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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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### GCMS Meetings

#### Legislative Meeting

October 6th, 2025

8:00 AM

#### Practice Manager Meeting

October 9th, 2025

9:00A.M

#### Board of Directors

LIVE MEETING

October 28th ,2025

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## *A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

### A Historic Town Hall Meeting

On September 17, 2025 the Genesee County Medical Society hosted a truly historic Town Hall meeting. The theme of the meeting was “Come Meet the President of the AMA”. For the first time since the Genesee County Medical Society has been in existence (1841), it has a Past President (2011), and current Board Member as President of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala was inaugurated as the 180th President of the AMA on June 10, 2025 at the AMA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago. He is the seventh president from Michigan since the AMA’s founding in 1856, and notably, the first AMA president from Genesee County.

The Genesee County Medical Society Town Hall Meeting was held at the Genesys Banquet facility in Grand Blanc, MI. The event was well attended with over 100 attendees from all over the state. The evening began with ABC 12 News interviewing Dr. Mukkamala, which aired on the local news broadcast.

[https://www.abc12.com/news/health/genesee-county-medical-society-honors-dr-bobby-mukkamala/article\\_b6021cc4-97fd-4988-97e8-a861985eae3.html](https://www.abc12.com/news/health/genesee-county-medical-society-honors-dr-bobby-mukkamala/article_b6021cc4-97fd-4988-97e8-a861985eae3.html)

The honorary program officially began at 6:20 p.m., with Executive Director David Hoff opening the meeting. GCMS President Dr. Paul Kocheril welcomed attendees, and GCMS President-Elect Dr. Michael Danic was the evening’s guest speaker.

The Genesee County Medical Society did something special and unique to honor AMA President Dr. Bobby Mukkamala and his wife Dr. Nita Kulkarni. To assist with the presentation of the achievement award plaque, David Hoff called to the podium all current GCMS Board Members. Three past GCMS Presidents no longer on the Board were in attendance: Dr. Cyrus Farrehi and Dr. Peter Thoms, and Dr. Cathy Blight. Dr. Farrehi and Dr. Thoms also joined the Board at the podium to assist with the presentation of the achievement award (Dr. Cathy Blight assisted from her seat, and was recognized as a Past President to the attendees).

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala received an achievement award plaque by the GCMS Board of Directors and Past Presidents, which was presented by Immediate Past President Dr. Macksood Aftab. Dr. Nita Kulkarni received a bouquet of red roses with a beautiful colorful vase, presented by GCMS President Dr. Paul Kocheril.

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During the final 45 minutes of the Town Hall meeting the President Dr. Bobby Mukkamala spoke. There were microphones placed in the room for the audience, for questions addressed to the AMA President. Dr Mukkamala answered questions from those that attended. His insights and transparency resonated with those in attendance.

GCMS President Dr. Paul Kocheril closed the Town Hall Meeting at 8:10pm.

It was a beautiful evening recognizing a shining star from Genesee County, Dr. Bobby Mukkamala. GCMS is proud to have the President of the AMA from the Genesee County Medical Society.

GCMS would like to thank our sponsor Sovita Credit Union. We have had a great partnership with Sovita Credit Union for many years.

The AMA President Dr. Bobby Mukkamala will be attending the GCMS President's Ball November 22, 2025 at the Sloan Museum, individual tickets are \$100 each.

This will provide another opportunity to "Come Meet the President of the AMA".

