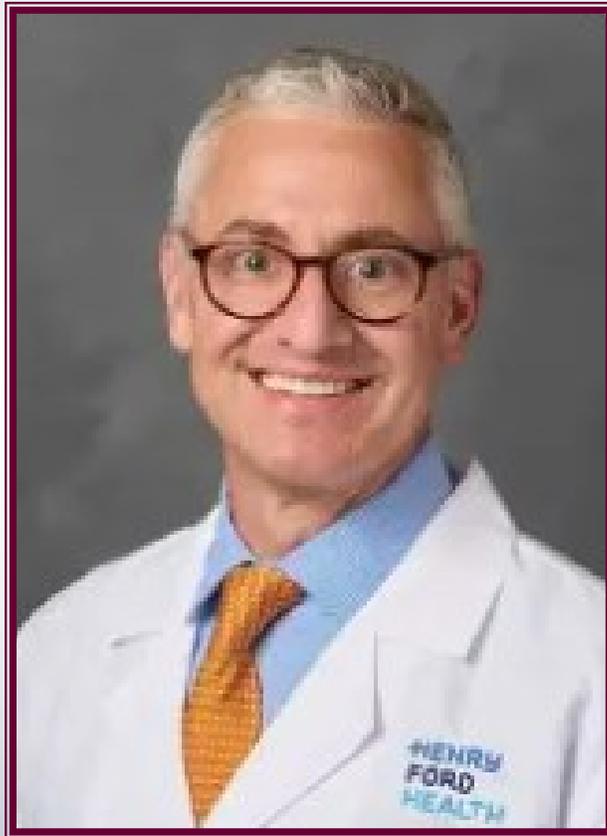


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### GCMS Meetings

#### Legislative Meeting

February 2nd, 2026

9:00 A.M

#### Practice Manager Meeting

February 12th, 2026

9:00 A.M

#### Board of Directors

February 27th, 2026

6:00 P.M.

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# *A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT*



DR. MICHAEL J. DANIC, DO,  
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## AngioVac A New First in Genesee County

Two articles have been written in the past on the AngioVac extracorporeal suction system. This article will present a new and unique patient, along with reprint of the two prior AngioVac Bulletin articles.

AngioVac extracorporeal technology has been available in Genesee County for approximately ten years. This technology may prevent the need for conventional open-heart surgery, removing vegetations and thrombus material in the right side of the heart minimally invasive.

In December 2025 a patient was diagnosed with a large tricuspid valve vegetation, creating acute and severe tricuspid insufficiency.

Dr. Ahmad Munir made the decision to AngioVac this 40-year-old patient, preventing the need for a media sternotomy and conventional open-heart surgery with a heart-lung machine.

Dr. Munir stated: "In these patients if we go for cardiac surgery and place a prosthetic valve, unfortunately these patients do drugs again and get reinfected.

At that time a redo sternotomy is very high risk, sometimes a prohibitive risk. That is where AngioVac is very beneficial".

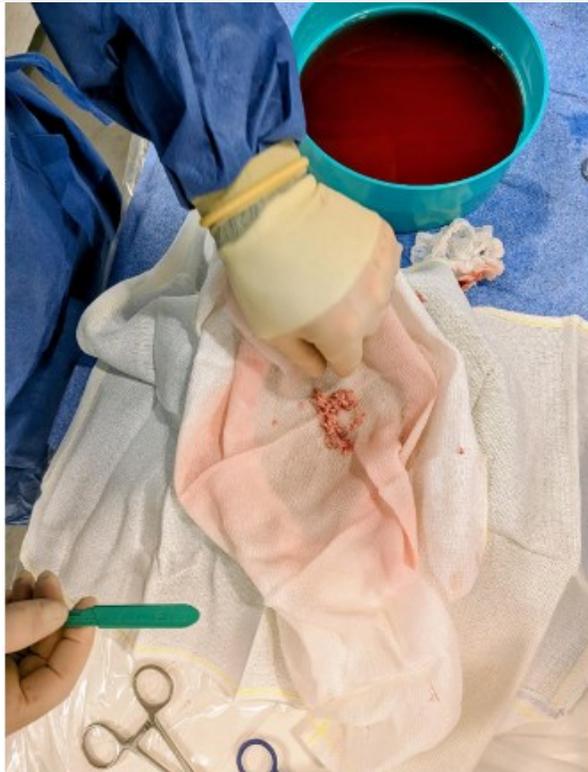
Below is a photo of the transesophageal echo showing the initial tricuspid valve vegetation.



### **Vegetation #1**

The AngioVac procedure was performed in a Cath Lab the beginning of December. The procedure was very successful, removing most of the tricuspid vegetation.

The two pictures below are the vegetation material suctioned off of the tricuspid valve in the right side of the heart, with the special AngioVac extracorporeal suction cannula and circuit.



