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Why an Opioid Crisis?

On Jan. 11, 2018 President Trump declared a National Health Emergency regarding the Opioid crisis. Prior to this, the State of Michigan, realizing that this country and this administration had too long neglected action on rampant opioid addiction and deaths, enacted legislation of its own to begin the process of better protecting its citizens. The reasons are multiple and the need crucial. The death toll due to opioid abuse is staggering, with over 64,000 people dying in 2016 alone. The numbers reportedly have continued to escalate. To give some breadth to this statistic, the mortality rate is greater than all vehicle and gun-related deaths combined. To add to this, the CDC estimates that the total 'economic burden' of just the prescription opioid misuse was \$78.5 billion. Presently, prescription opioid drug deaths kill more Americans than any illegal drug. The problem has become unimaginable in magnitude. It has taken this country about thirty years to create this health crisis and now the question emerges, 'what has lead us to this sordid result and how fast can we correct it'?

One of the primary incitants of this crisis according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse is the pharmaceutical industry itself. Companies such as Purdue, Janssen, Mylan, Depomed, and Insys are considered the top five pharmaceutical companies accused of spending at least \$10 million apiece to encourage the use of addictive drugs per a US Senate Committee investigating drug company practices, chaired by Senator Claire McCaskill. In the late 1990's, big pharma was reassuring the medical community that patients would not become addicted to opioid pain relievers. This strategy fanned the flame of medical provider over-utilization and concomitant patient confidence in use of these pain medications. It didn't hurt that 'pill mills' popped up to make them easier and less expensive to obtain. The problem grew ever more rapidly.

Like many mental health disorders in this country, the physical causes of drug addiction are poorly understood. The Mayo Clinic states that environmental factors such as family and peer group attitudes as well



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as genetic predilection contribute to its development. Early use in one's life is understood to also cause changes in a developing brain and increase its likelihood of progression.

Then there are the synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and heroin. These chemicals are easier to be abused when a person has used a prescription opioid prior. Heroin became inexpensive to obtain about the same time the scripted drugs were gaining popularity. In about 2014, Fentanyl entered the drug market in large supplies. It could be ordered even on the dark web often coming from China or Mexico. It is an extremely potent drug requiring very small

amounts to produce desired effects. Coupled with near impossible specific chemical markers to indicate where the product was produced, Fentanyl became extremely challenging to detect. These two opioid forms are considered even more likely to heighten potential addiction resulting in greater death rates.

It is a daunting task to regulate the opioid industry's proper use. One of the most challenging reasons for this is that prescription opioid drugs are still very much needed—to control pain. So, this class of medication with all of its inherent pitfalls still is required during the necessary transition period to create healthier modalities. There is some encouraging work that is being done on other suitable and effective products and procedures that control pain and suffering as well, if not better than opioids. Until these are ready for mainstream use, the war on opioid abuse must be thoroughly engaged. Healthcare providers need to be fully cognizant of this issue. Burdensome as the new regulations may be, they offer a starting point for handling one of the most serious problems in the medical world today.

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May 3, 2018

Suboxone and Opioid Issues for Physicians and Health Care Professionals

There are many components to the opioid crisis. This session will provide input on Suboxone certification, how physicians and other health professionals fit into the opioid crisis, and what resources exist in Genesee County as part of an emerging community-wide strategy to address the opioid epidemic.

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- **\$25.00 - Residents & Students**

GCMS Physicians, spouses, GCMSA, family members, practice staff and other interested professionals are encouraged to attend!

Chris Flores

VP for Business Development, Sacred
Heart Rehabilitation Center
**An Introduction to the Opioid
Crisis in Genesee County**

S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD

GCMS Board Member
**The Current & Future Importance
of Suboxone Certification**

Asif Ishaque, MD

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**Physician Specific Prescribing Data
& MiOpen Tools**

Paul Musson, MD

Suboxone Certified Physician
**What to do with
Chronically Dependent Patients**

Aaron Rubio

Member of the FAN Board
An Overview of Local Resources

Meeting Location

**Flint Golf Club
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Evening Schedule

**6 pm, Registration & Social Hour
6:30 pm, Dinner
7 pm, Meeting
7:15 pm, Presentations**

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Please invite your fellow physicians, practice managers, and health care professionals to this meeting!