For comments or questions please contact

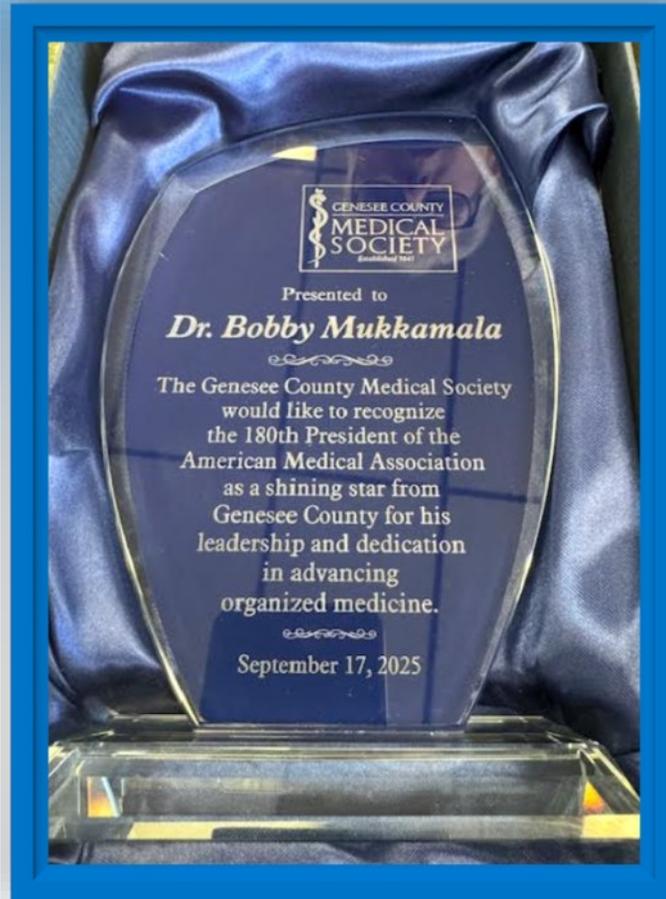
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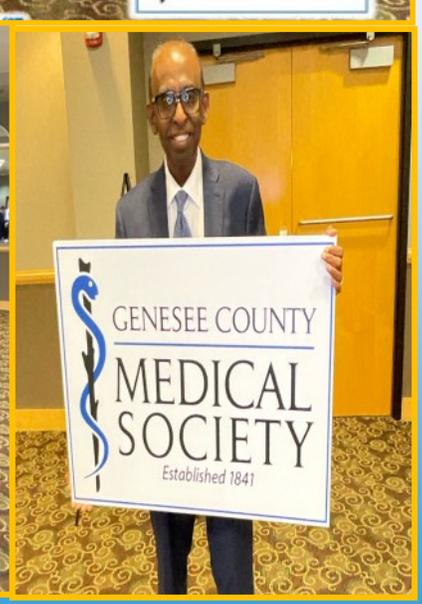
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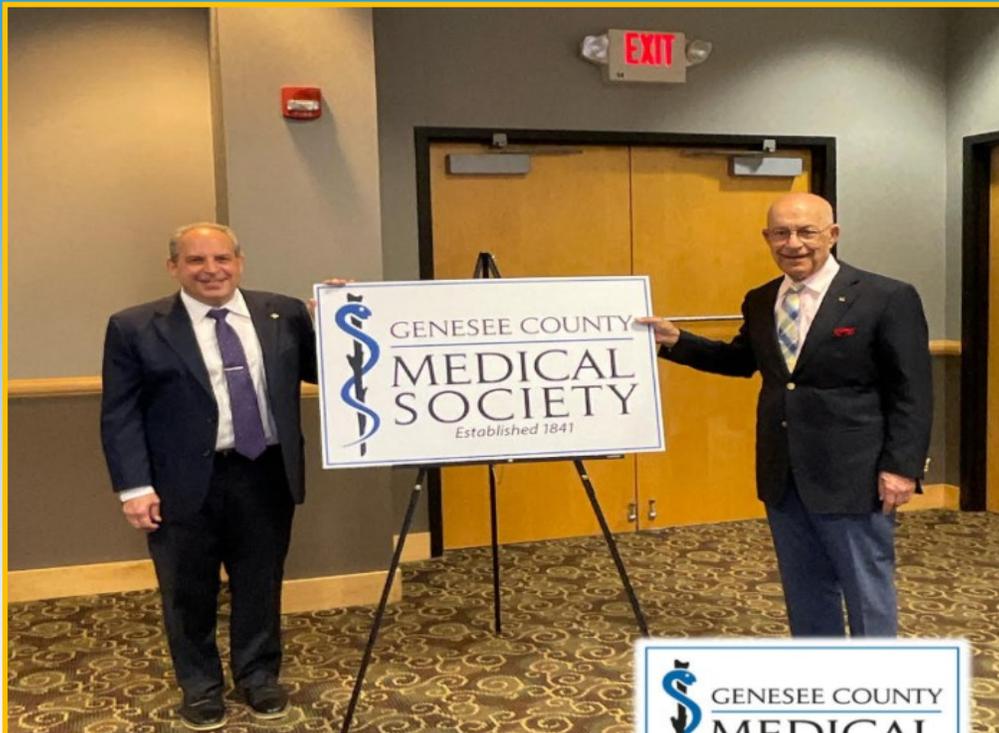


