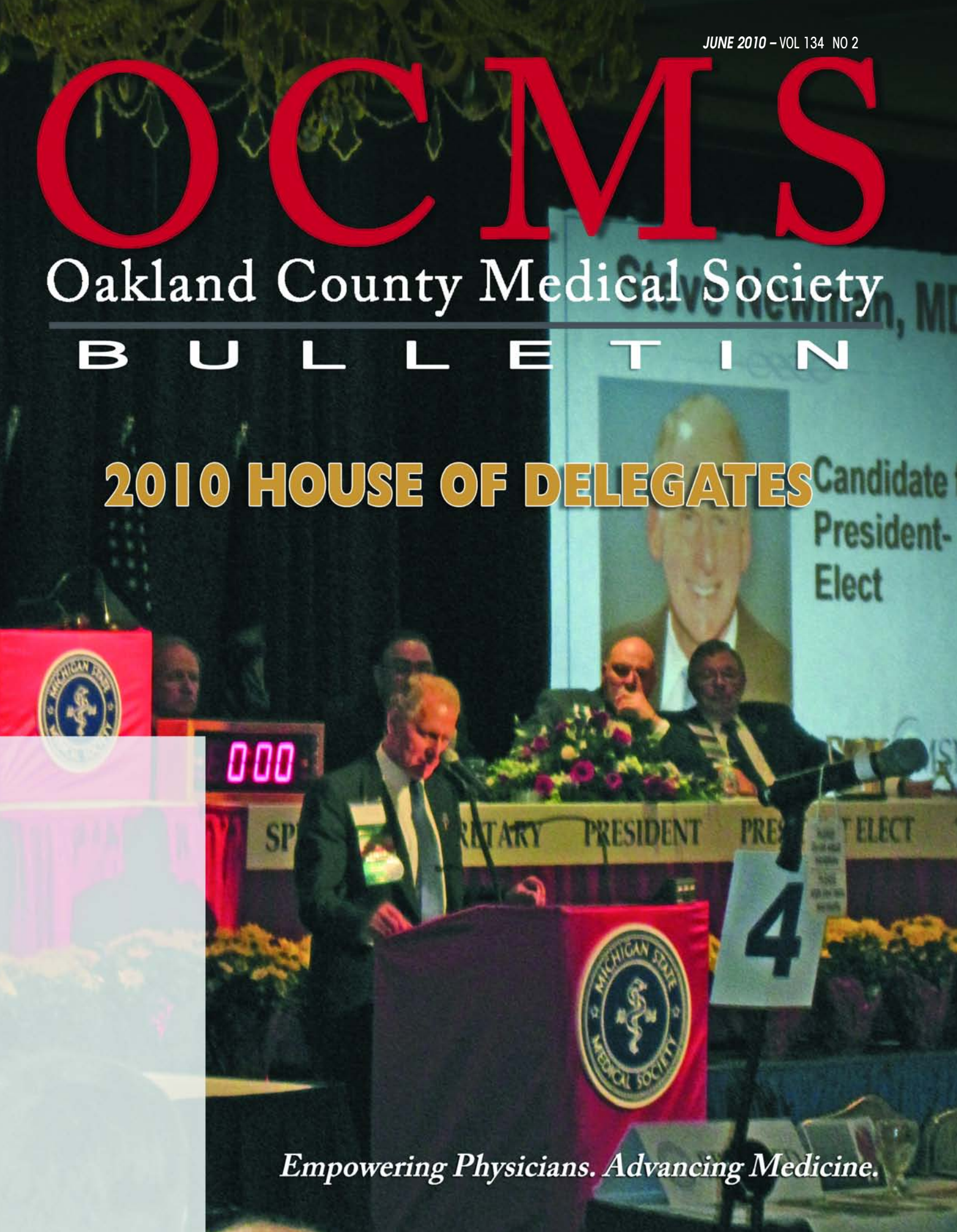


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OUR VISION

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GET INVOLVED IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

BY DONALD PEVEN, MD
OCMS President



I had this editorial half-written on a totally different topic, but your Oakland County Medical Society had such a great impact and so much visibility at this year's MSMS annual House of Delegates' Meeting (April 30-May 2) that I thought I should devote this column to letting the membership know about it. As your president this year, I feel like I can be a proud papa bragging about how successful his kids are.

