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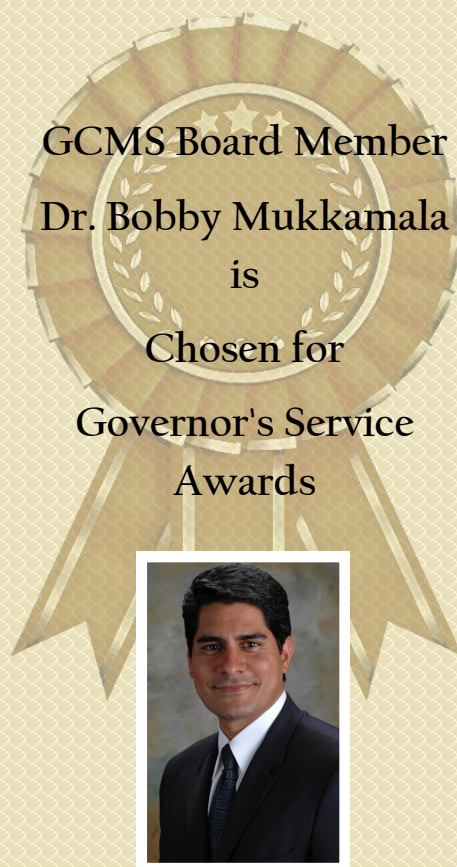
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Our Vision

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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President's Message

Greetings Members!

The term Doctor originated from the Latin word Docere, which means to teach, mainly in relation to theology. Later the use expanded to teachers of various disciplines including music. In the expansion of Universities, the term was limited to people who earned a degree of Doctor of Philosophy from a University. In addition the term was used for people who treat disease and later people who earned a degree of a Doctor of Medicine. There came a period of time when other unqualified professionals adopted the term doctor and it was decided that Doctors of Medicine will use the title MD or DO to distinguish them with their degrees. These changes followed extensive discussions both IN THE US and across the Atlantic. The goal was to protect the public from confusion and exploitation by unqualified people when they seek healthcare.

Similar problems are happening these days with the vast numbers of midlevel health care providers from Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants graduating from a large number of schools (whom allow graduation using virtual online class requirements). Lately Physicians assistants voted to change their name to Physicians Associate. It is difficult to comprehend the goal of having their credentialing title changed, but it is quite predictable that having a credentialing title change will create more confusion in the minds of healthcare recipients. Moreover, some midlevel providers are obtaining PhD degrees and obtaining the title of doctor. Nothing is more confusing than that. We all know the level of Education and the type of training they receive and the quality of that training does not qualify them to be called Doctors of Medicine, even though 22 States now recognize Nurse Practitioners as Independent Providers (that is a discussion for another day). It is enough to know that most midlevel provider schools leave them to secure their clinical training by themselves. I came across a Physician Assistant whose clinical training included only one in a hospital and another month in an urgent care then graduated.

In the 19th century the BMJ wrote that : anyone wanting the right to the title of "Doctor" could gain it "with a five-shilling degree of Doctor of Philosophy" from abroad. Because of Physicians shortages, but mainly because of economic reasons, we see that employers are using mid level providers more and more, but sometimes in areas where more qualified Physicians are needed like emergency medicine. In fact, this has affected the employment of Emergency Physicians nowadays in a significant degree. If we take into consideration that three out of every four Physicians is employed it is quite foreseeable that unless we take a strong stance, the term provider will stick with us. Especially by administrators in the healthcare field.

"Physicians are not providers" : in an **Open Letter to the AMA** two physicians ended their piece with the following plea: "The word 'provider' is a non-specific and nondescript term that confers little meaning. Dec 16, 2019.

The title Doctor, we have to assert, was not a gift given to us by anybody and it is not a military rank or a privilege that is bestowed on us by anybody. It is a degree that we earned through hard work and learning and knowledge and a degree we are proud of , designating us as members and guardians of our noble profession. It is not a favor we are asking from anybody . We have to applaud the amended resolution by the Michigan State Medical Society which activity efforts to diminish the qualification and training of Physicians by calling them medical providers, team members, Healthcare Providers or any other reference in lieu of the legal title of Physician or Doctor.

Sincerely,

Khalid Ahmed, MD

GCMS President



Board of Directors

May 24, 2022

6:00 p.m.

**via Zoom*

Legislative Liaison

June 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.

**via Zoom*

Practice Managers

June 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.

**via Zoom*

Medical Society Foundation

June 15, 2022

6:00 p.m.

