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HEALTH INSURANCE AS A MARKET PRODUCT

We all know we need life insurance for myriad reasons. We also know we need health insurance for many of the same reasons. Yet many of us do not buy what we need especially when we are young, even if we can afford it. Affordability is certainly an issue, but may not be the only one. Twenty Five percent of the uninsured are eligible for Medicaid or other programs but have failed to sign up!



John A. Waters, M.D.

When we do make the life insurance purchase, the policy is very clear. But health insurance is a whole 'other issue'. You often cannot get a copy of your actual policy. If you ask for one you might get just a summary brochure. It is almost impossible to find out who accepts the insurance or find out what is covered or when items are excluded, etc. No one would buy life insurance under anything like the circumstances surrounding health insurance.

So why do we not make the purchase? Because it does not seem to be a good buy. Obviously when we are young, the odds of us dying within five years are quite low, so the return on buying life insurance seems poor. The same applies to health care insurance when we are young. We see the high premiums and realize quickly that we would be subsidizing the old and already sick. Thus, it seems like a poor investment of our money.

Calculating the costs of a life insurance policy requires esoteric math, but is relatively straightforward. Calculating the cost of a lifetime of health care is somewhat more problematic as the total cost and timing of the expense is harder to predict. Most health insurance policies have a maximum payout (usually \$1 million) and vary from state to state because insurance is still regulated at the state level.

Solving our health access (i.e. insurance) problem in the United States is an increasing problem as the escalating costs drive more and more people to consider foregoing insurance when

that seems to favor them financially. In addition, health insurance tied to one's job is outdated, as few people will have only one employer over their lifetime. HSAs, HRAs, and the like, have had an interesting impact on this. The use of catastrophic coverage and high deductibles drives its owners to more judicious use of health care and to lead healthier lifestyles. This now represents over 15% of the insured market. But this combined with government-based, taxpayer funded safety net programs may not be enough to solve the problem.

Perhaps a little out-of-the-box thinking could help. Insurance is regulated by the state insurance commission. But life and health insurance are handled very differently. Perhaps that should change. How about a combined life and lifetime health insurance policy with a guaranteed payout as health related payments and the remainder as a death benefit. This could be set up to be purchased at birth or at the age of majority with guaranteed issue. The indigent would be given a voucher for their premium and it could be fully funded by say age 60. This is just one idea. We need creative ways to solve our current situation. Let me know what you think and what your ideas are for fixing our health care access crisis.

GCMS MEETINGS - MAY 2009

- 5/4, 8 a.m. - Legislative Liaison @ GCMS
- 5/6, 7:30 a.m. - Bulletin Committee @ GCMS
- 5/18, 12 Noon - Membership Committee @ Grill of India
- 5/26, 5:15 p.m. - Finance Committee @ GCMS
- 5/26, 6 p.m. - GCMS Board of Directors @ GCMS
- 5/27, 12:30 p.m. - Community & Environmental Health Committee @ Sagano Japanese Restaurant
- 5/28, 8 a.m. - Practice Managers @ GCMS

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PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF... ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE NOT

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- Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)*

Ah Spring! Longer and warmer days, shoots of green grass begging for mower, flowering trees scenting the night air, and leaves sprouting miraculously from long-bare branches. We have certainly earned our way to this season after a particularly harsh winter. The beauty of springtime reminds us of why we live in Michigan. The change from winter should encourage even the most dedicated couch potato to get outside and walk, bicycle, swim, run, fish, golf, and work in the garden and yard. Too often, though, our busy schedule interferes with, and takes precedence over, routine health maintenance habits such as regular exercise. Physicians tend to be better at preaching about healthy habits than practicing them. Taking care of others may lead to neglecting our own needs.



Daniel Ryan, MD

Counseling patients is an important aspect of medical practice. The link between a doctor's personal health habits and the ability to effectively advise patients on four key health issues; tobacco use, maintaining a healthy weight, regular exercise, and alcohol use, is strong. Studies have shown that the more poor health habits a physician has, the less likely he or she will appropriately counsel their patients regarding the above-mentioned habits, and vice versa.