I have been participating in the MSMS House of Delegates for about 15 years, first as a representative of the Michigan Society of Pathologists and Wayne County, and then volunteering for the OCMS delegation after I started working here in Pontiac. The MSMS House is something that, sadly, most of the membership knows little about and never experiences, despite the fact that much of the policy, direction, and leadership of the society is determined during that three-day meeting. For all those who don't know how this works, the state is divided into 15 districts (Oakland County is put together with Macomb County in District 15), and each district gets to send a delegation to the annual meeting in proportion to the number of members from that district. Specialty societies and other groups that meet membership criteria each get a delegate, and there are sections of medical students, residents, young physicians (age less than 40), international medical graduates, and organized medical staffs which represent those groups. The district delegations and the other groups meet individually during the year (the OCMS delegation usually meets three times starting in January with a fourth joint meeting with Macomb County and MSMS representatives in early April) to discuss their priorities for MSMS to pursue and to translate those ideas into

resolutions that are submitted to MSMS to be reviewed, debated, and voted upon at the annual meeting. All of the delegates and alternate delegates get a thick book of all the proposals, reports, and other items to be considered several weeks before the meeting.

The MSMS House of Delegates meets during the last weekend in April or first weekend in May every year, alternating locations between Dearborn and someplace outstate (usually Grand Rapids). Many delegations and groups have meetings late Friday afternoon. The first official meeting of the full House of Delegate starts at 7:00PM, with informational sessions and reports, award presentations, and speeches by candidates for the various elected offices of the society, usually followed by a reception where all the delegates get to interact with each other and the candidates for office make a final effort to round up support. Saturday morning is a beehive of activity, with delegates testifying for and against all of the resolutions and reports under consideration for adoption by the House at meetings of various reference committees, which then meet in closed session to re-evaluate the resolutions in light of the testimony presented and formulate recommendations for action by the full House. The voting also happens on Saturday morning, so you have to walk really fast and purposefully or you will certainly be buttonholed by one or another of the candidates for office looking for your vote (best to vote early so you can avoid much of that!). Saturday afternoon is taken up by informational sessions, CME presentations, announcements of election results, and the installation of the new MSMS president. Michigan Doctors' PAC has a reception late Saturday afternoon, where PAC board members and 300 Club members (members who have donated at least \$300 to

MDPAC in the current year, a group that always includes me and hopefully does or will include you) socialize with legislators who are interested in our support. Saturday evening is a formal dinner honoring the incoming MSMS president. The actual business of the House of Delegates takes place on Sunday morning, extending into the early afternoon depending on how much debate is required to get through everything consideration. When all of the resolutions and reports have been voted upon, the meeting concludes and delegates go home to start thinking about what they want to accomplish the following year.

That was a pretty long explanation, and hopefully it gives you some idea how busy the weekend can be. Personally, I try and attend all of the preparatory meetings in the months before the House meets so I'll know what to expect when the meeting actually comes, because once the House of Delegates actually convenes a good deal of my time is occupied with the activities of the Reference Committee on Ways and Means on which I serve. We meet at 6:45 AM (ughh!) on Saturday and Sunday morning to review MSMS' past financial performance and future projections, monitor the performance of MSMS subsidiaries, make recommendations about dues levels, and review all of the resolutions and reports under consideration that would have a financial implication for MSMS outside its normal activities. When not involved with committee business, I do all the normal testifying, debating, and voting that is expected of a delegate. I make it a point to attend the MDPAC reception to interact with the legislators who attend. Additionally, as your president this year, I represented OCMS at the MSMS presidential banquet and the luncheon honoring physicians who have reached their 50th year of MSMS membership.