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Surgeon General Releases Advisory on Naloxone, an Opioid Overdose-Reversing Drug

Urges more individuals to carry life-saving medication

Today, U.S. Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H., urged more Americans to carry a lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

The medication, naloxone, is already carried by many first responders, such as EMTs and police officers. The Surgeon General is now recommending that more individuals, including family, friends and those who are personally at risk for an opioid overdose, also keep the drug on hand.

An estimated 2.1 million people in the U.S. struggle with an opioid use disorder. Rates of opioid overdose deaths are rapidly increasing. Since 2010, the number of opioid overdose deaths has doubled from more than 21,000 to more than 42,000 in 2016, with the sharpest increase occurring among deaths related to illicitly made fentanyl and fentanyl analogs (synthetic opioids).

Opioids are a class of drugs that include medications, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone and methadone, which are commonly prescribed to treat pain. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is a synthetic opioid which is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. It is approved for treating severe pain, typically post-surgical or advanced cancer pain. However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related harms are a result of illicitly made fentanyl.

“Each day we lose 115 Americans to an opioid overdose – that’s one person every 12.5 minutes,” said Surgeon General Adams. “It is time to make sure more people have access to this lifesaving medication, because 77 percent of opioid overdose deaths occur outside of a medical setting and more than half occur at home.”

Naloxone, an FDA-approved medication that can be delivered via nasal mist or injection, is not a long-term solution, but it can temporarily suspend the effects of the overdose until emergency responders arrive.

“To manage opioid addiction and prevent future overdoses, increased naloxone availability must occur in conjunction with expanded access to evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder,” the Surgeon General said.

All states have passed laws to increase access to naloxone and, in most states, you can walk into a pharmacy and request naloxone even if you don’t already have a prescription. In addition, most states

have laws designed to protect health care professionals for prescribing and dispensing naloxone from civil and criminal liabilities as well as Good Samaritan laws to protect people who administer naloxone or call for help during an opioid overdose emergency.

Naloxone is covered by most insurance plans and, for those without coverage, may be available at low or no cost through local public health programs or through retailer and manufacturer discounts. It is easy to use, safe to administer and widely available.

Today's Surgeon General advisory on naloxone is part of the administration's ongoing effort to respond to the sharp increase among drug overdose deaths. Just last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new data showing a rise in emergency department visits for opioid overdoses. From July 2016 through September 2017, opioid overdoses increased 30 percent in all parts of the U.S.

Expanding the use of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone is a key part of the public health response to the opioid crisis, along with effective prevention, treatment and recovery programs for opioid use disorder. Research shows a combination of medication, counseling and behavioral therapy, also known as Medication Assisted Treatment, or MAT, can help people achieve long-term recovery.

For more information on how to get help, call SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or go to <https://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov> to find a treatment center.

To learn more about how individuals can recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, visit www.surgeongeneral.gov to read more.



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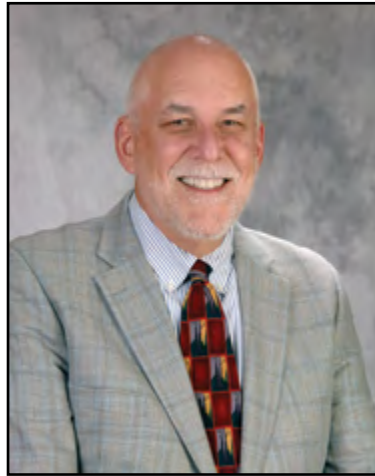
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GCMS Town Hall on Suboxone and the Opioid Crisis

The May 3 Town Hall on Suboxone and other issues of importance to physicians, will be packed with information. Topics will include: an overview of the opioid crisis specific to Genesee County, the types of data that is available relating to individual provider prescribing patterns of opioids. (You might be surprised by what other folks know about each physicians' prescribing patterns): The importance of becoming Suboxone certified, and an overview of community resources will also be covered. Community-based



Peter Levine, MPH

organizations will have resources to share, and MiOpen opioid prescribing guidelines will be available. So, come, participate and learn with your peers. Please bring your staff and your colleagues.

As we put this issue of The Bulletin to bed, your delegation to the MSMS House of Delegates will be spending the weekend working hard on your behalf. Their work shapes the future of the medical profession in Michigan. The June issue will feature a report on the House of Delegates. Stay tuned.

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Combating the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to Know as a Physician — Part Two

By Megan R. Mulder, Attorney, at Cline, Cline & Griffin

This article is a continuation of last month’s article discussing new legislation regarding the prescription of opioids. The new legislation incorporated a number of bills, three of which will be discussed below. The first provision of the new legislation details steps for prescribing opioids to adults and minors. The second provision details when a physician is required to use Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS). The third provision details certain restrictions on the quantity of opioids that may be prescribed.