**via Zoom*

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Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates 2022

The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) has successfully completed the 157th meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD). The meeting was held April 30 – May 1, 2022 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo. I had the distinct honor of receiving an invitation to this historic event. I represented the Genesee County Medical Society as the county Executive.

Genesee County Medical Society had a total of 9 attendees:

Dr. Venkat Rao

Dr. Rama Rao

Dr Edward Christy

Dr Khalid Ahmed

Dr Nita Kulkarni District Director VI

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala (Immediate past President)

Dr. Paul Kocheril

Dr. John Waters

David Hoff MA, CCP

Dr. Pino Colone (President Absent)

Friday April 29, 2022 all of the County Executive Directors throughout the state met & discussed how the HOD operates and what to expect. A walk through was performed discussing the procedure of the HOD. The statewide county executives gathered in a pub and exchanged ideas, problems, and words of wisdom.



The first picture includes a photo bomb from Dr. Michael Chafty of Kalamazoo.



Saturday April 30th was a great experience.

Resolutions that had been submitted were discussed and testimony given.

Dr. Edward Christy served on the Internal Affairs and Bylaws Reference committee.



Dr Rama Rao served on the Public Health Reference Committee.



Dr Venkat Rao gave testimony with support for the resolution submitted by GCMS.

The resolution submitted by GCMS had good discussion and passed.



Dr Bobby Mukkamala Immediate Past President delivered a heartwarming presentation.



Dr John Waters the MSMS Treasurer delivered the financial report.



Dr. Nita Kulkarni District Director VI (photos from 2019)



Sunday May 1 the resolutions were voted on. The majority of all resolutions passed.

After almost two years of Zoom meetings with the MSMS, I finally had an opportunity to meet the MSMS staff in person.

I would like to thank the MSMS staff for their support and guidance:

Julie Novak

Ben Louagie

Kevin McFatrige

Rebecca Blake

Joshua Richmond

Josiah Kissling

Jennifer Finney

Carrie Wheeler

Stacey Hettiger

Scott Kempa

Dr Thomas Veverka from Saginaw was inaugurated as the new President of MSMS.



GCMS at the House of Delegates:





Attending the 157th House of Delegates was a fantastic experience. I look forward to attending the HOD in 2023.



DAVID HOFF, MA, CCP



FREE STROKE SCREENING

Strokes don't discriminate; they affect people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds. Fortunately, many strokes are preventable, and you can take steps now to reduce your risk. Begin by understanding the risk factors and find out which are specific to you. Come to our free screening event put on by the Flint Stroke Coalition which is represented by all three Genesee County hospitals and the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic - it could save your life!

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MSMS Legislative Platform & Priorities



MSMS Legislative Priorities

Key priorities of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and its 15,000 physician and medical student members are as follows:

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a devastating toll on the physical and mental health of Michigan citizens, as well as the economic health of our state. Additionally, many of Michigan's medical practices are trying to regroup from financial and staffing losses and increased costs to comply with regulatory mandates. By using scientific data to help inform decision-making, MSMS is committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders to end the COVID-19 pandemic, safely re-engage all economic sectors, provide efficient and equitable vaccine distribution, and ensure practice sustainability.

Prior Authorization and Step Therapy Reform

The prior authorization process diverts valuable resources away from direct patient care, can delay the start or continuation of necessary treatment, and can negatively impact patient health outcomes. Step therapy, also known as fail first, is another practice that disrupts patient care by requiring patients to try other therapies before being approved for the treatment that their doctor originally prescribed. MSMS will work closely with the Legislature, regulators, and other stakeholders on ways to reform prior authorization and step therapy processes to ensure transparency, remove unnecessary and costly care delays, and support shared decision-making.

Team-based Care

Patients are best served by a team-based approach to care that provides the maximum amount of choice while ensuring that they benefit from the additional training and expertise that comes from having a physician on the team. A highly functioning health care team is the best way to serve patients. MSMS will continue to promote the role of the physician as the leader of the health care team and oppose any efforts to expand allied health professionals scope of practice that may put patients at risk.

Telemedicine

Telemedicine has proven to be an effective care delivery method that ensures convenient and timely access to patients. Before the outbreak of COVID-19, insurers covered telemedicine visits to varying extents; however, there were often obstacles such as low reimbursement and restrictions on site of care. Although payers removed some of the regulatory and administrative barriers during the pandemic, these policies are now reverting to pre-pandemic times. Moving forward, payment and service parity for the use of clinically appropriate telemedicine services is critical.

