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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.

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The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

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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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BUDGET FIGHT IS ON!



S. Bobby Mukkamala, MD

Well, the local health care landscape has changed yet again between my last writing and now. This time it is due to the new governor's new budget. I can't help but feel that it is a bitter sweet moment for doctors in our area.

Funding for our Medicaid patient population has stayed untouched. This is no small feat since this population will increase in the near future. I for one am encouraged that the governor saw fit to maintain funding in this regard. MSMS and GCMS really proved their value with this success!

However, funding for graduate medical education has been slashed dramatically. While our local hospitals will not be nearly as affected as University of Michigan and Detroit Medical Center, the new budget will certainly leave them with a huge hole to fill. This will be a daunting task and could exacerbate the impending physician work force shortage that has been predicted.

There will certainly be much hand wringing inside GME offices all over the state in the next few months.

We will all wait with nervous curiosity to see what adjustments will be made to accommodate these cuts.

There is still a sense that there is some flexibility in the numbers before the final version comes out. Rest assured there will be many people at the "trough" in Lansing this month trying to preserve their own funding, from universities, to municipalities, to trade groups, and yes, hospitals.

While this year's budget does not "hurt" us as practicing physicians

directly, we still need to make our voice heard this month on the GME issue. The reasons for our involvement can vary from altruistic (need to maintain resident clinics to serve the needy) to more self-centered (need to keep graduating residents to I can train someone to join my practice). Regardless of the reason, once again MSMS and GCMS will be in Lansing to attempt to mitigate the drastic cuts that have been proposed.

ERRATA

In August of 2010, the GCMS Bulletin published an article on "Demographics of the Genesee County Medical Society by Country of Origin." We have been made aware that we missed one of the nations of origin, Sierra Leone, W. Africa. One of GCMS's esteemed members, Tommy Stevens, MD, was born there. If we missed any others we would appreciate knowing. - PAL

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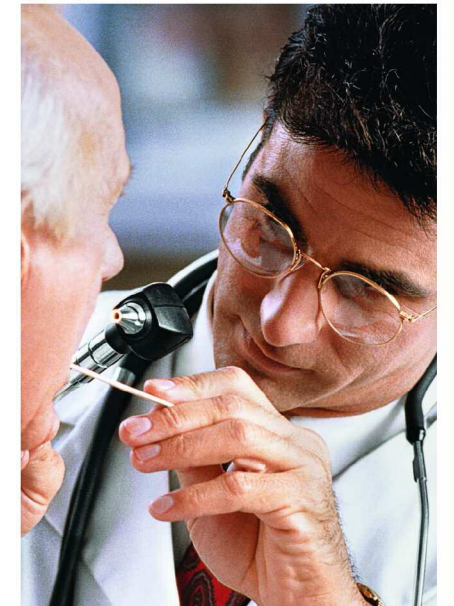
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At the north end of the downtown center is the former Durant Hotel that stood vacant and derelict for more than 30 years. It has been wonderfully refurbished into apartments that are 80 percent occupied and a banquet center and ballroom that is hosting an active schedule of wedding receptions, parties, and fundraising events. It is worth your while to tour this multi-million dollar restoration of a longtime Flint landmark hotel.

A few blocks south on the west side of the street is the new Rowe Engineering Building with its striking facade. The ultra-contemporary loft apartments have huge windows facing the street that give a unique view of the activity below. Across the street, the Wade Trim Building has loft apartments that are proving very popular. The downtown population is expanding with the addition of student housing in the former Hyatt Regency/Character Inn Hotel and a recently built dormitory on the fast-growing U of M - Flint campus. Of course, a grocery store is essential if a downtown is going to be viable and the attractive Witherbee's Market and Deli offers fresh meat and produce and a deli that delivers.

Restaurants are an important element to an active and vibrant downtown. Old standby watering holes are still going strong such as Churchill's, the Torch Bar, and



Daniel Ryan, MD

the White Horse. These places are as popular as ever for an after-work happy hour or a casual meal. Four new dining establishments on Saginaw have opened in the last eighteen months are energizing the downtown dining experience and are creating a destination for more than just the locals. Blackstones retained the location and the logo of the once thriving clothing store. It has a loud and lively sports bar ambience that offers good food and drink, live music, and seasonal outdoor seating. Wise Guys

Pizza adds great pizza, sandwiches, and salads to the casual dining options while its next-door neighbor, 501 Grill, is a trendy and popular venue for an eclectic mix of entrees, tapas, flat breads, salads, and a nice wine list, along with outdoor seating in season.