The first provision is House Bill 4408 (PA 246), which takes effect on June 1, 2018. House Bill 4408 details what must occur prior to a physician prescribing an opioid. This provision has slightly different rules for minors and adults. The pertinent parts are as follows:

When dealing with minor patients, prior to the first prescription of an opioid or other controlled substance, a physician must discuss the following:

- (1) risks of addiction and overdose;
- (2) increased risk of addiction for patients suffering from mental disorders and substance abuse disorders;
- (3) dangers of taking an opioid with a benzodiazepine, alcohol, or other central nervous system depressant; and
- (4) any other information contained in the controlled substance’s patient counseling information section of the label.

Additionally, the minor’s parent or guardian must sign a “start talking consent form” which should include the name, quantity, and number of refills of the opioid being prescribed, a

statement that the medication has a potential for abuse, and a statement certifying the physician has discussed the addictive nature of the substance with the minor patient and his/her parent/guardian. The consent form must be kept as part of the minor patient’s medical record.

When dealing with adult patients, prior to the prescription of an opioid, the physician shall discuss the dangers of addiction, proper disposal of

unused medication, and that the delivery of a controlled substance is a felony. If the patient is a female in the reproductive stage, the physician must also discuss the short and long-term effects of exposing a fetus to a controlled substance. The adult patient must then sign a consent form indicating this information was discussed. The consent form must be a form prescribed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services should have a prescribed consent form posted to their website prior to June 1, 2018.

Notably, House Bill 4408 provides for several scenarios which will trigger an investigation by LARA. As such, there is a high probability that if consent forms are not utilized by physicians, and physicians do not discuss the addictive nature of opioids and other controlled substances, LARA will launch an investigation.

Also going into effect on June 1, 2018 is Senate Bill

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166 (PA 248). This legislation not only requires physicians to register for MAPS, but also requires the physician run all patients through MAPS prior to prescribing more than a three day supply of an opioid or other controlled substance. If the prescription of the opioid or controlled substance is equal to or less than a three day supply, a physician does not need to run the patient through MAPS prior to writing the prescription. Further, consulting MAPS would not be required in a hospital setting. Senate Bill 167 (PA 249) lists grounds for disciplinary action and possible sanctions for violating the requirements of Senate Bill 166.

Another important provision of the new opioid legislation, Senate Bill 274 (PA 251), becomes effective on July 1, 2018. This bill limits the quantity of opioids which may be prescribed for patients suffering from acute pain. Acute pain is defined in PA 251 as: "pain that is the normal, psychological response to a noxious chemical or a thermal or mechanical stimulus and is typically associated with invasive procedures, trauma, and disease and usually lasts for a limited amount of time." If a patient is suffering from acute pain, the physician cannot prescribe more than a 7-day supply of an opioid to the patient within a 7-day period.

Prior to the newly enacted legislation surrounding opioid prescriptions, investigations by LARA had been consistently increasing. Given the above legislation, especially considering the fact that it specifically provides LARA with authority to investigate violations, it is very likely that LARA will continue to actively investigate the prescription of controlled substances, especially opioids. The full text of House Bill 4408, Senate Bills 166 and

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167, and Senate Bill 274 can be found on the Michigan Legislature website.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained within this article, please contact the author, Megan R. Mulder of Cline, Cline & Griffin, P.C. at mmulder@ccglawyers.com or by calling the office at 810-232-3141

YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK

- GCMS continue to work with payers on issues of responsiveness, prior authorizations, and call center issues
- GCMS continues to work with MSMS to increase membership
- GCMS represents the physician community on the Regional Opioid Task Force
- GCMS prepared to provide the physician community with a special town hall on Suboxone and the Opioid Situation and What Physicians Can Do
- GCMS in coordination with MSMS continues to work with legislators on various bills which could impact physician practices

Issues of Serious Concern for Medical Practices!

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Held 4th Thursday of each month from 8am to 10am.

