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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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## A Message from GCMS President, Edward Christy, MD

I am honored and humbled to have been elected to serve as President of our Genesee County Medical Society. I have been participating with both the County and State Medical Societies for many years, advocating for our members and patients. I have been a GCMS Board member for 20 years.

There have been many changes to our traditional practice structures. So many more physicians are now employed by larger entities and the number of small practices is decreasing. Our Medical Society represents physicians regardless of the structure, or size of practice, but this shift is threatening the membership level of the society.

Practicing medicine with all of the regulations, mandates, financial strains, public health concerns and pressure from payers and healthcare institutions are all putting enormous stresses on physicians. This is a time during which we need to belong to one strong society to help each other and to actuate aggressive advocacy on behalf of the profession.

Most of us hate change, yet one of the few things certain in life is change. Work-life balance is an impossible task, but we can help by being a society of like-minded individuals who encourage and build each other up and fight the hassles.

This will be a busy year for physicians. No time is better than the present to become involved in organized medicine. Our profession is constantly changing, as federal and state administrations change. Members of Congress and our legislators need our leadership, guidance and support. We need to voice our concerns regarding safe patient care for the people of our state and our county.

The recent challenges of the opioid crisis, MACRA, maintenance of certification, payment schemes and partial repeal of the Affordable Care Act have led to increasing frustration with our practice environment. Physician burnout is at an all-time high. Many physicians are even retiring early due to unresolved EMR issues. What a loss of access this could cause.



*Edward Christy, MD*

Our county still has issues with recent lead crisis and legionella outbreak. We must be successful providing clean and safe water to all of Flint. Medical professionals and all the three hospital administrations will need to join together to create one voice to handle the issues and complications that the lead exposure will bring to our community.

Physician and hospital leaders must redouble efforts to work together to influence healthcare delivery and patient care in a meaningful way. This was the conclusion reached by leaders who met in the recent GCMS town hall meeting.

Our board has been diligently working to serve our members. We are striving to find new ways to meet the needs of our physicians and their families. We are constantly participating in activities to increase our physician membership. Our popular monthly meeting between Physician office staffs and payers including CMS, BCBSM, Meridian, and HAP, etcetera, are well attended and well worth the dues we pay.

We are one of the most active societies at the state and national levels. Many of our members thoughts, visions, and resolutions are now accepted and incorporated into policies and even laws at the state and national levels.

We are fortunate to have three teaching hospitals in our county with more than 150 resident physicians. We are very fortunate to have a medical school campus here with urban-medicine focused medical students. My main aim to encourage all these young resident physicians and medical students to participate early on in organized medicine.

I remain eternally optimistic that with mentorship of our younger colleagues and service to our community, we can rise as a profession, to meet the challenges and changes that confront us now and for years to come.

I look forward to engaging with you over the course of next twelve months. I promise to serve you and our community well.

# GCMS MEETINGS

— November 2018 —

**Legislative Liaison Committee**  
Recessed

**Community & Environmental  
Health Committee**  
12:30pm, GCMS Office, TBD

**2018 Ball Committee, TBD**  
3:30pm, GCMS Office

**Finance Committee**  
5:00pm, GCMS Office, 11/27

**Board of Directors**  
5:30pm, GCMS Office, 11/27

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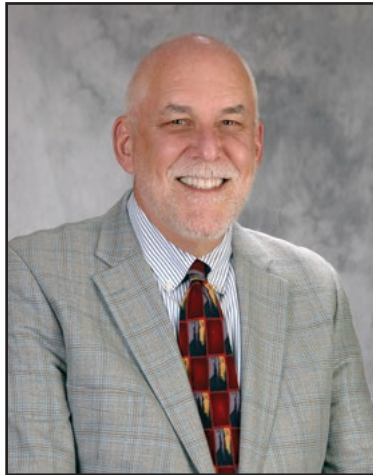
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## Presidential Transition

One of the hard parts of staffing the Medical Society, is the fact that Presidents only serve for one year. It seems like a blink until we lose a team member who plays such a critical role in the organization.

This Medical Society plays a significant role in the community. Presidents give of themselves in real ways. There are stressful moments when the media needs to be responded to. There are times when communication is required on very exciting topics and sometimes on very disturbing topics. They deal with payer and regulatory matters as well as peer review issues. Our Presidents handle these things well, even though it is outside their wheelhouse. It always amazes me how well our leaders handle difficult decisions. It is a common trait of those who choose the medical profession.



*Peter Levine, MPH*

Dr. Gerald Natzke has been a joy to work with, and we know that he will continue to be involved. But on Nov.

10, his presidency will be over. He has been a real stalwart on behalf of the GCMS Board and the membership. He is quiet, and he is strong. His president's messages have been reprinted in statewide publications on several occasions. He has been a patient leader and educator. We all owe him a big thanks for a good year. We look forward to his continued role on the GCMS Board of Directors.