Health Equity

Several events in 2020 brought to the forefront the need to prioritize advocacy addressing systemic policies and other contributing factors that deny historically marginalized groups equal and just opportunities to maximize quality of life and health outcomes. In order to improve the health of all populations, MSMS will work to advance policies that reduce disparities and improve health equity.

Graduate Medical Education (GME)

Studies repeatedly demonstrate that one of the best ways to recruit and retain physicians is via local medical schools and residency programs. GME helps fill the gap in underserved areas by providing extremely low-cost care to those most in need. Michigan has been a leader in expanding medical school class sizes to address the projected demand for physician services, it is imperative that we continue to fund GME slots to allow these future physicians to learn here in Michigan, train here in Michigan, and stay here in Michigan.

Legislative & Regulatory Platform

MSMS has long-standing positions and policies on numerous topics. Following is an overview of the top issues comprising the MSMS legislative and regulatory advocacy platform.

Insurance and Regulatory Advocacy

- Support mental health and substance use disorder parity
- Ensure appropriate access to and payment for telemedicine
- Advocate for adequate and transparent physician networks
- Reduce unnecessary administrative costs

Public Health and Prevention

- Strengthen public health infrastructure
- Support vaccine availability and oppose efforts to weaken Michigan's vaccine laws
- Improve health equity
- Ensure access to evidence-based non-opioid pain care and opioid use disorder treatment
- Reduce childhood environmental hazards
- Reduce gun violence through health screening, patient counseling and expanded access to mental health services

Professional Liability

- Preserve existing tort reforms
- Support higher negligence thresholds in medical liability cases
- Eliminate the lost opportunity doctrine
- Maintain the legislative intent and enforceability of all medical liability tort reforms

Medicaid

- Seek funding parity with Medicare
- Seek funding sources that are fair and sustainable
- Support state funding for the Healthy Michigan Plan
- Ensure access to physician-directed care

Physician Supply and Training

- Increase graduate medical education funding at state level
- Minimize burden of medical school debt

Insurance Contracting Reform

- Limit retroactive audit timeframes
- Support adequate disclosure of fee screens
- Support appeals process that includes independent reviews

Scope of Practice

- Support physician-led, team-based health care
- Support education over legislation as the means of increasing scope of practice
- Oppose independent prescriptive authority by non-physicians
- Support patient right-to-know/health professional credentials disclosure

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AMA Turns 175

May 2022

AMA at 175: Our national partner contributing to Genesee County Medical Society's success

The gains we constantly make in diagnosing and treating illness and injury are easy to take for granted – until we realize just how far organized medicine has advanced since the mid-1800s, when bloodletting and blistering helped place “bodily humors” back into balance.

Today, next-generation mRNA vaccines and groundbreaking advancements in gene therapy are just two examples demonstrating our tremendous progress in restoring health and maintaining wellness for all, which also means dismantling the structural and social drivers of health inequities.

The American Medical Association (AMA), which marks the 175th anniversary of its founding in May 2022, helps propel the science and research that drives organized medicine forward through advocacy and innovation built around the world's first-ever code of medical ethics. The AMA's work to both standardize and modernize medical education and physician training are key elements in meeting its mission to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

As not only an individual membership association, but the convening national body of medicine through its House of Delegates – comprised of more than 190 state and specialty medical societies and other critical stakeholders – the AMA is the nation's largest and most influential medical organization. The policies adopted by the House of Delegates underpin its advocacy and guide ethical medical practice for millions of physicians in the U.S. and around the world.

Delegates selected by the state medical associations, medical specialty societies, national medical organizations and other recognized constituent associations that comprise the AMA House of Delegates meet twice each year to shape AMA policy and prioritize initiatives in medical education, ethical and judicial affairs, public health, diversity and inclusion, and a host of other subjects.

Genesee County Medical Society has been proud to partner with the AMA for decades! Not only is the history of Genesee County Medical Society's support of physicians and advancing public health in conjunction with the AMA impressive, some of our GCMS Physicians have served on the Governing Council and Senior positions on the AMA Board.



Since the earliest days of its founding, the AMA and its state and specialty medical association partners have put patients first – from our earliest efforts to protect the public from medical quackery and fraudulent “medicines” that were ineffective at best and life-threatening at worst. Over the years, we have spoken for physicians in a unified voice in championing vaccine safety and efficacy, confirming the harmful effects of tobacco use while helping ban smoking on airliners, and advocating for seat belts as standard equipment in vehicles, among other initiatives.

The AMA continues to fulfill its mission by working to remove obstacles to patient care, leading the charge to prevent chronic disease and confront public health crises, and driving the future of medicine through innovation and improved physician training and education.