The following topics are tentatively scheduled and subject to change

May 26, 2018
Presenter(s):

“Molina Health Care Updates & Feedback”
Julie Hurst, Director Provider Contracting Services
Molina Healthcare

June 28, 2018
Presenter(s):

“BCBSM Updates & Feedback”
Donna LaGosh, Director of Provider Outreach
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

July 26, 2018
Presenter(s):

No Meeting
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August 28,
2018Presenter(s):

“Meridian Health Plan Updates & Feedback”
Jacqueline R. Kirejczyk, Director of Network Development
Kristen Gasieski, Manager Network Development

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A decorative masquerade mask with gold filigree and red feathers. The mask is gold with intricate filigree patterns and a scalloped edge. It is adorned with a large plume of red feathers and a small gold and red ornament at the top. The background is white.

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Save the date
November 10th

Russell Sandberg And His Old Buick

Submitted by Walter W. Theuerle, MD, Associate Editor,

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A new 1932 Buick, purchased in that year would have cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Today the same car in reasonable condition sells for about \$1,000. Dr. Sandberg probably bought his 1932 Buick 14 years ago at the bargain price of \$650.

His Victoria Model Buick was manufactured in Flint and included to spare tires as original equipment. One is mounted on the front fender, the other on the trunk. The engine developed 103 hp and gets 15 miles per gallon on regular gasoline.

A unique feature of this car is the adjustable shock absorber, operated by a small lever inside the car, and which can make the cars ride soft or firm.

The car also has a special red button mounted on the clutch pedal. When the button is pushed, the clutch plates disengage the gears without the clutch pedal having to be depressed. This idea was a forerunner to the present automatic transmission.

Dr. Sandberg's Buick is registered as a historical vehicle and must be licensed as an antique. His license plates were purchased in 1959 for \$13 and will never expire.

Even small repairs on such an old car pose special problems. After lengthy searching, Russell found some old AC tires on an old Chevrolet truck, which were perfect for his 1932 Buick.

Dr. Sandberg's Buick showed over 93,000 miles on the odometer when he acquired the car. Since then, he has driven his antique car an additional 5,000 miles.

Naturally, he drives the car only in good weather, and avoids mud, rain and salty winter roads. The body was repainted in 1955;



Russell Sandberg, MD

has very few flaws or rust spots, and is in better shape despite its 40 years, than many of today's cars after only three or four years of driving.

This car was originally a retirement gift presented to Mr. Strong, who retired in 1932 as manager of the Flint Buick plant.

Dr. Sandberg is a member of the Old Buicks Owner Association. At a recent meeting in Flint, the old Buicks were displayed on the parking lot of the Buick Administration Building. Members of this antique Club exhibit their automobiles throughout the country. Some of the

old Buicks are driven from as far away as California.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Servicing Model Update and Focus Group

The March practice managers meeting featured a session on Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Servicing Model Update and Focus Group. Present at the meeting were Donna LaGosh, the new Director of Provider Outreach, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM), as well as BJ Byers and Tina Gach from the BCBSM Provider Outreach staff.

Pete Levine noted that Ms. LaGosh is an interesting choice for this position, because of her 20-year career representing physicians at the Michigan State Medical Society and the Oakland County Medical Society. He noted that she has also worked for Blue Cross for the past three years on their PGIP program.

Ms. LaGosh noted that she is very familiar with the problems of physician practices from the inside and will advocate for changes. She will be coming back on June 28 to hear feedback from practices regarding the new servicing model implementation, and to report on what changes have been made as a result of the concerns expressed at this meeting.

Donna noted that she is at this meeting looking for pain points between practices and Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network. She also reviewed the reorganization of the Provider Outreach Department. She explained the framework of the new servicing model for Blue Cross and Blue Care Network. It is designed to be helpful in the long run, in terms of really making process is more provider friendly and results oriented. The new service model will begin in May and will be described in detail in the Blue Cross Focus, as well as other vehicles. Her goal is to get things fixed with accountable systems and to let physicians know how the problems have been fixed. There will be internal accountability.

The practices in attendance at this meeting were very diverse. The problems outlined were both practice specific and endemic. Ms. LaGosh received a variety of issues to respond to. The practice managers are looking forward to hearing her report in June.

The lineup of future meetings was radically altered at this session. A future session will involve reports from the Health Alliance Plan on Focus Group results and follow up on what's been accomplished. Other future sessions will revolve around the Medicaid drug formulary, updates from Molina Healthcare and Meridian Health Plan. Dates for the future meetings will be emailed out as they are scheduled.



