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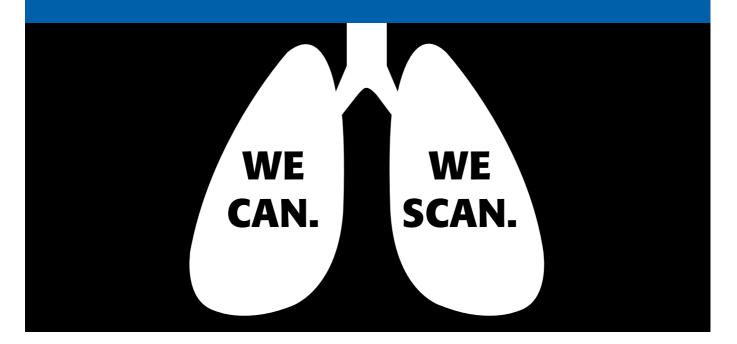
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#### **Our Vision**

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.

## THE BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I have just returned from taking my father to our medical school reunions at the university that

shall not be named (Ohio State University). It was the 100th anniversary of the medical school. It was my fathers' 57th medical school reunion, and my 35th class reunion. (I graduated from medical school when I was 16 years old).

Parenthetically, it was also Dr. Iames Andrew Martin's 58th class reunion, but he could not make it.

I spent three days reliving the glory of medical school and exploring the history of medicine. During a tour of the archives, I saw a 16th century book on anatomy, an 18th century treatise on optics



Deborah Duncan, MDH

by Sir Isaac Newton and a 600-page book on the appendix from the 1800's. I also saw a room full

> of papers, drawings, etc., from the great and powerful Dr. Robert Zollinger, nemesis of medical students and surgical residents for decades.

One of the things I took away from this wonderful weekend, is that medicine is not practiced in a vacuum. We rely, as physicians, on each other for teaching, for consultation, for camaraderie, and for support. The Genesee County Medical Society provides one forum, and a major one, to assist in our mutual goals, as a profession. As the new President of Genesee County

Medical Society, I am grateful for your confidence, but I need your advice and your assistance in steering the organization in a mutually beneficial direction. I invite you to become active in our committees, to attend meetings, to call me with your concerns. I look forward to working with all of you in the process of moving the profession of medicine forward.

As a last note, we would like to add a column of interesting cases to our monthly Bulletin. To start things off, I have submitted a recent and very interesting case. I invite all of you to submit your unusual, amusing, informative, or educational case studies to The Bulletin. Here's to a great year - call me any time.

Deborah Duncan, MD President

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## ON MY MIND

I have several things on my mind this month and would like to mention them all.

First and foremost, don't forget to vote!!! These elections are really important to everyone professionally and personally. The MDPAC endorsements are contained in this issue of the Bulletin and have been emailed to you as well. Please take them with you to the polls and use them as a tool. Please encourage others to consider using them as well. Also included with them, are two recommendations from the GCMS Board to support the

Metropolitan Transit Authority and the County Parks millages.

Don't forget to come to the Presidents' Ball! This is going to be so much fun. Go ahead and dress up in western wear, or in formal dress. Come and enjoy!

Don't forget to read your Bulletin monthly! We love producing it and are always thrilled to see how



Daniel Ryan, MD

many of you open it and read it. Please consider writing a piece for a future issue. We are always looking for new and interesting material.

I would like to thank Dr. Shafi Ahmed for his great work as President, and also welcome Dr. Deborah Duncan to the role. We all benefit from the work our leaders perform. I also love reading the biographies contained annually, in the November Bulletins.

Please consider making a substantial donation to the Medical Society Foundation, to support the charitable activities of GCMS. It is

the right time of the year to act!

Finally, I would like to recommend that everyone go to see the Flint Youth Theaters' production of 9 Times Nourished at the Flint Farmers Market. Enjoy the riches of this community!

Thanks for letting me get all this off my mind.

## WILD, WILD WEST PRESIDENT'S BALL **NOVEMBER 15, 2014**

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**Case Study for November 2014** 

A 55 year old man presents to the urgent care for evaluation of this ankle lesion. He states he has just returned from a big game hunt in Zimbabwe. He believes this is a tick bite, because he saw many ticks on the animals.

He did not find a tick on himself or remember being bitten by anything. He states he has researched it and thinks this looks like a Lyme disease rash. He has not had any fever, flu like symptoms, or disseminated rash. His PE is otherwise unremarkable.