Welcome to Ed Christy, MD, who will step in as President Nov. 10 at the Presidents Ball. He has a long history of leadership involvement in both GCMS and MSMS. We, the staff, look forward to working with him, as does the Board. Please give him your support when asked.

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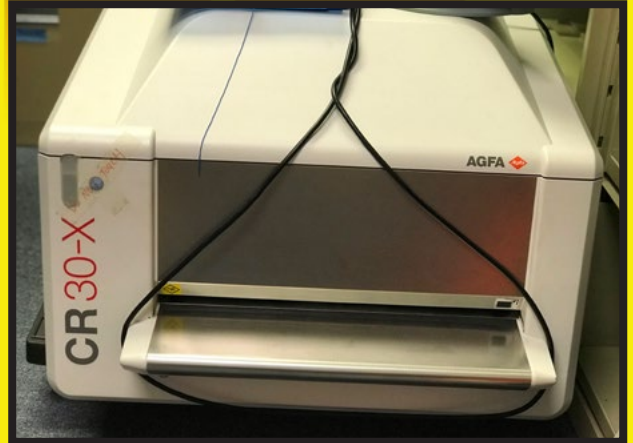
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## Making a difference as a med student

*The AMA "Members Move Medicine" series profiles a wide variety of doctors, offering a glimpse into the passions of women and men navigating new courses in American medicine.*

**On the move with:** Rohit Abraham, a medical student who is taking a one-year leave from medical training between the third and fourth years to complete a master's degree in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

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**What inspired me to pursue a career in medicine:** Before medical school, I was first a teacher—I taught ninth-grade biology in a low-income Detroit public school through Teach For America. I realized that you simply can't teach kids who aren't there, and the most common reason my kids were absent was to babysit younger siblings because a family member was hospitalized for undiagnosed or untreated chronic disease. This understanding inspired me to train both in medicine and in public health to serve urban, underserved populations.

**How I move medicine:** I sit on a couple nonprofit health boards (including my state medical society), advocate for issues I care about on Capitol Hill, and regularly volunteer with community engagement efforts to address the opioid crisis. These things help create balance in my own life, especially since they help me feel like I'm making a difference outside the four walls of the hospital or clinic.

**Career highlights:** As a second-year medical student at Michigan State University College of Medicine, I had the wonderful surprise of receiving the AMA Foundation Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award for my early engagement with organized medicine and for public health initiatives at home and abroad in India.

I am also incredibly thankful to have been a 2017–2018 awardee of the Zuckerman Fellowship, which is a public service merit award that fully funded my Master of Public Health degree through Harvard's Center for Public Leadership.

I have been proud to give back to my community this year through service to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, which paired me up with an amazing third-grader named Temi. We spent a year together building a mentorship relationship by conducting fun science experiments, building robotic Lego projects, and learning advanced math for travel competitions.

Advice I'd give to those interested in pursuing a career in medicine: Some of the best advice I ever got during medical school was to spend your free time doing the kinds of things you would do if you already had the "MD" after your name. Whether that's advocacy, volunteerism or community leadership, there's nothing stopping you from doing these things today! Medical students have a lot more power and public trust than most people realize. It's up to us to put that influence to good use and to make our community a better place.

Aspect of my work that means the most: At the end of the day, the one-to-one relationships I get to build with my patients mean more to me than anything else in my career. Medicine is the most fulfilling career in the world because you have the privilege of talking with people in their most vulnerable moments, which you have the unique expertise to address and resolve to help build stronger, healthier communities. I'm incredibly lucky to be in this field, and every day of training is worth it to be able to serve my patients.

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# Classifications: Employee or Independent Contractor?

By: Nancy K. Chinonis

A common question that business owners raise involves the use of the terms "employees" versus "independent contractors." The use and classification of an individual as an "employee" or "independent contractor" can be one of the more complicated employment law questions facing business owners. The classification has significant legal and financial implications for business owners.

When an employer classifies a worker as an "employee," the employer must withhold income taxes, pay one-half of FICA taxes, federal and state unemployment taxes, maintain worker's compensation insurance, and make numerous filings each year.

However, an "independent contractor" is responsible for their own tax obligations, and self-directs their work. Business owners must report payments to an independent contractor via a 1099. Several governmental agencies including the IRS, Department of Labor, the Unemployment Insurance Agency, and the Department of Treasury may share information with each other regarding "employee" vs. "independent contractor" status.

Under Michigan law, independent contractors are not protected under the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act or the Michigan Whistleblower Protection Act.

In 2015, the Department of Labor reacted to a number of complaints by workers claiming that they

have been misclassified. These misclassification claims are tedious, expensive, and fact specific. Furthermore, there are varying standards regarding whether a worker is an "employee" or an "independent contractor" based on the type of claim asserted by the worker. One test, the "Economic Reality Test," is used for determining employment status when it comes to social legislation such as worker's disability compensation. However, another test, the "Control Test," is used in tort actions. Both of these tests have multi-faceted factors that need to be considered under specific circumstances.

