"The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World" by Melinda Gates.

Spring Fundraising Event at Tulips Little Pop-Up Shop
Kalamazoo & Harbor Springs



April 22 Labcoats and Libations Fundraiser
Save the date! Our major fundraiser has been postponed but is being reinvented as we speak. See updates by visiting our Facebook page or website.



Event Recap fall 2020

October 19

Fall Planting of Spring Bulbs

Instructor *Katey Romence* of *Romence Gardens & Greenhouse* presented a virtual and in person class on planting *Fall Bulbs for Spring Blooms*.

October 20

Book Club Meeting Via Zoom

Via Zoom *Parakeet* by *Marie-Helene Bertino*

November 2 & 3

Euro Bistro Fundraiser

Delicious lunches and dinners at Euro Bistro with 20% of the proceeds were donated to the KCMSA Foundation

November 17

Book Club Meeting Via Zoom

Out Stealing Horses by *Per Peterson*



a party with a purpose

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Foundation Spotlight

One KCMSA Foundation mini grant cycle had been completed at press time. After much deliberation, the KCMSA Foundation awarded 2 mini-grants:

- **Children's Healing Center**
\$2,500 was donated to the Children's Healing Center for an annual family membership.
- **Girls On the Run**
\$1,200 was awarded to Girls On the Run to kick start their in-house CPR training by providing money to purchase two adult and two child-sized mannequins.

Blésie Beaumier and Eileen Brader
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Medicine Grand Rapids Campus

Remembering Peter Secchia

As the pandemic rages on, we all continue to feel and be affected by its mighty blows of losses. One recent loss was Peter F. Secchia. On October 22, MSU and the College of Human Medicine lost an icon, advocate, patron, and an era with his passing. In the early 2000s, it was Peter who drove the first conversations about the expansion of the College of Human Medicine in Grand Rapids.

It was also Peter who was a driving force behind the concept of the Medical Mile on Michigan Street in Grand Rapids. Our three buildings (the Secchia Center, the Grand Rapids Research Center, and Doug Meijer Medical Innovation Building) form the base of the Medical Mile and manifest the core of Peter's vision for the expansion of the university he loved, in the city he loved.

The pandemic and economic crisis continues to affect medical education. It is important for students to be a part of this pandemic in order to prepare them for future needs. We continue to work closely with our partnering health systems to ensure medical student safety and involvement in clinical activities.

Recently, members of our leadership—MSU Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., former Dean Marsha Rappley, and Interim Dean Aron Sousa—announced the launch of an aspirational campaign to raise \$50 million for scholarship support. Here's why:

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Student loan debt has many unfortunate

consequences for our students. For instance, we know that one in four choose a different specialty based on debt. Opting for a higher paying specialty is an unfortunate, harsh reality for students facing this enormous debt load.

Peter F. Secchia Endowed Scholarship at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine is and aspirational campaign to raise \$50 million for scholarship support and honor an icon.

REMAINING COMPETITIVE

We can no longer rely on the state for support. Because of this and incentives like free tuition, our ability to compete for the best students is significantly lowered.

COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY

The college's unique commitment to admit

students coming from underrepresented populations. Our student population is comprised of compassionate individuals with diverse backgrounds, including many first-generation college students, which sets us apart from other medical schools.

This [endowed scholarship](#) was named for Peter Secchia as he shares our collective goal to provide communities with the best possible care. And while the challenges seem great, Peter exemplifies the will to make change happen.

MSU-CHM

KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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

COVID-19 Vaccination Begins

As we prepare for the COVID-19 vaccine, our goal is to keep providers in the community informed on planning and distribution, timeline, prioritization and resources. Kent County Health Department (KCHD) has been planning for the COVID vaccine since early fall. We are excited to be part of a community wide effort to bring an end to this pandemic.

KCHD

GENERAL UPDATE

On December 11, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for persons aged 16 years and older. The vaccine was safe and highly effective in a randomized controlled clinical trial that included 43,252 participants randomized 1:1 to receive either vaccine or placebo. On December 12, 2020, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued an interim recommendation for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in persons aged ≥ 16 years.

[Additional clinical considerations from the CDC will be posted here.](#)

VACCINE PLANNING AND DISTRIBUTION

Kent County Health Department is a regional hub for vaccine storage and responsible for ensuring equitable access to the vaccine with guidance from priorities determined at the federal and state levels. We are beginning to plan our vaccine administration. If you are a healthcare provider not affiliated with a local health system or with Cherry Health, please complete the following survey promptly. Include your contact information, how many total people are in your office and vaccination interest, if applicable.

[Complete the survey now.](#)

Resources for Providers

Websites

- [West Michigan COVID-19 Vaccine website](#)
- [Healthcare Provider Guidance and Education](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Training Module for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [CDC Talking to Patients about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit for Medical Centers, Clinics, and Clinicians](#)

Webinars

View previously recorded MI-TRAIN webinars at <http://www.train.org/mi-train>. After you log in, search for Course ID 1095080. Topics include:

- An update on the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- Talking points for common COVID-19 vaccine concerns

For MI-TRAIN questions, please email mi-train@michigan.gov

Articles

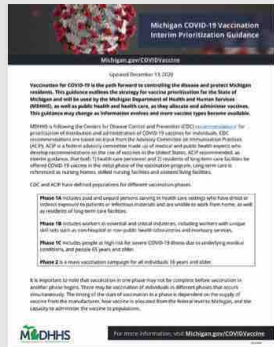
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Vaccine Preliminary Prioritization

COVID-19 vaccine prioritization is determined at primarily the federal and state levels.

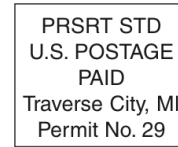
Phase 1A		
Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS, medical first responders • General medical floors • Emergency Department • Intensive care units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled nursing facilities • Psychiatric hospitals • Homes for the aged • Adult Foster Care residences • Assisted living facilities • Home health care workers caring for high risk clients with large patient loads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCW who perform procedures • Outpatient, urgent care, ambulatory care, home health care providers • Indirect patient care: laboratory, pharmacy
Phase 1B		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 school and childcare staff • Some critical infrastructure staff • Homeless shelters, corrections facilities, congregate childcare, adult and child protective services • Non-hospital laboratories and mortuary services 		
Phase 1C		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals age 65 and older • Individuals 18-64 with COPD, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, or other conditions that put them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes 		
Phase 2		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All individuals who did not otherwise fit into the earlier groups for whom the vaccine is recommended 		

KCHD



Stay Current on Evolving Guidance

Vaccination for COVID-19 is the path forward to controlling the disease and protecting Michigan residents. The Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Prioritization Guidance outlines the strategy for vaccine prioritization for the Michigan and will be used by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), as well as public health and health care, as they allocate and administer vaccines. This guidance may change as information evolves and more vaccine types become available. To review the most current information, please go to Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.



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Charitable giving is an important part of the legacy you choose to leave. At this time of year, many of us are considering our year-end philanthropic support. Please consider one of the non-profit charitable organizations associated with Kent County Medical Society. Checks should be endorsed to the specific agency you wish to support:

- Kent Medical Foundation**
- KCMS Alliance Foundation**

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