Approximately one month later, the patient was readmitted into the hospital with another large tricuspid valve vegetation.

Dr Munir stated: "This patient left against medical advice after the first procedure with her boyfriend as soon as she felt better to do drugs, that is why she had a recurrence of vegetation".

Dr. Ahmad Munir was consulted again, and made the decision to perform a second AngioVac procedure on the same patient.

Dr. Munir "Prefers the AngioVac procedure because it is repeatable without much morbidity".

Below is a photo of the transesophageal echo showing the second large tricuspid valve vegetation.



#### **Vegetation #2**

January 2026, the patient was taken back to the Cath lab and AngioVac procedure #2 was performed. This is the first patient in Genesee County to have the AngioVac procedure performed twice.

The second procedure was another success. Pictures of the second procedure can be seen below.



Many of these patients present with infections that would prevent or prolong conventional open-heart surgery.

This technology is a great minimally invasive option.

I am very pleased to have this technology available in Genesee County.

This article was written with collaboration from Dr. Ahmad Munir, MD

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## AngioVac in Genesee County an Extreme Case

### AngioVac The Case

I was recently involved in a very interesting AngioVac case in Genesee County. This case will be presented and republishing of my article from October 2021.

A 29-year-old patient was diagnosed with endocarditis which caused a vegetative lesion on the tricuspid valve of the heart. Vegetative material on a cardiac valve often develops from an infection. A vegetative lesion can cause structural issues with the heart valves and/or detach and become an embolus traveling to the right ventricle or pulmonary system. This can lead to an acute life-threatening condition.

A very large tricuspid valve vegetation was diagnosed on this patient with a transthoracic echocardiogram. A clinical decision was made to attempt removal of the vegetation with a minimally invasive approach system called AngioVac.

The patient was taken to the operating room where he was placed under general anesthesia. A transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) was placed in the proper anatomic position to aid in guiding the procedure.

The patient was Heparinized to an Activated Clotting Time (ACT) above 250 seconds to prevent clotting. The right internal jugular vein was cannulated with the special AngioVac suction inflow cannula (pictures below). The right femoral vein was cannulated for blood return to the patient from the AngioVac extracorporeal circuit.

The AngioVac inflow cannula placement was guided with transesophageal echocardiography. Correct anatomical position next to the tricuspid valve vegetation was established.

The patient was placed on AngioVac extracorporeal circulation. A blood flow of up to 4 liters/minute was established creating a strong suction on the inflow cannula tip. The total time on the AngioVac system was seven minutes. The large tricuspid vegetation was successfully aspirated and trapped in the circuit filter.