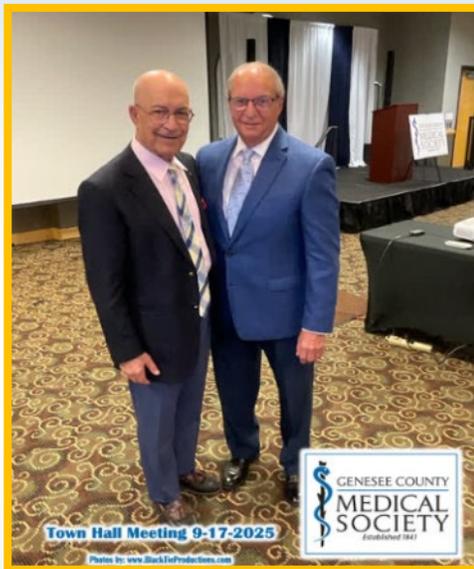
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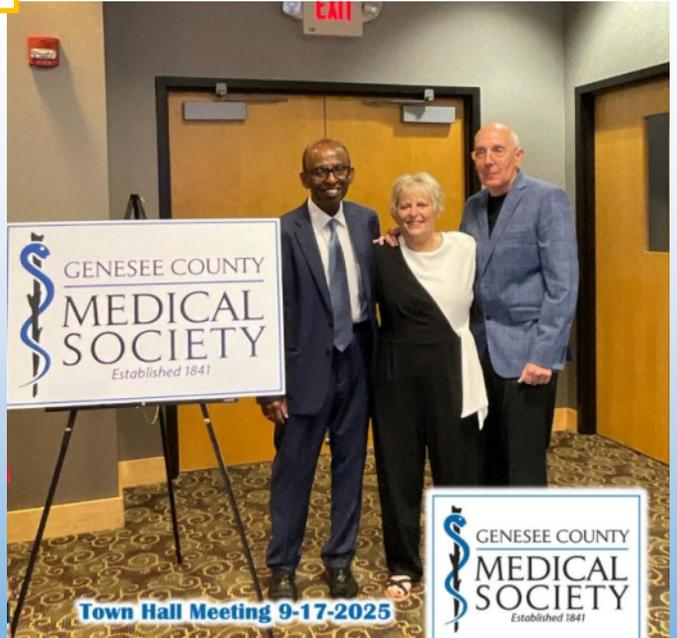














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**2025 President's Ball**  
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## A Message from the **President of the AMA**

I used to think that being the president of the American Medical Association would be smooth sailing. I also thought that it would have challenges throughout the year. I would say that this is definitely more challenging than I anticipated.

Last December after my brain surgery, it seemed like the lowest point in my life, for me and my family. Six months later, becoming president of the American Medical Association was one of the highest points in my life.

This is a time for opportunity and headwind; the main barrier seems to be Washington DC. Yet this may also be the biggest opportunity for improvement to medicine. As it relates to healthcare, these challenges almost always come from the Department of Health and Human Services.

I received my lifestyle medicine board certification, just prior to becoming president. I was excited for the opportunity to work with HHS Secretary Robert F Kennedy. My goal was to improve the health of our country, by focusing on prevention. This includes a healthier diet, as well as access to safe and conducive places to exercise.

I knew there were issues we would disagree upon, including the importance of vaccines and highly educated medical doctor opinions on things related to health care. Over the past 5 months, there has been a massive dismantling and destruction of that infrastructure.