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Greater Flint Health Coalition Social Determinants of Health Standardized Screening Efforts



The Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC) is one of five organizations chosen by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to lead the implementation of the State Innovation Model (SIM) within their community. The SIM initiative focuses on the development and testing of multi-payer healthcare payment and service delivery models in order to achieve better care coordination, lower costs, and improve health outcomes for Michigan residents. As the backbone organization for the Genesee Community Health Innovation Region (CHIR), the GFHC is working to leverage cross-sector partnerships that address population health and connect patients with relevant community and social services that address the social determinants of health (SDoH).

Development of a Standard Social Determinants of Health Screening Tool

According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings initiative, approximately 80% of the factors affecting health outcomes fall outside traditional healthcare delivery, such as health behaviors, social & economic factors, and environmental factors. The GFHC's SIM Steering Committee determined that one of the initial steps in addressing this issue was to develop a standardized process for screening patients in Genesee County to identify their individual SDoH needs and begin to address more upstream factors of individual health outcomes.

As a result, the Genesee CHIR "Health Needs Screening Tool" was developed. The screening tool utilizes an evidence-based strategy to assess and engage residents sourced from materials provided by Health Leads while incorporating local input from area residents on the factors impacting their health. Patients are asked questions related to the domains of food, utilities, housing, child care, healthcare access and cost, transportation, literacy, safety, substance use, depression, and clean water access.

Implementation within Genesee County Physician Practices

The screening tool has been adopted and is currently being administered by 27 physician practices, encompassing a total of 94 individual providers, in Genesee County and has been incorporated into practice workflows. As a result of screening efforts by physicians, practice embedded care managers, and community health workers, over 4,000 individual patients in Genesee County have been screened to date. Information gathered from screens allows physicians to gain a clearer picture of the patient's health status as well as guide care coordination activities in the practice setting and direct the strategy of the SIM Clinical Community Linkage Initiative in how to most effectively connect individuals to necessary resources.

Additionally, through a partnership with Great Lakes Health Connect, all screening results are submitted to a community data repository where they are aggregated into monthly reports. Insights gathered from this unique collection of data on Genesee County residents informs the SIM Project through identifying areas of greatest need in our community as well as gaps in resources and barriers to access.

The physician partner organizations that are involved in this project include Professional Medical Corporation, McLaren Physician Partners, and the Genesee Community Health Center. For more information regarding the State Innovation Model work in Genesee County, or how your practice can get involved, please contact Lori Kunkel, Vice President of Programs, Greater Flint Health Coalition by email at lkunkel@flint.org

In future issues of *The Bulletin*, look for more detailed information on SIM activities and tools within the Flint and Genesee County region. Also, visit www.gfhc.org, for more information.

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Genesee Community Health Innovation Region Health Needs Screening Tool

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____














Physician/Provider: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Preferred Language: _____

Health Insurance:

Medicaid Commercial Medicare

		YES / NO
	In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, has your utility company shut off your service for not paying your bills?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are you worried that in the next 2 months, you may not have stable housing ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Do problems getting child care make it difficult for you to work or study? <i>(leave blank if you do not have children)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, have you needed to see a doctor, but could not because of cost?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	In the last 12 months, has lack of transportation kept you from medical appointments? Has it kept you from meetings, work or getting things needed for daily living?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Do you ever need help reading information from your doctor ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are you afraid you might be hurt in your apartment building or house?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are you interested in information on alcohol and/or drug misuse (including prescription drugs)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Have you felt sad or depressed much of the time in the past year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Do you need help with access to clean water, or have you used Flint water since April 2014?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	If you checked YES to any boxes above, would you like to receive assistance with any of these needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
	Are any of your needs urgent? For example: I don't have food tonight, I don't have a place to sleep tonight	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

Declined to answer screen.

This screening tool has been sourced from materials provided by Health Leads.

The Genesee County Medical Society cordially invites you to a Quarterly Dinner Business Meeting
and a **Medical Community Town Hall**
sponsored by the **United Way of Genesee County** and the **Greater Flint Health Coalition**

May 3, 2018

Suboxone and Opioid Issues for Physicians and Health Care Professionals

There are many components to the opioid crisis. This session will provide input on Suboxone certification, how physicians and other health professionals fit into the opioid crisis, and what resources exist in Genesee County as part of an emerging community-wide strategy to address the opioid epidemic.

- **\$40.00 - GCMS Members, Spouses, Practice Managers, Staff, & Guests**
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- **\$25.00 - Residents & Students**

GCMS Physicians, spouses, GCMSA, family members, practice staff and other interested professionals are encouraged to attend!

