

January 2009 E-Bulletin

OCMS Membership Survey

Throughout the year, OCMS' Board of Directors and staff strives to provide the best possible services to our members. We aim to provide you with information and services that are interesting, beneficial and relevant to the practice of medicine in Oakland County and the state.

Please take a few minutes to go to the OCMS web site (www.ocms-mi.org) and take the membership survey to let us know what you think of OCMS and the services we provide.

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.)

Help Drive Health Care Agenda at February 'New Lawmaker Reception'

MSMS and nearly 20 specialty medical societies invite physicians, their spouses, medical students, and medical group managers to meet freshman and returning members of the Michigan Legislature during the New Lawmaker Reception on Wednesday, February 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at MSMS Headquarters in East Lansing.

If you are interested in participating in legislative visits during the day as well as attending the reception, please notify Donna LaGosh at OCMS at 248/773-4000 or dlagosh@msms.org by Friday, January 23. Group transportation may be arranged by OCMS for physicians or practice administrators, based upon a minimum number of interested attendees.

For more information about the new lawmaker reception, contact Anne Lavender at 517-336-5736 or alavender@msms.org.

OCMS Calendar of Events

January 15th

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

January 19th

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

January 26th

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

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

Chiropractic, Blues & Smoke-free Bills Fade in Lame Duck

There was good news and bad news for physicians on the last day of the lame duck session. There was no legislative vote on the chiropractic scope of practice expansion bills, Blue Cross individual market reform bills, or the smoke-free air bill. That means work will continue in the new session on all of these issues. OCMS acknowledges and thanks physicians, Alliance members, and medical group managers who worked hard to advance organized medicine's position on these issues. Watch email, www.ocms-mi.org, and future E-Bulletins for emerging activity as the next session begins this month.

New Childhood Obesity Book from OCMS Member

OCMS member, Paul Ehrmann, DO, has a new book coming out this month entitled *Generation XL - The Childhood Obesity Pandemic: A Community-Based Solution*. Here is a synopsis of the book:

A public health crisis, an international health priority.

This dramatic and alarming statement compelled a family practice physician in Southeast Michigan into action. Come join Dr. Paul Ehrmann as he details the childhood obesity pandemic and offers real solutions to the problem. In this book you will learn the CHIP five step approach to fighting childhood obesity with ideas including:

- *Battling the XL psychology*
- *Cooking and nutrition*
- *Fitness ideas in the real world*

For more information or to order a copy of *Generation XL*, please go to www.mlpublishing.com.

OCMS Sponsors Detroit Science Center Exhibit

Oakland County Medical Society and the Detroit Science Center Present – “**DEADLY MEDICINE**” – *Creating the Master Race* – A Traveling Exhibition from the United States Holocaust Memorial December 13, 2008 – March 1, 2009.

Here is an excerpt from the exhibit:

From 1933 to 1945, Nazi Germany's government led by Adolf Hitler promoted a nationalism that combined territorial expansion with claims of biological superiority—an "Aryan master race"—and virulent anti-semitism. Driven by a racist ideology legitimized by German scientists, the Nazis attempted to eliminate all of Europe's Jews, ultimately killing six million in the Holocaust. Many others also became victims of persecution and murder in the Nazis' campaign to cleanse German society of individuals viewed as threats to the "health" of the nation.

Discount memberships are available to OCMS members. You may download the membership form and learn more about this interesting exhibit at the OCMS web site – www.ocms-mi.org.

CME CALENDAR

January 28th

Patient Centered Medical Home,
Series Two: Best Practices
Somerset Inn, Troy
Registration: 11:30a.m.
Program: 12:00-5:00p.m.

February 25th

Patient Centered Medical Home,
Series Three: Specialists
Somerset Inn, Troy
Registration: 11:30a.m.
Program: 12:00-5:00p.m.

The following seminars are available via webcast teleconference

January 29th

Billing for Primary Care

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.