Significant legal problems may arise when an employer incorrectly labels an individual's employment status as "independent contractor" when they are in fact an "employee" under the applicable law. To avoid this problem, consult with an experienced employment attorney regarding the distinction between "employees" and "independent contractors." Be sure to have a defensible independent contractor agreement that accurately reflects the relationship between the contractor and business.

If you have questions regarding the classification of one of your employees, please contact Nancy Chinonis, (810)232-3141, employment attorney at Cline, Cline & Griffin, P.C.

## MSMS launches Election 2018

Your vote is critical to continue the advancement of health care and the protection of your patients. That's why the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) has launched Election 2018. MSMS will help keep its members updated on election activity and candidates' positions that you care about most. Election 2018 was developed to help you know the ballot issues and candidates running for office, so you can make an informed decision.

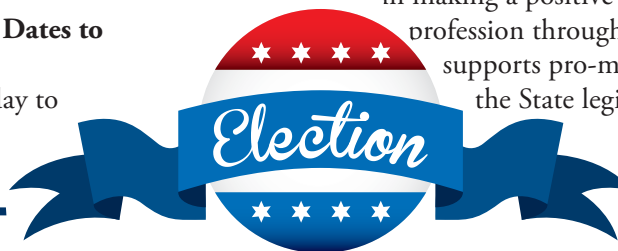
### Election 2018: Important Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, October 9:** Last day to register for November general election:

**Saturday, November 3, 2 pm:** Deadline for requesting absentees' ballot

### Tuesday, November 6: Election Day

**MDPAC:** The Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC) is the political arm of the Michigan State Medical Society. We are a bipartisan political action committee made up of physicians, their families, residents, students and others interested in making a positive contribution to the medical profession through the political process. MDPAC supports pro-medicine candidates running for the State legislature, Michigan Supreme Court and other statewide positions. Join today!



# GCMS Practice Manager's Meeting on Compliance



The September practice managers meeting focused on Compliance from the Practice Perspective. Jessica Thomas, Billing and Pre-registration Manager and Compliance Officer at Regional Medical Imaging (RMI) held the attending practice managers attention for nearly two hours. She provided an overview of the compliance process at RMI, which uses a HIPAA Committee to oversee all aspects of the compliance process. The committee reviews things together and meets at least monthly. She reviewed what compliance is: "the adherence to legal, ethical, and professional standards applicable to our practice." Practices must have a plan if participating in Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP. Proper documentation is necessary. Compliance impacts billing but can also become a big problem in audits. It is critical that staff know what to do if someone shows up from the Inspector General's Office or any other office wishing to review records. Each practice will handle that differently, but having a plan is important. She noted that physician Buy-in is critical to motivate staff to be observant participants in the compliance process. Internal audits need to be based on what the practice put in the compliance plan. Internal audits show areas of concern and provide opportunities to learn.



Traci Kim of Complete Eyecare, also gave an overview of the issues relating to social determinants of health. The group decided that it would like to have a complete session on social determinants of health at

the February meeting. The group also decided that it would like to have a presentation on the State Innovation Model Jan. 10, with a presentation on the project as a whole, as well as from the perspective of a practice.

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**The following topics are tentatively scheduled and subject to change**

**November**

**No Meeting - Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!**

**December 6, 2018  
Presenter(s):**

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

**January 10, 2019  
Presenter(s):**

**"State Innovation Model"**  
Lori Kunkel, MHSA, Vice President of Programs  
Greater Flint Health Coalition

**February 7, 2019  
Presenter(s):**

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

**March 7, 2019  
Presenter(s):**

**"Social Determinants of Health"**  
Traci Kim, MA, CMPE, Lecturer, Public Health & Health Sciences,  
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## Legislative Liaison Committee Meeting

The October Legislative Liaison Committee meeting focused almost entirely on the issues of maintenance of certification, opioids and prior authorization. All are issues of critical importance to the physicians of Genesee County in the State of Michigan. State Rep. Tim Sneller participated in the meeting.

The Committee discussed MSMS and GCMS support of legislation that would prohibit payers and hospitals from using maintenance of certification as the sole criteria for rejecting physician participation. It was noted that in a recent survey, 85 percent of physicians would support legislation that prohibits payers in Michigan from requiring maintenance of certification. The survey also showed that 83 percent of physicians would support legislation that prohibits hospitals in Michigan from requiring maintenance of certification. It was noted that MSMS and GCMS support maintenance of certification under the following circumstances: it must be voluntary, and it must not be a condition of licensure,

or hospital privileges or health plan participation.

The Committee also discussed the need for changes to legislation that went into effect in July, relating to opioids. Efforts will be made to continue pursuing change to that legislation next year.

A brief discussion was held regarding naturopathic scope of practice. It was noted that that legislation is not going anywhere this year.

Prior authorization legislation is an issue of significant importance and will be addressed next term. This is a priority for both MSMS and GCMS.

It was noted that auto no-fault reform could get very complicated during the lame duck session. Normal alliances do not work on this issue.