Doctors also tend to be reluctant to adopt the role of patient, even when illness strikes. Physician - patients often take a more passive stance when it comes to their own health. A JAMA study in 2003 revealed that physicians tend not to have a primary care doctor themselves. There is, apparently, a problem with accepting and trusting medical advice. One study showed that one-third of physicians did not have a regular source of primary health care, and internists, surgeons, and pathologists made up a significant percentage of those

fatalists. These doctors supposedly feel that they are more than adequately trained to deliver self-care. Interestingly, pediatricians and psychiatrists were the most likely to have a primary care physician.

Among the latest trends in medical school curricula is inclusion of course objectives to educate future physicians in taking care of their own physical and emotional needs as well as their patient's. The assumption that by being your own physician you are in good hands is probably a combination of egotism and indolence. The importance of having another's perspective far outweighs any benefit from being one's own second opinion. Our patients will be better served by having physicians who embrace a healthy lifestyle and seek advice from their primary doctor when needed.

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- \$ GCMS emailed Red Flag Rule Alerts multiple times to members. The cost of a consultant. Worth dues for a group of 10 for two years!
- \$ GCMS redrafted the Greater Flint Health Coalition Resolution on Access
- \$ GCMS held a special session on MSMS Connect, MedAssurant, Medicare Advantage, and ePrescribing for Practice Managers on the normal Thursday date, as well as a special session for Physicians and Practice Managers on a Wednesday
- \$ GCMS held legislative meetings with the entire legislative delegation to discuss the Medicaid budget, Graduate Medical Education, smoking laws, etc.
- \$ GCMS interfaced on several occasions with third-party-payors on behalf of individual physician and group practice issues
- \$ GCMS communicated with MedAssurant regarding problems experienced by a number of practices
- \$ GCMS responded to multiple phone calls from physicians offices regarding Medicare PQRI issues
- \$ GCMS organized activities for the MSMS House of Delegates
- \$ GCMS organized Town Hall meeting on President Obama's health care plan
- \$ GCMS hosted meeting between physician groups and third-party-payors on several occasions
- \$ GCMS communicated with State Police regarding prescription fraud issues
- \$ GCMS met with Michigan Medical Group Managers Association leadership on issues of joint concern on behalf of members



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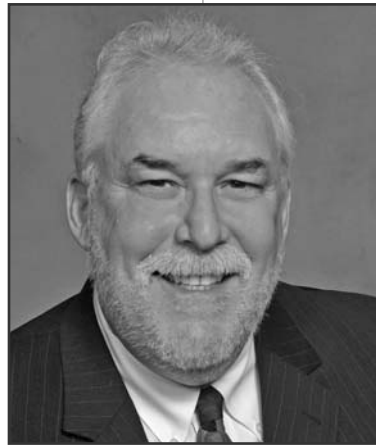
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JOINT SECTION REVIEW, HOUSE OF DELEGATES UPDATE, OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

This issue of the *Bulletin* contains the resolutions which passed the International Medical Graduate and Young Physicians Section of MSMS, from Genesee County, as well as the resolutions that will have been presented in late April at the MSMS House of Delegates. The GCMS Delegations to the Joint Section meeting represented about half of the people who attended all the sessions. It's thrilling to see new people enthusiastically involved. Other counties reacted positively to their resolutions and elected our new participants to leadership positions.

By the time this issue of the magazine comes out, the MSMS House of Delegate will have just ended. You will have been represented by 18 delegates, as well as five GCMS members on the MSMS Board, as well as several interested spouses involved in the Alliance. That meeting will feature a lot of GCMS resolutions, and a lot of GCMS delegates serving on reference committees.

On May 7th, which is just around the corner, a Town Hall/Dinner Business meeting will feature a discussion of the President Obama health plan. Please attend. Take your time to find out what is being proposed, and how others are reacting to it. This is all of our futures. It will be a fascinating meeting, and it is also a bargain at \$20 per person. It doesn't cover the cost, and the food at the Flint Golf Club is terrific. Residents cost only \$10, so please invite some to attend. What the heck invite your friends too. For those of you who have teenagers, this is an opportunity to bring them to hear a fascinating discussion of social



Peter Levine, MPH

and political policy which may reshape an entire sector of our economy. You need to be involved in this process and you will be involved in this process.