Enough about what I did. Our OCMS delegation is ably led by Peggyann Nowak, MD, and our Executive Director, Donna LaGosh, does a monumental job coordinating all of the information, activities, and meetings for our delegation members, aided by her assistant Cindy Dady. In addition to all of the normal activities, there was extra pressure this year to make sure that all of our delegates showed up in time for the

voting on Saturday morning. The absolute highlight of the weekend was hearing that our efforts were successful when the Speaker of the House announced that OCMS member, Steve Newman, had been voted in as President-Elect of MSMS. Other OCMS successes were the re-elections of OCMS members: Jim Grant as Vice-Chair of the MSMS Board of Directors, and AMA Delegate, Betty Chu as AMA Alternate Delegate, and Peggyann Nowak as a new member of the Board of Directors. Delegation member, AMA Delegate, and MSMS Past President, Alan Mindlin, maintained a high profile at the meeting, giving always cogent, often entertaining advice to the membership to keep things moving in the right direction. Another outstanding performance was turned in by OCMS Immediate Past President, Mike Genord, as chair of the reference committee on Legislation, the last committee to present its formidable number of resolutions and reports to the House. It looked like the meeting was going to stretch far into the afternoon, but Mike was so well prepared and did such a good job of analyzing and amending resolutions that the House accepted his committee's work virtually unchanged, so we all got out in time after all.

So why do I write about this (aside from being able to brag about how good OCMS is, and you knew that already)? We always have room for more delegates and alternates, and there is no better way to get familiar with how OCMS and MSMS work, network with colleagues from all over the state, and put your ideas into action than to join our delegation and make your presence felt at the annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting. All you need to do is to contact OCMS (248-773-4000 or www.ocms-mi.org) and put your name in for nomination. I'm looking forward to working with you at next year's meeting!

THE PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES OF 2009

By JULIE VAISHAMPAYAN, MD
Chief of Medical Services, Oakland County Health Division

The challenges of 2009 were many but I will touch on only a few. The disease that dominated our time in 2009 was influenza. On April 4, 2009 we had two kindergarten-aged children die, both with influenza B infection. Just a few weeks later, the virus responsible for the first flu pandemic in 41 years was identified. Oakland County experienced two waves of influenza, the first peaking at the end of May, and continuing to circulate throughout the summer. The second wave peaked in late October/early November. Did we avoid a third wave with our vaccination program? Was our educational effort regarding hand washing the reason for only two waves? Or was this just the natural course of the pandemic?

The pandemic flu response plans developed over the past years were implemented. Fortunately, the virus did not cause severe disease and our response was modified to reflect this. Many aspects of the response worked quite well, however there are ways the plans can be improved. We are currently writing our after-action reports and lessons learned so that we can continue to improve our plans. Many questions remain. In 2010 what will the flu season look like? Will there be more infections as only 25-30 percent of the population is immune to the 2009 H1N1? Will more people get vaccinated?

Reports of pertussis and syphilis increased in both in Oakland County and the State of Michigan in 2009. Pertussis reports rose from 21 in 2007, 43 in 2008, to 119 in 2009. Most of these cases were in people over 12 years of age who have not received a pertussis booster.

In 2006 the CDC recommended that Tdap should be given for all persons under the age of 65 in place of Td to increase pertussis immunity in the population. While there is no recent data on adult Tdap immunization levels, data from adolescents in Michigan from the national immunization survey (NIS) shows that only about one-third of teens have received Tdap.

Syphilis is on the rise again. In Oakland County, reports of primary and secondary syphilis (markers of ongoing transmission) increased from four cases in 2008 to 18 in 2009 and nine in the first three months of 2010. Most of these cases of syphilis are in men who have sex with men (MSM) and we are seeing a high incidence of co-infection with HIV. Many of these new cases of syphilis had a negative HIV test in the past six months, so it appears that the transmission of HIV and syphilis is occurring simultaneously.

Chlamydia infections have continued to increase in 2009. Oakland County had 3,663 reports on chlamydia infection, up from 3513 in 2008. The most common age group for chlamydia infection in Oakland County, Michigan, and the United States is 15-19 years. The second most common age group is 20-24 years. This is primarily a high school and college-aged disease. Efforts to diagnose and treat these age groups need to be a priority. Reports of gonorrhea have remained stable for the past few years, right around 1,000 cases per year. The most common age group for gonorrhea diagnosis is 20-24 years followed by 15-19 years.