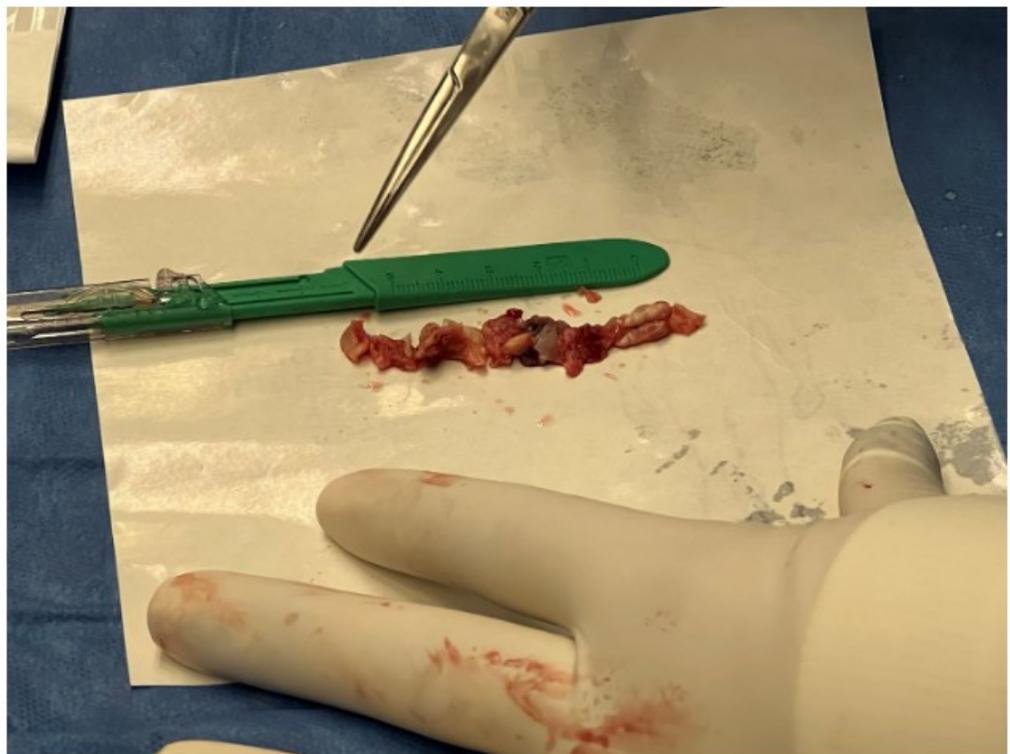
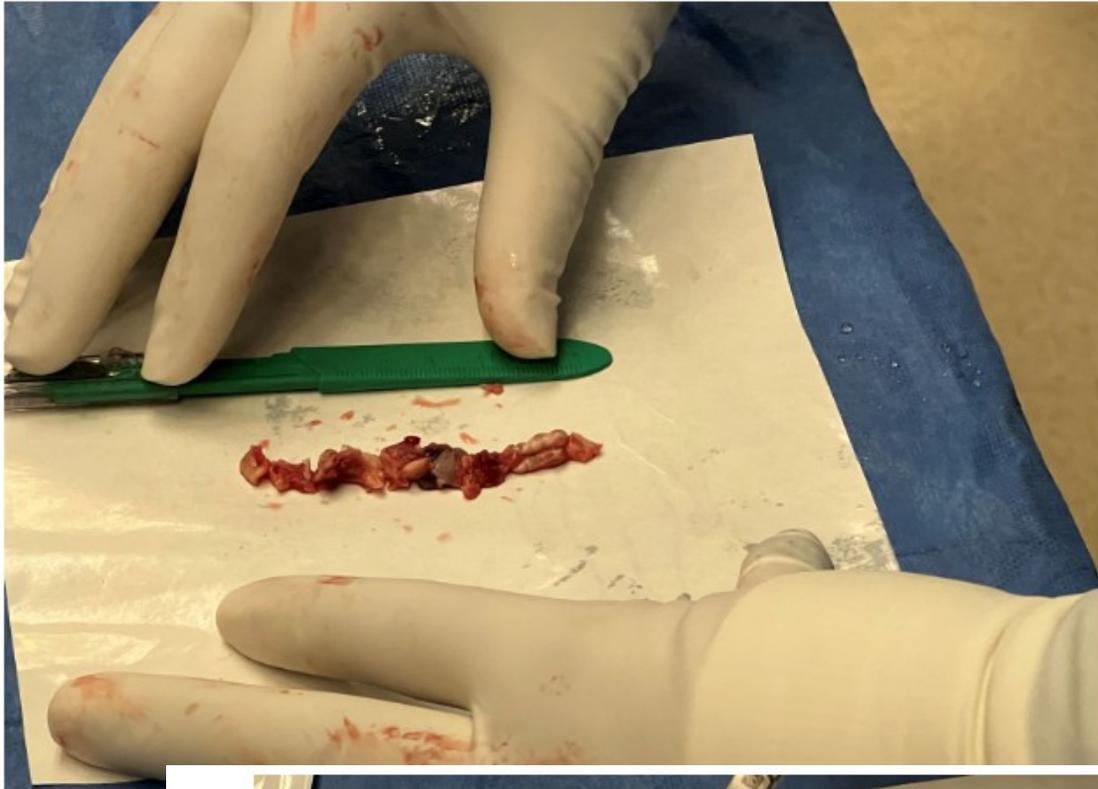
The AngioVac minimally invasive procedure in conjunction with TEE can be a good option, avoiding the necessity for conventional open-heart surgery.

Pictures of the actual procedure are below.

I am pleased this technology is offered in Genesee County.

This article was written with collaboration from Dr. Ahmad Munir, MD

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## AngioVac Procedure Now Available in Genesee County

It can be quite challenging for a physician to manage a patient with thrombotic, embolic, vegetative material in the vascular system. If left untreated embolic material can be a life-threatening condition. Vegetations can lead to pulmonary or septic emboli, stroke, and or heart attack. Depending on the location of the embolic material helps determine treatment. Treatment options may include medical treatment or surgery. For embolic material in the heart, cardiac surgery may be required.

The AngioVac is a venous vacuum device approved for removal of undesirable material in the venous system. This device was approved by the FDA in 2014 as a minimally invasive embolic removal system.

The AngioVac pump system is indicated as a specially designed venous drainage cannula for removal of acute thrombi, emboli, or vegetations, mainly in the right atrium, right ventricle, or venous system. The specific funnel design of the drainage cannula creates a suction which aspirates foreign material out of the vascular system (venous side). The procedure is referred to as aspiration thrombectomy.

Typically, AngioVac procedures are performed in an operating room or Hybrid room, with the patient under general anesthesia. A transesophageal echo trained anesthesiologist is necessary for procedure success.