Chris Flores

VP for Business Development, Sacred
Heart Rehabilitation Center

**An Introduction to the Opioid
Crisis in Genesee County**

S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD

GCMS Board Member

**The Current & Future Importance
of Suboxone Certification**

Asif Ishaque, MD

GCMS Board Member

**Physician Specific Prescribing Data
& MiOpen Tools**

Paul Musson, MD

Suboxone Certified Physician

**What to do with
Chronically Dependent Patients**

Aaron Rubio

Member of the FAN Board

An Overview of Local Resources

Meeting Location

**Flint Golf Club
3100 Lakewood Drive
Flint, MI 48507**

Evening Schedule

**6 pm, Registration & Social Hour
6:30 pm, Dinner
7 pm, Meeting
7:15 pm, Presentations**

Space is limited!

Please register by April 26, 2018

Please mail your reservation payment to:

Genesee County Medical Society
4438 Oak Bridge Drive, Suite B
Flint, MI 48532

Email Sherry at ssmith@gcms.org
to register your attendance or call
810-733-9923 for more information.

Please invite your fellow physicians, practice managers, and health care professionals to this meeting!

Did you recognize... **Rabbi Salimi, MD**



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor - The Bulletin,

I am writing to thank the Genesee County Medical Society for its support and commitment to help physicians connect with payers when claim related denials arise. The monthly GCMS Practice Managers Meetings are invaluable when payers are presenters. I really appreciate Pete's recent personal involvement in connecting me with a local payer when I needed help resolving a payment issue.

Thanks again for all your effort helping our medical practices. We are truly grateful for your support and willingness to get involved

Best regards,
Jacqueline Boskovich
Business Administrator
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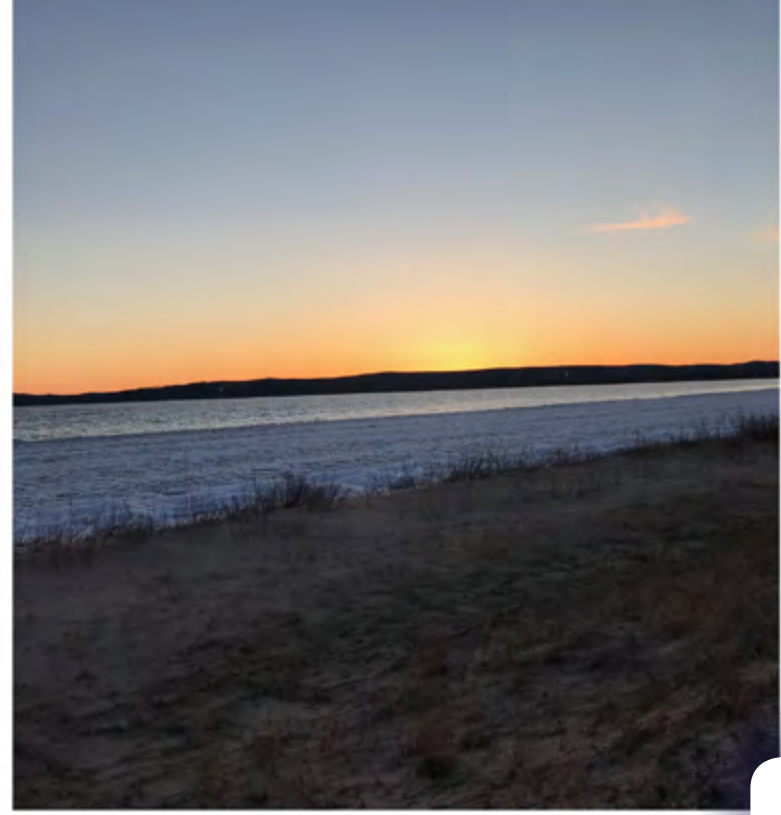
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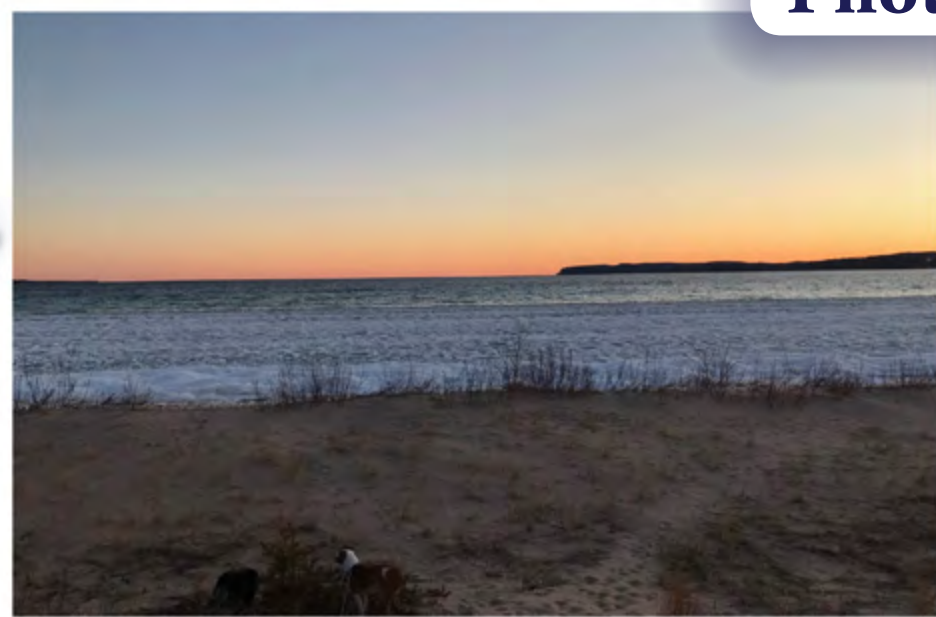
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Matthew Sardelli, MD.....	1	Mustafa Akpinar, MD	16
Sylvia Kosciolk, MD	5	Babatunde Almaroof, MD	16
Venkata Puttagunta, MD.....	5	Michael Danic, DO.....	16
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Melissa Hamp, MD.....	6	Alicia Franco-Imperial, MD	18
Jeffrey Mitchinson, MD	6	Crumsan Nundkumar, MD.....	18
Douglas VanBrocklin, MD	7	Christopher Tykocki, DO.....	18
Dong-Wha Ohm, MD	7	Matthew McKenna, MD	18
Christopher Murray, DO.....	7	Paul Adams, MD.....	19
Genevieve Sierminski, MD.....	7	James Walter, MD	19
Linval Fleetwood, MD	8	Michael Giacalone, Jr., MD.....	24
Arul Chandran, MD.....	8	Manisha Naran-Kia, DO	26
Frederico Rocha, MD.....	8	Virgilio Bonet, MD	29
Forrest Robart, DO	12	Barry DeWitt, MD.....	29
Clifford Cox, MD	13	James Aills, MD	30
Mehmet Agabigum, MD	13	Ashweena Gonuguntla, MD	30
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GCMS MEETINGS