While the AMA can be rightfully proud of its contributions to organized medicine, the organization has also owned up to the fact that some of its prior actions and policies helped create many of the disparities and inequities in health that persist today. The AMA has acknowledged these mistakes and is working collaboratively to eliminate inequities throughout health care in order to achieve optimal health for all.

As the AMA marks its 175th anniversary, its leadership is grateful for the contributions of time and volunteer service by millions of physician members who have advanced its mission over generations while working tirelessly to improve the health of their patients, communities, and our nation.



Governor's Service Awards

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Community Service Commission are pleased to honor 10 winners of the 2020/2021 Governor's Service Awards who supported significant needs and made a difference in food distribution, health or supporting other community issues during the pandemic.

"Through the historic challenges of the last couple of years, countless Michiganders stepped up to support their loved ones. On National Volunteer Recognition Day, we acknowledge those individuals, businesses, and organizations that went above and beyond, selflessly devoting their time and resources to make a difference for their fellow Michiganders," said **Gov. Whitmer**. "The 10 individuals receiving the Governor's Service Awards this year helped strengthen our communities by feeding families, administering vaccines, supporting local businesses, mentoring young people, and so much more. We should strive to live up to the example they have set and continue helping one another because tough times don't last, but tough people do."

To recognize those who go above and beyond, the Governor's Service Awards have been presented since 1994. For nearly 30 years, the Michigan Community Service Commission has supported Michigan volunteers, organizations and businesses that are committed to service and play a critical role in improving the lives of people and our communities.

Nominations are open for the 2022 Governor's Service Awards and can be found at [2022 Governor's Service Awards Survey \(research.net\)](#)

COVID-19 Governor's Service Awards Winners:

**Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, Dr. Delicia Pruitt, Hugh Mahler, Jenna Arcidiacono,
Lisa Jahnke, Pat Munshaw, Dr. Phil Knight, Priscilla Bordayo,
Rebeka Islam, and Vivian Murray**



Dr. Bobby Mukkamala -Flint

In the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Bobby Mukkamala—an otolaryngologist - head and neck surgeon—jumped into action and found several ways to support the Flint Community.

He heard people were reluctant to be swabbed for COVID-19 tests. With his job, he was used to swabbing noses, so he began teaching others administering the tests how to do so in a less painful, more comfortable way. Dr. Bobby began volunteering at testing facilities and mobile testing vans all over his community.

“It felt great to be useful when everything was shut down and despair and fear was everywhere,” said Bobby. “I saw my peers on the front lines fearing for their own lives and that of their families while continuing to take care of the sickest among us. I did not have to make that sacrifice but wanted to do anything I could to prevent excess loss of life and stress on the health care system.”

After helping with test sites, Bobby felt inspired to make masks with his son, a bioengineering student at the University of Michigan. He had a dozen 3D printers he had purchased to donate to Flint schools, but they weren’t yet ready for them, so together, the two started printing N95-equivalent masks when they were in short supply.

“We set them up in our dining room and ran them around the clock for weeks. Healthcare workers would stop by the house at all hours to get some protection since their lives were truly at risk,” he said.

Dr. Bobby also distributed materials and printers throughout the community so other local makers could help grow the supply of personal protection equipment (PPE). When PPE was more plentiful, he shifted his work to vaccination efforts.

“I was concerned about the level of politicization of science I was seeing. For the first time ever, I saw the widespread influence of politics on individuals’ health care decisions,” he said. “I did whatever I could to share the actual science so my community could make the important vaccination decision in a way that was based on our best available data instead of the most popular media.”

Bobby’s volunteer efforts aren’t limited to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mukkamala is a Flint staple, and he also strives to help revitalize Flint and keep Genesee County. He served with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and the CRIM Fitness Foundation.

He serves with United Way and Big Brothers Big Sisters, volunteers with the Health Occupations Student Association at Powers Catholic High School, and tutors high school students for the ACT test.

Bobby has also served on the Genesee County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Additionally, he is an appointee to Governor Whitmer’s Protect Michigan Commission.



ATTENTION!



9:00 A.M.

