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Our Vision

That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

Our Mission

The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

PLEASE NOTE

The GCMS Nominating Committee seeks input from members for nominations for the GCMS Presidential Citation for Lifetime Community Service. The Committee would like to be made aware of candidates for consideration.

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GCMS Meetings

Practice Manager Meeting

January 8th, 2026
9:00 A.M

Board of Directors

January 27th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank you for the honor to serve as the President of the Genesee County Medical Society. When I moved to Flint from Detroit just over a decade ago, I was immediately struck by the sincerity of this community. By sincerity, I mean that people here say what they mean, follow through on their commitments, and approach one another with an openness that is increasingly rare.

The Greater Flint Area is culturally rich and deeply diverse. That diversity fosters humility. We are surrounded by individuals with different backgrounds, beliefs, and spiritual traditions, yet each of us arrives with a shared human consciousness. It is within that common ground that we find both connection and purpose.

As an anesthesiologist, consciousness lies at the very heart of my medical practice. In the moments before surgery or a procedure, patients are profoundly vulnerable. At some level, they are confronting their own mortality. Will I wake up? Will I survive? Can I trust these physicians? In those moments, patients surrender control and place their consciousness and well-being into our hands. That surrender is an extraordinary privilege, and one that demands humility, skill, and presence.

Every patient encounter carries the potential to change a life, for better or for worse. We often assume we are making a difference every day, yet we can all recall moments when we fell short, when a patient left feeling frustrated or reduced to a cog in the machinery of modern medicine. Those moments remind us that technical excellence alone is not enough.

My goal as president is to reintroduce and elevate the conscious and the meta-physical dimension of medical practice in Flint. Whether we are Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, agnostic, or social humanist, we can all agree that each night we lie down with an inner sense of self, a consciousness, soul, or spirit exists and animates our thoughts, our values, and our relationships. This shared inner experience is what makes us fundamentally equal, regardless of wealth, health, age, or circumstance.

Our work as physicians is not only to heal the body or to restore function, but to help create the conditions in which that consciousness can flourish. Our goal is to help patients develop their talents and offer their best selves to their families, their communities, and the world around them.

I wish I could focus on fixing Medicaid reimbursement, eliminating red tape, or persuading insurers and institutions to see physicians not as steps in an algorithm, but as builders of human consciousness. Yet change driven by “I” does not build a community. It is the “we” that matters.

The Genesee County Medical Society will serve as a reminder to ourselves and to the community, that physicians care for the whole human and that consciousness lies at the core of true health.



DR. MICHAEL J. DANIC, DO,
GCMS PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GCMS: A Year in Review

The Genesee County Medical Society had a very successful year in 2025. GCMS continued its stability in 2025 maintaining a strong financial position. GCMS remains very strong and active in the county, with its membership holding steady.

In March 2025, GCMS hosted its second Multi-County CME Town Hall webinar. The topic was e-cigarette usage and the hazards associated with vaping. The two presenters were both from Genesee County: Dr. Barra Zuhaili and Dr. Brittany Tayler. The webinar was well attended, particularly by GCMS members.

All medical societies throughout the state of Michigan participated in this statewide Town Hall webinar. The Multi-County Town Hall meetings originated from an idea developed by the Genesee County Medical Society. The first Multi-County CME meeting on pain management and addiction, was held in May 2024 and drew nearly 200 attendees.

In May 2025, the Genesee County Medical Society was well represented at the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) House of Delegates (HOD). The live MSMS HOD meeting was held in Lansing and had over 100 attendees. This marked the final in-person HOD meeting. MSMS has made the decision the 2026 House of Delegates will be held virtual via webinar.

In June 2025, Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, GCMS Board Member and past GCMS President, was installed as the 180th President of the American Medical Association. This was a historic milestone, as the Genesee County Medical Society has never had an AMA President prior to Dr. Bobby Mukkamala. Dr. Mukkamala is the seventh AMA President from Michigan, and the first from Genesee County.

