

OCMS

Calendar of Events

January 13th

OCMS Full Board
Meeting

The Community
House

Birmingham

5:30p.m. Dinner

6:00p.m. Meeting

January 20th

OCMS Delegation
Committee Meeting

The Community
House

Birmingham

5:30p.m. Dinner

6:00p.m. Meeting

CME Calendar

February 17

MSMS Connect 101
East Lansing
3:00-5:00pm

Available as a web-
cast teleconference

February 24th

Patient Centered
Medical Home
Somerset Inn, Troy
8:30am-4:30pm

For more information
on the CME programs
listed above visit
www.msms.org/eo or
call (517) 336-7581.

Time to Pay Your 2010 Membership Dues

Our continued success is dependent on our physician community and their support through membership. If you haven't yet paid your 2010 dues invoice, please do so! There are many convenient payment options. For a quick overview visit our membership site at www.joinocms.org.

Legal Seminar Webinars

Our latest legal seminar, "Protecting, Enhancing and Improving Your Bottom Line" is now available on the home page of our web site as a webinar. This seminar was held in December in conjunction with The Oakland County Bar Association and provided an introspective look at how physicians can protect, enhance and improve their financial health in today's competitive economy.



The speakers included:

Jessica Gustafson, Esq., from Health Law Partners, PC who discussed Recovery Audit Contractors and Medicare Audits.

Adrienne Dresevic, Esq., from Health Law Partners, PC who discussed Enhancing Revenue While Remaining Compliant.

Henry Lee, Esq., from Howard & Howard, PLLC who discussed Making The Tax System Work For You.

Farideh Bagne, JD, PhD, from Mercury Medical Systems who discussed the Use of Electronic Medical Records.

Our first legal seminar, "Crime & Punishment: Legal Essentials for Physicians" is also still available as a webinar on the Practice Management, Practice Resources page of our web site.

Physician Directory Updates

Soon OCMS members will be receiving the update form for our bi-annual Physician Directory. This gives our physician members the opportunity to update their information such as address, phone numbers, etc. No personal information is listed in our directory. We will also be listing your practice web site if available.

Please note that you can submit your updates to OCMS at any time to Louise Boivin, Membership Coordinator, lboivin@msms.org.

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New OCMS Web Site Features

OCMS is now offering a couple new web site features to our members—

Our first feature is the opportunity to have your medical practice web site listed on our physician directory. The OCMS physician directory is currently on our web site and offers users the ability to search for an OCMS member in their area or medical specialty. Now members who have their own web site can have it listed for users to click on.

Our second feature is our Proud Member of OCMS Badge -

If your practice has their own web site you can now obtain an OCMS membership badge. Simply have your web site developer go to the web page, www.joinocms.org/badge to obtain the HTML code to load onto your site. This will then display the badge shown at the right that you are a proud member of OCMS.



If you would like to have your web site listed in our physician directory or have questions on the OCMS web site badge please contact Cindy Dady at cdady@msms.org or the OCMS office at 248/773-4000.

Success through Advocacy – Join the OCMS Legislative Committee

Much was accomplished legislatively by organized medicine in Michigan in 2009. Successful lobbying is accomplished through sharing local opinion with lawmakers and a statewide advocacy plan. **Both** are needed to ensure your voice is heard.

OCMS invites all physicians to join us quarterly for local meetings with state legislators. Meetings are held in Birmingham from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. This is a great opportunity to meet directly with your state representatives, and discuss legislation of importance to you and your profession. To receive reminder notices for our 2010 meetings, contact Louise Boivin at OCMS at lboivin@msms.org, or 248/773-4000.



OCMS welcomes Jon Hain, MD as our new Legislative Committee chair. Doctor Hain is a colon rectal specialist with offices in Rochester Hills, Utica and Lake Orion.



Here's proof that OCMS membership is worth it. Every physician heard about the Michigan Legislature's proposed 3% physician tax. But not every physician had to lobby in Lansing, educate lawmakers or attend the rally for its defeat. That's because the Michigan State Medical Society and the Oakland County Medical Society make your voice heard. We're like your own personal legislative lobbyist. If not for our efforts, younger physicians and jobs would have left the state and the cost to remaining physicians would have been tens of thousands a year.

So it seems like joining OCMS is a small price to pay. After all, it would take you decades of membership dues to equal what we saved you in taxes. Isn't it time you learned more?

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The grassroots efforts of OCMS help to defeat the 3% physician tax proposed in Lansing—proof that your OCMS membership is worth every penny.