The most recent player in the game is Cork On Saginaw, a wine bar and bistro that opened in February with a big splash. Once inside, you might feel you have been instantly translocated to a Chicago or New York eatery. The long white marble bar and wood and mirrored back bar are beautiful. Stark white walls with aubergine upholstered banquettes and couches add to the upscale motif. Small plate entrees expertly prepared by Chef Marjorie Murphy and staff are affordable and delicious. The wine selection is unequaled in the area. One unique feature that is a big hit is the Enomatic wine dispensers that allow purchase of several varieties of red and white wines with use of a prepaid card. Reservations are not accepted but the wait is worth your while.

Downtown Flint could still use more retail options, and a movie theater would be a big draw for other businesses. However, new business activity and restaurants can be the catalyst for growth that ultimately fuels more businesses and growth. Supporting our downtown businesses with your patronage can benefit the entire community.

BYLAWS CHANGE

THAT BYLAWS CHAPTER 2 SECTION 3 ACTIVE MEMBERS - dues Exempt section be amended to read as follows:

A hardship - A member for whom the payment of dues would be a financial hardship by reason of physical disability or illness, or other reason approved by the governing board of the society, may be excused fully or partially from payment of dues, providing that his/her membership dues have been paid to the end of the preceding calendar year.

That the Genesee County Medical Society Bylaws be amended in Chapter 5 section 3 to read as follows: 4% of the active membership shall constitute a quorum.

Chapter 9 - The Board of Directors, Section 4 be amended to read: 33% of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

That Chapter 7 Duties of Officers Section 4. Treasurer: shall be amended to read: The Treasurer shall give bond to the trust imposed in him/her as fixed by the Board of Directors and shall have the authority to sign checks in the absence of the secretary. He/she shall serve as a member of the GCMS Finance Committee. The rest of section 4 will remain the same.

That Chapter 8. Committees, Section E be amended to read: Finance Committee - There shall be a permanent Finance Committee consisting of four members elected for a term of two years, two members shall be elected each year. A senior member in terms of length of service on the committee shall be the chairman of the committee and report monthly to the Board of Directors. The additional section should read: The Treasurer shall also serve as a member of the Finance Committee. The rest remains the same.

Due to the fact that the Michigan State Medical Society and the American Medical Association have switched from Roberts Rules of Order to Sturgis Rules of Order for running their meeting, that the Genesee County Medical Society Bylaws be changed in Chapter 12 "Rules of Order be changed to read: The deliberations of this Society shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in Sturgis Rules of Order unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws".

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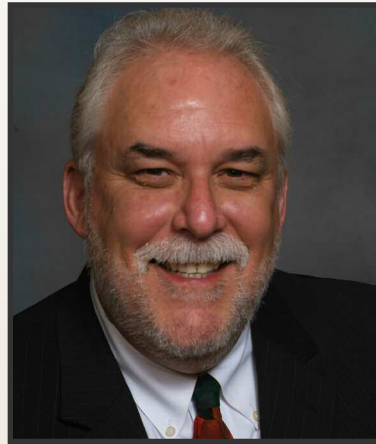
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PEOPLE WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF

It is not often that we single out staff for notice. As most of you know, I manage the Genesee County Medical Society, the Medical Society Foundation, PPI Communications, also known as Physician Programs (the answering service) and the Emergency Medical Centre of Flint (the urgent care clinic on Ballenger near Miller). There are several staff members that I would like to single out for recognition because they have been working on your behalf for remarkable periods of time.



Peter Levine, MPH

Robert Bader, has served as the Operations Director of PPI and the Emergency Medical Centre since 1997. He has a remarkable management and financial mind and is a technological whiz. His commitment to excellence is unparalleled.

Debra Green has served as Customer Service Manager since 1990. She is the person most know as the face of PPI and the one who makes sure your

communication needs are met in the most friendly and professional way.

Joanne Pratt, RN, has been with the Emergency Medical Centre as its Manager since 2004. She is the smiling, energetic face you most likely interface with at the clinic as she is involved in every facet of its operations.

Marcia Gzym is the newbie, who has only been with GCMS since 2006. She is the person who keeps things organized at the Medical Society as our Executive Secretary and is also the first voice that

most of the public comes in contact with when calling the Society for help. In a short period of time she has become completely integrated into this medical community and is the first person to call for virtually everything.

One of the great pleasures of serving in my role has been the opportunity to work with people that I like, members, officers, and staff. These individuals are very special and we all need to know who they are.

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BUILDING ON ELECTION WINS: MSMS CONTINUES THE FIGHT TO REPAIR & PROTECT TORT REFORMS

In November, MSMS and MDPAC—which is to say physicians—helped to restore a Supreme Court majority that will uphold our tort reform laws. Strength in numbers made the difference. YOU made the difference, as one of the 16,000 members of MSMS.

