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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

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Friendly,

Sunilkumar Rao, DO

GCMS President





**Medical Society Foundation**

March 17, 2021 6:00 pm

**Board of Directors**

March 23, 2021 6:00 p.m.

**GCMS Town Hall Meeting**

March 30, 2021 7:00 pm

**Legislative Liaison Committee**

April 5, 2021 8:00 am

**Practice Managers**

April 8, 2021 9:00 am

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HIPEC is providing an additional therapeutic option for the treatment of cancer in a specific subset of patients and is offered only in a small number of hospitals in Michigan. I am very pleased this procedure is available in Genesee County.

This article was written with collaboration from Dr. Tolutope Oyasiji, MD and my esteemed colleague of over 25 years Jeffrey Chores, MS, CCP.

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# Genesee County Medical Society

## Virtual

### Medical Community Town Hall

Zoom Teleconference

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

#### Topic: “Physician Liability During COVID-19”

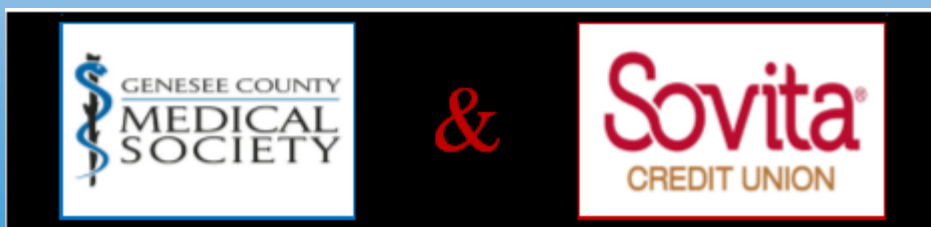
Various liability protections afforded to physician arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as some liability exposures which can be mitigated through certain risk management and other practices will be addressed.

#### Guest Speaker: Kathleen Westfall, Attorney

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### Journey to The Land of The Rising Sun

#### March 31, 2018.

Our first day of tour started with a stop at Huromon Market in Nara, the largest in the area, where one can find all kinds of flowers, fruit and seafood. It was followed by a visit to the Todaiji Temple, built entirely by wood, without a single nail! What a great workmanship!! The gigantic statue of the Buddha is the largest in the country. Thousands of pilgrims thronged the place in

reverence to the Great One. Adjacent to it is the Todaiji Museum with numerous relics and artifacts of yesteryears displayed. Nearby is the Nara Park with hundreds of deer waiting to be fed biscuits and petted fondly by the visitors.

The busy morning helped build an appetite that needed attention. We enjoyed a traditional Japanese meal by the park and took off for southern Kyoto where the famous of all Shinto shrines, Fushimi Inari Taisha is located. It is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which are scattered all over with a network of trails leading to its main buildings. The statues of the Buddha and other deities stand tall inside the beautiful pagoda style structures.

The evening ended at Aeon Mall, the largest in town where we had a simple meal, checked into the hotel and retired for the night.

#### April 1, 2018.

This morning, we visited the Atsuta Shrine in Nagoya. The city had been destroyed during the Second World War and at other times. Yet, there are no such signs to be seen anywhere. At the shrine's Bunkaden, or treasure hall, over 4,000 relics, including 174 important cultural properties and a dagger, considered a National Treasure of Japan, are on display. We, then, proceeded to Magome-juku. It was the 43rd of 69 stations in Nakasendō, an ancient road that connected Kyoto and Edo during the Edo period. It was also the last of eleven stations along the Kisoji. After the tour, we visit the Ena-kyo Valley. Lastly, we enjoyed a Kaiseki Cuisine, a traditional Japanese dinner at our hotel.

Another day ended with a multi course dinner, including soup with tofu & noodles, salad, sashimi, vegetable tempura, sea weed delicacy, steamed egg, potato dumpling, fish and sticky rice. Assorted fresh fruit was served for dessert.

#### April 2, 2018.

Next on our itinerary was Mt. Fuji World Cultural Heritage Site at Oshino Hakkai Springs. The highway is lined with green tea plantations on either side of the road. Japan consumes and exports a very high volume of green tea which is used in ice creams, chocolates, smoothies, besides the ever popular beverage.