## What is his diagnosis?

See Page 25 For The Answer To The Case Study

(Editor's Note: If you have an interesting case, please submit it to The Bulletin to see if your peers can figure it out! – Dr. Dan Ryan, Editor)



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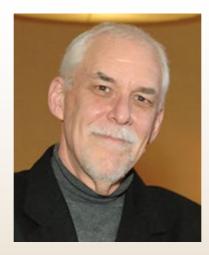
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## PRESIDENTIAL REMORSE; NOVEMBER HAS ARRIVED

Once a year, I bemoan the loss of a President with whom I have enjoyed working, and express excitement about the incoming President, with whom I know I will enjoy working. Each year, the staff of the Medical Society develops a unique and close relationship with our officers, especially our Presidents.

This November brings us a transition from Dr. Shafi Ahmed as President to Dr. Deborah Duncan, as incoming President. While both are primary care physicians, they come to the Medical Society from

completely different perspectives, and bring very different experiences and leadership styles. Dr. Ahmed has served you extremely well. He has led the Medical Society through several complicated issues at the state level and locally. He is a real consensus builder, and loves this community. In an effort to bring warmth and collegiality to our



Peter Levine, MPH

medical community, he and his wife, Ruqsana, had everyone over to their house in August and provided a lovely day in a beautifully rural environment. It was a blast, but it was also a working meeting for several of the folks who were there. It was wonderful to pet the horses and alpacas, and to enjoy the Ahmeds' excitement of the wonders of living in such an exquisite place. As Dr. Duncan steps into her Presidency, she will bring her own set of skills, warmth and drive. We happily welcome her, and also feel a little melancholy over the departure

of Dr. Ahmed. A year is too short a time from the staff perspective. But staff can certainly understand why a year is enough for each President.

Come out to the Presidents' Ball on November 15th! If you have attended in the past, you know it is a fun and enjoyable occasion. If you have never attended, you are in for a treat!

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# DEBORAH DUNCAN, MD, G

What does a family practitioner, a pilot, a certified scuba diver, a forklift driver, a life guard, a seamstress, a 3rd level dressage rider and an eventer, a Cub Scout leader, a train hostage a negotiator, a trained survival pilot, an expert pistol shot, an aircraft crash investigator, a caring wife and a devoted mother have in common? Well, the answer is obvious, they all have a Deborah Duncan, MD, in common! She is all of those things listed. Interviewing Dr. Duncan for the purpose of introducing her to the members of GCMS, is exhilarating and inspirational.

Dr. Duncan was born in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Otterbein College, and graduated medical school from Ohio State University. Her internship was performed at Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia and her residency was served in Family Practice at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. Dr. Duncan served in the Air Force as a flight surgeon from 1980-1987, including tours in Korea and visits to many other countries. It was there that she met her husband, Terry, a graduate of the Air Force Academy and a pilot. Terry has a Master's Degree in aerospace engineering. They moved to Michigan when he began work for Williams International, which builds jet engines.

Dr. Duncan is Board Certified in Family Practice, Preventive Medicine, and Aerospace Medicine. She has one son, Christopher, who is an apprentice gunsmith.

Dr. Duncan has a brother who holds a PhD in computer science, a sister who holds a PhD in Russian studies, and a sister who works for Household Finance. The rest of her family involves four dogs, four cats, memories of dead fish, and a dressage horse,

who lives at Dr. & Mrs. Shafi Ahmed's farm.

Dr. Duncan's' focus currently revolves around "home, horse, and medicine," but she really has a broad spectrum of interests. Among other things, she is Master Clinician certified in Psychopharmacology, and also certified by the International Society of Clinical Densitometry.

She is as comfortable in the exam room, as she is lying upside down in a fighter jet, riding a horse, shooting a gun, or chairing a PHO meeting. She is the principal physician at Fenton Medical Center.

She has been to the Osh Kosh Air Show six times, competes at the 3rd level of dressage and is close to achieving the bronze level of dressage.

Her musical performance experience is very diverse. She has performed on the piano, the bassoon, the clarinet, the bass clarinet, the bass saxophone, and the trombone. She remembers wistfully, her artistic days, when she won an art contest and actually sold a painting. When asked about the practice of medicine, she can wax on and on about the changes in structure and the need to maintain organized medicine at the state-of-the-art so that physicians can comply with ever-changing demands, but her overall message and her repeated refrain is, "I love the people I work with, and I love my patients."