But that, alone, is not enough when it comes to our tort reform laws.

It's true that having a "rule of law" majority on the high court helps to protect physicians from frivolous lawsuits and keep professional liability rates stable, which help make Michigan a more attractive place to practice medicine.

Now we must build on the election success and momentum to repair the damage these laws sustained last year under an activist Supreme Court majority. One example of this damage was the previous court majority's application and interpretation of the "loss of opportunity" doctrine in *O'Neal v. St. John Hospital* last year. Justice Robert Young pointed out then in his dissenting opinion that the agenda of the activist court majority included destroying the "doctrinal integrity of medical malpractice law."

How will MSMS accomplish this? One way is by working with key legislators, such as Sen. Roger Kahn, MD (R-Saginaw), who now chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, to introduce key tort reform protection bills this session that will undo the damage and put more protections in place that would ultimately keep physicians in Michigan.

'I'M SORRY': TWO POWERFUL WORDS

Last year, the MSMS House of Delegates passed Res. 51-10A, which asked MSMS to support "physician apology" legislation. MSMS has supported state legislation that will allow physicians to apologize to patients and family members, and express sympathy or compassion for adverse events without such communication being held against them in court. (Currently, many hospital policies prohibit physicians from saying "I'm sorry" because the apology can be held against them in court as an admission of liability.)



Venkat Rao, MD
District VI Director

Senate Bill 53, introduced by Sen. Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion), who also happens to chair the Senate Health Policy Committee, aims to minimize costly malpractice lawsuits that many times are brought on by feelings of anger or suspicion that doctors are not being straightforward when an adverse event occurs. By reducing the number of lawsuits, the bill also can help reduce health care costs in our state.

The bill passed out of the Senate and the House Judiciary Committee. At press time, it was awaiting a House floor vote.

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

The stakes in Justice Robert Young's critical re-election campaign and Judge Mary Beth Kelly's election campaign last fall couldn't have been greater. Constant court challenges, legislative attacks, and a shift last year to an activist Supreme Court majority all threatened to weaken our tort reforms.

"This victory further demonstrates the importance of physicians being involved in the political process and in strong grassroots organizations. Our collective voice mattered," said MSMS President Daniel B. Michael, MD, PhD, a Wayne County neurosurgeon. "Without your help in electing Judge Kelly and Justice Young, tort reform would have been at the mercy of a new majority on the Court that recently gave us a glimpse at the beginnings of undoing these laws. We dodged a major bullet here and avoided possibly driving physicians out of Michigan at a time when we already face a physician shortage."

Legislators, policymakers, members of the media, and many others pay attention—and respond—to the voice and initiatives of MSMS. Let's keep our voice strong by engaging in advocacy efforts to preserve these crucial laws.

Watch for more developments in Medigram, email, and www.msms.org.

For more information, contact Colin Ford at MSMS at 517-336-5737 or cford@msms.org.

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Venkat Rao, MD, Tim Sneller from Rep. Smiley's office, Lawrence Reynolds, MD Phillip G. Wise, MD, a Kent County urologist, Rep. Charles Smiley, Raymond Rudoni, MD



Practice Managers

COLLECTIONS ISSUES DISCUSSED

In late February GCMS hosted Practice Managers for a session on Collections.

Paul Vance, an Attorney with the firm Cline, Cline, & Griffin served as faculty for this session, which also stimulated a high energy discussion among the participants. Practice Managers exchanged ideas with each other on techniques that they use to collect outstanding receivables and exchanged dialogue with Mr. Vance as well.

Future meetings will revolve around problems with the Family Independence Agency, Blue Care Network issues, a HIPAA update, Patient Centered Medical Homes, legislative updates, and Group Medical Appointments. Members are encouraged to send their Practice Managers to these meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Marcia Gzym for more information at mgzym@gcms.org or (810) 733-9923.





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GCMS MEETINGS

– APRIL 2011 –

4/4, 8 a.m. - Legislative Liaison @ GCMS

4/6, 7:30 a.m. - Bulletin Committee @ GCMS

Recessed, 12 Noon - Membership Committee @ GCMS meets every other month

4/26, 5:15 p.m. - Finance Committee @ GCMS

4/26, 6 p.m. - GCMS Board of Directors @ GCMS

4/27, 12:30 p.m. - Community & Environmental Health Committee @ GCMS

4/28, 8 a.m. - Practice Managers @ GCMS

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YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK

- § GCMS has focused efforts on having apology legislation passed by the Michigan Legislature
- § GCMS met with legislators on the need to tighten up this state's tort reforms
- § GCMS endeavored to work with General Motors on issues of disabilities and sick leaves
- § GCMS prepared resolutions for MSMS House of Delegates
- § GCMS prepared resolutions for MSMS International Medical Graduates Section meeting
- § GCMS coordinated GCMS's delegation to the MSMS IMG Section
- § GCMS continued to pursue economies in management of GCMS offices
- § GCMS began planning the Presidents' Ball scheduled for November 5 at the Riverfront Center



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GCCMH is mandated to serve:

- Adults with serious mental illness
- Children with serious emotional disturbance
- People with developmental disabilities
- People with substance use disorders

Is an appointment required?

