



Washtenaw County Medical Society Monthly Newsletter

Thank you for your membership to WCMS, the leading medical association for legislative action and community outreach in Washtenaw County since 1827.

Upcoming WCMS Events

Attend Monday's Legislative Update this **September 10th from 7:30-9:00 AM at WCMS**. Legislators expected to be in attendance include: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and State Reps. Donna Lasinski and Adam Zemke. The agenda will include discussions on opioids; naturopathic scope of practice; prior authorization; auto no-fault, and Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

Make sure to save your spot for the "Balance" MedConnect event on **Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 PM at the Ann Arbor City Club**. Presentations from community leaders, including Drs. Evangeline Spindler, Robert Bartlett, Robert Kelch, and Monica Starkman, will explore how physicians balance the demands of practice with external outlets.

RSVP to events@wcms-mi.org today!

JOIN WCMS FOR A SPECIAL EVENT ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

MEDCONNECT FOCUS: BALANCE

Join WCMS as we showcase members' talents outside the practice of medicine used to help manage the demands of work. The program will include unique performances, short demonstrations on meaningful activities, and discussions on achieving the work/life balance.

JOIN DR. EVANGELINE SPINDLER, PROGRAM MODERATOR, AND PRESENTERS:

- DR. ROBERT BARTLETT - MUSIC
- DR. ROBERT KELCH - PHOTOGRAPHY
- SANJANA PRASAD - DANCE & BIORHYTHMS
- MELINDA SONG - CREATING ADVENTUROUS & MINDFUL PHYSICIANS (CAMP)
- DR. MONICA STARKMAN - WRITING & BOOK SIGNING

on THURS. SEPT. 20 at ANN ARBOR CITY CLUB from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WCMS Bulletin: Summer Edition

Have you accessed the latest edition of the **WCMS Bulletin** yet? In it, you will find a discussion on the state's legislative proposal to impose work requirements on Medicaid recipients, a report on our county's activities at the MSMS House of Delegates meeting, our medical students' view of HOD, an emotional entry of a 3rd year medical student's clinical rotations in 1968, and many other fascinating pieces. [Click here to review the edition.](#)

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MSMS House of Delegates Summary
APRIL 28-29, 2018

DELEGATES AND WCMS MEMBERS MEETING ON HOD COMMITTEES

- Dr. Barry Smith, Referee
- Committee D: Public Health
- Dr. Larry Smith, Referee
- Committee A: Liberal Arts, Constitution and Bylaws
- Sam Schickman, Referee
- Committee B: Legislation
- Dr. Barbara Thwaitt, Referee
- Referee

COMMITTEE RESULTS

Title: Resolution Against Marijuana Possession

Original Author: Dr. James Secchi
Dovey Acton, Annotator

DELEGATES

Dr. Evelyn Smith
WCMS President Elect
Dr. Cheryl Estess
Dr. Martha Gray
Dr. Larry Smith
Dr. Charles Koppstein
Dr. Cynthia Stroppe
Dr. Jim Michener, District Director
Dr. Joseph Swartz, WCMS President
Dr. Robert Dale
Dr. Margaret Steiner
Dr. Evangelina Spindler
Dr. James Secchi
Dr. Barbara Thwaitt

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Dr. Richard Steiner
Dr. Bradley Davis

DR. FARMER MEMBERS' HODS

organizational restructuring clinics

Call for 2019 WCMS Leadership Nominations

Ready to hone your leadership skills and work with talented colleagues in a meaningful way? Consider running or nominate a fellow physician for these WCMS officer positions:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- District Director #14
- Delegate & Alternate Delegate
- Committee Volunteers (Legislative, Finance, Membership)

Submit the nominee's information to [Gabrielle Szlenkier](#) by October 5.

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

Public Health Alerts: Vaping Increase & 'Do Not Eat' Fish Advisory

According to the [2017-2018 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth](#), over 18% of Washtenaw County high school students used electronic vapor products during the past 30 days; an increase from eleven percent in 2015-2016. [Read more about the dangers here.](#)

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued an expanded 'Do Not Eat' fish advisory for all fish in the Huron River in Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Monroe Counties. The 'Do Not Eat' advisory for the Huron River starts where N. Wixom Road crosses in Oakland County and extends downstream to the mouth of the Huron River as it enters Lake Erie in Wayne County. [For a full listing of the affected areas, click here.](#)

**PUBLIC
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MSMS Organizational Remodeling: Feedback Requested

Following the July 2014 session on long-term membership and non-dues revenue trends, the MSMS Board of Directors composed a Task Force on Membership and Sustainability. MSMS readdressed the need for organizational remodeling at the 2018 House of Delegates meeting. Access the MSMS website to learn more about plans for [the Next 150 Years here](#), including opportunities for regionalization, Board restructuring, and flexible membership options.

Review the materials and send your feedback to Gabrielle Szlenkier at gszlenkier@wcms-mi.org.



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