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) continues to address issues associated with the

entry of vaccination history into the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) by physician practices. Physician offices that do not enter vaccination records into MCIR are contributing to an inaccurate immunization record system. Accurate vaccination data is essential to ensure adequate vaccine coverage and to appropriately serve our patients. Missing data has the potential to result in over vaccination of children, a lack of confidence in the records, and unnecessary time spent with physicians' offices confirming vaccination histories. Michigan law requires physicians to enter vaccine data into MCIR for any child born in or after 1994. We are hopeful that the enhanced communication between OCHD and physicians in the community during the H1N1 response and vaccine inventory tracking will result in greater participation in the MCIR system in the future.

On a different note, public health received American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds for adult vaccination. The following vaccines are intended for adults, 19 years of age and older who are uninsured and underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccination). The vaccines included in the ARRA funding are:

1. Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) for those with high risk conditions per Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP).
2. Varicella for individuals born in, or after 1980 with no prior documentation of vaccination or evidence of immunity.
3. HPV through 26 years of age.
4. Zoster specifically for adults 60 through 64 years of age.

Unforeseen public health events may still shape the upcoming year, although current preparations, such as the early planning for 2010-2011 flu season, will help ensure a successful year. In addition to the routine public health activities, other planned activities include

completing the evaluation of our pandemic response, syphilis outreach education and testing, and a greater effort towards teen and adult vaccinations. As always, we look forward to collaborating with our partners in private practice, hospitals and laboratories for the betterment of public health of Oakland County.

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OMC allows you and other members of the community to clear out your medicine cabinets and dispose of outdated or unused prescription drugs in an environmentally safe manner. Recent studies in Michigan and other states have revealed that many of the substances that have been dumped down the toilet or thrown into our landfills are now showing up in our watersheds, streams, and lakes. Removing and disposing of these drugs properly is also important because it helps to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of unauthorized users, as well as seniors, who may have trouble keeping track of a large number of drugs they are prescribed.

The program provides citizens a convenient venue for properly disposing of expired and/or unused prescriptions at several different locations around Oakland County. Currently, there are four OMC drop-off sites, including three local Sheriff's Office sites as well as the Royal Oak Police Department. For more information please go to their web site, www.operationmedicinecabinetmi.com.

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2010 MSMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES ROUND-UP

At the Michigan State Medical Society's 2010 House of Delegates' meeting the first weekend in May, OCMS delegates participated in debate on a wide range of topics including payment and reimbursement policies of insurance carriers, electronic health data laws and enforcement, public health issues, liability concerns, and many other areas of interest. A complete listing of the resolutions and the Board's actions from the House of Delegates' meeting can be found on the MSMS web site at www.msms.org/hod.



50-YEAR AWARDEES

The following OCMS physicians received their 50-year awards from the Michigan State Medical Society at the MSMS House of Delegates, May 1st, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The physicians were honored for having graduated from medical school in 1960.

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CONGRATULATIONS!



We would like to congratulate Steven Newman, MD who was elected at the MSMS House of Delegates as the President-Elect of the Michigan State Medical Society.

Doctor Newman, a neurologist in Southfield, has been a very active member in MSMS and OCMS. He is a member of the OCMS Delegation and Legislative Committees, served on the Board of Directors for nine years and was president of OCMS in 2000-2001. He served on the MSMS Board of Directors and several committees including the Advisory Committee on Health Care Policy, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the Liaison Committee with Corporate Medical Directors.

Doctor Newman received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1970 and is board certified in psychiatry and neurology.



We would like to congratulate Betty Chu, MD and James Grant, MD who were re-elected to represent Oakland County on the Michigan Delegation to the AMA and Peggyann Nowak, MD who was newly elected to the MSMS Board of Directors.



Doctor Nowak is currently the chair of the OCMS Delegation Committee and has been very active at OCMS serving as president in 1998, a member of the board of directors, peer review and legislative committees.



Daniel B. Michael, MD Installed as MSMS President

Daniel B. Michael, MD, a Southfield neurosurgeon, was installed as the 145th President of the Michigan State Medical Society on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the House of Delegates.



Doctor Michael, a neurosurgeon at the Michigan Head and Spine Institute, PC, and director of Neurotrauma and Critical Care at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, will serve a one-year term as president.

Doctor Michael said one of his priorities during the next year will be to find an equitable, sustainable way to fund Michigan Medicaid and help MSMS members understand the impact of the new federal health care legislation on physicians and their patients.