The American Medical Association has been critical of those things that we think adversely impact the health of our country. We praise the decisions that improve the health of our country and the practice of Physicians

Initially I gave the likelihood of an invitation for a meaningful but important conversation with the Secretary of HHS at 75%. Now because of the contentious relationship with organized medicine, I would put that number at 50%.

I am excited about sharing organized medicine's perspective, from our Genesee County level to the whole country, with policy makers, non-member physicians, and the general public. I hope that together we can indeed Make America Healthy Again.

***Dr. Bobby Mukkamala***  
***Otolaryngologist-Head and Neck surgeon, President of***  
***American Medical Association***



*FROM THE DESK OF THE  
GCMSA PRESIDENT...Amanda Bauer~*

GCMSA

This month GCMSA kicked off their first meeting for book club on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> where they discussed the book *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. The Lost Bookshop follows parallel narratives in the 1920s and the present day, where Opaline, an aspiring rare book dealer, and Martha, a contemporary woman fleeing abuse, find their lives intertwined with a mysterious bookshop that appears and disappears. The next meeting will discuss *Blind Spots* by Marty Makary, MD on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

Also on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Sabita Tummala, the former Director of Professional Services at the Family Service Agency of Mid-Michigan and past GCMSA President, was honored with the Donald Riegle Community Service Award at the Flint Institute of Arts. She was recognized for her 22-year tenure with the agency and dedication towards enhancing peace, unity, and harmony among diverse populations in Flint and Genesee County. We are very proud to have her as one of our members!

On Sept 17<sup>th</sup> we joined the GCMS Town Hall Meeting to honor Dr. Bobby Mukkamala in his new role as AMA president. Dr. Mukkamala is the 180th president of AMA and the first person from Michigan to hold this position, having been inaugurated in June 2025. He is also the first AMA president of South Asian descent. We enjoyed a lovely dinner while learning about Dr. Mukkamala's background and future goals as the AMA president.

***Upcoming Events:***

**-October 4<sup>th</sup> Peace Day.** This annual event is organized to help enhance peace and unity among diverse populations in Genesee County. We also sponsor and recognize the "Peacemaker of the Year" Award.

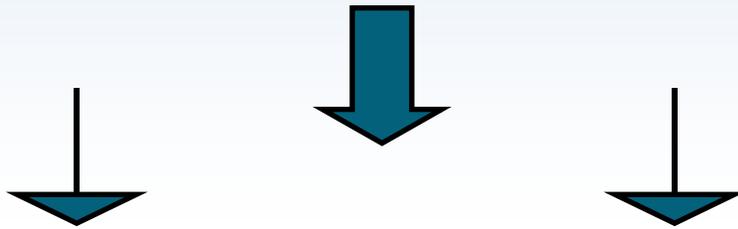


From the AMA 

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- 7:00 p.m. Adjourn

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## Osteopathic Physician (DO) Licensure Requirements

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

### Controlled Substance Licenses:

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

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

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

Training content must cover all of the following topics:

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

### For Medical Licenses:

#### Training Standards for Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

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

Training content shall cover all of the following:

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

#### Education on Pain and Symptom Management

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

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

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

### Medical Ethics

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

### Implicit Bias

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Medical Doctor (MD) Licensure Requirements

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

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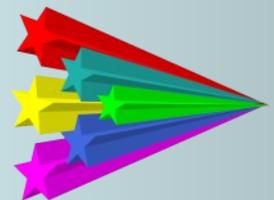
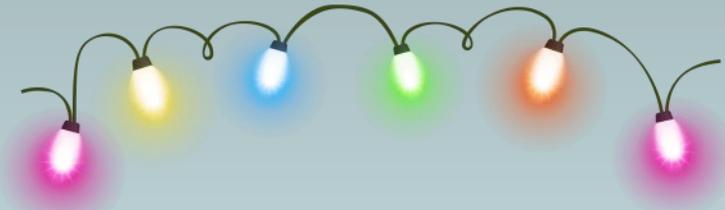
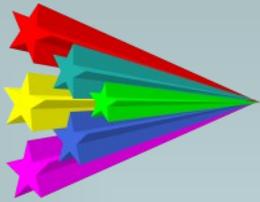
Renewals from June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023, need 1 hour; renewals from June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024, need 2 hours; renewals from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025, need 3 hours. Then after, every 3-year renewal cycle will need to report 3 hours. (Any hours after June 2021 can be used.)