It's not often that you talk to someone who has so much joy de vivre. She spent 10 years in the Air Force, and has flown on 12 different military jets. She spent over 21 hours in the back seat of an F4 fighter, wearing a pressure suit and helmet. She loves to travel, has been all across Europe, Japan, Korea, the Philippine's,



## P R E S I D E N T

# **CMS PRESIDENT 2014-15**

Argentina, Barbados, Liberia, the Ascension Islands, Kenya, Canada, Mexico, and Fiji. At that point, I ran out of ink.

Oddly enough, Dr. Duncan is afraid of heights, and despite that, has spent a lot of time tens of thousands of feet above the ground. When asked about that, she said, "Flying doesn't bother me, because when I get in the plane, it is still on the ground".

Dr. Duncan says that Fenton Medical Center has been a joy in her life. She feels that she has the best partners in the world, including the infamous James Martin, MD. She also notes that she loves the consultants that she works with.

Terry is currently recovering from back surgery and has been feeling under the weather for the past couple of years.

The Duncan's live on a wooded 15 acres, which is dog-heaven. They love fine wines and hand-crafted beers.

In addition to making the best paella ever, Dr. Duncan has served on the Board and as President of a local PHO, and on the Board of the local ACO. She has served on the Board of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, and was Chair of the Family Practice Department at Hurley Medical Center. She currently serves as the President of Fenton Medical Center and as of November 15, 2014, President of the Genesee County Medical Society. When asked what she would like to do, now that she has done so many amazing things in her life, she replies, "I would like to go home and clean my house enough so that someone could come in and keep it clean."





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Genesee County Medical
Society participated in the kickoff for the Commit to Fit, Fall 4 Fitness
Challenge campaign. The team is made up of Peter

Levine, Executive Director, Sherry Smith, Executive Secretary and Matt Greshock, Owner of Crossfit-Ignition, Trainer and ringer.

The purpose of the kick-off campaign was to generate media attention to the kick-off of the Fall 4 Fitness Challenge designed to improve the health of the community. While the Genesee County Medical Society team was crushed by several teams of athletes, no one had more fun than the three people representing the members of Genesee County Medical Society.





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## Abuse and Indifference Set the Stage for Human Trafficking

## Michigan Empowers Victims

When Joyce Haskett was a little girl, her world was filled with joy and fear, wonder and curiosity, much like most kids.

"I was a little girl. I always believed good things, wanted good things. I grew up on Leave it to Beaver and those kinds of shows where the family seemed happy and they were so much different from mine," she told an audience at a Geneseee County Medical Society Alliance event Oct. 21 in Flushing. "So I kind of grew up with this vision of the kind of family I wanted to have where everybody loved everybody and everybody was protected in the home. There was mom, there was dad. Well, you know what? I struck out early because I never knew who my father was."

Still, kids are resilient and Joyce began to explore. She met a preacher who was hosting a carnival and he made her participation in it dependent upon her going to church.

"So I sat there and I listened to everything he had to say about Jesus," said Haskett. "Oh, my goodness, it was so good. I remember going right back across the street. I didn't want to play at the carnival. I went across the street and I sat on my grandmother's sectional. And I was sitting

in the middle and I remember saying, Jesus, Jesus, come into my life. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. And I remember such a peace. I remember feeling so good and so safe. I was molested the next week. I was seven years old."

It was the first time, but there would be many more. Family friends, church deacons, others in the community. No one is that resilient and these experiences destroyed Haskett's sense of self worth, making her vulnerable and an easy victim.

Her frustration and disbelief that her family would allow these abuses to occur in her own home, in her own bed, set a pattern of enabling that would carry through to adulthood and worsen her situation considerably.

She became promiscuous, had a baby in her teens and still tried to work and attend school. But it was too much. There seemed to be nowhere to turn for help and no way to make a change.

"So what happens?" asked Haskett. "I end up meeting a guy who seems to be the one to grant me all my hopes and all my dreams. This man was so charismatic. He was exciting. He was hopeful. He drove around the neighborhood in this nice car, with his nice clothes. And he had girls with him and they were all happy. He was just an amazing person.

"And you know how it is when the old people live across the street and they sit on the porch. They have been there for years and they know everything that goes on in the neighborhood? Well they told me. They said this man is out of your league. You are going to be so sorry if you fool around with this man. Oh, of course, I didn't listen, because as young people, we think we have control over these things. I was looking for my Mr. Right, I was looking for my lover boy."

Once the beatings and abuse started in earnest, her family asked her what she was doing to make this good man so angry. Again, abuse was occurring right under their noses, but inattention and self-interest prevented anyone from acting on her behalf.