There are so many opportunities for involvement. GCMS has committees that are extremely active. MSMS is thrilled to have Genesee County volunteers to serve on their committees, because of the quality of representation that our members provide. The Greater Flint Health Coalition is an organization which thrives on physician involvement.

There are many opportunities to be involved in the Health Coalition process representing the medical society. That involvement can often result in research opportunities which are very exciting, as well as enhancements to clinical practice. Let me know if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Don't forget that if you have an interest in spending part of a day at the Capitol as "Doctor of the Day" or would like to go with a group of your friends and peers for a tour of the Capitol and to meet our legislative delegation to communicate ideas, it is easy to do! These sessions are easy to set up and are really informative. Those with young kids can actually bring them with you for a very educational day as well as one of bonding.

If you are not able to dedicate that kind of time to legislative activities, when we send an email asking you to contact legislators, please, please, please do so. This is usually something that is extremely important for you and your practice.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

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MSMS' FUTURE OF MEDICINE INITIATIVE REVISITED

Since the Michigan State Medical Society unveiled its Future of Medicine report, a great deal of work has been going on behind the scenes. Physicians and other health care leaders from around the state have been developing plans and taking advantage of implementation opportunities as they have arisen.

Now, having chosen Julie L. Novak as its executive director, MSMS is preparing to reexamine the Future of Medicine effort and prepare for phase two of its ground-breaking initiative.

And in my opinion, the timing couldn't be better. Regardless of political affiliation, most people would agree that the opportunity for some level of health care



*Venkat Rao, MD
District VI Director*

reform is at its highest level in long time. Sure, some of the same obstacles are still there (funding, competing interests, etc.), but there is an ear in Washington that is willing to listen. So, when lawmakers are ready and willing to take on health care, MSMS is ready to join in the discussions - and we have a blueprint at the ready.

MSMS Submits 'Future of Medicine' Report to White House

Recently, MSMS President Michael A. Sandler, MD, submitted the MSMS Future of Medicine report to the White House. MSMS urged President Barack Obama to focus on the four

major principles outlined in the Future of Medicine report as he addresses national health care reform: Quality, Value, Wellness, and Universal Coverage through a reformed insurance market. With Michigan in line to receive \$7 billion in federal funding for health care, education and infrastructure, MSMS continues to remain very engaged in health care reform discussions.



PRACTICE MANAGERS MEETING DRAWS HUGE AUDIENCE

A huge turnout of Practice Managers and staff met in March to hear presentations from the Michigan State Medical Society and the Medical Advantage Group on MedAssurant Audits, MSMS Connect, and Medicare Advantage. In addition, updates were provided by Theresa King, of the Michigan Medical Billers Association, Beth Schumacher, President of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, Brenda Voakes, Michigan Medical Group Managers Association Member Services Committee and Gary Paavola of the Medical Group Managers Association Board. Other issues that were discussed were MSMS's member advisories on medical marijuana, Red Flag Rules, patient hardship issues and electronic medical records.

Attendees engaged in highly animated discussion. Future meetings will revolve around PO Representatives, the new Medicare fiscal intermediaries, and State and Federal Legislation.

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Jay and Susan's Magical Adventure

by Susan Soderstrom

January 3 2008. That was the day our adventure truly started. Jay Kommareddi and I decided to go to New Hampshire to work on Obama's campaign. We flew into Manchester and traveled to nearby Londonderry where we would canvass for 5 days before the primary election there. It was ohh sooo cold, but we are tough "Michigan women!" We spent all our time going door to door, getting out the vote. We thought they'd let the "more mature" volunteers sit comfortably in campaign headquarters making phone calls, but that was not to be. The youngsters stayed in and the oldsters pounded the pavement. It was interesting - to say the least.

Virtually everyone we met there was involved in the politics of the day, and it was interesting to run into families divided between Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton. It was all a very heartwarming exercise in democracy. We were invited into homes to warm up, or to use the bathroom, or to have some cookies. Our hotel was full of campaign workers for all the candidates. Hillary's people were super excited with the victory, of course. We were more tempered, but after hearing Obama deliver his concession speech we were once again inspired and understood his message "Yes we Can."