It was noted that GCMS has endorsed the Genesee Health Plan millage

The next meeting of the Committee will take place Dec. 3. November's meeting date conflicts with the election.







# Join MSMS and GCMS!

1. GCMS is an aggressive advocate on behalf of member physicians with third-party payors. GCMS meets with third-party payors on a regular basis. GCMS maintains its contacts in an effort to reduce the possibility of misunderstandings between payors and physicians and to endeavor to solve problems as soon as possible.
2. GCMS is an aggressive advocate on behalf of its member physicians and their patients with state and federal legislatures. GCMS leadership meets monthly with our legislative and congressional delegation or representatives of those elected officials to discuss issues of import to our members. GCMS also communicates with its members and members of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance (GCMSA) via email to create grassroots pressure, as legislative needs arise.
3. When specific issues arise that require immediate action, email and fax blasts are instituted to communicate directly with members.
4. GCMS convenes monthly meetings with Practice Managers in an effort to head off problems for physician practices and to find solutions to those that are identified.
5. GCMS holds quarterly Town Hall meetings on critical issues.
6. GCMS works very closely with the Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC). GCMS allocates staff and physician time to the GFHC, which involves itself in issues as diverse as, the development of the Regional Health Information Exchange, community training programs to develop staff for vacancies in hospitals and physicians' offices, and many other projects which aid in identifying ways to help Genesee County physicians including its Children's Health Access Project, and the State Innovation Model.
7. GCMS staff communicates quite often with third-party payors and, on occasion, regulators on behalf of physicians in much the same way the MSMS reimbursement staff does. GCMS also communicates with third-party payors on issues relating to certification and efforts to simplify or improve methods of doing things that affect physicians and their patients.
8. GCMS works very hard on leadership development relating to young physicians, foreign physicians, and physicians in general in an effort to refurbish its leadership core on an on-going basis.
9. GCMS works closely with MSMS on developing leaders, lobbying, and fostering physician involvement in all aspects of MSMS' activities and related AMA activities. GCMS is always disproportionately represented in leadership positions at MSMS, and the AMA. We are constantly looking for new ideas and new leaders.
10. GCMS is simply disproportionately influential on behalf of its member physicians and their patients.

***Please join.***



# MDPAC Endorsements Announced for November 2018 Elections

In recognition their steadfast support of Michigan patients and the state's medical community, the Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC) formally announced their support for the following candidates for office:

## Michigan Supreme Court

- Kurtis Wilder (Incumbent)
- Elizabeth Clement (Incumbent)

## U.S. Senate

- Debbie Stabenow (D) (Incumbent)

## U.S. House of Representatives - Incumbents

- Daniel Kildee (D-Flint)-  
5th District

## Michigan State Senate - Incumbents

- Jim Ananich (D-Flint)-  
27th District
- Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth)-  
32nd District

## Michigan House of Representatives

### - Incumbents

- Sheldon Neeley (D-Flint)-  
34th District
- Tim Sneller (D-Burton)-  
50th District

## Michigan House of Representatives

### - Non-Incumbents

- John Cherry Jr. (D-Flint)-  
49th District

"More than ever, Michigan needs lawmakers committed to advocating for the rights and needs of the state's patient community, and these candidates have demonstrated their ability to be leaders on that front," said Mark C. Komorowski, MD, MDPAC Chair. "These candidates for office are exactly the kind of advocates our state's patients and families deserve, and Michigan's physician community is proud to support them."

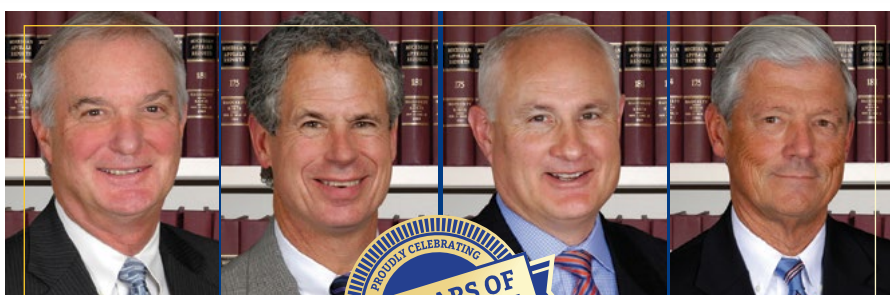


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# Meet Your New President, Edward Christy, MD

*"As a solo practitioner, the Medical Society is where I turn for help"*

Ed Christy, MD, is not the first Genesee County Medical Society President to have been born into a household that never had running water. In Genesee County, he is not alone in having been raised in a war zone. He was born in northern Sri Lanka during the war between the north and south. His memories are still strong of running from bombs, rushing to a bomb shelter to avoid the danger. He has terrible memories of ethnic violence and bombings. His church was bombed with 25 people in it who were seeking shelter. They all died. Another strong memory is of standing in lines for bread and water.