The AngioVac consists of a special venous drainage cannula, an extracorporeal system (pump circuit) including a filter trap, and a blood return cannula. This procedure avoids the need for median sternotomy or conventional open-heart surgery. Typical cannulation sites are femoral vein or jugular vein for drainage and femoral vein for blood return. The system achieves veno-veno bypass with a suction generated on the drainage cannula for foreign material removal. Embolic material aspirated through the pump circuit enters a filter trap where it is caught & collected.

The drainage cannula is inserted into the area of foreign material utilizing transesophageal echo, typically the right atrium. The drainage cannula is a self-expanding Nitinol funnel shaped cannula. The special design maximizes suction generated from the extracorporeal circuit. The funnel shape enhances suction drainage while preventing clogging of the cannula. Once the foreign material (soft thrombi, emboli, or vegetation) is filtered, the blood is reinfused back to the patient.

With the guidance of transesophageal echo, the heparinized patient is placed on extracorporeal circulation. Typically, the AngioVac pump times are 5 minutes – 30 minutes. The procedure duration is dependent on how quickly the material is aspirated and retrieved. This procedure can be very effective for patients with endocarditis, who may have bulky vegetations on the tricuspid valve of the heart.

When the procedure is finished (embolic material removed), extracorporeal circulation is discontinued. The drainage cannula is typically removed first. All blood in the extracorporeal circuit is reinfused back to the patient through the return cannula. When both drainage and reinfusion cannulas have been removed, Protamine is given to neutralize the Heparin.

Robert Molnar, MD was an early user of the AngioVac system once it became available. Dr. Molnar has provided the following information about a case that was performed in Genesee County:

“We had a limb threatening situation with a young patient experiencing significant leg swelling due to extensive Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT), with associated Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). The past medical history included extensive DVTs with previous placement of an Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) filter. The patient had developed not only ileo-femoral DVT, but thrombus lining the entire IVC including the segment with the IVC filter in place. This young patient was at severe risk of limb loss with both Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) thrombosis and associated ileo-femoral and popliteal DVT. Without the AngioVac system, we were looking at a very high risk of limb loss. By using the AngioVac system, we were able to remove the thrombus from the IVC and Ileo-femoral segments and fortunately we were successful in limb salvage. Newer technologies such as these improve our ability to treat both life and limb threatening conditions, and we are very fortunate to be in the position to assess and provide the latest in acute vascular care intervention to preserve both life and limb.”

There are currently 8 hospitals in Michigan performing the AngioVac procedure. It is typically performed using a collaborative approach, with both a cardiac surgeon and interventional cardiologist or vascular surgeon working together.

I am very pleased this technology is offered in Genesee County.

This article was written with collaboration of Dr. Robert Molnar, MD, Dr. Omar Habib, MD, and Dr. Ahmad Munir, MD

