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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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President's Message

The Genesee County Medical Society (GCMS) recently lost a major contributor and historian in Dr. Venkat Rao. Dr. Rao unexpectedly passed away on June 3rd 2023. He was a mentor to me and played a large role in encouraging me to seek the Presidency of our Society for 2023. His enthusiasm and leadership will be greatly missed.

However, losing Dr. Rao only heightens our need for increased engagement from our physicians in the community. In a recent outreach effort, David Hoff, our Executive Director, and I, had the pleasure of visiting the Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC) at their office in downtown Flint on April 24, 2023. We met with Jim Ananich, the former state senator, who is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition and Kelly Ainsworth, Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Initiatives.

GFHC is engaged in several programs to help the community. On the substance use side, the coalition hands out Narcan to increase the availability of a medicine that can reverse overdoses. They also run a peer coaching program that allows those who are admitted to an emergency room for drug overdose to contact a peer coach. The peer coach would serve as a support to help those seeking to treat their drug addiction. GFHC also assists with syringe takeback programs and narcotic disposal programs.

Other forms of community engagement include the Commit to Fit, program which encourages more active lifestyles through the engagement of employers, schools, residents, neighborhoods, and churches. Community health care is enhanced by the Community Health Access Program (CHAP), which helps connect residents with resources including care coordination, transportation, and health coverage.

On the economic side, the GFHC, offers training programs for certified nursing assistants, CNAs, and phlebotomists, to allow for improved employment in the community and address the current shortage of healthcare workers. We came away from our visit to the GFHC with a better understanding of the services offered by this collaborative organization and the impact in the Flint and Genesee County communities.

In our monthly board meeting in May, Dr. Mona Hana-Attisha, a Hurley pediatrician and Associate Dean for Public Health at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, brought to our attention a program to address poverty in Flint. An estimated 50% of Flint children live in poverty resulting in long-term mental, physical, and economic disadvantages. She is currently raising support for a \$10 million per year program that would give cash allowances to every mother and child in Flint for total of five years, which would start prenatally. This would allow for long-term measurement of social outcomes with a large-scale targeted intervention. This type of intervention, per Dr. Hana-Atisha, has been conducted on a small scale but not on a large scale such as in city of Flint. The Board of GCMS was happy to add the Society's name to the list of advocates for the success of this program.

In order to improve our access to our legislatures to discuss issues important to physicians in our society, we have scheduled quarterly legislative Zoom sessions. However supplemental to this, the MSMS Board of Directors is offering a special legislative event on July 11, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at 1111 James P Cole Blvd. in Flint. This will be an informal meeting which will allow physicians and legislators to mix and discuss relevant issues.

Adding to our list of events to encourage engagement, David Hoff, has organized a CME event at the Sloan Museum which is hosting the Real Bodies Exhibition on August 31, 2023. Keep your eyes out for the Genesee County Medical Society flyer for this event and register.

We as a community of physicians are in a situation where our influence is being diluted by other medical professionals and employment by large hospital systems. However, our education, training, and experience often put us in the best position to make critical decisions. It is more important now and perhaps it has been in the past few decades for us advocate for best practices and improvements in care. I remain optimistic that the opportunities offered by our society this year will generate more interest and engagement among the physicians in Genesee County. I encourage everyone to engage, participate, and join GCMS.



Paul Kocheril, MD

Practice Managers

Recessed for July and August

Medical Society Foundation

September 20, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Board of Directors

August 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting

August 31, 2023

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In Memory of GCMS Past President Venkat Rao, MD (1951- 2023)

GCMS Past President (2010), Dr. Venkat Rao, passed away June 3, 2023, due to a motor vehicle accident. He was a very active and long-standing Board Member for the Genesee County Medical Society.

I have known Dr Venkat Rao for 32 years. It was not until the last 3 years we cultivated a close relationship. We first met when I transported a post open-heart patient to CCU. Dr. Rao's involvement with the post-open heart surgical patients was as a pulmonary intensivist. Managing the patients for extubating and the recovery process while in CCU.

Dr Rao was a terrific mentor and historian to GCMS. He strived to have the Genesee County Medical Society the premier physician county support network in the state for current and future physicians.

Throughout his career, Dr. Rao demonstrated exceptional skill and expertise in pulmonary medicine. He was known for his extensive knowledge, compassionate approach, and unwavering dedication to his patients. Dr. Rao's patients valued his ability to provide comprehensive care while treating them with empathy and respect.