In September, GCMS hosted a Town Hall meeting titled “Come Meet the President of the AMA.” There was no charge to attend; GCMS sponsored the event and provided dinner for all attendees. The Town Hall honored Dr. Mukkamala and his professional achievements. He was presented with a plaque by the GCMS Board members in attendance. Dr. Kulkarni (Dr. Mukkamala’s wife) was also honored with a dozen red roses in a beautiful vase. The meeting at the Genesys banquet facility was very well attended.

In October, GCMS held a live Board of Directors at Brick Street restaurant in a private room. The majority of Board members were in attendance. The camaraderie and networking among Board members was outstanding. Moving forward, GCMS plans to host one to two live Board of Directors meetings per year.

In November, GCMS hosted its annual black-tie-optional event, the President’s Ball. This year, Dr. Kocheril and Dr. Raj were honored as their one-year presidential terms concluded. Dr. Michael Danic was installed as the new GCMS President for the 2025–2026 term. This was the first presidential installation at a live event with a virtual inauguration via Zoom. Dr. Danic was unable to attend in person due to a prior commitment. The Sloan Museum provided equipment to support the virtual inauguration, which went seamlessly. All live GCMS meetings in 2025 provided tremendous camaraderie and demonstrated the value of GCMS membership through meaningful networking opportunities.

The Genesee County Medical Society is deeply thankful for a successful year supporting physicians throughout Genesee County.

Happy holidays to all medical professionals in Genesee County.

Please consider membership in this highly successful organization.

For more information or questions, please contact: executivedirector@gcms.org



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GCMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*For all who celebrate the
season may we all be blessed
with happiness and joy!*





Please join AMA CEO John Whyte, MD, MPH for an open forum discussion with AMA Federation State and County Medical Society staff on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 2pm CST**. Dr. Whyte will host this conversation intended to discuss current issues facing your organizations, increase dialog between Federation partner organizations and the AMA, and compare notes with colleagues and peers.

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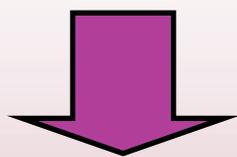
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GCMSA

This month GCMSA met for the annual Christmas Luncheon at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club. In the spirit of giving, items were donated to the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic (as depicted in the left image). Stacy Doyle's trunk was filled to the brim! It was a wonderful time gathering together to enjoy a great meal with a view of the snowy landscape. Thank you to those who sponsored and for Cheryl Thoms who organized the event.

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What to expect from the 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

After years of Medicare physician pay cuts, there is a one-time 2.5% increase as part of the 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule officially set to take effect Jan. 1. There also are key changes to telehealth rules.

But physician practices still have reasons to be concerned about what the 2026 Medicare physician payment schedule means for the overall financial well-being of their ability to provide care for patients, particularly as other adjustments in the schedule will offset that 2.5% increase and result in some practices potentially seeing an overall cut in Medicare pay. [Read](#)

Osteopathic Physician (DO) Licensure Requirements

Each osteopathic physician is required to accumulate 150 hours of continuing education in activities approved by the board during the 3 years immediately preceding the application for renewal of which a minimum of 60 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned through Category 1 programs. Following are other license requirements for:

Controlled Substance Licenses:

Opioids and Other Controlled Substances Awareness Training Standards for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education for an individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

Licensees that prescribe or dispense controlled substances who renewed in 2019 must complete training by January 2023; renewals for 2020 by 2024, renewals for 2021 by 2025. Beginning in September 2019, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content must cover all of the following topics:

- ◆ Use of opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ Integration of treatments.
- ◆ Alternative treatments for pain management.
- ◆ Counseling patients on the effects and risks associated with using opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ The stigma of addiction.
- ◆ Utilizing the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).
- ◆ State and federal laws regarding prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.
- ◆ Security features and proper disposal requirements for prescriptions.

For Medical Licenses:

Training Standards for Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education. Licensees renewing for 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2018 by 2021, and renewals for 2019 by 2022. Beginning in 2021, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content shall cover all of the following:

- ◆ Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in this state or the United States.
- ◆ Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings.
- ◆ Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors.
- ◆ Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

Education on Pain and Symptom Management

A minimum of 3 hours of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle. At least 1 of the 3 hours must include controlled substances prescribing.