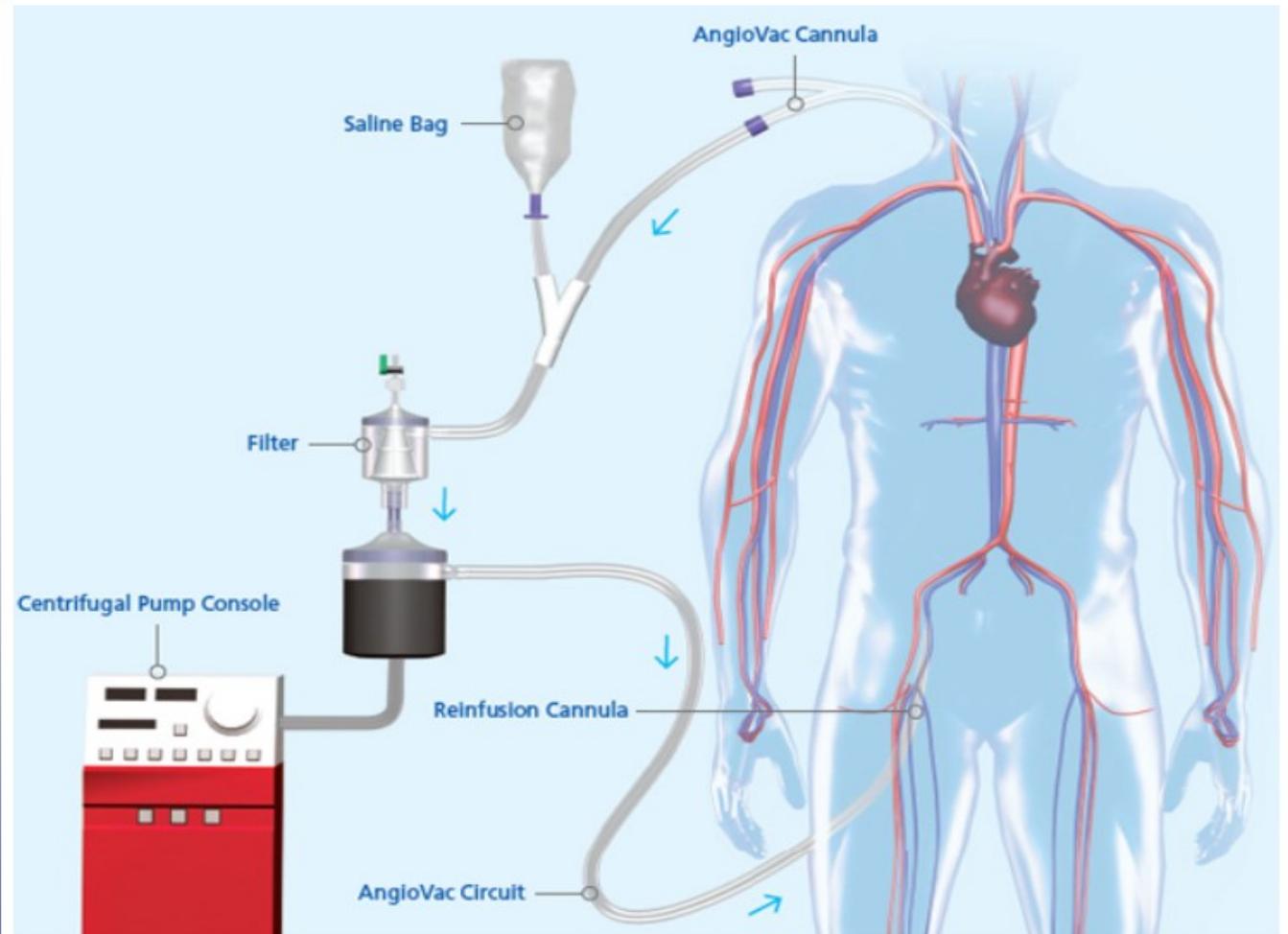
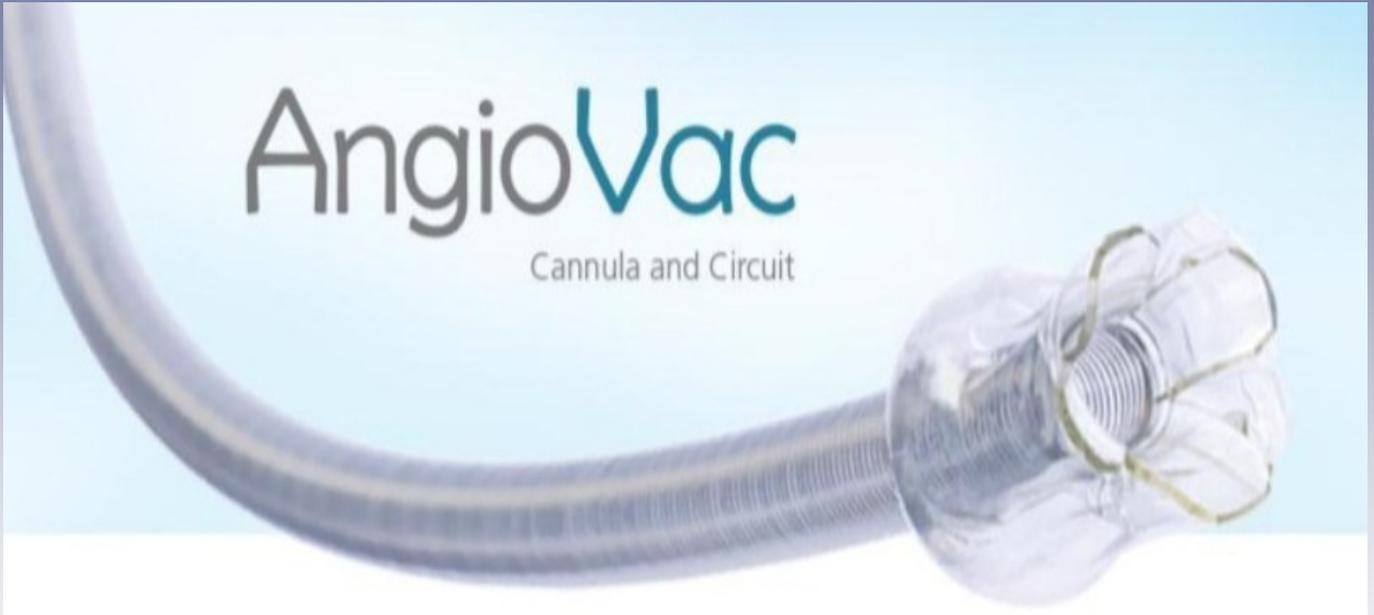
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**Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline is 2/19/2026.**