Via Zoom

**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS
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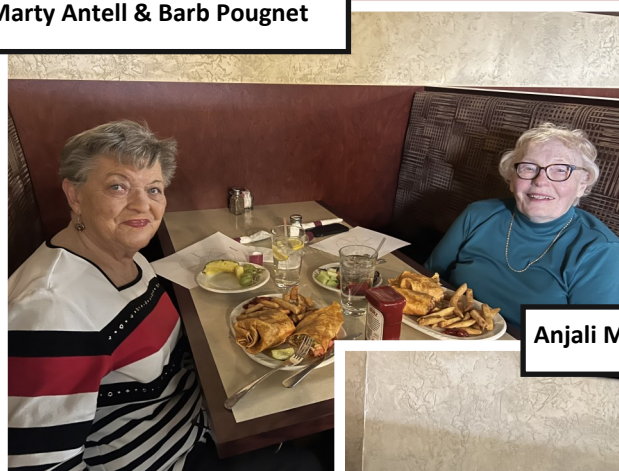
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THE ALLIANCE FOCUS

Healthy Diet Lifestyles

The Genesee County Medical Society Alliance held their April membership meeting at Ruggero's in Flint township. Past President Liesbeth Fernandez, a registered dietician with a twenty five experience, gave a very interesting and informative talk on healthy diet lifestyles. She spoke on the ideal foods with right portions to consume and maintain an active lifestyle. It was supported with a slide show. The talk was followed by lunch, enjoyed by a good turnout of members.

Marty Antell & Barb Pagnet



Anjali Misra & Elizabeth Jordan



Speaker, Past President Liesbeth Fernandez



Kathy Cox & Judy McLeod



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Lakshmi Tummala



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.

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Budget season in Lansing is in full swing. The Governor presented her budget to the legislature earlier this year and now the House and Senate are working their budgets through their respective chambers. Once the House and Senate pass proposals, negotiations will begin between the legislature and Governor on a final agreement prior to the July first budget deadline.

The Senate MDHHS Subcommittee recently adopted a budget proposal initiated by MSMS which included two new programs aimed at assisting primary care providers as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. The first of these programs is for practices in smaller counties that are facing access to care struggles. The goal would be to infuse these practices with capital, allowing them to get on their financial feet and thrive in their local community long term. The second initiative is a Medicaid uplift for primary care providers. The uplift would total \$15 million in general funds and nearly \$100 million once federal dollars are included.

The inclusion of these items is a significant development, and we are excited to see that the Senate is actively looking for ways to be supportive of physicians and primary care services. However, it is also important to note that this is the first step in a negotiation process that will play out over the next six to eight weeks and this language could still change. The MSMS Advocacy team will continue to work with the legislature as negotiations continue.

[Please consider sending a letter to your Senator asking for support>>](#)

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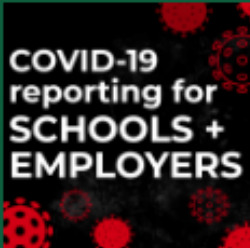
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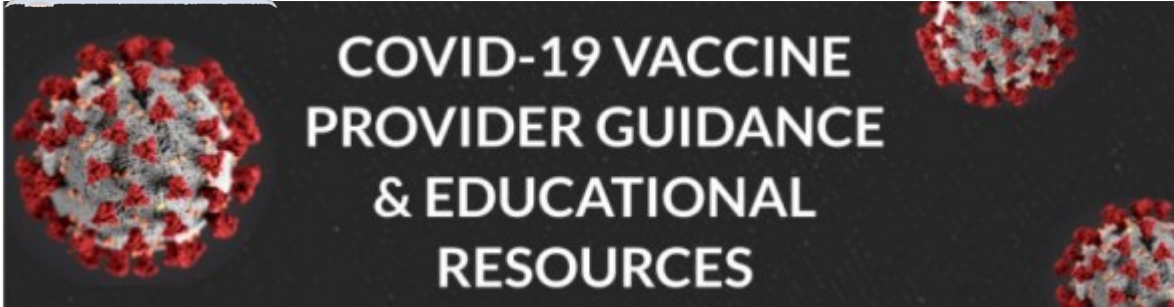
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The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates how diseases without vaccines can devastate economic and public health. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases. In the U.S., there is currently no approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. 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](#)