Not for a screening. Call for information about direct referrals (children) or the best times to walk-in for a screening (adults). We are able to provide a face-to-face or telephonic screening for adults Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Telephonic inquiries about children are handled in the same time frame. Once the individual has selected a provider, intakes are generally scheduled during the work week, and always within 14 days. In urgent cases, call Crisis Services at (810) 257-3740, available 24/7. **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF SOMEONE IS IN DANGER OF HURTING HIM/HERSELF OR ANOTHER PERSON.** Do not take the time to contact mental health crisis workers first.

What happens in an emergency?

If there is an emergency and an individual needs to be evaluated for psychiatric hospitalization, call Genesee County CMH Crisis Services at (810) 257-3740, toll free (877) 346-3648 or TTY (810) 232-6310. For substance use issues, call the Genesee County Substance Use Access Center (IARC) at (810) 235-9555, toll free at (877) 301-9555, or TTY at (810) 235-9555.

How long does it take to begin receiving services?

If treatment is recommended following the eligibility determination (screening), appointments for service are available within 14 days. If there is an emergency, an assessment and treatment are available immediately.

Where do we go for the screening? What is the intake process?

All non-emergency mental health screenings for adults are conducted at the Genesee County CMH Access Center, 420 W. Fifth Avenue, Flint, or by phone in some cases. Children are referred directly to a provider for assessment following a brief phone call with the parent or legal guardian. For more information, call (810) 257-3742, toll free (877) 346-3648, or TTY (810) 232-6310.

All non-emergency substance use disorder screenings are conducted at the Genesee County Substance Use Access Center (IARC), 1420 W. Court Street, Flint. For more information, call (810) 235-9555, toll free (877) 301-9555, or TTY (810) 235-9555.

SOME POINTS ABOUT CHILDREN'S PUBLICLY FUNDED SERVICES

- Most children requesting specialty services and support are found eligible for services. Those who aren't because they do not meet eligibility criteria as 'seriously emotionally disturbed' are referred to private providers in the community.
- Eligible children are referred directly to the provider of their choice for assessment and treatment following a brief phone registration.
- GCCMH has increased the number of children served in Genesee County 200% since 2003. Approximately 1,200 of the county's most vulnerable children are served each month by GCCMH's network of providers.
- There are no waiting lists for any Medicaid covered service for children or adults.

For general information, please contact Customer Services M-F, 8 am to 5 pm, at (810) 257-3705, toll free (866) 211-5455, or TTY (810) 257-1346.

Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2011 - MINUTES

Consent Calendar:

Finance Committee:

Motion:

That Peter Levine's hours be revised to departing the Society offices at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday's in recognition of the temporary pay cut.

Motion:

That the date of the Finance Committee meeting be returned to the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. If it proves necessary to hold an extended meeting which would conflict with the time of the following Board meeting, a special meeting should be convened.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee:

Motion:

That the GCMS Constitution & Bylaws Committee is concerned by the trend of a drop in attendance at the GCMS Board and General Membership meetings. The Committee recommends to the GCMS Board of Directors that the Board take measures to improve member participation and attendance at Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

Motion:

That the Genesee County Medical Society Bylaws be amended in Chapter 5 section 3 to read as follows: 4% of the active membership shall constitute a quorum.

Motion:

That Chapter 7 Duties of Officers Section 4. Treasurer: shall be amended to read: The Treasurer shall give bond to the trust imposed in him/her as fixed by the Board of Directors and shall have the authority to sign checks in the absence of the secretary. He/she shall serve as a member of the GCMS Finance Committee. The rest of section 4 will remain the same.

Motion:

That Chapter 8. Committees, Section E be amended to read: Finance Committee - There shall be a permanent Finance Committee consisting of four members elected for a term of two years, two members shall be elected each year. A senior member in terms of length of service on the committee shall be the chairman of the committee and report monthly to the Board of Directors. The additional section should read: The Treasure shall also serve as a member of the Finance Committee. The rest remains the same.