Venkat Rao, MD, was a remarkable individual who left a lasting impact on the field of medicine. As a dedicated physician, he committed his life to providing exceptional care to his patients and contributing to the advancement of medical knowledge. Dr. Rao's passion for organized medicine further exemplified his commitment to improving healthcare systems and advocating for the well-being of both patients and healthcare professionals. Dr. Rao wanted to make things better for current and future physicians, advocating through medical organizations and societies.

In addition to his work with individual patients, Dr. Rao played an active role in organized medicine. He recognized the importance of collaborating with fellow healthcare professionals and institutions to effect positive change in the field. Dr. Rao actively participated in medical societies, professional organizations, and committees where he worked passionately to advance healthcare policies and promote the highest standards of medical practice.

His contributions to organized medicine were marked by a strong advocacy for patient rights, healthcare access, and quality improvement. Dr. Rao championed efforts to improve healthcare systems, reduce health disparities, and enhance patient safety.

Positions Held by Venkat Rao, MD:

Chair of the Board of Medicine for the State of Michigan - Current
Chair of Internal Medicine at McLaren Flint - Current

Genesee County Medical Society:

Past GCMS President 2010
Finance Committee Chair - Current
Legislative Committee Chair - Current
Nominating Committee Chair - Current

Ancillary Boards:

Chair, Physicians Review Organization Board of Directors, 2017-current
MSMS Subsidiary Boards, 2012-current

MSMS Board of Directors:

Elected District #6 Director in 2004; re-elected in 2007 and 2010.
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Served as MSMS Treasurer 2012-2016

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Member, MSMS Opioid Stewardship Task Force
Member, MSMS Committee on State Legislation & Regulations
Member, Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association
Past Member, MSMS Task Force on the Future of Medicine
Past IMG Officer
Past Member, Committee on Federal Legislation
Past Member, Michigan Medical Advantage

As a tribute to his remarkable career, the impact he made on medicine, and a past GCMS President, the Venkat Rao, MD Scholarship Memorial was established. This memorial serves as a testament to Dr. Rao's legacy and his enduring contributions to medicine. It honors his dedication to patient care, his passion for organized medicine, and his unwavering commitment to improving healthcare for all. The Venkat Rao, MD Memorial Scholarship will be awarded on August 3, 2023, at the Genesee Health Plan Awards Dinner. Dr. Rao's legacy serves as a reminder of the importance of compassion, advocacy, and the pursuit of excellence in medical practice.

For comments or questions please contact:

Contact: executivedirector@gcms.org



DAVID HOFF, MA, CCP





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9:00 A.M.
Via Zoom

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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern
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Thursday August 31, 2023

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A Memorial for

Venkat Rao, MD at 6:00 pm

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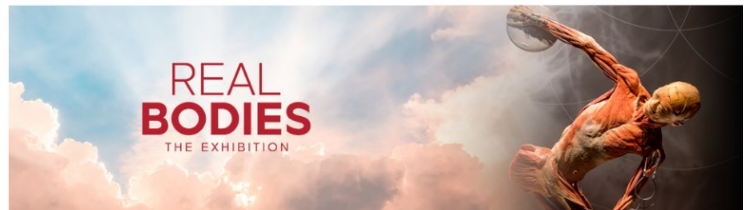
A Buffet dinner at 6:00 pm with presentations

By Dr. Mohhamad Jondy on Sports Medicine

Injuries & Dr. Lafi Khalil on Sports Medicine Hip

Injuries. A Private Viewing of the exhibit the Real

Bodies at 7:30 pm (Included)



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Lafi Khalil, MD



Mohammad Jondy, MD



August 31, 2023 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Sloan Museum of Discovery

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Diagnosis & Treatment

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6:30 pm

**Mohammad Jondy, MD
Sports Medicine Injuries**



7:00 pm

**Lafi Khalil, MD
Acute Hip Injury**



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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.





Improving Michigan's Health Care Environment

- Maintain legislative intent and enforceability of all medical liability tort reforms
- Ensure patients have timely access to physician-prescribed medication
- Preserve appropriate access to telehealth care
- Advocate for adequate and transparent physician networks
- Reform Michigan's continuing medical education requirements
- Limit insurance company retroactive audit time frames
- Support out of network medical bills appeal process for independent review of disputes

Advancing Public Health and Health Equity

- Strengthen Michigan's public health infrastructure and vaccine laws
- Address social determinants of health and other systemic inequities
- Support appropriate funding increases to Medicaid reimbursement and the Healthy Michigan Plan
- Ensure equitable access to health care for all Michigan children and adults
- Improve sustainable funding for maternal health
- Advocate for public health solutions to violence and enhanced gun safety
- Discover ways to improve health literacy education for Michigan's K-12 students
- Expand access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment

Ensuring Access to Physician-Led Care

- Increase graduate medical education funding at state-level
- Minimize burden of medical school debt through state reimbursement
- Increase funding for sustainable staffing levels in hospitals and physician offices
- Support physician-led, team-based health care for Michigan patients
- Oppose independent prescriptive authority by non-physicians
- Support patients' right-to-know through health professional credentials disclosure
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Awareness Training for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances

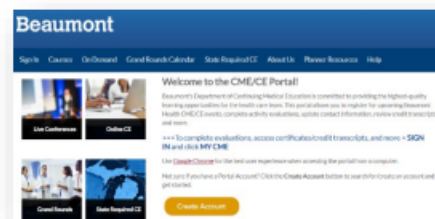
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This module meets the State of Michigan requirement for awareness training for prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances and provides 1.5 credits in pain and symptom management.

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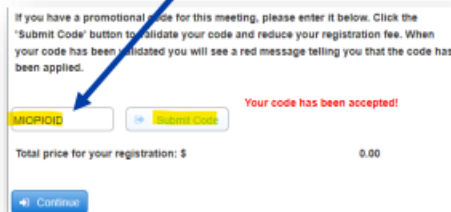
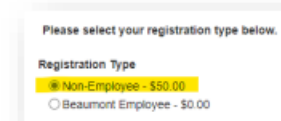
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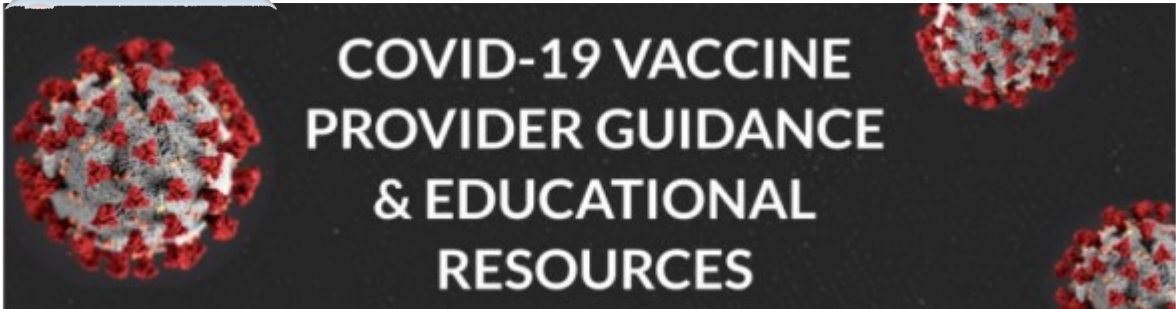
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COVID-19 VACCINE

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

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HEALING HANDS 5K RUN/WALK

On Saturday, May 20, the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance collaborated with Sovita Credit Union and Pi Delta Chapter STII Nursing Honor Society to organize the annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic that serves the uninsured and under insured in the community.

Our volunteers showed up at 7:00 am to help set up in the Event Center at Mott Community College campus. We had the highest number of preregistrations as well as on the spot registrations. There were plenty of refreshments on hand like donuts, energy bars, juices, fruit and coffee. Water bottles were passed out to the runners along the track. Several door prizes were given away. Over 200 runners and walkers participated in the race. There was a police escort to ensure safety. Medals were given to winners in different categories. The DJ from Her and I Productions was on hand to play some great music and have many join in the dances. It's a great feeling to know that we helped raise over \$75,000 for the cause.

A big thank you to Jen Shew, from Sovita Credit Union, for chairing our committee and to all our sponsors, walkers, runners, vendors, the DJ and volunteers for always supporting the noble cause.

THE ALLIANCE FOCUS

The 2022-2023 year of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance ended with the Annual Geranium Luncheon at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club. The local chapter of the nationwide volunteer arm of the American Medical Association offers great opportunities to give back to the community. There is unity in diversity of the members who hail from Bangladesh, Canada, Guyana, India, Jordan, Peru, S. Africa and S. Korea.

Tinsi Kline welcomed the members and, briefly, spoke about her year as president of the organization. There was a fashion show by Cabi and Elections with some Alliance members modeling the beautiful clothing line. The business meeting followed lunch with GCMS Executive Director thanking the Alliance for their support of the medical society. Past President, Jay Kommareddi, installed the new officers, Vijay Lakshmi Sayal as president, Past President Lakshmi Tummala as Secretary and Immediate Past President Tinsi Kline as Treasurer. The meeting concluded with Vijay Lakshmi Sayal's acceptance speech. She spoke about her Alliance year's focus on community service. All past presidents in attendance were presented with a geranium.