So the two of us decided we were in this for the long haul.

However far Obama was able to go in this process, we were along for the ride. Speaking of rides, Jay got to be in Obama's motorcade when he visited Flint. What a treat, that led to another meeting with our future president. Fundraising activities were a priority. Nita Kulkarni and Bobbi Mukkamala hosted a house party with actor Kal Penn, as guest, for a very successful fundraiser.

Our next stop was Elkhart, Indiana, on primary day. We took a van full of supporters from Genesee County, including Feroza Raffee, and went door-to-door for the whole day. Obama won Elkhart handily and we were sure our next stop would be Denver for the Democratic National Convention. And it was. Jay was a delegate on the Rules Committee for the DNC and I was her enthusiastic travel companion.

Denver was fantastic. There were meetings everyday. Women's Issues, Health Issues, Foreign Relations- speakers from every state: Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama, Kathleen Sebelius, Tom Daschle and many more. We even met the crew from the Daily Show!!! The evening speeches were exhilarating, but after a while we found ourselves exhausted. The night of Obama's acceptance of the nomination in Denver's Mile High Stadium was an

evening we will never forget. Sleepless, we returned to Michigan to get involved in our own state's final campaign! Jay hosted two campaign workers in her home for close to six months and I hosted one for three months, as did Feroza Raffee. That experience in itself was enlightening and, in retrospect, we are very pleased we were able to get to know such earnest and committed young people.

The next several months were a



blur of activity. Calling, registering people to vote, working in the Flint and Grand Blanc Obama campaign offices, doing whatever was necessary to win Michigan for Obama. Velynda Makhene graciously opened her husband's office for volunteer

meetings, and worked alongside Jay, Feroza, and many more Alliance Members to get out the vote. Election night was a very gratifying - no, exhilarating experience spent with fellow alliance members, physician spouses and other



"We couldn't control the tears of joy!!"

Jay and Susan's Magical Adventure

campaign workers! Unbelievable.

The two of us could now fulfill our initial pledge, made on a freezing night way back in New Hampshire: to follow him to Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration if he were elected. What a thrill! We made our plane reservations, not knowing if we could get Inauguration tickets or not, but knowing that, in fact, it didn't matter. We just wanted to be there. Luckily for us, we both had friends and family in D.C. with whom we could crash.

So off we went to Washington not having official tickets of any kind until just the last minute-

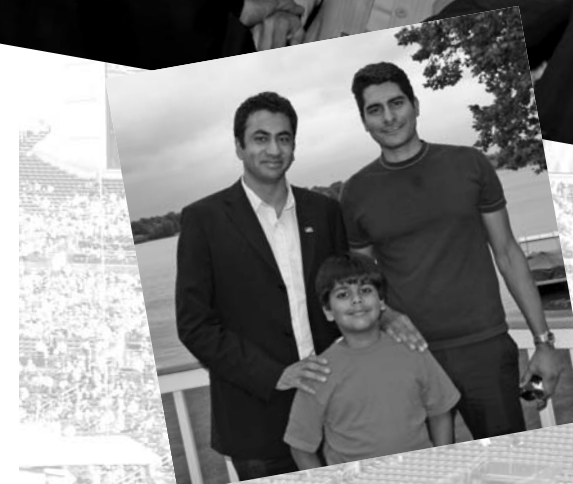
when, luckily for us, Jay received tickets to a whole host of events. We went to the opening ceremony on Sunday on the Mall in front of the Lincoln Memorial. It was a cold day, but much fun. We were invited to the Governor's "meet and greet," followed by a reception hosted by the Lt. Governor. It was a delightful evening, giving us a chance to meet with many new and old friends from the State.

Inauguration Day finally arrived. It was an unbelievable setting. Washington, D.C. was electric with enthusiasm from one end of The Mall to the other. We were fortunate enough to have a bus

escort to the capitol and great seats from which to watch the Inauguration. We couldn't control the tears of joy!!