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Motion:

Chapter 9 - The Board of Directors, Section 4 be amended to read: 33% of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Executive Committee:

Motion:

That to correct an advertising error in the Roster, and due to the fact that the FIM was willing to provide funding for the rectification, that an email blast of the corrected FIM ad be emailed to members and to normal Bulletin recipients.

The Above Motions Carried.

C) Membership Committee Report:

Motion:

That the following requests for membership be approved:

Requesting Membership:

Joseph Arcidi, MD- McLaren - Cardiothoracic
Linda Hotchkiss, MD - Genesys - Psychiatry - Admin. Med.
Harun Rashid, MD -Caro Center - Psychiatry
Matthew Sardelli, MD - Fam. Orthopedics
Allan Vrable, DO - Premier Pain & Rehab - Physical Med.

Requesting change from A to Retired:

Marvin Latchana, MD

Requesting Reinstatement:

Kazem Hak, MD - Michigan Internal Medicine PC - IM

Request change from A-PIT to A:

Ajay Srivastava, MD - Fam. Orthopedics
Waleed Khan, MD - Hurley - Med/Peds
Martinique Kling MD - Hurley - OBGYN
Shailesh Basani, MD - Hurley - IM
Vishwas Vaniawala, MD - Hurley - Pediatrics

McLaren Resident:

Shagun Arora, MD Leeda Rashid, MD Manas R. Sarangi, MD

The Motion Carried.

Motion:

Due to the fact that the Michigan State Medical Society and the American Medical Association have switched from Roberts Rules of Order to Sturgis Rules of Order for running their meeting, that the Genesee County Medical Society Bylaws be changed in Chapter 12 "Rules of Order be changed to read: The deliberations of this Society shall be overned by parliamentary usage as contained in Sturgis Rules of Order nless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws". The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That the Bulletin Committee consider sending the Bulletin to non-members as well as members to increase circulation and to use it as a recruitment tool. The Motion Carried.

Motion:

That Dr. Pino Colone develop, and Dr. Cathy Blight introduce a resolution asking MSMS to arrange with the AMA to provide MSMS Net to MSMS members without charge in the future. The Motion Carried.

“I'M SORRY”

By Walter Griffin

Senate Bill No. 53, introduced January 20, 2011, by Senator Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion), who also chairs the Senate Health Policy Committee, addresses an issue in Michigan which would allow physicians to express regret about a medical outcome to a patient or family of a patient without fear his or her words would be used against the physician at a later time in a professional liability action, if one is commenced.

Michigan is one of only 15 states without extra legal protection for physicians who want to apologize to a patient or family for an untoward event.

The Bill states as follows:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT: SEC. 2155.

(1) A statement, writing, or action that expresses sympathy, compassion, commiseration, or a general sense of benevolence relating to the pain, suffering, or death of an individual and that is made to that individual or to the individual's family is inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability in an action for medical malpractice.

(2) This section does not apply to a statement of fault, negligence, or culpable conduct that is part of or made in addition to a statement, writing, or action described in subsection (1).

(3) As used in this section, “Family” means spouse, parent, grandparent, stepmother, stepfather, child, adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, half brother, half sister, father-in-law, or mother-in-law.

Enacting Section 1. This amendatory act applies only to civil

actions filed on or after the effective date of this amendatory act.

The belief is a patient or relative who has had expressed to them compassion or sympathy concerning an untoward event, is less likely to file a medical malpractice lawsuit. Further, the protection for the physician is that such statement is inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability in any subsequent action if the patient or the family wishes to pursue court action.

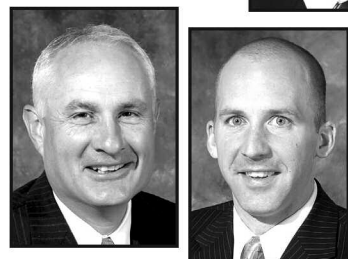
Importantly, the statement must be in the framework of an expression of sympathy. A physician who makes the statements: “I was at

fault,” “I blew it,” “the hospital should have done more for you or your relative,” or other statements encompassing fault or culpability, are not, however, protected by this bill.

Hopefully, the enacting of this bill, even if it does not reduce lawsuits, may be a refreshing approach allowing dialog between the physician, patient or family members without the fear of a subsequent lawsuit based on that statement alone.

This could be a start of a return to the “good old days” when a physician's communication with patients and family members was open and compassionate.

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Genesee County Medical Society Dinner Business Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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Come hear from legislative leaders about the state of the Michigan budget, health care in general, and the environment which will effect our profession and our families. We have invited Michigan State Medical Society Government Affairs Staff to respond.

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