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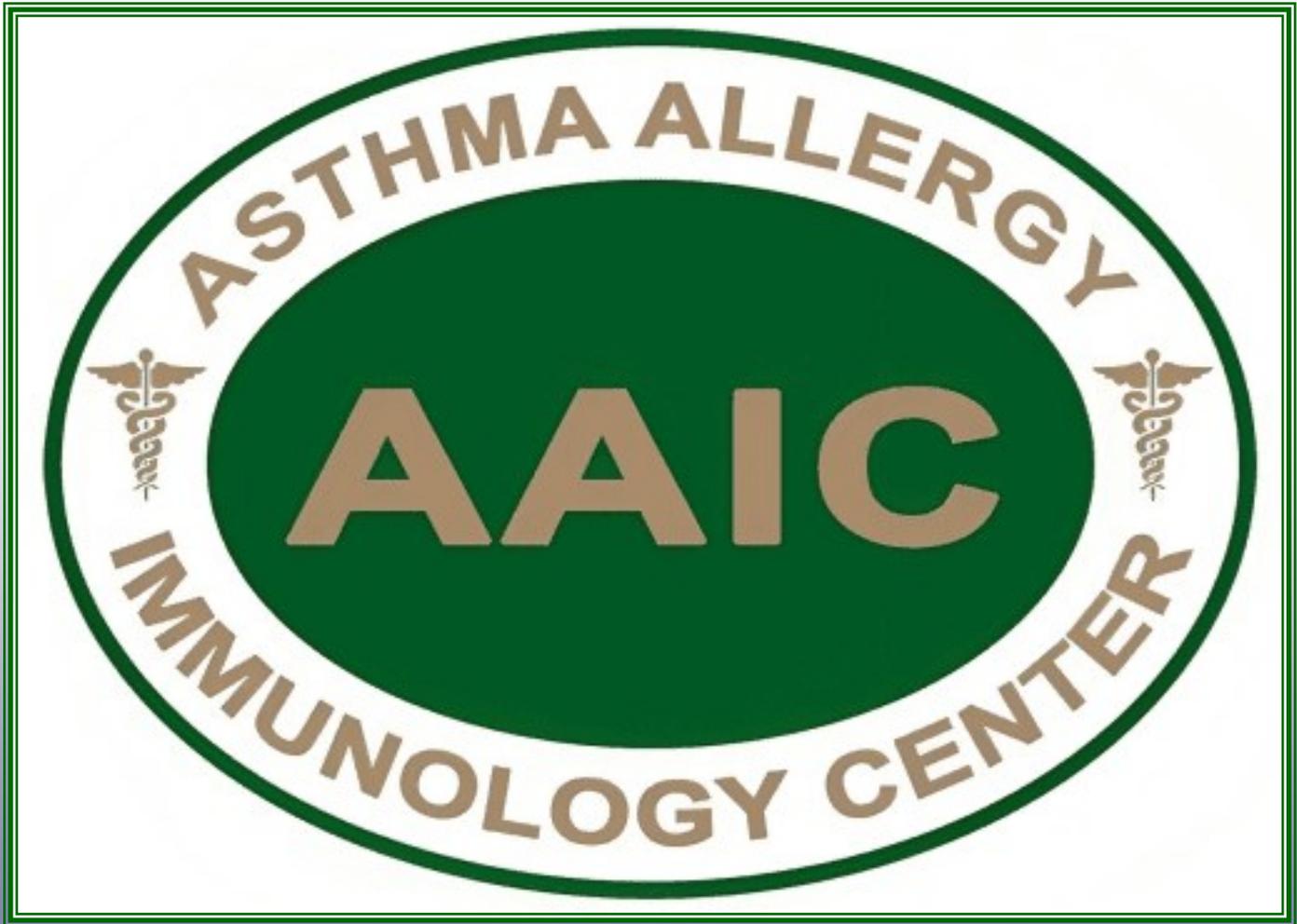
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# GCMSA

Happy New year!



Last year GCMSA had several events including the International Luncheon, Peace and Unity Day, Book club meetings, President's Ball, and Holiday Luncheon.

We are looking forward to 2026! This year we met for book club to discuss *Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers. Upcoming events include a Paint Night with a Twist, Health Walk, Healing Hands Walk, & Geranium Luncheon.







Please join AMA CEO John Whyte, MD, MPH for an open forum discussion with AMA Federation State and County Medical Society staff on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 2pm CST**. Dr. Whyte will host this conversation intended to discuss current issues facing your organizations, increase dialog between Federation partner organizations and the AMA, and compare notes with colleagues and peers.