That night it was off to the Home States Ball, where Jay got to meet the new President in person, with her daughter Madhuri, who originally worked on his campaigns back in Illinois and is now at the White House. I staked myself out near the dance floor to get pictures of the first couple dancing. I was not disappointed.

So for Jay and me, our magical tour was complete. But while one job was done, we headed back to Michigan knowing many more lay ahead.



RESOLUTIONS

Title: Increase Public Awareness of Bisphenol-A (BPA)

Original Authors: Gerald Natzke, DO

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage hospitals and physicians offices to forgo the use of products containing BPA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS recommend to patients to whom they provide care knowledge about the potential dangers of the use of BPA containing products; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage local, state, and national retailers to avoid making available products which contain BPA

Title: Increase Breast Feeding Benefits Awareness

Original Authors: Rima Jibaly, MD

RESOLVED: That MSMS thoroughly encourage women to breast feed; be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask health systems to increase support of lactation educators; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask health plans to pay for appropriate lactation educators and support systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage other organizations to support the American Academy of Pediatric guidelines on breast feeding

Title: Adopt the Greater Flint Health Coalitions Position on Timely Payment on Standardization of Medical Claims, Submission, and Processing

Original Authors: John Waters, MD

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek the infrastructure changes required to meet the standards of the Greater Flint Health Coalition including adoption of a standard claims processing software application that does not allow the customization; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to require payors to relinquish the degree of claims submission propriety in order to achieve standardization for medical claims submission and processing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work toward establishing a common language for the health care system which will move the system to interoperability in claims submission

Title: Ask AMA to Develop a Payment Code for Prior Authorization of Procedures

Original Authors: Shafi Ahmed, MD, Samasandrapalya Kiran, MD

RESOLVED: That MSMS request AMA to pursue establishment of a code which would allow physicians to seek reimbursement for participating in the prior authorization process with third-party payors and managed care entities

RESOLUTIONS

Title: Change Medicare Yearly Checkup Requirements

Original Authors: Shafi Ahmed, MD

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the American Medical Association to seek alterations of the Medicare rules to allow yearly checkups with a grace period of thirty days to allow for the various fluctuations in individuals schedules

Title: Reducing Medication Waste from Extended Care

Original Author: Pino D. Colone, MD

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with appropriate agencies to develop plans to recover safe, unused, unopened, unexpired medications from deceased or transferred extended care facility patients, and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask that the AMA to work with appropriate agencies to develop plans to recover safe, unused, unopened, unexpired medications from deceased or transferred extended care facility patients



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The Dr. Nathan Davis International Award in Medicine honors a physician for outstanding international service in the areas of medical practice, medical education or medical research. This award for 2009 was given to AppaRao Mukkamala, M.D., from Grand Blanc, Michigan, established NRI Medical College and General Hospital in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. The medical school has dramatically impacted health care in India by providing a stream of physicians into the country as well as cutting-edge medical research and free care to the community.

Facing adversity is nothing new to AppaRao Mukkamala, MD-and neither is conquering it. As the seventh of 10 children growing up in a three-bedroom home in Andhra Pradesh, India, Dr. Mukkamala never knew the luxuries of running water, paved roads or hardwood floors.

But his humble beginnings didn't stop him from actively pursuing his mission to help others. He often says, "We must do what we can in our own little corner of the world to make this place a better place to live in." So as a teenager, that's what he set out to do, beginning medical school at the age of 16.

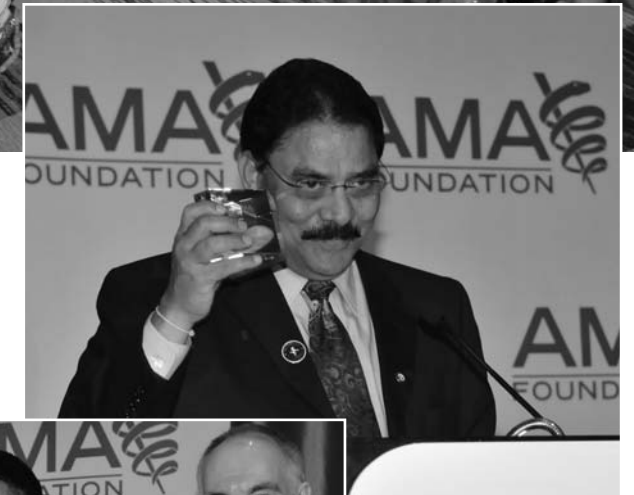
Upon graduating at age 23, he moved to the United States with \$1.50 in his pocket, a suitcase full of clothes and his medical degree in hand. More than 30 years later, Dr. Mukkamala, who now resides in Grand Blanc, MI, has made great strides across the globe.