Doctor Michael previously served as speaker and vice speaker of the MSMS House of Delegates, where he presided over the 300 physician-delegates who assemble each year to set policies for MSMS on various issues involving public health, health care delivery and medical ethics.

Doctor Michael is a 1979 graduate of Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine. He earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees at WSU as well.

Doctor Michael is on staff at William Beaumont Hospitals of Royal Oak and Grosse Pointe, the Michigan Head and Spine Institute, Detroit Medical Center, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center.

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Healthy Start Baby Shower

OCMS hosted its 7th annual Moms-To-Be Baby Shower on May 5th for area women in need. The attendees, who are pregnant or have recently given birth, are identified through the St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland in Pontiac.

We would like to thank the MSMS Physician's Insurance Agency for their donation to the shower and to the Great Lakes Heritage Quilters Guild for their beautiful hand-sewn baby quilts.



Healthy Start Healthy Families Oakland

Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland is an award winning fully-credentialed collaborative program that provides home visitation services for vulnerable families with infants and young children throughout Oakland County. Nine health and human service providers led by St. Joseph Mercy Oakland provide these services in order to promote healthy child growth and development and to strengthen families.

Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland is part of the rapidly growing Healthy Families America initiative, with more than 450 program sites across the country. As a result, there have been reductions in child abuse and neglect, reductions in welfare dependency, improved parent-child relationships, more well-baby health visits, increases in immunizations rates and healthy growth and development. Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland is the first in Michigan and one of 200 sites across the country to be credentialed by the Council on Accreditation and Prevent Child Abuse America as a Healthy Families America program. Recently the program was awarded the National Association of Counties "Counties Care for Kids" Award.



BRINGING MICHIGAN UP TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Michigan currently ranks 42nd in the nation for the percentage of licensed drivers signed up on the state's organ donor registry. With 24 percent of our residents signed up to donate life, we lag behind the national average of 39 percent, and far behind our Great Lakes neighbors in Ohio at 60 percent. We need one million Michigan residents to sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry this year, just to meet the national average.

Michigan residents are just as generous as the rest of the country, but many residents are confused about the proper method to sign up as an organ donor. **Signing the back of your license is not the way to do it anymore.** The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is a confidential database maintained by Gift of Life and the Michigan Secretary of State, and accessed only at the time of potential organ, tissue or eye donation.

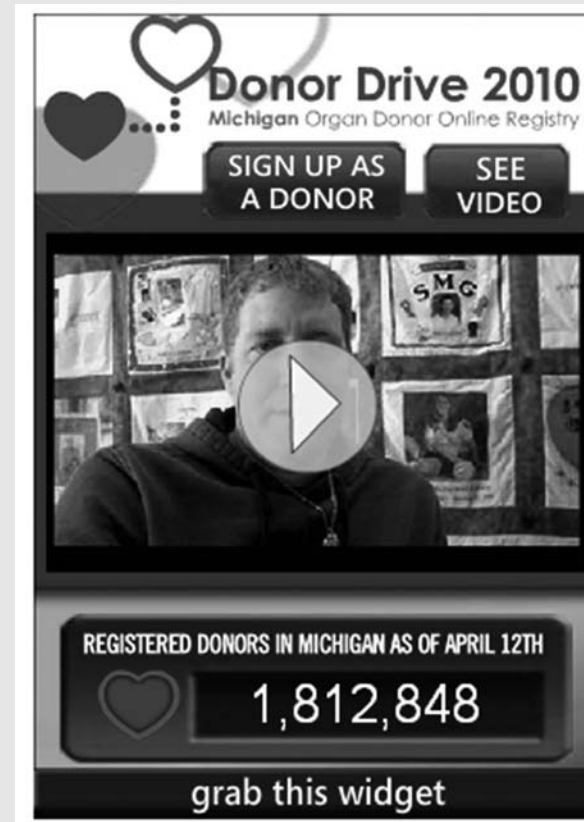
You can help your patients, friends and family members to make their donation wishes known by encouraging them to sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. As part of the Donor Drive 2010 campaign to sign up one million Michigan residents, Gift of Life is offering some new social media tools to get the message out.