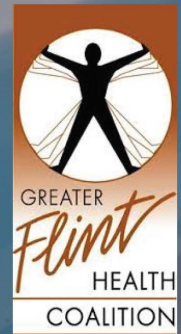
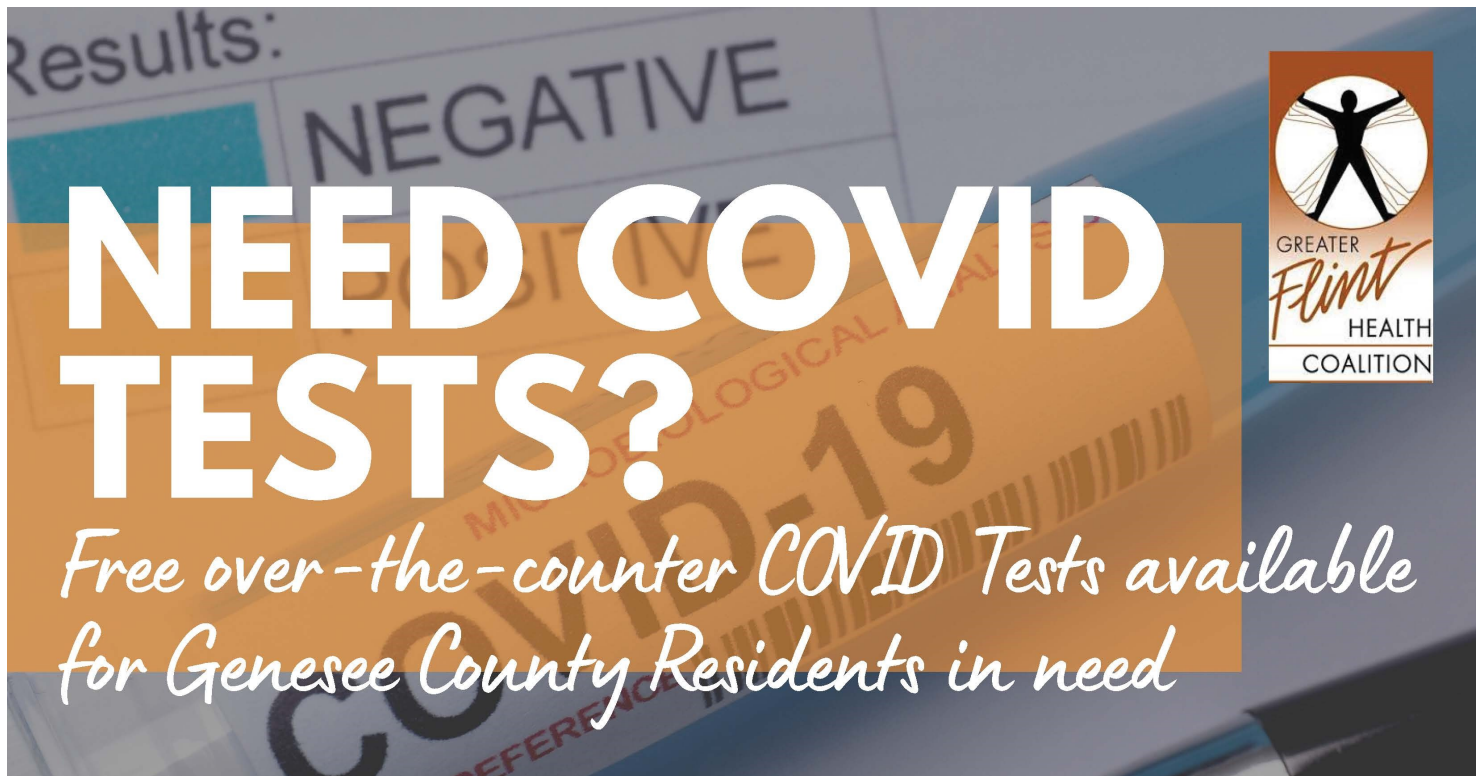
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If you are a community-based organization with clients in need, contact Genesee CHAP to receive a bulk delivery of tests.

Are you a resident, a school, or medical practice? If so, make a referral to CHAP to receive a free COVID-19 OTC test, delivered within 24 hours.

Free COVID-19 tests available for all who need one. Limit 6 per household.

Make a Referral to Genesee CHAP

- Call 810-953-2427
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- Fax Genesee CHAP Referral Form
- Visit gfhc.org/CHAPreferrals



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Follow instructions very carefully.



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If your results are positive

Report results to GCHD at www.gchd.us or click [here](#).

Isolate yourself from others for 5 days following symptom onset (if symptomatic) or positive test result (if asymptomatic).

Tell your close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Call GCHD at 810-344-4800 if you are unable to use online resources.



4



If you are at an increased risk of becoming very sick, treatment maybe be available. Contact your health care provider right away if your test result is positive.



www.cdc.gov/covidtesting

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Addressing Maternal Mortality Disparities Workshop: What can you do?



Genesee County & Kent County

Who should attend?

Health care or social service providers who work with pregnant or postpartum women in Genesee or Kent County. These might include physicians, nurses, social workers, office managers, front desk staff, and WIC staff, among others.