In 2003 he and a group of friends established NRI Medical College and General Hospital in Andhra Pradesh, which today is rated as one of the better schools in India. As president of NRI General Hospital, Dr. Mukkamala runs a 750-bed facility that provides free and low-cost care to 1,000 patients every day.

Following the Asian tsunami of 2003, Dr. Mukkamala and his wife founded Chinmaya Vijaya Orphanage to provide a safe and stable environment-including food, health care and education-for young girls in Andhra Pradesh. The orphanage houses almost 50 girls.

If starting a medical school, hospital and orphanage weren't enough, Dr. Mukkamala founded the Telugu Association of North America, the largest ethnic Indian association in the United States. He was the first physician to serve on the board at Hurley Medical Center, led initiatives to form international medical graduate sections in both the Michigan State Medical Society and the AMA, and is heading a project with colleagues and community leaders in Michigan to open a new medical school.

"Dr. Mukkamala is a born leader and one of the most compassionate and caring individuals that we have ever met," says Peter Levine, executive director of Genesee County Medical Society, of which Dr. Mukkamala once served as president. "Community leaders seek him out, colleagues ask for his advice and students know him to be an enthusiastic supporter and mentor."



GCMS DELEGATES ENERGIZE MSMS JOINT SECTION MEETING

Thirteen delegates attended the MSMS Joint Section meetings. In attendance were Doctors: Shafi Ahmed, Sam Kiran, Venkat Rao, Ed Christy, Rima Jibaly, Venu Vadlamudi, Mona Hardas, Bobby Mukkamala, Nita Kulkarni, Michael Kia, Naveed Iqbal, Sunita Tummala, Manisha Kia. Also in attendance were Lakshmi Tummala, President of the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance who addressed the assembled delegation, and Pete Levine, staff.

GCMS members were successful in Section elections. Shafi Ahmed, MD assumed the chairmanship of the IMG Section Governing Council; Venkat Rao, MD was elected Delegate to the AMA IMG Section; Rima Jibaly, MD was elected At-Large Officer of the IMG Section; Resident Representative to the IMG Governing Council will be Naveed Iqbal, MD; Proctor will be Mona Hardas, MD. In the Young Physician Section, Nita Kulkarni, MD will serve a second term as Chair of the Governing Council. Sunita Tummala, MD will serve as Alternate Delegate to the MSMS House of Delegates. Manisha Kia, MD will serve as Secretary of the Young Physicians Section. Venu Vadlamudi, MD will serve another term on the MSMS Board representing the Residents and Fellows Section.

Slightly under 50% of all of the delegates attending the meeting were from Genesee County. Our members were extremely well represented.

Myriad resolutions were presented by Genesee County representatives. (IMG Section Resolutions were published last month. The Young Physician Resolutions are in this issue.) The titles and authors of the resolutions appear as follows: IMG Resolution IMG 09-1 MSMS Opposed Discrimination in Residency