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

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

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

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



**For information on sponsoring this years**

**President's Ball, please click the link below for more  
information.**





# Join GCMSA

Genesee County Medical  
Society Alliance

## MISSION STATEMENT

To make a positive difference in the lives of Genesee County residents by promoting healthy lifestyles and education through partnerships with GCMS and local community organizations, as well as providing a supportive network to medical families.



## Dues

\$30 per year

## Who We Are?

We are spouses of physicians who strive to make our county a better place for ourselves, our families, and our community.

Since 1938 GCMS Alliance programs and services have offered something for every physician's spouse. As a member, you have a voice in one of the most highly organized and involved health organizations in the community, the state of Michigan, and the nation.

## What We Do?

- Involved in the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic Healing Hands 5K Run/Walk.
- Helps the GCMS in its legislative efforts for quality health care.
- Provides supplies to the YWCA women's shelter
- Raises funds for Peace Day & scholarships
- Organize social events such as international luncheons, book clubs, friendship gatherings, and more!

## Get in Touch

661-645-2385

abauerPNP@gmail.com



<http://www.gcmsalliance.org>



[the.alliance.GCMSA](https://www.instagram.com/the.alliance.GCMSA)

GCMS is focused on improving the future of medicine. Our resource's and meetings are a great way to learn about medical advancements and potential treatments. Click the link below for more information.



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Rick Barker,  
Director of Respiratory & Neurology Services



For referrals, contact Hurley Lung Center at 810.262.9309.

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HURLEY



3/4/2025

### Important Update: MMR Vaccination Guidelines

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

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

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

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

#### MMR Vaccination Guidelines

##### Presumed Immunity and Vaccination Recommendations:

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

##### Special Considerations:

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

##### Current Childhood Immunization Schedule:

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

##### Early Vaccination for Infants:

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



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

**Contraindications:**

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

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

**Additional Resources:**

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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



**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS  
AND OFFICE STAFF!**

**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern  
for medical professionals!**

Please join GCMS and SOVITA in monthly meetings for  
practice managers and office staff of *all member physicians*.

*Please email [executivedirector@gcms.org](mailto:executivedirector@gcms.org) to RSVP,*

***YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM INVITE***

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**October 9th, 2025— 9:00 A.M.**

*You do not want your Practice Manager to miss out  
on these valuable meetings!*



[Click here for full guide](#)

# Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Health Care Providers Guide to In-Office  
Testing and Prevention



GENESEE COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# DISCONTINUATION-Measles-IgM Testing



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Laboratory System Partner,

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

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

For questions regarding this change, please contact:

Virology Section Manager, Dr. Katie Margulieux, [MargulieuxK@michigan.gov](mailto:MargulieuxK@michigan.gov) 517-335-8099, or

Viral Serology Unit Manager, Kristine Smith, [SmithK8@michigan.gov](mailto:SmithK8@michigan.gov) 517-335-8100.



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- ◆ GCMS staff helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
- ◆ GCMS Membership Committee has collaborated and has a plan in place to reach out to and meet with various practices in Genesee County. If you have colleagues that are not yet GCMS members, please connect with them!  
\*\*\*\* A flyer of GCMS benefits can be provided to you.

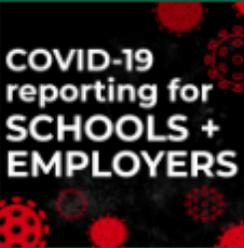


[For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers](#)

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



[For Reporting](#)



**COVID-19 reporting for SCHOOLS + EMPLOYERS**

**EMPLOYERS + SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:**

Do you need to report a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 case?

