



## OCMS Digital Newsletter February 2022

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### OCMS President-Elect Gary Sarafa, MD

OCMS recently held a special election for the position of President-Elect on the Board of Directors. Nominee, Gary Sarafa, MD was elected to the position. The position of President-Elect assists the President in overseeing all the activities of OCMS.

Dr. Sarafa graduated from the University of Michigan earning the degree Doctor of Medicine. He then enrolled in the Family Medicine Residency Program at the renowned Oregon Health Sciences University. While there he provided emergency medical relief under the auspices of the United Nations with Medical Teams International in Skroder, Albania, for the Kosovar Refugees. In 1999 he became a Board Certified Family Physician and completed his Academic Medicine Fellowship the following year at the University of Michigan, while training residents at Henry Ford Health Systems. Dr. Sarafa has been serving on the Board of Directors at Oakland County Medical Society since 2008. In addition, he is principal of Avalon Physician Services.



***Gary Sarafa, MD elected as President  
Elect to OCMS Board of Directors***

Dr. Sarafa is kind, compassionate and enjoys spending time with his patients and getting to know them on a personal level. Dr. Sarafa enjoys reading and spending quality time with his wife and four young children.

The Board of Directors is taking nominations for open positions on the board for 2022-2023. If you are interested contact Romy Shubitowski, OCMS Executive Director at [rshubitowski@ocms-mi.org](mailto:rshubitowski@ocms-mi.org) for more information.



## House of Delegates

The House of Delegates (HOD) is the official legislative and policy-making body of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS). This year's meeting is scheduled for April 30-May 1, at the [Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center](#). This year, OCMS House of Delegates committee is chaired by

Sherwin Imlay, MD. The committee met in early February and is scheduled to meet on February 22 to further discuss resolutions to present at the House of Delegates. The meeting is open to all members. If you would like to join the meeting or have a resolution to submit, contact Romy Shubitowski at [rshubitowski@ocms-mi.org](mailto:rshubitowski@ocms-mi.org).

Resolutions are due by March 1, 2022, and this includes any 2020 or 2021 resolutions to be resubmitted, to be considered "on-time" and included in the House of Delegates Handbook. All resolutions must be submitted online at [www.msms.org/hod](http://www.msms.org/hod). Any resolutions received after the deadline will be submitted through the late resolution process. Please note, pursuant to adopted HOD Resolution 65-14, resolutions "submitted to the MSMS House of Delegates that require action by the AMA may only be submitted by MSMS members that are also members of the AMA."

A variety of resolution writing resources are available on the House of Delegates website including:

- How to Write a Resolution to the MSMS House of Delegates

- Resolution Archive Database (delegates can research prior resolutions going back as far as 2005)
- MSMS Policy Manual (delegates can research existing policy)

Visit the House of Delegates website at: [www.msms.org/hod](http://www.msms.org/hod) for more information.

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## On-Demand Webinars

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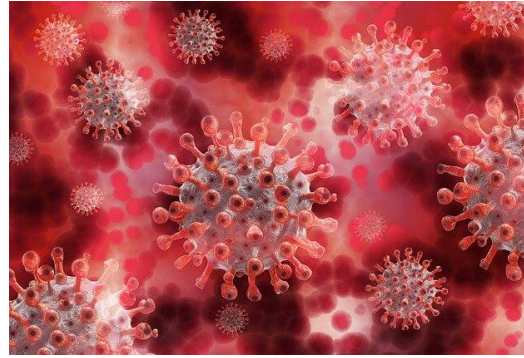
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## Omicron and Other Future Variants

On Wednesday, February 23, from 12:00-12:45 p.m., Sandro Cinti, MD, Professor of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan, will share his expertise and experience with the omicron variant including the epidemiology and clinical indications, and potential future variants.

**Approved for .75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup> For more information and to register, click [here](#).**

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