Continuing education hours may include, but are not limited to, any of the following areas:

- ◆ Public health burden of pain.
- ◆ Ethics and health policy related to pain.
- ◆ Michigan pain and controlled substance laws.
- ◆ Pain definitions.
- ◆ Basic sciences related to pain including pharmacology.
- ◆ Clinical sciences related to pain.
- ◆ Specific pain conditions.
- ◆ Clinical physician communication related to pain.
- ◆ Management of pain, including evaluation and treatment and nonpharmacological and pharmacological management.
- ◆ Ensuring quality pain care and controlled substances prescribing.
- ◆ Michigan programs and resources relevant to pain.

Medical Ethics

A minimum of one-hour of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle.

Implicit Bias

A minimum of 3 hours every 3-year relicensure cycle. New licensees need 2 hours within the 5 years immediately preceding.

Renewals from June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023, need 1 hour; renewals from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024, need 2 hours; renewals from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025, need 3 hours. Then after, every 3-year renewal cycle will need to report 3 hours. (Any hours after June 2021 can be used.)

Training must include strategies to reduce disparities in access to and delivery of health care services and the administration of pre- and post-test implicit bias assessments.

Acceptable modalities of training include asynchronous teleconference or webinars, in addition to live activities and live webinars.

Training content must include, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following topics:

- ◆ Information on implicit bias, equitable access to health care, serving a diverse population, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and cultural sensitivity.
- ◆ Strategies to remedy the negative impact of implicit bias by recognizing and understanding how it impacts perception, judgment, and actions that may result in inequitable decision making, failure to effectively communicate, and result in barriers and disparities in the access to and delivery of health care services.
- ◆ The historical basis and present consequences of implicit biases based on an individual's characteristics.
- ◆ Discussion of current research on implicit bias in the access to and delivery of health care services.

Medical Doctor (MD) Licensure Requirements

Each medical doctor is required to complete 150 hours of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the board of which a minimum 75 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned in courses or programs designated as Category 1 programs. Other license requirements are listed here:

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Important Update: MMR Vaccination Guidelines

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of a child in Texas due to measles, a disease that can be prevented through vaccination. This loss reminds us how important it is to protect our communities.

Texas is currently facing a measles outbreak with 146 confirmed cases as of February 28th. This situation is a stark reminder that measles is still a serious threat, even though it was thought to be eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

Vaccines are our best defense against measles. The MMR vaccine, when given in two doses at the appropriate time, stops over 97% of measles infections. Our community is vulnerable, with an [81% MMR vaccination](#) rate which is significantly lower than recommended rate for community immunity. This makes it one of our most powerful tools to keep people healthy.

To help our healthcare teams respond to this situation, we are sharing an important update on vaccination guidelines. This information will help us better serve and protect our community during this challenging time.

MMR Vaccination Guidelines

Presumed Immunity and Vaccination Recommendations:

- Adults born before 1957 are generally presumed to have immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Healthcare workers should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine.
- Certain medical conditions may require 2 doses of MMR as per CDC guidelines.
- The minimum spacing is 28 days.

Special Considerations:

- Adults vaccinated in the 1960s with an inactivated or unknown type of measles vaccine should receive at least one dose of MMR.

Current Childhood Immunization Schedule:

- One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% protective against measles.
- There is currently no need to deviate from the current recommended childhood immunization schedule.
- Children can wait until age 4 for the second dose, especially given no evidence of transmission in our community.
- One dose will also help protect against severe disease if infected.

Early Vaccination for Infants:

- There is no need to start vaccination earlier than age 1 given the current state of the outbreak. We will notify you immediately if this recommendation changes.



- CDC recommends that infants >6 months and <12 years who are **traveling internationally** should receive a dose of MMR vaccine prior to travel.
- Given the current outbreak, we recommend this dose for infants **traveling** with their parents to **West Texas**.
- Any dose given before 12 months does **NOT** count toward the MMR series (0 dose).
- Children will still need two doses following the normal childhood immunizations schedule.