*Welcome to the new
GCMS Alliance President
Vijay Lakshmi Sayal*

Vijay Lakshmi Sayal (Vijay) served as the secretary for the GCMSA for the year 2022 to 2023. Her Husband, Dr Bhagwan D. Sayal finished his residency at the St Joseph hospital, Flint. He is a Primary Care Physician working for the Ascension Genesys System. Vijay is from Himachal Pradesh, North India, but grew up around the world as her father worked for the Ministry of external affairs in India and was posted at the Embassy of India around the globe. She traveled and received education in various countries as well. Her elementary middle school education was done in India, high school in America, Bachelors in India, as well as Pakistan and Masters that began in Senegal, Africa and was completed in India. She was introduced to Alliance much earlier, but was not a regular member due to family obligations.

Now with her duties and obligations fulfilled, she is very happy to be a part of GCMSA, where ladies from different countries, culture come together and make their community a better place. She says “ I am humbled to be part of this wonderful group of ladies, who do such good work whether at Whaleys where they're painting the walls or making donations to Women's Shelter, or distributing books at Boys and Girls club or donating to Genesee County Free Medical Clinic.” She also enjoys being part of the Friendship Club and the Book Club.



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The GHS Children's Intensive Crisis Stabilization Team (ICSS) provides mobile crisis stabilization services, 7 days a week between 8:00am and 7:00pm to all children, youth, and young adults (ages 0-21) who reside in Genesee County. Calls during other hours are helped by our Crisis Line mental health professionals.

Reasons to call GHS:

- If you feel your child/youth is in a crisis
- The child/youth may hurt themselves or others
- The child is experiencing overwhelming confusion, anger, or emotional unresponsiveness

If you aren't sure if ICSS is needed, give us a call and we can help to explore options.

What happens when the GHS Intensive Crisis Team is called?

The team will provide an on-site intervention with the identified child or youth, and their support system. The team's main focus will be to help assess the crisis, utilize de-escalation techniques, help the child/youth and their family or support system to help with what is needed and to help determine next steps and long-term care.

Other services include:

- Crisis and Safety Planning
- Referrals to needed services
- Education on resources, diagnosis and services
- Collaboration and problem solving

* Psychiatric consults, as needed (does not include medication review for prescription)

** Intensive Crisis Stabilization services cannot be provided to individuals who are currently residing in inpatient settings: Jail/detention centers or residential settings (i.e. child caring institutions, crisis residential, etc.).

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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."

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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.



Don't Forget!
Donations are tax deductible!

Please contact GCMS at 733-9923 or email executivedirector@gcms.org



Dr. Venkat Kondragunta Rao

(August 05, 1951 - June 03, 2023)

Dr. Venkat Kondragunta Rao passed away on June 3rd, 2023 surrounded by his family and loved ones. He was born on August 5th, 1951 in Chintagumpala, India. He graduated from medical school in 1974 and immigrated to the United States in 1976. He trained in Internal Medicine with specialties in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine and has called mid-Michigan home since 1992.

His kindness was an instantly recognizable feature of his personality, leading him to live a life committed to family, devoted to service, and helping others. He volunteered much of his time to serving on medical boards and committees at the local, state, and national level. He dedicated many years to the International Medical Graduate Section of the AMA. At the time of his passing, he was the Chair of the Board of Medicine for the state of Michigan, the Chair of Internal Medicine at McLaren Flint, a member of the Board for the Genesee County Medical Society, and a member of the board for the Foundation for Mott Community College.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rama, daughter Hima (Andrew), son Bharat (Deepika), grandsons Naveen and Sachin, mother Mahalakshamma, sister Venkateshamma (Subbarao), brother Butchaiah (Sakuntala), brother Suresh (Sujata), brother Visweswararao (Sunitha), a large extended family, and a close network of lifelong friends. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Dr. Rao's name to the Foundation for Mott Community College, the Flint Institute of Music, or Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen.





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What: Join MSMS Board Members and Genesee County-area physicians and legislators to mix, mingle, and talk about the importance of growing relationships with legislators.

Enjoy appetizers and drinks while touring Doctor Bobby Mukkamala's collection of 75 classic cars, each with a unique backstory.

Where: 1111 James P Cole Blvd, Flint – **When:** Tuesday, July 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
RSVP to Kate Dorsey at kdorsey@msms.org or (313) 525-0646

Please note, donations will be accepted to benefit the Michigan Doctors' PAC. Suggested donation range of \$250.



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