— May 2018 —

Suboxone and Opioid Issues for Physicians and Health Care Professionals

GCMS Town Hall, 5/3
6:00pm, Flint Golf Club

Legislative Liaison Committee, 5/7

8:00am, GCMS Office

Community & Environmental Health Committee, TBD

12:30pm, GCMS Office

Finance Committee, 5/22

5:15pm, GCMS Office

Board of Directors, 5/22

6:00pm, GCMS Office

Practice Managers, 5/24

8:00am, GCMS Office

2017 Ball Committee, 5/24

3:30pm, GCMS Office

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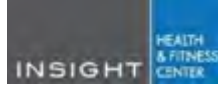
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Mindfulness@crim.org
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TIMES & LOCATIONS:

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(810) 766-7128 Mon, Weds, & Fri 9-10 am



Flint Farmers' Market- Tuesdays &

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am
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5710 Clio Road
Flint, MI 48504
Tuesdays starting February 13, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Main Clinic

2900 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505
Wednesdays starting February 14, 5:30 - 6:30pm

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Grand Blanc Senior Center:

Tuesday & Thursdays 10am – 11am

Swartz Creek Senior Center:

Fridays 11am – 12pm



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Genesee County Medical Society
Board of Directors
January 23, 2017- Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Rapport Conference Room at 6:00 pm, by Gerald Natzke, DO, President.

II. Review of Minutes

Motion: that the minutes of November 28, 2017, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

III. Reports

A) Community & Environmental Health

1) Flint Adult Chelation Trial (FACT) Update

Dr. Natzke reported that the GCMS Community & Environmental Health Committee is looking for funds. The study may have to rely on a very small pilot to get funds flowing.

2) Resolution Regarding Closing Lead and Copper Rules Loop Holes Relating to Schools

Motion: that the resolution regarding Closing Lead and Copper Rules Loop Holes Relating to Schools be approved with the following edits -

In the second resolved, the word regulation is replaced by federal guidelines

in the third result, the word rules is replaced by the word guidelines.