Contraindications:

MMR and other live vaccines should NOT be given to individuals with:

- Pregnancy
- HIV infection with CD4 count <15% or <200m
- Severe immunodeficiency (consult with healthcare provider)
- Certain immunosuppressant medications, including:
 - High-dose steroids (≥2 weeks of daily 20 mg or 2 mg/kg body weight of prednisone or equivalent)
 - Specific biologics (e.g., Humira)
 - Chemotherapy
- Recent receipt of antibody-containing blood products (within past 11 months)

Additional Resources:

- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Measles Preparedness Toolkit](#)

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary. For comprehensive information on contraindications and precautions, please consult our [immunizations team](#) or refer to official [CDC guidelines](#).

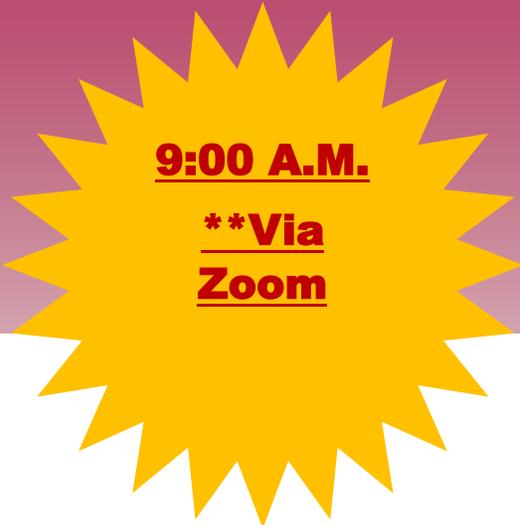
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michela Corsi'.

Michela Corsi, MD, MPH, MA
Medical Director, Genesee County Health Department

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ATTENTION

A bright yellow starburst shape with multiple points, containing text.

9:00 A.M.

****Via
Zoom**

**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS IT'S ESSENTIAL
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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern
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Please email executivedirector@gcms.org to RSVP,

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Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Health Care Providers Guide to In-Office
Testing and Prevention



GENESEE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DISCONTINUATION-Measles-IgM Testing



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Laboratory System Partner,

Effective immediately, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) will no longer offer measles IgM testing due to a manufacturer kit recall. Specimens submitted for measles IgM testing will be forwarded to partner laboratories for testing.

Measles RT-PCR and measles IgG testing are not impacted and remain available at the BOL.

For questions regarding this change, please contact:

Virology Section Manager, Dr. Katie Margulieux, MargulieuxK@michigan.gov 517-335-8099, or

Viral Serology Unit Manager, Kristine Smith, SmithK8@michigan.gov 517-335-8100.



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- ◆ GCMS hosts monthly Practice Manager's meeting discussing complicated insurance issues in round table discussions with various insurance companies. If you find on-going insurance issues, please reach out to GCMS staff at executivedirector@gcms.org and we can connect that insurance company representative with our hard working Practice Managers.
- ◆ GCMS staff helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
- ◆ GCMS Membership Committee has collaborated and has a plan in place to reach out to and meet with various practices in Genesee County. If you have colleagues that are not yet GCMS members, please connect with them!
**** A flyer of GCMS benefits can be provided to you.

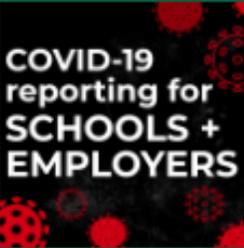


[For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Data Dashboard for Genesee County](#)



[For Reporting](#)



EMPLOYERS + SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:
Do you need to report a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 case?
Click the button to email the Communicable Disease team at GCHD-CD@gchd.us or call (810) 257-1017

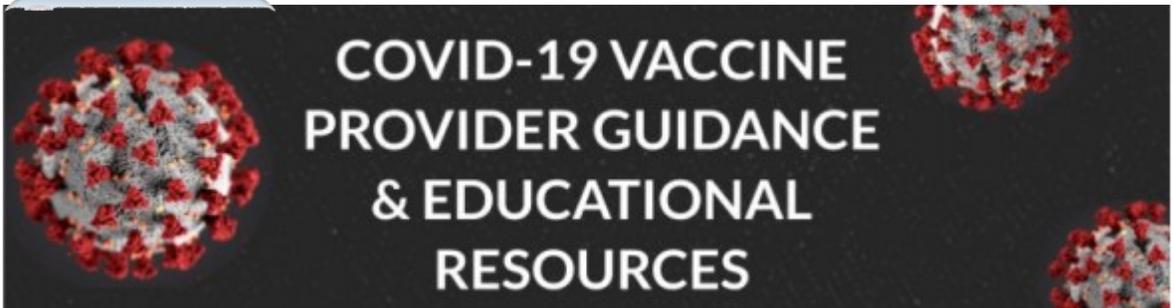


[For State of Michigan Covid-19 Information](#)