Selection by Venkat Rao, MD; resolution IMG 09-2 Assuring Diversity in USMLE Exam original author Venkat Rao, MD; resolution IMG 09-3 Bill of Rights for J1 Visa Holding Physicians original author Rima Jibaly, MD; resolution IMG 09-14 Temporary Social Security Number original author Qazi Azher, MD; resolution IMG 09-15 Free Play Benefits to Children Awareness original author Rima Jibaly, MD; resolution IMG 09-16 Rationalize Visa & Licensure Process for International Medical Graduate Residents original author Qazi Azher, MD; resolution - IMG 09-17 Urge Insurance and Managed Care Entities to Reject Prior Authorization Requirements for Medications original author Samasandrapalya Kiran, MD; and resolution IMG 09-18 Urge Insurance and Managed Care Entities to Reject Prior Authorization Requirements for Radiological Procedures original author Samasandrapalya Kiran, MD. The Young Physicians Section resolutions included: Graduate Medical Education Collaboration for Resident and Fellow Education and Participation in Organized Medicine, original authors Paul D. Bozyk, MD and Nita M. Kulkarni, MD; Duplication of Certificate of Need Process, original author Bobby Mukkamala, MD; Support Reduction in Paper Utilization at the House of Delegates, original authors Nita Kulkarni, MD and Venu Vadlamudi, MD; Term of Young Physicians Section Chair, original author Nita M. Kulkarni, MD.

The assembled delegates also heard presentations by Lakshmi Tummala on the MSMS Alliance, and by Pino Colone MD a Genesee County candidate for Vice Speaker of the MSMS House.



- YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION RESOLUTIONS -

TITLE: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COLLABORATION FOR RESIDENT AND FELLOW EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED MEDICINE

ORIGINAL AUTHORS: PAUL D. BOZYK, MD, AND NITA M. KULKARNI, MD

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS FORMALLY COMMEND GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP FOR HOUSE STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN MSMS AND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS PURSUE DIALOGUE WITH GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO OFFER SCHEDULE PROTECTION FOR PHYSICIANS IN TRAINING TO ATTEND LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL MEETINGS IN ORGANIZED MEDICINE AS ABLE, WITHOUT IMPACT ON A TRAINEE'S VACATION BANK; AND BE IT FURTHER

TITLE: DUPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS

ORIGINAL AUTHOR: BOBBY MUKKAMALA, MD

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS PURSUE, THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IN MICHIGAN AND LEGISLATIVE MEANS, A STOP TO BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN PARTICIPATING IN ASSESSMENT OF NEED OF AN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER ONCE IT RECEIVES CERTIFICATION OF NEED FROM THE STATE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS PURSUE, THROUGH DIALOGUE WITH THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND LEGISLATIVE MEANS, REFORM THAT PROHIBITS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN FROM DICTATING HOW MANY ROOMS AN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER CAN USE IN ITS OPERATIONS ONCE IT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER IS APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE.

TITLE: TERM OF THE YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION CHAIR

ORIGINAL AUTHOR: NITA M. KULKARNI, MD

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS AMEND ITS BYLAWS TO MAKE THE POSITION OF THE YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION CHAIR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

TITLE: SUPPORT REDUCTION IN PAPER UTILIZATION AT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ORIGINAL AUTHORS: NITA KULKARNI, MD, AND VENU VADLAMUDI, MD

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY CHANGES BY THE 2010 HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING THAT WILL ALLOW PARTICIPATING MEMBERS TO RECEIVE ALL HANDBOOK, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND DAILY MEETING MATERIALS IN A PAPERLESS FORMAT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: THAT THOSE MEMBERS WHO WANT TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE MSMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES HANDBOOK FOR THE 2010 MEETING WILL NEED TO OPT IN VIA EMAIL OR BY FILLING OUT AN APPROPRIATE FORM AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: THAT MSMS COMMIT TO A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE USE OF PAPER HANDBOOKS AT THE 2010 HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF A PAPERLESS HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING.

RESOLVED: THAT THE MSMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP BY COMMITTING TO A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN PAPER UTILIZATION STARTING WITH ITS 2009 ANNUAL SUMMER BOARD MEETING; AND BE IT FURTHER

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RESPONDER PANEL (in development)

- Richard Smith, MD, President of Michigan State Medical Society
- Dr. Laura Carravallah, Director, Med/Peds Residency Hurley Medical Center, GCMS Board Member
- Dr. John Waters, Ophthalmologist, President of GCMS
- Dr. Luis Perez, Periodontist, President of Genesee District Dental Society
- Stephen Skorcz, President of Greater Flint Health Coalition

PLEASE INVITE ANYONE YOU THINK MAY BE INTERESTED

Dr. Smitherman Jr. is Assistant Dean of Community and Urban Health, and Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. He is also President and CEO of Health Centers Detroit Foundation, a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike in the city of Detroit. His research and expertise focus primarily on creating sustainable systems of care for urban communities, for which he has received more than \$10 million in grant funding to study. Dr. Smitherman has spent the past twenty-one years working with diverse communities in Detroit to develop urban-based primary-care delivery systems that integrate the health, social goals and concerns of the community. Dr. Smitherman recently co-authored and released a book, *Taking Care of the Uninsured: A Path to Reform*.

Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors Meeting – February 24, 2009

MINUTES

Motion:

That the report on the Budget to Actual Report ending January 31, 2009 be approved as presented.
The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the membership changes be approved as presented.

Requesting Membership:

Tejal Joseph, MD - Fam. Practice	Syed Karim, MD - Neurosurgery	
Neetaben Patel, MD - Fam. Med	Donald Robinson, MD - Fam. Prac.	James Wagner, MD - Gen. Surg.
Roger L. Black, DO - Hematology	Thomas Wright, DO - OB-GYN	

Requesting Membership Change from Active to Retired:

Anthony Parillo, MD

Requesting Membership Change from Lifetime to Lifetime/Retired:

George D. Politis, MD

Resident Requesting Membership:

Mazan Al-Qadi, MD	Aamir Ansari, MD	Morrouf Azar, MD
Ankur Bhardwaj, MD	Gurkan Ege, MD	Vaibha Goyal, MD
Ahmed Hamoda, MD	Smitha Iyer, MD	Jafar Kafaie, MD
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Jitendra Sah, MD	Sampath Santhanam-Ethiraj, MD	Imran Shafique, MD
Gagnandeep Singh, MD	Raminder Singh, MD	Mukesh Thawani, MD

Requesting Reinstatement:

Mohamad Alasbahi, MD Khalil Katato, MD

The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution entitled Increase Public Awareness of BPA be approved as amended including the word Bisphenol-A in the title and adding on behalf of the Genesee County Delegation after Gerald Natzke's name.

The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution entitled Increase Breast Feeding Benefits Awareness be approved as presented with the addition of on behalf of the Genesee County Medical Society Delegation after Dr. Jibaly's name. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution entitled "Free Play Benefits of Children Awareness Resolution" authored by Rima Jibaly, MD on behalf of the Genesee County Medical Society IMG Delegation be approved with the following addition of a citation of the relevant studies in the final Whereas. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution entitled "Temporary Social Security Number" authored by Qazi Azher, MD on behalf of the Genesee Count IMG Delegation be approved as presented with the addition of a Whereas, which would read: Whereas, medical residents arrive in the United States without a Social Security card and number, and adding "lawful" to the last Resolve between "upon" and "entry". The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution entitled "Rationalize Visa & Licensure Process for International Medical Graduate Residents" authored by Qazi Azher, MD, on behalf of the Genesee County IMG Delegation be approved as amended to include the words; " to length of the residency program", in the first Resolve before the semicolon, striking the words "to three years" and adding "J1 and" before the word H1. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That staff get an estimate on the cost of scanning the deceased member records. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution authored by John Waters, MD on behalf of the Genesee County Delegation be approved pending revision as directed and circulating to the Board for approval. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution prepared for Dr. Shafi Ahmed entitled "Change Medicare Yearly Checkup Requirements" be approved as revised by the Board. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the resolution on "Reducing Medication Waste From Extended Care Facilities" be approved as revised by the Board of Directors. The Motion Carried.

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Legislative Liaison Committee on the Ball

In April, the Legislative Liaison Committee met with Richard Malone of Congressman Kildee's office, Rep. Woodrow Stanley, Rep. Lee Gonzales, and Kristin Fair from Rep. Paul Scott's office.

Issues discussed included smoke-free workplace, and individual market insurance legislation.

The Committee was adamantly opposed to legislation that has been introduced to water down liability protection of physicians.

It was noted that significantly larger budget short falls are projected than originally expected. In two years there will be a huge budget gap unless substantial economic growth occurs.

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