Once changes are made, the resolution is to be sent to MSMS

The motion carried.

3) 3/29/17 Press Release re. GCMS Flint Water Recommendations

Motion: that recommendations to update the GCMS March 29, 2017, Press Release on Flint Water be approved as presented. The motion carried.

B) Finance

Motion: that the budget to actual report for the period ending December 31, 2017, be approved as presented. The motion carried.

C) Membership

Levine reviewed the updated trend report for the period ending January 4, 2018. Discussion ensued regarding resident members. Drs. Hebert and Blight agreed to revisit the membership issue for residents at Hurley Medical Center. Dr. Khan suggested re-engagement with the physician organizations.

D) AMA Update

Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala reported on a study that describes economic impact of physicians in the overall United States economy. \$2.3 trillion is the estimated total dollars attributable to physicians. He also reported that there are two mega insurance mergers that the American Medical Association opposed, and both mergers were blocked. AMA is also working on streamlining prior authorization.

E) MSMS Update

Drs. Waters and Mukkamala reported that MSMS is pursuing a new legislative director. MSMS is still envisioning restructuring of the states' relationship with county's. An update will be provided at the House of Delegates.

F) House of Delegates

1. Drafted Resolutions

A. Concierge-Based Medicine Practices

Genesee County Medical Society
Board of Directors
November 28, 2017- Minutes

Motion: that the Concierge-Based Medicine Practices resolution be approved as presented with Dr. Blight being listed as the introducer and the author. The motion carried.

B. rev. Resolution entitled Facilitate Transfer of 3rd and 4th Yr. Student Memberships

Motion: that the resolution regarding facilitation of transfer of third and fourth-year student memberships be approved as amended. The motion carried.

VII. Legislative Liaison

On behalf of Dr. Blight, Dr. Duncan reviewed the January Legislative Liaison Committee meeting discussions which covered areas including the MAPS issues, no-fault auto reform, maintenance of certification, and opioid diversion.

VIII. Greater Flint Health Coalition

1. GFHC Board of Directors

Drs. Reynolds and Waters reviewed the recent activities of the Board of Directors of the Health Coalition which included discussions of the State Innovation Model, the Children's Health Access Project, and other initiatives.

2. State Innovation Model Update

Dr. Farhan Khan provided an update on the status of State Innovation Model project. He noted that case management is embedded in practices. McLaren, Genesee Health System, and PMC are actively engaged. The focus is on high ED utilizers. He said one of the keys is performance of a health-needs assessment by practices. This is a very helpful tool. In addition, an electronic referral-monitoring system is in place, which allows practices to make referrals and check the efficacy of those referrals to medical and social service agencies. Dealing with the social determinants of health are absolutely critical to the success of this project, to bend the cost curve on high resource utilizers of the Emergency Department.

3. Community Opioid Plan and Analysis of Data

Dr. Natzke reported that the Greater Flint Health Coalition Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force has accessed CMS data relating to opioid prescribing practices by provider. The desirable outcome is to create positive changes in patterns of practice.

Dr. Natzke reported that he has asked Drs. Farhan Khan, Asif Ishaque, Edward Christy, Raymond Rudoni, and Deborah Duncan to serve on that special Task Force.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to develop a program to get physician certified for Suboxone. There was discussion of holding a GCMS Town Hall on the issue of expanding Suboxone certification. Staff was directed to work with Drs. Mukkamala and Natzke on developing a meeting on the Suboxone issue.

IX. Other Business

1. Genesee Health Plan Millage Steering Committee

Consensus: that Peter Levine is to serve on the Genesee Health Plan Millage Steering Committee.

Adjournment

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Levine, MPH

Executive Director



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The Medical Society Foundation has been coordinating physician giving in Genesee County since 1987. This holiday season, why not use the Foundation to make sure your gifts to family, friends and colleagues help to improve the health and well-being of our community.

By giving to the Medical Society Foundation, you receive a great year-end tax benefit at the same time that you tell others how much their health – really means to you.

The Medical Society Foundation funds have been used to support the charitable activities of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Contributions can also be made in memory of an individual or to honor someone.

For questions or information on how your gift can help support the charitable activities of your Medical Society Foundation contact Peter A. Levine, MPH at (810) 733-9925 or at plevine@gcms.org.

Medical Society Foundation Mission Statement: The Medical Society Foundation is organized and does operate for the purpose of supporting continuing medical education and health-related charitable activities that further the cause of medicine.

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