

February 2009 E-Bulletin

*****REMINDER*****

Oakland County Bar Association Medical/Legal Committee Meeting

The first meeting of 2009 for the OCBA Medical/Legal Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, February 5, 2009** at 7:45a.m at the OCBA offices on Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills. You have probably heard of the federal Stark and Anti-Kickback laws, but do you know how they typically affect physician practices? Do you have questions regarding how the federal Stark and Anti-Kickback laws impact your practice? A nationally-renowned speaker on Stark and Fraud & Abuse laws, Adrienne Dresevic, Esq., will be present to provide an overview and to answer general questions regarding these laws. Please come with questions regarding Stark, Fraud & Abuse, and/or general compliance. Please RSVP to Dennise at dgac@ocba.org or 248.334-3400 x213.

Oakland County Bar Association, 1760 S. Telegraph, Ste 100, Bloomfield Hills

MSMS Young Physicians Networking Event Friday, February 6th Sangria Tapas Café, Royal Oak 7:00-10:00p.m.

Please contact Pooja Naik at 517-336-5719 or pnaik@msms.org for more information or to register.

Julie L. Novak Named Executive Director of Michigan State Medical Society

Julie L. Novak has been named Executive Director of the East Lansing-based Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) effective immediately, the MSMS Board of Directors announced on January 29th.

Novak, 46, who served the past year as MSMS Acting Executive Director, succeeds Kevin A. Kelly who passed away in December after a year-long illness. Kelly served 29 years at MSMS, including the past three years as executive director.

Novak joined MSMS in 1990 and has served in a variety of positions relating to health care delivery and medical economics. Since 2007, she also served as Director of Operations under Kelly. OCMS wishes her well!

OCMS Calendar of Events

February 12th
BCBS Meeting with
Tom Simmer, MD
4:00pm

February 19th
Executive Board of Directors
Meeting
The Community House
Birmingham
5:30p.m Dinner
6:00p.m. Meeting

February 23rd
Delegation Committee
Meeting
The Community House
Birmingham
5:30p.m Dinner
6:00p.m. Meeting

March 19th
Full Board of Directors
Meeting
The Community House
Birmingham
5:30p.m Dinner
6:00p.m. Meeting

March 30th
Legislative Committee
Meeting
The Community House
Birmingham
8:00-9:00a.m.

Please call the OCMS office
for more information on these
meetings – 248/773-4000.

**Your Membership Benefits May Be In Jeopardy –
Pay Dues Today!**

Unpaid 2009 memberships will expire on March 1, so don't risk losing access to your member benefits, including health and dental insurance, your three percent discount on liability insurance from American Physicians, and many more benefits. Final dues notices will be mailed in the first week of February, or you can go online to www.msms.org/dues to make a payment. To set up a monthly payment plan, please contact Kathy Hagen at 517-336-5780 or khagen@msms.org. And don't forget: Up to 86 percent of your state and county dues may be tax deductible.

Tell Reps to Co-Sponsor Rep. Bauer Smoke-free Bill

State Rep. **Joan Bauer** (D-Lansing) is preparing to introduce a comprehensive bill that would ban smoking in all workplaces, including restaurants, bars, non-Indian casinos, and cigar bars. Representative Bauer soon will be circulating a co-sponsorship memo to garner support her fellow representatives before the legislation is introduced, and she needs our help. Because the Senate already acted on similar legislation last year and has opposed the idea of exemptions (for casinos, cigar bars, etc), supporting any exemptions to smoke-free air legislation would be tantamount to killing it.

Please go to the Legislative page on the OCMS web site (www.ocms-mi.org) to send a pre-written, customizable message to urge your representative to co-sign Rep. Bauer's comprehensive smoke-free air bill with no exemptions and make Michigan the 35th state in the US to go smoke-free.

OCMS Seeks Physician for Open Board Seat

OCMS is seeking interested physicians for the open board seat on its board of directors in 2009.

Board members must be members of OCMS and commit to attending eight evening board meetings per year either in person or via teleconference. For more information on this position, contact OCMS President, Michael Genord, MD (248/399-7675 or mgen384@comcast.net) or Donna LaGosh (248/773-4000 or dlagosh@msms.org.)

OCMS Residents

****Visit the new OCMS Resident News Page on our web site for information and events for young physicians
– www.ocms-mi.org.****

Continuing Education

**Seminars &
Conferences**

February 18th

New Lawmaker Reception
MSMS Headquarters
Lansing
5:00-7:00p.m.

February 25th

Patient Centered Medical
Home, Series Three:
Specialists
Somerset Inn, Troy
12:00p.m-5:00p.m.

March 4th

48th Conference on Maternal
and Perinatal Health
The Inn at St. John's,
Plymouth
8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

The following seminars are
available via webcast
teleconference

February 5th

Coding for Dermatology
Coding for Mental Health
Services

February 12th

Effectively Processing
Workers' Compensation
Claims
Fundamentals of Surgical
Billing

February 19th

Medicaid Overview
Medicare Overview

Call MSMS Registrar for more
information or to
register for any of these
seminars—517-336-5784 or
www.msms.org/eo.

**MSMS Sections Will Gather for Annual Meeting
on Saturday, March 7**

Members of MSMS membership sections will gather for the annual Joint Section Meeting on Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at MSMS headquarters in East Lansing.

The event brings together the International Medical Graduate, Medical Student, Organized Medical Staff, Resident & Fellow Physician, and Young Physician Sections to promote mentoring among physician groups, discuss resolutions for the upcoming House of Delegates meeting, and hear from guest speakers.

Speakers will include MSMS President-elect candidate Daniel B. Michael, MD; MSMS Vice Speaker candidates Pino D. Colone, MD, and Stephen N. Dallas, MD; and David T. Walsworth, MD, Assistant Professor and Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Family Medicine, MSU College of Human Medicine, who will speak about the Patient Centered Medical Home.

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