Learning Objective:

Participants will better understand the sources and determinants of maternal health disparities and brainstorm ways they can tailor their practices and settings to better meet the needs of pregnant and postpartum African American women.

Date **June 3rd, 2022**

Time **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Future workshops are tentatively scheduled for 6/3, 7/15, 9/16, 10/21, and 11/18. Registration details for future workshops email fleesmor@msu.edu.*

You must register prior to the workshop to join.

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/91812444444?pwd=MTZCcmNlZCk0MzYyZWp1ZDZkdz09>

After you register you will be emailed the zoom information to join the workshop.

Free workshop via zoom based on a CDC Center of Excellence program developed in Flint Michigan. Racism serves as a root cause in maternal mortality and other health disparities in the African American community.

Keynote Speakers

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- Bettina Campbell, LMSW
- E. Hill De Loney, DHL, MA
- Marjorie Evans, LMSW
- Ella Greene Moton
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Your Membership at Work

- ◆ GCMS Practice Managers met with Genesee County Free Medical Clinic to discuss programs available and ways we can help as a community.
- ◆ GCMS helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
- ◆ GCMS Board members and General Body joined together in discussing CMS split billing at the May 12, 2022 Town Hall meeting with presenter Jill Young from Young Medical Consulting, LLC
- ◆ GCMS /MSF collaborates with Genesee County Medical Society Alliance to plan the 2022 fundraiser to raise money for an endowment fund for medical/nursing students.
- ◆ GCMS Board members attended the House of Delegates meeting in Kalamazoo to advocate for you!



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Dear Licensee –

The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) would like to remind you that the [Michigan Public Health Code – General Rules](#) were revised last year and now require implicit bias training for your profession. The requirements apply to both new applicants **as well as those renewing their existing licenses or registrations starting on June 1, 2022.**

Below are some [frequently asked questions](#) and answers regarding the new training requirements:

What is Implicit Bias Training?

A: A new rule was added to the Public Health Code – General Rules earlier this year. The rule defines implicit bias as “an attitude or internalized stereotype that affects an individual’s perception, action, or decision making in an unconscious manner and often contributes to unequal treatment of people based on race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, age, disability, or other characteristic.” Rule 338.7001(c).

Training on Implicit Bias is required as a condition for initial licensure or registration as well as license or registration renewal. This training is in addition to any continuing education training required for your profession. Unlike the human trafficking training requirement, this is not a “one time” training. Implicit Bias training is required every time you renew your license.

What professions need to comply with this new rule regarding Implicit Bias Training?

A: All professions licensed or registered under the Michigan Public Health Code, except for Veterinary Medicine, are required to take Implicit Bias Training.

This includes the following: Acupuncture, Athletic Trainers, Audiologists, Behavior Analysts, Chiropractors, Counselors, Dentistry, Genetic Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy, Massage Therapy, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Nursing Home Administrators, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery, Pharmacy (Pharmacists, Pharmacy, Technicians, etc.), Physical Therapy, Physician’s Assistants, Podiatric Medicine & Surgery, Psychology, Respiratory Therapy, Sanitarian, Social Worker, and Speech-Language Pathology

When does this requirement begin?

A: The new requirement takes effect on June 1, 2022, which is one year after the promulgation of the rule. If the 90-day renewal window for your license or registration spans across June 1, 2022 the training is not required if you renew prior to June 1, 2022. However, if you choose to renew on or after June 1, 2022, the training is required.

Also, the training will be required for all new applications for licensure or registration received on or after June 1, 2022.

How many hours of training do I need?

A: **New Applicants** for licensure or registration are required to have completed 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration.

Renewing licensees and registrants are required to complete 1 hour of implicit bias training for each year of their license or registration cycle. However, for initial renewal after June 1, 2021, licensees will only need to have 1 hour for each year since the rule’s promulgation date of June 1, 2021.

For example, if you are scheduled to renew your license in August of 2022, you would only be required to have 1 hour of training, even if the length of your license was 3 years. Remember: The rule also

specifically states that this training is in addition to any continuing education requirements required for renewal.

Subsequent renewals will require 1 hour of implicit bias training for each year of the license or registration cycle.

Who can provide training?

A: The new rule provides a detailed description of what the training should cover and who is an acceptable sponsor of the training. Any training that meets the requirements of the rule is acceptable. Please note the Department does not pre-approve these training programs. We recommend that applicants refer to the standards that have been established in rule for guidance on what is acceptable.

The new rule also requires licensees to retain documentation of meeting the requirements of this rule for a period of 6 years from the date of applying for licensure, registration, or renewal.

If I took training that qualifies before June 1, 2021, can I count this training at my next renewal?