The Donor Drive 2010 "widget" internet tool can be posted on your practice's website, blog and Facebook page. It can also be posted directly onto your computer desktop. This "widget" allows anyone visiting your website to sign

up on the Donor Registry without leaving your page! The "widget" also features a series of testimonial videos from donor families and transplant recipients, which rotate monthly. There is an odometer-style counter on the "widget" which indicates how many Michigan residents have signed up to save lives, and is updated weekly. The "widget" has been downloaded to personal websites, blogs and Facebook more than 500 times in the first two months! To grab a copy of this "widget" for your own use visit <http://donordrive2010.com>.

Also available on <http://donordrive2010.com> is a map of Michigan indicating what percentage of licensed drivers has signed up on the Donor Registry in each county. As of this writing, 26 percent of Oakland County drivers have registered, compared to 21 percent of Macomb County drivers and 18 percent of Wayne County drivers. The county with the highest percentage is Emmet County with 74 percent of licensed drivers registered as organ donors.

The Oakland County Medical Society encourages all its members to support Donor Drive 2010 by downloading the "widget", distributing Donor Drive 2010 website business cards or Donor Registry brochures to patients and inviting a transplant recipient or donor family member to share their personal story with your local civic clubs.





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Sincerely, Belle Kleinberg Hornung, In-Kind Donations Coordinator

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E-MAILING PATIENTS: CUTTING EDGE OR LEGAL NIGHTMARE?

By Jennifer Lawter, RN, JD, Vice President of Risk Management, American Physicians Assurance Corporation

In today's world of blogs and tweets, it's only natural for patients to want to communicate with their physician via e-mail. Likewise, many health care providers have found that e-mail is well suited to handle the common communication needs of their busy practices. E-mail is quick, easy to produce, inexpensive and self-documenting. It can be a great tool when used for things like prescription refills, lab results, appointment requests, insurance questions and routine follow up of non-urgent problems. However, despite the obvious benefits of e-mail, the potential for added legal liability strikes fear into the hearts of defense attorneys and risk managers.

If you are using e-mail in your practice, or intend to introduce it in the future, it's important to have clear procedures that are communicated to your patients and followed by all office staff. Doing so can mean the difference between cutting-edge communication practices or potential legal nightmares.

Following is advice for medical offices that communicate with patients via e-mail:

Develop a written patient consent agreement and educate patients about e-mail use.

Patients should indicate their agreement to communicate via e-mail by signing a written consent agreement (preferably at their first visit). To ensure understanding, office staff should review the details of the agreement with the patient. In addition, a standard block of text should be included after the signature line on every e-mail to remind patients of your policy. (See example below.)

The patient consent agreement should set

expectations by addressing privacy concerns and providing guidelines for e-mail use, including:

- Urgent medical problems are not meant for e-mail. Patients should call the office, or 911, if a serious or urgent problem arises.
- E-mail should not be used to exchange information about sensitive matters such as sexually transmitted diseases, treatment for mental health problems, drug and alcohol related disorders, or workers' compensation issues.

• Staff will not respond to e-mails from family members or others inquiring about the patient (with the exception of parental communication regarding minor children).

• E-mails must be concise. For example, they should be readable in one to two minutes and require no more than three to five minutes to respond. In addition, if a patient needs to send more than two messages in a single day or four messages in one week, they should call for an appointment.

- How soon patients can expect to hear back from you (three business days is fairly standard).
- Patients should reply to each e-mail to confirm that they received it.
- The practice will not respond to e-mail on weekends and holidays or during provider vacations (if this is the case).
- Patient e-mail addresses will not be shared with anyone outside of the practice.



Educate staff and incorporate an e-mail policy into the practice manual.

All office staff should be familiar with the practice's e-mail policy. They should also either receive a paper copy of the policy or be able to access it in electronic form on individual workstations or the practice's internal website. Items that should be addressed in the policy (in addition to those outlined above) include:

- A signed patient consent agreement must be on file prior to providing medical advice or other specific information via e-mail.
- If e-mail messages exceed acceptable limits, the patient should be called and offered an appointment.
- Copies of all e-mails should be kept in the patient's record, either electronically or printed and attached to the paper record. You should assume that all e-mails will be viewed as progress notes.
- Use caution when sending links. One of the advantages of e-mail is the ability to provide links to educational materials and other resources on the practice's website or external sites. However, you should carefully consider the nature and credibility of the links provided as they can be used as evidence in a malpractice case.