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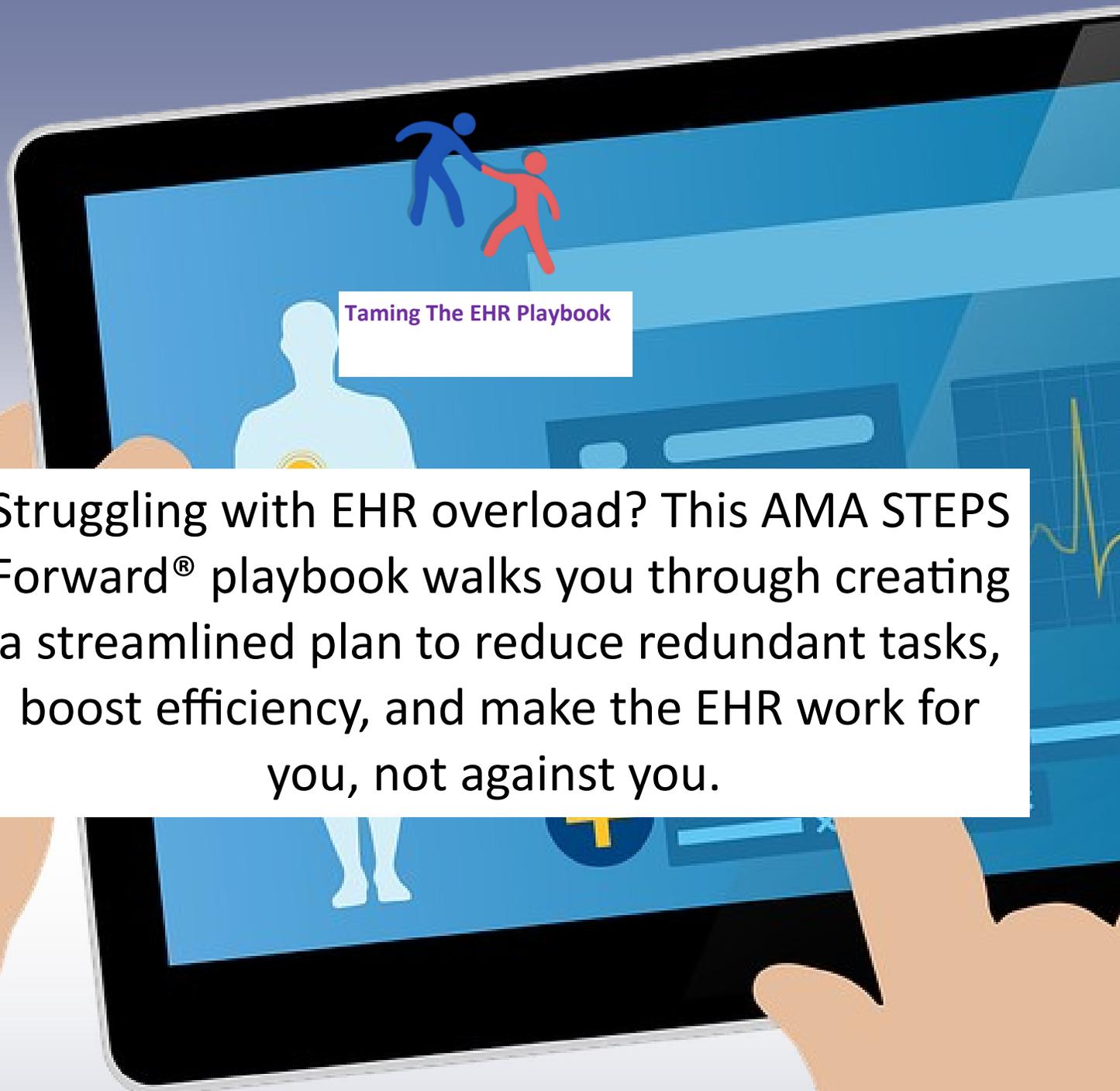
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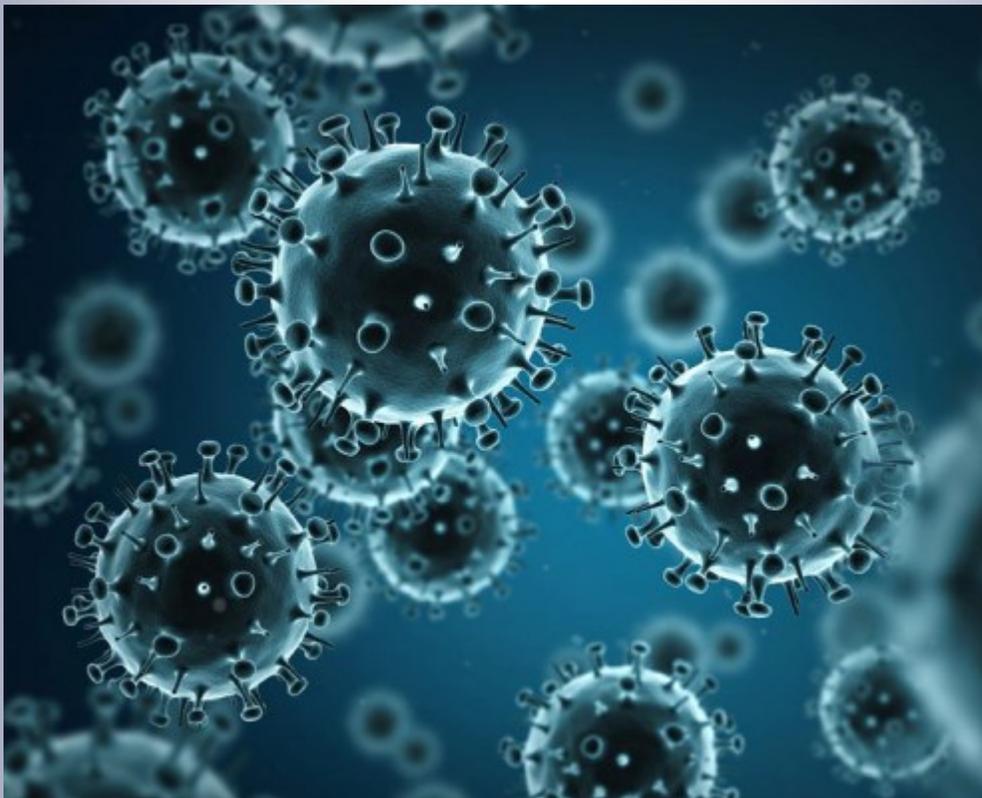
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## New flu strain driving surge across U.S.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/1, Ovalle) reports flu cases in the U.S. are “rising, driven by a new strain that public health officials worry current vaccines may not protect against as effectively.” According to the CDC, “the number of hospitalizations, emergency room and outpatient visits, and deaths associated with the flu have shot up,” although the U.S. is not likely “to reach peak until early in the year, possibly February.” Overall, the CDC “estimates there have been at least 4.6 million flu-related illnesses, at least 49,000 hospitalizations and 1,900 deaths this season, which started in late September and may run through March or April.” The new strain “is a version of what is known as H3N2, a type of influenza A, and it’s quickly become the most common one in the U.S., according to the CDC.”