None of the horrors of being treated as human merchandise were apparent immediately, particularly to a person facing such difficult daily challenges and looking so desperately for a lifeline. Once it became clear to Haskett that her life would be an endless stream of beatings, being sold for sex and feeling utterly worthless, it was too late to walk away. She had no resources to leave the area and her pimp threatened to hurt her family if she did.

Still, deep inside, Haskett clung to good person she always felt she was, despite the circumstances. With no easy way out, no means of support and no one to turn to, desperation set in.

"I had never been in trouble, ever. I hadn't even been in a courtroom," said Haskett. "Didn't know anything about the law. But I decided I had to get out of there. I wasn't the only woman that he had, but I wanted something better for my life, something more than this. And what did I do? I got myself a gun. I hid it in



a trashcan in the bathroom at the house. I had to hide it somewhere because you weren't allowed to wear anything that came down farther than your hip. You had to be exposed. You had to be able to be seen. I never ever, ever hurt anybody on purpose, it wasn't in my heart to hurt anybody. But I knew I was going to have to kill him if I wanted to get away. I was going to have to kill him, although I wasn't a murderer. But I was pondering murder."

And so Joyce Haskett shot her pimp, watched him die and left Saginaw for Detroit to gather her thoughts.

She didn't feel like a murderer, didn't feel like she had done anything wrong. So she returned to Saginaw, turned herself in, faced a bench trial and was sentenced to life in prison for premeditated murder.

Appeal after appeal was upheld, only to be shot down by the state Supreme Court. Finally, 17 years later, after she had obtained a master's degree from the University of Michigan while spending more than half her life in prison, Joyce Haskett was released.

It was a brave new world out there. Once she got over the shock of how much the world had changed on the outside and got her bearings, Haskett began trying to make sense of it all.

"I am an educated woman," she said. "But it wasn't until recently that I learned that everything that had happened to me had a name. That I wasn't just a lowdown, dirty, filthy slut whore. That I wasn't just a prostitute, that I was trafficked.

"I'm not saying that as soon as I found out that it had a technical name that it made me feel better. But as soon as I found out it had a name, I found out that people were doing something about it."

Haskett's master's degree is in social work and she spends most of her time educating people about Human Trafficking and its insidious nature. Her timing couldn't be better. Last month, Michigan passed laws enabling law enforcement, providers and victims to crack down in situations like Haskett's and help ensure that desperation is not the only option open to victims of abuse and indifference.





# MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

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November 2, 2014

President, Genesee County Medical Society

Dear Doctor Ahmed:

Attached for your information is a list of members of the Genesee County Medical Society who are serving on various Committees and Task Forces of the Michigan

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You may also recommend a colleague from your county medical society who might be interested in serving on an MSMS Committee or Task Force.

We look forward to your continued input and participation.

Sincerely

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Dear GCMS, GCMSA Members and Practice Managers,

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## Genesee County Medical Society **Board of Directors** August 26, 2014 - Minutes

#### I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM in the Rapport Conference Room by Shafi Ahmed, MD, President.

## **II. Review of Minutes:**

Motion: That the minutes of the June 24, 2014 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

## III. Reports:

## Alliance Report

On behalf of Rugsana Ahmed, President of GCMS Alliance, Peter Levine reported that the Summer Picnic held at the Ahmed Farm on the previous Saturday was major success. Over one hundred individuals attended, including many physicians and their families. All had a wonderful time and would love to do it again.

Peter Levine also reported that the Cultural Center Event for Young Physicians had a lower turnout than anticipated, but those who came had a fantastic time. Both Cultural Center staff and the families in attendance would like us to host this event again.

### Legislative Liaison

Dr. Cathy Blight reported that on August 12, the Washington Update meeting was held with Congressman Dan Kildee. Discussion was wide ranging, and incredibly productive.

Dr. Blight also reported that Senate Bill 2 is ongoing. A hearing will be held on it during the second week of September. Levine reported on the current status of the members of the House of Representatives from Genesee County who serve on the relevant committee.

## Community & Environmental Health

Dr. Gary Johnson reported that the Committee is seeking Resolutions for 2015. He also reviewed some of the ZIP code morbidity and mortality information which the Health Coalition has deciphered and reported on the meeting with the Director of Health for the Genesee Intermediate School District. Dr. Johnson also noted there is a contest between counties to see which can improve adolescent immunization rates at the highest level.

## Greater Flint Health Coalition Update

Dr. Lawrence Reynolds reviewed the morbidity and mortality rate by ZIP code information, which has become available. This material is being published in the GCMS Bulletin, September issue.

Dr. Nita Kulkarni reported that GCMS is focusing on making sure that everyone that is needed to serve on the C-Section Task Force is a member.