He was sent to southern Sri Lanka for medical school. During his first year, he found himself hunted by folks looking for students from the north. Fortunately, a neighbor took him in and hid him. He had become a refugee in his own country. Luckily, one of his friends' father was high up in the military and smuggled him on to a cargo ship heading back to the northern part of the country, and it saved his life. Dr. Christy has never been back to his medical school. He finished medical school in southern India. There were a lot of Sri Lankans in that area, and he felt very comfortable.

Dr. Christy then went to England to perform

a residency in surgery, which he completed. It was during his time in England, when he married Kantha, who completed a Master of Science in Chemistry from University of London. She has been a full-time mother since then.

He then went to Saint Raphael's hospital at Yale University for a residency in medicine. He moved to Michigan because his mother-in-law and father-in-law were here, and he has stayed.

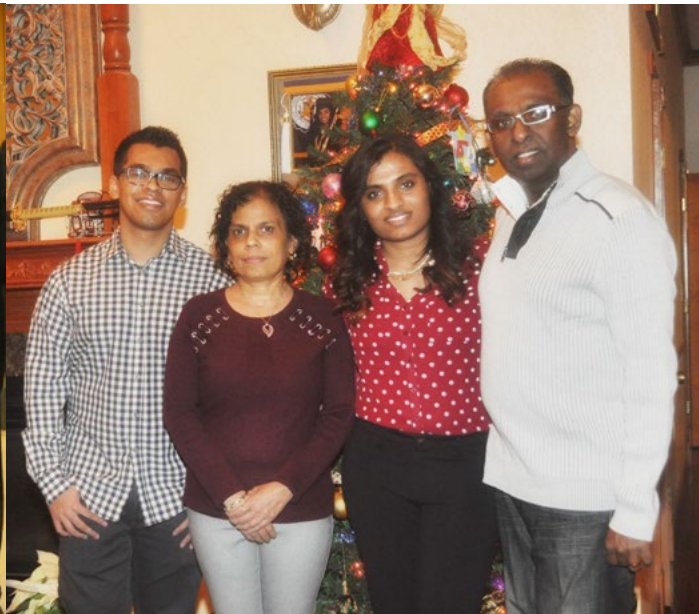
Dr. Christy opened the primary care office in Davison with his brother-in-law, Dr. Manoharan Eustace. He specializes in internal medicine, geriatric as well as hospice and palliative care.

Dr. Christy is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a fellow of the American College of Geriatrics, and is board certified in hospice and palliative care, as well as internal medicine. In addition, Dr. Christy has achieved a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in healthcare administration.

He serves as Medical Director for five nursing homes and has served on the teaching faculty in internal medicine at all three local hospital systems and he is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Michigan State University.

He is well-known in the community, partly because he practices acupuncture for pain control and various illnesses. He has a substantial practice just for acupuncture.

Dr. Christy has been a member of the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors for over 20 years. Before becoming President-Elect, he served as Treasurer for many years. In addition, Dr. Christy





has been a delegate to the MSMS House of Delegates for over 20 years. He has also served on the Board of the International Medical Graduate Section. He has served several times on MSMS Reference Committees at the House of Delegates.

Dr. Christy says "as a solo practitioner the Medical Society is where I turn to for help, and it has helped me. When I was new in practice, leaders of the Medical Society and the staff showed me the ropes. It has helped me as a physician and as a person. The Genesee County Medical Society is a great resource to new physicians, and to experienced ones as well.

"This is the only organization that represents all physicians. It goes to bat with insurance companies and governmental agencies, on billing issues, and regulatory issues. GCMS has helped with everything, and it's only \$385 per year for the dues.

"GCMS is the organization that the bigger groups call when they have a problem that they cannot fix. It is an organization, in which all of its members hold your hand."

"MSMS has also been so helpful to me throughout my career. Between GCMS and MSMS you know who to call for just about anything, even legal and liability issues."

"I can't imagine practicing medicine in a state without the liability reforms that Michigan has. These reforms were achieved in smashing victories led by the Michigan State Medical Society and County societies, especially GCMS. There were marches in Lansing. There were aggressive meetings with legislators. There were rough meetings with the legal community.

From a purely financial standpoint, the destruction of the proposed physician tax by MSMS and the counties

is absolutely magnificent. This proposed tax would have taken 3% of every physicians' gross revenues. Imagine paying 3% of one's gross. Your dues are paid for with the first 33,000 gross revenue."

"The practice managers meetings allow your practice to have a face-to-face discussion with key payers and regulators, and to get answers to specific problems. Those meetings save your time and resources because your manager or biller have contact with decision-makers! This is an important part of your cash flow.

"GCMS is working very hard with MSMS to improve the prior authorization situation as well as changing the maintenance of certification environment. These two issues along with improving membership members will be our foci for the coming year."

The Christy's are very proud of their two children. Joanne Christy, MD, an ophthalmology resident at Stony Brook Hospital in Long Island. She is engaged to be married to a financial analyst from Toronto, Canada.

Joshua Christie, is a medical student, finishing this year at the University of Windsor College of Medicine.

When asked about hobbies, Dr. Christy had to think about it, and finally said "tennis, but mostly I work."





