



## WASHTENAW COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

### A Special End of Year Message from WCMS

PHYSICIAN WELLNESS SEMINAR | RESOLUTION DEADLINE FOR MSMS HOD | GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SUMMARY: THE END OF LAME DUCK | MEDCONNECT EVENT: SPEED MENTORING & NETWORKING



## EVENT: Physician Wellness Seminar

The Jackson County Medical Society is hosting a physician wellness seminar with Speaker Roger Smith, MD on Thursday, January 24. Dr. Smith is the Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Professor of Clinical Biological Sciences at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University. He will be addressing the physical and mental collapse caused by overwork or stress that we are all at risk of suffering.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the [Society Office](#) for more information on free registration.

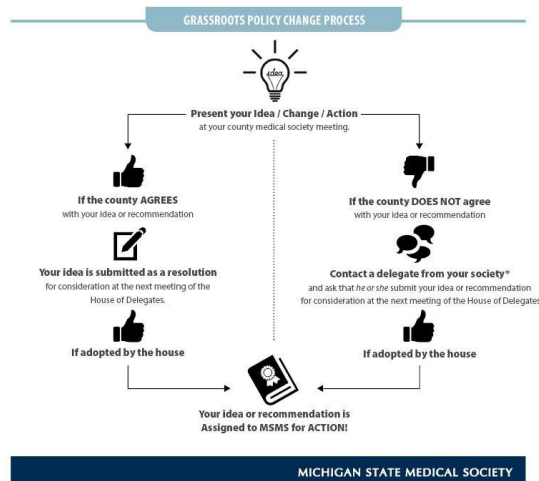


## Resolution Deadline for MSMS House of Delegates

The House of Delegates (HOD) is the official policy-making body of MSMS. Resolutions are the vehicles used to debate and determine the policies, priorities, and direction of MSMS. Last year's resolutions centered on marijuana usage, opioids and pain management, Maintenance of Certification (MOC), sexual abuse, and more.

**[Submit your resolution\(s\) by Wednesday, February 6 for support and guidance from the WCMS Executive Council.](#)** WCMS will submit all county resolutions to MSMS. The deadline for individual resolution submissions to MSMS is March 1 by 5:00 PM through this [online link](#).

To learn more about HOD and how to write a resolution, [please click here](#).



## Government Affairs Summary: The End of Lame Duck

**MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)**  
MSMS supported House Bill 4134 and House Bill 4135, introduced by Rep. Edward Canfield, DO. The bills prohibit payers from requiring MOC as a sole condition of receiving reimbursement and, as a preemptive measure, prohibit the state from requiring MOC as a condition for licensure. MSMS worked with various specialty groups and payers to move the legislation forward. After changes were agreed upon that focused the thrust of the legislation on the primary care specialties of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics,



the bills were taken up and swiftly passed out of both chambers in the waning days of session. [The Governor signed the MOC bills into law on December 27.](#)

#### **INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

House Bills 4066 and 4067 passed out of the legislature during the remaining days of the lame duck session. The bills would enter Michigan into an existing interstate medical licensure compact (IMLC) whereby eligible physicians could obtain an expedited license to practice medicine in one of the compact states. MSMS submitted specific changes to the bill, including striking the requirement for maintaining board certification. MSMS was able to get other amendments incorporated into the bill, one of which would ensure that employers could not require participation in the compact as a condition of employment, and another ensures that disciplinary actions only apply to compact members. The Governor is expected to sign the bills into law.

#### **AUTO NO-FAULT**

Two auto no-fault (ANF) bills, Senate Bill 787 and 1014 passed the Michigan Senate in June. MSMS, along with partners from the [Coalition for Protecting Auto No Fault](#) (CPAN), opposed the bills. MSMS--through CPAN--was readying opposition to the proposed plan; however, the votes in the House came up short and it was declared dead on the last day of session.

#### **NATUROPATHIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Senate Bill 826, would license "naturopathic physicians" and allow them to perform "minor office procedures" as defined in the bill; prescribe medication (non- controlled substances); order/perform physical and laboratory examinations for diagnostic purposes; utilize routes of administration, broadly defined; and grants broad authorities to a newly-formed Board of Naturopathic Medicine, among other things. The bill passed out of the Michigan Senate in May by a vote of 24-11 and was been referred to the Michigan House of Representatives Health Policy Committee. MSMS opposed the bill and successfully worked to contain the bill in the Michigan House of Representatives.

**For a full report on MSMS' December Legislative Report, [please click here.](#)**

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## EVENT: WCMS MedConnect on Speed Mentoring & Networking

WCMS will host our annual "connections" MedConnect event in early spring. WCMS attendees and medical students will have opportunities to speak with:

- Employed physicians,
- Private practice physicians,
- Primary care physicians,
- Specialty care physicians,
- Academics, and more!

This MedConnect is great for medical students looking to learn more about career options and physicians interested in connecting with colleagues in interactive ways.

Interested in becoming a mentor at this MedConnect? Please contact the [Society Office](#).



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**WCMS Executive Council (EC) Meeting**  
Thursday, Jan. 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM at WCMS

**[House of Delegates \(HOD\) Resolutions](#) Deadline for EC Review**  
Wednesday, Feb. 6 by 5:00 PM to [WCMS electronically](#)

**HOD Resolution Consideration with WCMS Executive Council**  
Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM at WCMS

**MSMS House of Delegates Meeting**  
Saturday, May 4-Sunday, May 5 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo



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