Many legends have been told about the "Springs of Gods" that are located here. There are eight springs in all that are the result of water being fed by the underground reservoir of Mt. Fuji. It takes about ten years for the water to be filtered and reach the reservoir. Thousands of visitors come here to have a drink of the water which is rated highly for its quality, volume and safety. Hence, the Oshino Hakkai Springs are recognized as a natural monument.

We then headed to Lake Kawaguchi to catch a view of Mt. Fuji, the tallest and active volcano in the country. It is considered sacred, resulting in many folklores spun.

Last on the list for the day was Heiwa Koen (Peace Park) at Gotemba. It has a white pagoda with golden Buddha statues as well as temple dogs donated from other Buddhist countries in Asia, including, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, among others. Prayers can still be heard at the temple grounds. Also seen are many Bodhisattva statues hidden in the woods. This being Spring, the entire area is covered in cherry blossoms.

### April 4, 2018.

The eagerly awaited day was finally here! Clouds gathered in the early morning sky, but slowly cleared as we made our journey for another day of tight schedule. We left the hotel early to capture some great views of Mt Fuji. I have seen many pictures of the famous volcano, but none could match the magnificence of the active volcano that has inspired many artists to capture its beauty in colors and photographers on film. We saw the mountain in all its splendor and watched a documentary in the nearby observatory. About a decade ago, the area was recognized as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, we proceeded to Lake Ashai for a fifteen minute cruise. There were whimsical small boats shaped like ducks, but we opted to sail on a large ship. It slowly skimmed along the blue waters and the views were simply amazing!

A short ride took us to Mt. Konagatake ropeway. The huge carriage could take about a hundred visitors up to the summit which was over eighteen hundred kilometers high. The overcast skies and blowing winds resulted in poor visibility. Yet, the views were breathtaking.

Our next stop was at the Odawara Station for the exciting bullet train ride. The half hour ride was incredibly fast and absolutely smooth. We retired for the night after a scrumptious dinner at a Nepalese owned Indian restaurant, Binita, situated just minutes from our hotel. Although the place was very small, the food was delicious. A short walk brought us back to the hotel.

### April 5, 2018

Boy, how time flies when you are having fun! Another busy day started with back to back visits to the two most popular gardens in the area. The first was Shinjuku Gyoen that originated during the Edo Period as a feudal lord's Tokyo residence. It was, later, converted into a botanical garden and subsequently transferred to the Imperial Family who use it to entertain their guests. Although destroyed during World War II, it was rebuilt as a public park. There are three different gardens inside the premises. They are the traditional Japanese landscape garden, a formal French garden and an English landscape garden. There is also a beautiful greenhouse with many tropical and subtropical flowers. A vast variety of flowering and vegetative shrubs cover the area. From anthuriums, bromeliads, cactii, crotons, ferns, succulents, orchids, as well as, banana, oranges and cacao are some of the plants to be seen including waterfalls placed in strategic spots to add beauty to the set up.

The second garden was Showa Kinen Park. It originated during the Edo Period. Later it was converted into a botanical garden before being transferred to the Imperial Family in 1903 who used it for recreation and to entertain their Guests. The park was almost completely destroyed during World War II, but was eventually rebuilt and reopened in 1949 as a public park. Shinjuku Gyoen is comprised of three different types of gardens. The oldest is a traditional Japanese landscape garden featuring large ponds dotted with islands and bridges. Well manicured shrubs and trees surround the water together with several pavilions. The park's other main gardens include a symmetrically arranged formal French garden, and an English landscape garden featuring wide, open lawns surrounded by flowering cherry trees. The rest of the park consists of forested areas, lawns and several structures including a restaurant, an information center and an art gallery. There is also a beautiful greenhouse with many tropical and subtropical flowers. Shinjuku Gyoen is home to a large number of cherry trees of more than a dozen different varieties as well as a tulip garden and a bonsai collection. Vibrant colors of tulips cover a huge landscape that has winding streams in between. One area is dedicated to a beautiful collection of bonsai in a wide variety with some of them as old as three hundred years. The Bonsai Garden is located at Japanese garden in Showa Kinen Park. Bonsai is one of Japanese traditional arts and a dwarf miniature potted tree, which is shaped in imitation of natural scenery. In Bonsai Garden mainly 61 excellent bonsai donated from bosai lovers in Japan are displayed.