Keep HIPAA in mind.

Real potential exists for e-mails to be sent to the wrong person due to mistakes in addressing, automatic "cc" features, hackers and basic human error. Privacy can also be compromised if all recipients are visible on group mailings and when patients use a shared family account or e-mail services provided by their employers.

Because email may contain protected health information (PHI), it is regulated by HIPAA. In fact, HIPAA requires physicians to have administrative, physical, and technical safeguards in place that will protect PHI. It also suggests encryption as a way to avoid penalty if a breach occurs (although the rule stops short of requiring physicians to encrypt). The 2009 HIPAA breach notification regulations exempt covered

entities from liability if encrypted electronic communications are breached. Further, the AMA recommends physicians make an effort to use encryption in e-mails unless patients waive the encryption.

Further information on this topic and more can be found at: <http://www.ama-assn.org> and <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy>.

Following is an example of standard text to include on all e-mails to remind patients about your policy:

Physician name and phone number.

The use of e-mail to communicate with your doctor is not meant for serious/urgent problems or emergencies. Please call our office if you are not sure of the nature of your problem, and we will be glad to assist you. If your problem is urgent or could be an emergency, you should go to the nearest emergency room or call 911. If this is outside of normal business hours and you need immediate medical attention but cannot reach the doctor on call, please go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

As a general rule, we will try to respond to your e-mail within three business days. However, we will not respond to e-mail on weekends, holidays, or if the doctor is ill or on vacation. If you need a response sooner, please call the office and someone will be glad to assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation!

This article provides general guidelines and is not meant to provide legal advice. American Physician's policyholders can contact one of the company's Risk Management Consultants at 800-748-0465 for assistance with the use of e-mail communication.

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Members in the News

To submit an item for OCMS Members in the News for future issues of the Bulletin, please email the item to Cindy Dady at cdady@msms.org or fax to (248) 773-4004. Please include your name and contact information with your submission.



GARY CHMIELEWSKI, MD, a thoracic surgeon, has been named the new principal investigator for Beaumont Hospitals Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP).



JOHN DORSEY, MD, a pediatrician with practices in Bingham Farms and Sterling Heights, recently received the William Montgomery Award as the 2009 Pediatrician of the Year from the American Academy of Pediatrics.



STEVEN GRANT, MD, FACP, an internal medicine physician, was appointed by The Detroit Medical Center as their new Executive Vice President of Physician Partnerships to improve relationships between private practice physicians and the hospital system.

OCMS would like to express our sincere condolences to the families of:

Federico Arcari, MD, who passed away on December 11, 2009. He was a pediatric surgeon who resided in Clarkston and had practiced out of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Doctor Arcari had been a member of OCMS since 1969.

Samuel Behrman, MD, who passed away on December 9, 2009. He was a reproductive endocrinologist who resided in Palm Springs, CA. He had been a member of OCMS since 1979.

Lewis Cohen, MD, who passed away on February 4, 2010. He was a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician who resided in Southfield, MI. He had been a member of OCMS since 1958.

Douglas MacDonald, MD, who passed away on March 2, 2010. He was an anesthesiologist who resided in Lake Orion, MI. He had been a member of OCMS since 1985.

Harry Meisner, MD, who passed away on March 1, 2010. He was an internal medicine physician who resided in Lake Angelus, MI. He had been a member of OCMS since 1952.

Milton Nathanson, MD, who passed away on February 28, 2010. He was an obstetrician/gynecologist who resided in Franklin, MI and practiced out of William Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak and Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. Doctor Nathanson had been a member of OCMS since 1966.

Walter Poznanski, MD, who passed away on September 29, 2009. He was a psychiatrist who resided in Birmingham, MI. Doctor Poznanski had been a member of OCMS since 1957.

Habib Vaziri, MD, who passed away on March 21, 2010. He was a psychiatrist who resided in Birmingham, MI. Doctor Vaziri was a member of the staff at St Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac for nearly 40 years. He spent 28 of the 40 years as director of behavioral medicine and two terms as hospital chief of staff. He had been a member of OCMS since 1983.