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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.
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- ◆ Utilizing the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).
- ◆ State and federal laws regarding prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.
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### 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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# 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

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[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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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

A red stamp with a distressed texture, featuring a circular border with five stars. The word "ATTENTION" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center.

**ATTENTION**

A bright yellow starburst shape with multiple points, containing text.

**9:00 A.M.**

**\*\*Via  
Zoom**

**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS IT'S ESSENTIAL  
NOW MORE THAN EVER THAT YOU JOIN US..  
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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern  
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Please join GCMS and SOVITA in monthly meetings for  
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# Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Health Care Providers Guide to In-Office  
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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 hosts monthly Practice Manager's meeting discussing complicated insurance issues in round table discussions with various insurance companies. If you find on-going insurance issues, please reach out to GCMS staff at [executivedirector@gcms.org](mailto:executivedirector@gcms.org) and we can connect that insurance company representative with our hard working Practice Managers.
- ◆ 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.



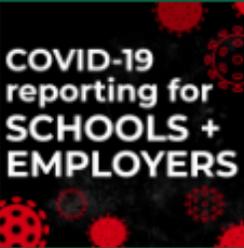
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[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Data Dashboard for Genesee County](#)

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

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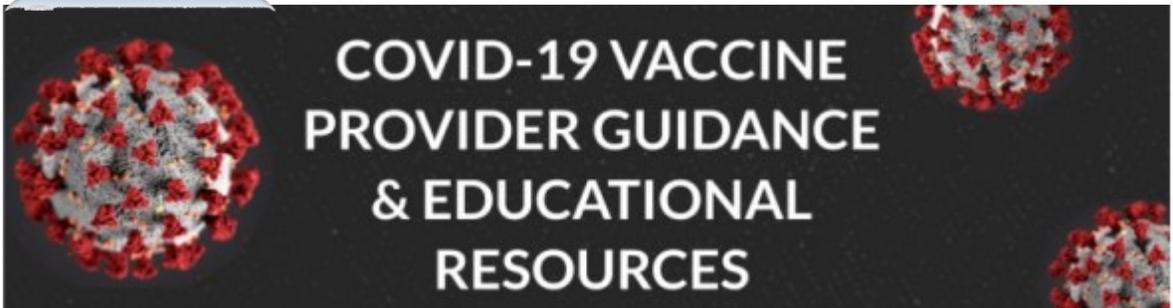
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**COVID-19 VACCINE  
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**COVID-19 VACCINE**

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.

[COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN](#)

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

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

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## 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**

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## 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!**  
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## Do you have an advertising NEED?

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Let Genesee County Medical Society help!

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[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.

[Commit to Fit Fitness Class Calendar](#)

[C2F - Greater Flint Health Coalition](#)

## 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.



# 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!





## 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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  
Reviewed and Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_