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**COVID-19 VACCINE
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COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates how diseases without vaccines can devastate economic and public health. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases. In the U.S., there is currently no approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. MDHHS is working with the CDC and Michigan stakeholders to prepare and plan for when the vaccine is available. The initial draft of our state's plan is now available and will be updated often in the coming months. Visit regularly for the most recent information on the COVID-19 vaccine and Michigan's preparations.

[COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN](#)

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GCMS is very pleased to announce a relationship with Luna Language Services. Luna offers a number of different virtual options to assist physician offices with language interpretation services. As an added benefit to your GCMS Membership, a discount is now offered to all GCMS members utilizing

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Please contact **David Hoff** Executive Director to register your office for discounted services.

*Genesee County Medical Society Members
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FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME) for all active MSMS members beginning Dec. 2, 2024*

**Free CME begins 12/2/24. No refunds on any CME, including webinars, courses, trainings, online or in-person events registered for prior to 12/2/2024.*

EXCITING NEWS

FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY...

The Michigan State Medical Society is excited to announce a significant enhancement to the benefits of membership. **Beginning December 2, 2024, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) will offer FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME) to all active members***.

MSMS aims to support the professional development of all Michigan physicians and ensure access to the latest medical knowledge and practices. MSMS offers a diverse range of educational offerings to help physicians stay informed and compliant with all licensure requirements in an ever-evolving health care landscape. This new membership benefit provides **a value of more than \$8000**. MSMS invites you to deepen your impact and become engaged in the dynamic changes taking place in Michigan's medical landscape by becoming a member of MSMS.

Every physician in Michigan can make the most of this exciting new benefit by joining the Michigan State Medical Society today!

Call 517-336-5716

to enjoy the privileges of membership in the Michigan State Medical Society.

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Easy Ways to Donate to the Medical Society Foundation:

The Medical Society Foundation is engaged in a Capitol Campaign. The purpose of the Campaign is to grow the corpus to support the charitable activities of the Genesee County Medical Society. Those activities include public and community health, support for the underserved, and wellness initiatives.

To continue its good work, the Medical Society Foundation is asking you to consider leaving a legacy gift to the Foundation. If all, or even a significant portion of our membership left just a small part of our estates to the Foundation, the Foundation could continue helping this community in so many ways, by supporting the Medical Society.

To make a gift, simply use these words:

In your Trust, "Grantor directs Trustee to distribute ___% of all assets then held in Trust or later added to this Trust to the Medical Society Foundation, to be held in an endowed fund and used in the discretion of its then existing board of directors in furtherance of the purposes of the Foundation."

In your Will, "I give, devise and bequeath ___% of my Estate to the Medical Society Foundation, to be held in an endowed fund and used in the discretion of its then existing Board of Directors in furtherance of the purposes of the Foundation."

While this is not a subject that is comfortable to broach, it is an opportunity to support the Foundation which supports the Medical Society's charitable activities on behalf of the membership. Please give. You can give via a trust or will. You can give from your IRA. You can give appreciated stock, and you can give cash. Please support the organization which does so much on behalf of the medical community and the patients we serve.



Don't Forget!
Donations are tax deductible!

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- Are you a Physician **and** you are a member of GCMS and you have a new practice in Michigan?
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Let Genesee County Medical Society help!

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(ONLINE MAGAZINE)

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TO LEARN MORE, VISIT
www.MSMS.org/SafeHaven

To support the needs of physicians and health care providers struggling with stress, burnout, and the effects of COVID-19, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and VITAL WorkLife have partnered to offer a comprehensive set of well being resources and confidential counseling services for their use, SafeHaven™.