Our next stop was at the Tokyo Tower. The second tallest structure in Japan that was inspired by the Eiffel Tower in France. Painted in white and International red, it is a communications and observation tower and is an important landmark in Tokyo. Millions of people visit the tower annually. It's breathtaking beauty can be viewed from many corners of the city and, most importantly, from our hotel room window. Our group saw it at sunrise as well as in late evening but couldn't decide which view was the better of the two. The day ended with an Indian traditional dinner.

After having spent the last few days in this great country, we are leaving with beautiful memories as well as lasting impressions of the Japanese people who are among the most humble and helpful. It is certainly the cleanest of all the countries we have seen so far. We will surely come back to learn more about this place which is a beautiful blend of the old and new in great harmony.

Thank you, Japan, you are cool, clean and classy!!

There's no shabbiness about your place nor the people. Sayonara!

Lakshmi K. Tummala





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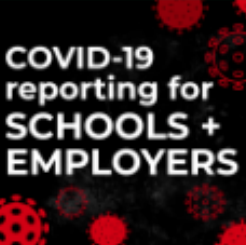
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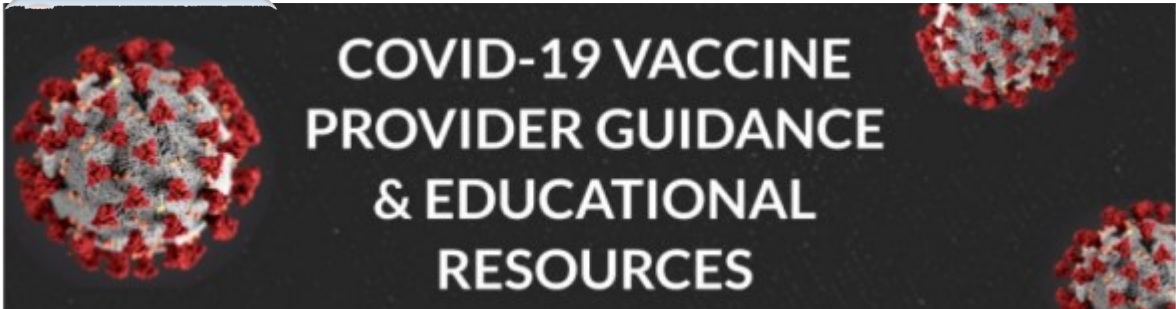
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## COVID-19 VACCINE

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.

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The Genesee County Health Department is looking for volunteers to assist in the delivery of COVID-19 vaccine throughout Genesee County. Please follow the steps below if you are at least 18 years old and interested in volunteering at an upcoming GCHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

**Submitting a volunteer application alone will not confirm you as a volunteer.**

Volunteer opportunities are available at our [Burton Branch](#) and at various TBD community locations.

**Step 1** – [CLICK HERE to complete volunteer application](#) (You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer)

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**Step 3** – Once your application has been processed, you will receive an email confirming your volunteer status. This email will provide instructions on how to select a volunteer date and time.

**Vaccines for volunteers may be available if there are appointment cancellations, but cancellations are rare and there is no guarantee of this availability. To be eligible for vaccine, volunteers must live or work in Genesee County.**

**Have a question about volunteering? Visit our Volunteer FAQ [here](#)**

# Genesee County Medical Society at Work



## Covid-19 Vaccination Volunteering

To Volunteer :





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## **Genesee County May Receive a Much Larger Supply of COVID Vaccinations to Distribute!**

Your Genesee County Practice Can Help :

- If your Physician's Office/Practice is in the MICR system & approved to give COVID-19 vaccinations.
- If your Physician's Office/Practice would like to give the Covid-19 vaccination, but is not currently in the MICR system or is not approved for COVID vaccinations, please contact Genesee County Health Department to get registered.

If your Genesee County Practice is interested, please have them contact Joanne Herman @ [Joanne.herman76@gmail.com](mailto:Joanne.herman76@gmail.com)

Let's come together to help the most vulnerable patients get vaccinated!



## Medical Society Foundation

Consider a donation to the Medical Society Foundation for all of your holiday sentiments while supporting important health related causes.

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 you tell others how much their health- really means to you.

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# State and County Medical Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

W Phone \_\_\_\_\_ W Fax \_\_\_\_\_ H Phone \_\_\_\_\_ H Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address  Preferred Mail  Preferred Bill  Preferred Mail and Bill

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 \_\_\_\_\_

• Primary Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Board Certified:  Yes  No

• 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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