A: Training that was taken prior the promulgation of the rule (June 1, 2021) and within the license cycle that is up for renewal, qualifies toward the requirement for renewals. However, the rule allows new applicants for licensure or registration to complete the training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration.

If I am required to have 3 hours of training to renew my 3-year license, can I take one three-hour class or do have to take 1 hour of training each year?

A: In this example you could take a single three-hour class to meet the training requirement. The rule does not require one hour IN each year of the license cycle only one hour FOR each year of the license or registration cycle.

Does watching a video meet the requirements of the training?

A: Training should provide opportunities for interaction among participants and with the instructor. In this manner the educational experience will accommodate various learning styles and provide meaningful engagement. If the training incorporates interaction among the participants (with each other and the instructor), the rule requirement will be satisfied.

How will this new rule be enforced?

A: At time of application and renewal an applicant, licensee or registrant will attest to compliance with the new rule. Rule 338.704(4) provides the following:

The department may select and audit a sample of a licensees or registrants and request documentation of proof of compliance with this rule. If audited by the department, a licensee or registrant shall provide the proof of completion of training, including either of the following:

- (a) A completion certificate issued by the training program that includes the date of the training, the program sponsor's name, the title of the program, and licensee's or registrant's name.
- (b) A self-attestation by the licensee or registrant that includes the date of the training, the program sponsor's name, the title of the program, and licensee's or registrant's name.

Advances in Vascular Surgery

Vascular Surgery typically encompasses all blood vessels with the exception of cranial and cardiac vessels. Michigan Vascular Center has been at the forefront of vascular disease in Michigan for over 60 years now by being active in clinical trials and pioneering new technology. The latest buzz is less invasive or minimally invasive surgery, but is this really better for patients? Most of the time yes, the less invasive, the better, however patients need to understand that there are limitations. Take for example Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm repair. Traditionally this surgery would be one of the biggest a patient could undergo but since less invasive aneurysm repair has progressed in the last 20 years, we can sometimes perform this case with a needle puncture in both groins and discharge the patient in 24 hours. Keep in mind, this is the largest blood vessel in the body and that rupture of this vessel can result in death in minutes. The limitations of having the procedure are based on someone's anatomy, including how straight their blood vessels are, how much hardening of the artery is present and how normal the artery is above or below the weakened area. Furthermore, patients will need to understand that the follow up for the less invasive treatment is more intense as we have strengthened the artery but not removed the aneurysm. Less invasive methods are also available for removing plaque from leg arteries as well and although this is done in a morning and home the same afternoon, the likelihood of needing further treatments is higher than other options. The latest technology that we have been involved in clinical trials with is creating fistulas for dialysis with only needle punctures and not performing open surgery. These too work best in a very limited number of patients but are early in their use and have improved significantly in the last two years. Finally, carotid stenting has improved dramatically and no longer is open surgery the only option for carotid plaque that threatens to cause a stroke. A vascular surgeon can now consider a one inch incision near the collar bone or even a needle puncture in the groin to treat carotid disease. Although initially stroke rates were slightly higher for carotid stenting, new advances in stenting devices have reduced this risk significantly. Vascular Surgery is advancing quickly and the most important thing for patient care would be to have every option available for decision making.

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Entry Form (May be photocopied)
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GHS Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services for Children and Young Adults



The GHS Children's Intensive Crisis Stabilization Team (ICSS) provides mobile crisis stabilization services, 7 days a week between 8:00am and 7:00pm to all children, youth, and young adults (ages 0-21) who reside in Genesee County. Calls during other hours are helped by our Crisis Line mental health professionals.

Reasons to call GHS:

- If you feel your child/youth is in a crisis
- The child/youth may hurt themselves or others
- The child is experiencing overwhelming confusion, anger, or emotional unresponsiveness

If you aren't sure if ICSS is needed, give us a call and we can help to explore options.

What happens when the GHS Intensive Crisis Team is called?

The team will provide an on-site intervention with the identified child or youth, and their support system. The team's main focus will be to help assess the crisis, utilize de-escalation techniques, help the child/youth and their family or support system to help with what is needed and to help determine next steps and long-term care.

Other services include:

- Crisis and Safety Planning
- Referrals to needed services
- Education on resources, diagnosis and services
- Collaboration and problem solving

* Psychiatric consults, as needed (does not include medication review for prescription)

** Intensive Crisis Stabilization services cannot be provided to individuals who are currently residing in inpatient settings: Jail/detention centers or residential settings (i.e. child caring institutions, crisis residential, etc.).

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