Physician Editorial

MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION TO PRESERVE TORT REFORM

By Theodore A. Golden, MD, Michigan Senate Candidate, District 12

Physicians in Michigan should be concerned about what was reported in Michigan Medicine March/April 2010-Volume 109-No.2, page 5, Illinois Supreme Court Rules Non-Economic Damages Cap Unconstitutional, by Daniel J. Schulte, J.D. Mr. Schulte pointed out that the Illinois and Michigan constitutions contain very similar language concerning the separation of powers of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government. In Illinois the Cap was declared unconstitutional because the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that the determination of economic damages resided with the judiciary.

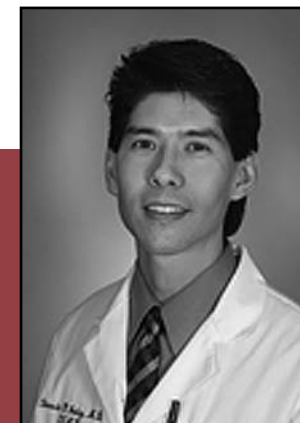
Tort reform in Michigan appears safe at this time. However, the same article stated that the constitutionality of the Cap has not been tested in the Michigan Supreme Court, only the appellate court. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act was enacted in the 1970s. The Act was an effective law in Michigan for more than twenty years. Then the composition of the Michigan Supreme Court changed, and the Court ruled that most of

the provisions of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act were invalid. The Court was criticized for not honoring precedent. Tort reform laws, especially the Cap, could meet the same fate when the composition of the Michigan Supreme Court changes.

Michiganders will have the opportunity this November to vote to rewrite the Michigan Constitution. A rewritten Michigan Constitution could contain clauses that would make it difficult for the Michigan Supreme Court to rule Tort Reform unconstitutional based on separation of powers. Michigan needs to reorganize and it must start at the top with a rewrite of the Michigan Constitution.

The opinions and views expressed in the Editorially Speaking columns of the OCMS Bulletin are those of the writers, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Oakland County Medical Society.

To submit an Editorially Speaking article for publication, please contact Cindy Dady at cdady@msms.org or (248) 773-4000.



OCMS News
SAVE THE DATE

OCMS 2010
Presidential Installation

OCMS President-Elect,
SHERWIN IMLAY, MD,
will be installed as president
of the Oakland County
Medical Society,
Thursday, September 23rd,
at The Townsend Hotel in
Birmingham, 6:00-9:00pm.

*Additional information and
invitations will be sent in late
summer.*



Upcoming CME Opportunities

For more information on the CME programs listed below visit www.msms.org/leo, or call (517) 336-7581 (unless otherwise stated). Additional CME programs can be found online under the CME section of the OCMS website at www.ocms-mi.org.

Advanced ICD-9

June 3, 2010
Registration: 8:30 a.m.; Program: 9 a.m. to Noon
Hotel Baronette, Novi
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MSMS & MMGMA Members - \$125
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Advanced CPT Coding

June 3, 2010
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Hotel Baronette, Novi
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MSMS & MMGMA Members - \$125
Nonmembers - \$175

Practice Management Training & Tips

June 9, 2010
Somerset Inn, Troy
Registration: 8:30 a.m.; Program: 9 a.m. to 4:00p.m.
MSMS & MMGMA Members - \$150
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August 31, 2010
Registration: 8:30 a.m.; Program: 9 a.m. to Noon
Somerset Inn, Troy
3 Category I CME Credits
MSMS & MMGMA Members - \$125
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August 31, 2010
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MSMS CAPITOL CHECK-UP: HEALTH CARE UNDER THE DOME

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Radisson Hotel, Lansing, MI, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MSMS encourages you to attend the 2010 Capital Check-Up. Join legislators, physicians, and public health officials to explore Michigan's ever-changing political environment, the current state of affairs in Lansing, the latest legislation being considered, and what impact current and future legislation may have on the medical profession.

Featured Topics:

- » Future of Medicaid
- » Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Update
- » Status of MDCH Budget
- » Emerging Health Care Issues
- » Pending Legislation
- » Review of President Obama's Health Care Initiatives

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