Commit to Fit provides nutrition, physical activity, and healthy food access programming throughout Flint and Genesee County with a focus on disadvantaged communities and a commitment to forging strong relationships with community-based organizations (CBOs) and residents. Its nutrition education combines the SNAP-Ed Fork and the Road and The Learning Kitchen interventions with the Cooking with Kids program, which demonstrates to residents of all ages how to eat healthily on a budget, how to incorporate produce unique to Michigan into their diets, and how small changes in what they eat can make huge differences in their health.

[Commit to Fit Fitness Class Calendar](#)

Empowering Health in Genesee County

The power of partnership lies at the heart of the Greater Flint Health Coalition – a broad cross-sector collaboration between Flint and Genesee County’s leadership including public health, physicians, hospitals, health insurers, safety-net providers, businesses, education, community-based organizations, non-profits, government, policymakers, labor, media, and local residents.



MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



Did you know that all donations made to the **Medical Society Foundation** are 100% Tax-deductible? If you are interested in donating, or if you have any further questions, please contact

executivedirector@gcms.org Thank you!



Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act/Medication Access and Training Expansion Act and Corresponding State Modifications

June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

Most practitioners are now aware that Congress has passed the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act that removed the federal "DATA 2000" or "DATA-Waiver Program," and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that established a one-time training on substance use disorder for practitioners who prescribe controlled substances when they obtain or renew their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. In light of these changes, which are intended to educate practitioners and reduce barriers to obtaining medications for opioid use disorder (OUD) by eliminating burdens on providers who currently prescribe medications and new providers who wish to treat patients with OUD, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) would like to convey the following corresponding changes at the state level:

- The new DEA one-time 8-hour training requirement is effective June 27, 2023. Effective on this date, or the date on which the DEA requires the 8-hour training in the event the effective date is delayed, and until further notice, a practitioner required to attend a one-time opioid and controlled substances awareness training by the state's Controlled Substances Rules, may use the 8 hours of training that is accepted by the DEA for their controlled substances registration to also meet the state's required one-time training on opioids and other controlled substances awareness.
- In addition, R 338.3163 that limits prescribing, dispensing and administering a controlled substance to an individual with a substance use disorder will not be enforced by BPL until the rule is either modified or rescinded. This rule limited the circumstances under which a practitioner could treat an individual with substance use disorder, as well as the number of individuals that could be treated. All other laws and rules, both federal and state, must still be followed.

For more information about the elimination of the DATA-Waiver Program, and DEA's 8-hour substance disorder training, please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html

! [MATE Training Letter Final.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

Questions may be sent to : BPLHelp@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing
Licensing Division

FROM GCMS & GCMSA

Thank you all for another wonderful year and we hope you have a blessed, Happy Holiday. We are looking forward to spending the upcoming year growing and sharing with you!

Happy Holiday



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- I am in my first year of practice post-residency.
- I am in my second year of practice post-residency.
- I am in my third year of practice post-residency.
- I have moved into Michigan; this is my first year practicing in the state.
- I work 20 hours or less per week.
- I am currently in active military duty.
- I am in full, active practice.
- I am a resident/fellow.

Male Female

First (legal) Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MD DO

Nickname or Preferred Form of Legal Name: _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Job Title: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Address Preferred Mail Preferred Bill Preferred Mail and Bill

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Please base my county medical society membership on the county of my (if addresses are in different counties): Office Address Home Address

*Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Birth Country _____ MI Medical License #: _____ ME #: _____

Medical School _____ Graduation Year: _____ ECFMG # (if applicable) _____

Residency Program _____ Program Completion Year _____

Fellowship Program _____ Program Completion Year _____

Hospital Affiliation _____

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• Secondary Specialty _____ Board Certified: Yes No

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Spouse's First Name: _____ Spouse's Last Name: _____

Is your spouse a physician?: Yes No If yes, are they a member of MSMS?: Yes No

Within the last five years, have you been convicted of a felony crime?: Yes No If "yes," please provide full information: _____

Within the last five years, have you been the subject of any disciplinary action by any medical society or hospital staff?: Yes No

If "yes," please provide full information: _____

I agree to support the County Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, the Michigan State Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, and the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association as applied by the AMA and the MSMS Judicial Commission.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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