Click the button to email the Communicable Disease team at [GCHD-CD@gchd.us](mailto:GCHD-CD@gchd.us) or call (810) 257-1017

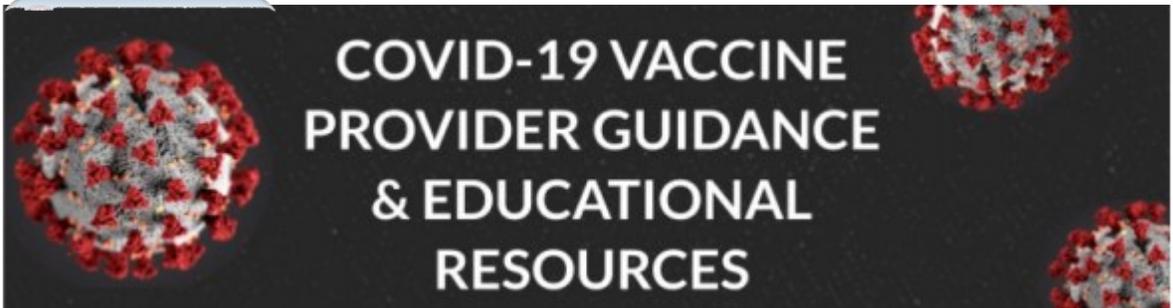


[For State of Michigan Covid-19 Information](#)





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**COVID-19 VACCINE  
PROVIDER GUIDANCE  
& EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCES**

**COVID-19 VACCINE**

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

[COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN](#)

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

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

*Genesee County Medical Society Members  
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To become a GCMS member,  
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Please contact :

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**NEW  
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**FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME)** for all active MSMS members beginning Dec. 2, 2024\*

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

## EXCITING NEWS

### FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY...

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

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

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

**Call 517-336-5716**

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

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**NEW  
MEMBER  
BENEFIT!**

## Easy Ways to Donate to the Medical Society Foundation:

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

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

To make a gift, simply use these words:

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

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

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



**Don't Forget!**  
Donations are tax deductible!

**Please contact GCMS at 733-9923 or email [executivedirector@gcms.org](mailto:executivedirector@gcms.org)**

# MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



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

[executivedirector@gcms.org](mailto:executivedirector@gcms.org) Thank you!





## Do you have an advertising NEED?

- Are you a Physician **and** you are a member of GCMS and you have a new practice in Michigan?
- Do you have a medical practice **and** you are a member of GCMS and your office has relocated?
- Do you have a business that serves Michigan and business slow?

Let Genesee County Medical Society help!

## Genesee County Medical Society Bulletin

(ONLINE MAGAZINE)

**Your ad will be featured in the Genesee County Medical Society monthly bulletin that is provided to 1,500+ viewers. The Bulletin can also be found on the GCMS website, and is also published through Calameo virtual magazine. ([HTTPS://En.Calameo.com/](https://en.calameo.com/))**

1/2-page ad \$195/month

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A link to the business website or email can be added for **NO** additional fee.

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**WorkLife Concierge**, a virtual assistant to help with every day and special occasion tasks, 24/7



**VITAL WorkLife App**—Mobile access to resources, well being assessments, insights, and more

### RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS

SafeHaven™ includes Well Being Resources from VITAL WorkLife—confidential and discreet resources designed to reduce stress and burnout, promote work/life integration and support well being for you and your family.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT  
[www.MSMS.org/SafeHaven](http://www.MSMS.org/SafeHaven)

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





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

### Empowering Health in Genesee County

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



**GREATER FLINT  
HEALTH COALITION**

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

June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

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

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

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

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

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE\\_training.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html)

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

Questions may be sent to : [BPLHelp@michigan.gov](mailto:BPLHelp@michigan.gov).

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing  
Licensing Division



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Application Code:

# State and County Medical Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join MSMS and your County Medical Society online at [www.joinmsms.org](http://www.joinmsms.org)



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

Male  Female

First (legal) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  MD  DO

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

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

If "yes," please provide full information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Medical Society Use Only  
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