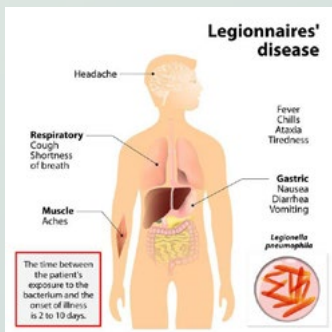
# Current Physician Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Related to Legionnaires' Disease in the Aftermath of the Flint Water Crisis

Katanya C. Alaga<sup>1</sup>, Jewel M. Konja<sup>1</sup>, Asad Nawaz<sup>1</sup>, Abdulrahman M. Alotaibi<sup>1</sup>

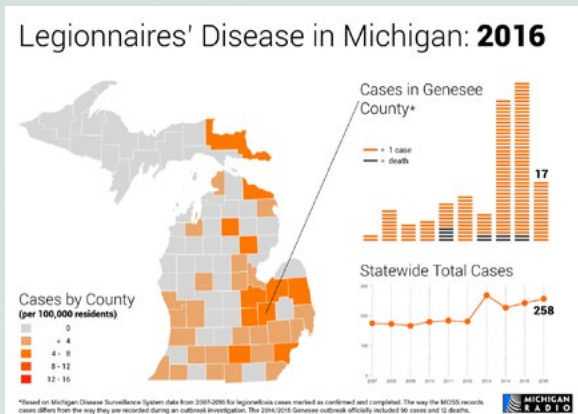
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## INTRODUCTION

- Legionnaires' disease (LD) is a respiratory illness caused by the inhalation of aerosolized water contaminated with Legionella bacteria.



- The incidence of LD has been steadily increasing in the U.S. over the past 10 years (2016: 1.90/100,000; CDC WONDER).
- In 2014 and 2015, the city of Flint, Michigan underwent a change in the city's water source that resulted in a water crisis and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest recorded LD outbreak in American history.



- In order to reduce the incidence of LD in at-risk populations, it is imperative that we identify opportunities to improve LD knowledge and clinical practice among health care providers.

## OBJECTIVES

- This investigation aims to quantify the current state of knowledge, attitudes and clinical practices of clinicians in Genesee County (GC) after the Flint water crisis.
- This information will be used to better understand gaps in knowledge and design future physician education that supports the prevention and diagnosis of LD.

## METHODS

- This investigation was approved by the Institutional Review Board at Wayne State University.
- This investigation surveyed clinicians practicing in GC who are also members of the GC Medical Society (GCMS).
- Electronic and paper copy formats of the physician survey were created to assess current clinical knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to LD, in addition to measuring the uptake and utility of the LD clinical guidelines.
- The LD guidelines for clinicians were updated in conjunction with the Genesee County Health Department and distributed electronically to all members in several times in 2016 and 2017.
- Prompts to complete the survey were emailed to GCMS members using Qualtrics programming and posted in the GCMS monthly electronic bulletin. In addition, surveys were distributed to members at GCMS meetings.
- Completed responses were entered into Qualtrics software and exported into MS Excel for analysis and figure creation.

## RESULTS

The majority of survey participants have more than 20 years of experience in their clinical fields.

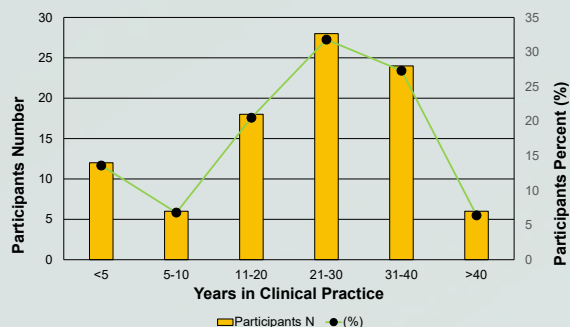


Figure 1. Distribution of survey participants (N = 94) according to the number of years in their respective clinical fields.

Half of surveyed clinicians practice in Family, Internal or Emergency Medicine.

Response	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants (%)
Family and/or Internal Medicine	47	49.47
Pediatric	7	7.37
Emergency	4	4.21
Obstetrics/ Gynecology	13	13.68
General Surgery	6	6.32
Oncology	2	2.11
ENT	1	1.05
Diagnostic Radiology	1	1.05
Neurology	1	1.05
Other:	13	13.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>

Figure 2. Distribution of surveyed clinicians (N = 95) according to their specialty. The internal medicine category included all subspecialties of internal medicine, including infectious disease, allergy and immunology, and med-peds. The other category includes participants from anesthesia, dermatology, ophthalmology, urology, pathology, reconstructive surgery, and residents who did not specify a field.

# Attitudes, and Clinical Practice regarding Legionnaires' Flint Water Crisis in Genesee County, Michigan

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## RESULTS

Over half of surveyed clinicians believe LD to be a major public health issue

View LD as a public health issue?	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants (%)
Yes	52	55.3
No	25	26.6
Unsure	17	18.1
Total	94	100

Figure 3. Distribution of surveyed clinicians (N = 94) according to their attitudes regarding LD as a public health issue.