Dr. Laura Carravallah reported that in the area of Advance Care Planning, there is a need for more physicians to become involved. Drs. Christy and Duncan volunteered to work with Dr. Carravallah on this issue.

## District Directors

Dr. John Waters reported that MSMS is cutting \$700,000 from its budget.

## The Bulletin Update

On behalf of Dr. Dan Ryan, Peter Levine reported that the September issue of The Bulletin will focus on community wide data. The October issue will focus on the Summer Picnic at the Ahmed Farm, as well as the Dinner Business Meeting.

# Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors August 26, 2014 - Minutes

## President's Report

Dr. Ahmed thanked those who attended the picnic at his farm and also the Flint Cultural Center event. He reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting on Health Systems Update.

## IV. New Business:

A. Resolution entitled "Eliminate CME Requirements for Retired Physicians"

Directive: Staff was directed to change the resolution to read "30 credits for 3 years" and to submit it to MSMS on behalf of Dr. Amitabha Banerjee.

## B. Flu Shot E-card Problems

Dr. Shafi Ahmed reported that many physicians are having problems with their quality data because pharmacies are giving shots to their patients without forwarding the information to primary care physicians.

Motion: that a letter be sent to the Genesee County Pharmacists Association asking them to have pharmacies send shot information to primary care physicians to become part of their medical records. The motion carried.

## C. BCBSM Adoption of Medicare as an Advance Beneficiary Notice Policy

Dr. Shafi Ahmed reported that because BCBSM has adopted Medicare's Advance Beneficiary Notice Policy, it is creating a tremendous burden for physicians. There was universal support for sending a letter to Tom Simmer, MD, Chief Medical Officer, BCBSM to express concerns about this new policy of Blue Cross's.

Motion: That the President of GCMS send a letter to Dr. Tom Simmer, Chief Medical Officer of BCBSM expressing concern about BCBSM's recent adoption of Medicare's Advance Beneficiary Notice Policy. This letter is to be published in the GCMS Bulletin as well, as a draft letter, which the President will ask members to send to Dr. Simmer. The motion carried.

## D. Information Relating to Medical Staff Bylaws Issue

The Board received an update on a medical staff issue relating to privileges at one health system.

It was noted by Dr. Ahmed in advance of their presentation, that this is a medical staff issue on which the Medical Society will take no action, but that it is receiving information because it is of interest to physicians.

## E. Outmigration Data

Peter Levine reported that very few responses have been received by the GCMS office regarding the outmigration of patients Survey. There was discussion on the importance of responding, and efforts will be made to secure more responses to the Survey.

#### V. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the GCMS Board of Directors will take place on September 23, 2014.

#### VI. Adjournment:

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Levine, MPH Executive Director

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## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- The Fund for Better Health provides grants to support community based public health service projects in areas such as substance abuse prevention, violence prevention and healthy lifestyles.
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## **OBITUARIES**

# Donald Bryant, MD 1921 - 2014

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Michael Zarr, MD	2	Gerald Natzke, DO	16	Heinz Schwarz, MD	23
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J. Wheeler, MD	7	Jamal Farhan, MD	19	Stephen Wang, MD	27
Maurice Robitaille, MD	9	A. George Dass, MD	19	Robert Joynt, MD	27
Daniel Walter, MD	9	Michael Macksood, DO	19	Ali Mohammed, MD	28
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## YOUR **\$\$\$** AT WORK

- GCMS hosted Practice Managers Meeting on critical issues.
- GCMS actively worked to oppose Senate Bill 2.
- GCMS supported Senate Bill 596, which would create a Board of Health Professionals on Human Trafficking.
- GCMS began work on analysis of out-migration of patients via the Greater Flint Health Coalition.
- GCMS began work on the significant rate of C-Sections being performed in Genesee County.
- GCMS directly aided several physicians on issues relating to third-party payers and regulatory issues.
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If you have an interesting case, please submit it to The Bulletin to see if your peers can figure it out!

- Dr. Dan Ryan, Editor





## **GCMS MEETINGS**

— November 2014 —

**Ball Committee, TBD** 

C-Section Task Force, 11/3 6pm, GCMS Office

Bulletin Committee, 11/5 7:30am, GCMS Office

Legislative Liaison Committee
Recessed for November

GCMS President's Ball, 11/15
6pm, Genesys Banquet
& Conference Center

**Practice Managers**Recessed for November

Finance Committee 11/25 5:30pm, GCMS Office

Board of Directors 11/25 6pm, GCMS Office

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