Despite respondents believing LD is a public health issue, the majority did not receive, were not interested, or did not read the distributed LD clinical guidelines.

Receipt of LD clinical guidelines	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants (%)
No, did not receive	42	44.2
Yes, have received but I am not interested	4	4.2
Yes, have received but have not read	16	16.8
Yes, I have received and have read	27	28.4
Unsure if I received the guidelines	6	6.3
Total	95	100

Figure 4. Distribution of survey participants (N = 95) according to their receipt and use of the distributed LD clinical guidelines in 2017.

The majority of surveyed clinicians were able to correctly identify the risk factors of LD.

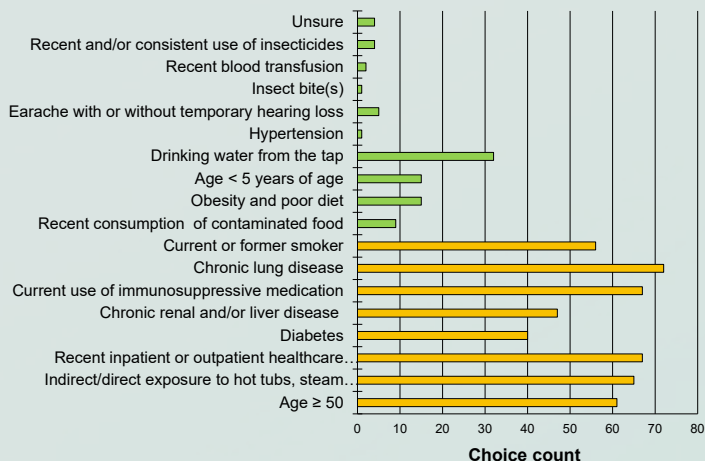


Figure 5. Distribution of participants (N = 94) selection of LD risk factors. Participants could select more than one response. Options on the survey were split between incorrect risk factors (green bars) and correct risk factors (yellow bars).

## RESULTS

The majority of surveyed clinicians were able to correctly identify the symptoms of LD.

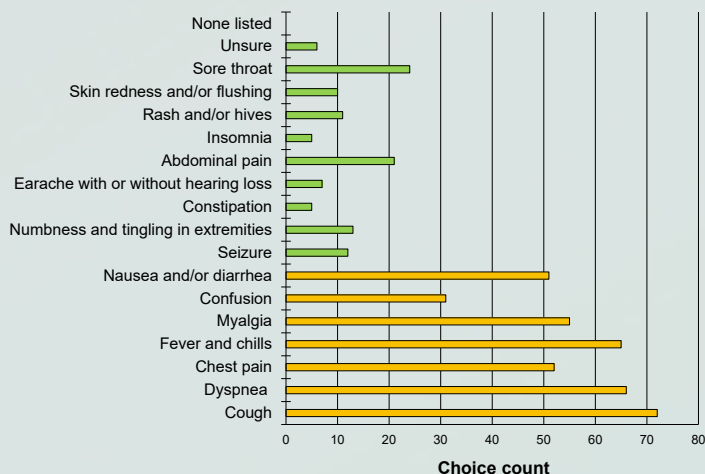


Figure 6. Participants (N = 94) were prompted to select all listed items they believed to be potential symptoms for LD. Options on the survey were split between incorrect symptoms factors (green bars) and correct symptoms (yellow bars).

## CONCLUSIONS

- It is important that we use the Flint water crisis and LD outbreak to derive lessons for LD prevention and disease recognition in clinical practice.
- Clinicians of varying specialties, particularly those in ambulatory care, need to be knowledgeable of risk factors, and the signs and symptoms of LD. Additional awareness of available diagnostic tests will aid in early patient identification and treatment.
- Traditional dissemination practices of clinical guidelines, including repeated distribution of clinical guidelines, have not been effective in maximizing awareness of LD guidance.
- This investigation underscores the continuing need for comprehensive physician education to improve the recognition and evaluation of patients with LD.

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CDC "What Clinicians Need to Know about" <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/fs-legionella-clinicians.pdf>

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# Louis Coriasso, MD

Dr. Louis Coriasso passed away at his Grand Blanc home Sept. 24, 2018, surrounded by family.

Dr. Coriasso was born in Walsenburg, Colorado on April 22, 1928. He graduated from Walsenburg High School at the age of 16. He went on to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder for two years before serving in the U.S. Navy. While stationed in Washington D.C., Lou met Margaret Ann O'Leary. The two were married in 1950. Following his service in the Navy, he completed his undergraduate degree in 1951 and began medical school at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Upon his graduation in 1955, Dr. Coriasso relocated his family to Flint, Michigan where he and his dear college friend, Dr. Robert (Bob) James, established a family medical practice in the thriving community. He provided care for over 55

years, practicing "old school" family medicine.

Dr. Coriasso served on many boards and committees locally to promote better access to health care and the well-being of the greater Flint community. Lou was a past president of the Genesee County Medical Association and an architect of health care services for Genesee County through his participation and leadership in several organizations, including the AMA, American Academy of Family Practice, Michigan State Medical Society, St. Joseph's Hospital and Genesys Regional Medical Center. He volunteered at the free clinic in Burton.

Dr. Coriasso is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret Ann Coriasso.



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# November 2018 Fitness Calendar

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## Class Descriptions & Locations

### Basic Yoga (1 hour)

This class is a balanced flow of postures designed to build stamina, strength, and flexibility while promoting weight loss and general stress relief.

#### Insight Health & Fitness Center (IHFC)

Formerly Hurley Health & Fitness Center  
4500 S. Saginaw St  
Flint, MI 48507  
(810) 893-6489



**Community Yoga (1 hour)** – This is a yoga class for all levels. Please wear comfortable and loose-fitting clothing. Some yoga mats will be available to borrow as well

Mindfulness@crim.org  
(810)-235-7461



#### Crim Fitness Foundation

452 Saginaw Street Downtown Flint

**Senior Stretch (1 hour)** - This class will help improve overall strength and flexibility. The class is led by a certified senior fitness instructor who will guide you through the exercises at your own pace. This class is perfect for all ability levels.

#### YMCA Downtown Flint

411 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Flint, MI 48503  
(810) 232-9622



**Spin/hiit** – 30 min. A high intensity interval training (hiit) session on the spin bikes. hiit is about mixing high speed/high intensity intervals with moderate recovery periods.

**POUND®** transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training.

#### Genesys Athletic Club (GAC)

801 Health Park Blvd  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
(810) 606-7300



### Total Life Prosperity B.A.S.E. Fitness Series

Each class includes **B**alance and Flexibility, **A**erobic Activity, **S**trength and Resistance Training, and **E**xercise Education

#### Chair Aerobics

Basic Seated functional fitness class for those who are overcoming mobility issues; includes aerobic activity, core work, and resistance training. Location: *Brennan Senior Center*

#### Total Body Challenge

Intermediate level workout which includes cardio, strength training, core work, balance and coordination, and flexibility training. Location: *Brennan Senior Center*

#### Hustle Aerobics

Advanced level workout that incorporates 45 minutes of non-stop cardio to the latest hustle songs followed 15 minutes bodyweight strength training. Location: *Brownell & Eisenhower*

#### IHFC Water Aerobics

A 1-hour class that will help you strengthen your muscles and cardiovascular system plus improve flexibility. Location: *Insight Health and Fitness*

**Aquafitness/Splash Bash**- An invigorating water workout. Ideal for all fitness levels. No swimming required

**Yoga Flow:** Learn yoga at a comfortable pace. Connect your mind's attention to your body's fluidity and movement -- promote strength, flexibility, coordination, agility, stamina and an overall experience of well-being.

#### University of Michigan-Flint Rec Center

401 Mill Street, Flint, MI 48502  
(810) 762-3441



**Enhance Fitness (1 hour)** – A fun, energizing class geared toward improving overall functioning and well-being. Improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength, flexibility and balance!

#### TIMES & LOCATIONS:

##### Hasselbring Senior Center

1002 Home Ave. Flint, MI  
(810) 766-7128 Mon, Weds, & Fri 9-10 am

##### Flint Farmers' Market- Tuesdays &

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am  
300 E. First St Flint, MI  
(810) 232-1399

##### Berston Field House

3300 Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505  
Thursdays, 10:00am

##### Main Clinic

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



### Genesee County Parks and Rec

Visit the calendar at: <http://geneseecountyparks.org/> to learn more about fun family events in Genesee County Parks!

For more information please go to:

- [Geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org) or call 800-648-PARK
- Descriptions for classes such as Let's Hike It Baby, Yoga for Kids, Yoga for Families, and more can all be found at the online calendar on [Commit2fit.com](http://Commit2fit.com) or [geneseecountyparks.org](http://geneseecountyparks.org)

*All programs are free unless noted with an asterisk (\*) sign next to the title, when noted with a \*, next to the title, programing ranges from \$2.00-\$5.00. Pre-Registration may be required.*



**Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (1 hour)** A low-impact physical activity program proven to reduce pain and decrease stiffness. The routines include gentle range-of-motion exercises that are suitable for every fitness level!

#### Grand Blanc Senior Center:

Tuesday & Thursdays 10am – 11am

#### Swartz Creek Senior Center:

Fridays 11am – 12pm

#### Forest Township Senior Center:

Wednesdays 12:30pm–1:30pm





# November 2018 Fitness Calendar

FREE! Commit to Fit! Class Schedule



Commit to Fit! offers fitness classes at **no cost** to all individuals who live or work in Flint and Genesee County. Fitness Centers require participants to be age 18 and older, other locations are open to all ages. See back side for details.

NOVEMBER 2018	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
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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.

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To make a gift, simply use these words:

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

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