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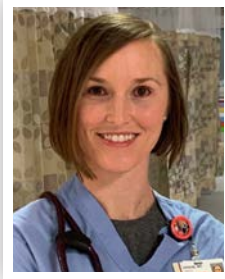
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From the President

Greetings fellow MOCMS members!

This newsletter finds us in early spring with more sunlight and warmer weather on the horizon. I wanted to take a few moments of your time to provide you with an overview of what's on our MOCMS horizon.

We warmly welcomed our newest Board of Directors members, Drs. Larry McBride, Jackie Trueblood, and Kimberly Benham. Dave

Burnworth officially took the reins from Susan & Kim as executive director. I am eager to see what we can accomplish together for the benefit of our physician membership and our community as a whole.

MOCMS Spring Social is fast approaching on Sunday April 16th at 3pm. We will enjoy some family friendly social time at the IMU Bowling & Billiards. Heavy snacks and drinks provided. Please RSVP thru the evite link <http://evite.me/zGTRjpUfmG>. Thanks!



Please strongly consider checking out our next Book Club selection- Pandora's Lab: Seven stories of science gone wrong. I must admit, after being recommended by fellow member Dr. Marcia Campbell, the novel did not disappoint! We will meet Friday May 5 at 6:30pm. Dr. Cam Gifford has graciously offered to host at his home this quarter. See invite for details. Would love to see you there!

Our ISMA 2nd District meeting will be held in Bloomington again this year on Thursday May 11. Checkout details on ISMA website - https://www.ismanet.org/ISMA/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=DIST223. We appreciate the commitment from Dr. Michael Gamble, an ER physician at Greene County Hospital, who is serving as the current District 2 president. We need Monroe Co representation.

The resolution deadline for consideration by the House of Delegates is June 11. The ISMA Annual Convention will be held on September 8-10 at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield. From a lobbying standpoint, this is the process that develops what our ISMA organization supports at a state and national level.

MOCMS wants to be beneficial and supportive to our physician members! We welcome your input, and hope you will reach out to us through email at director@mocms.org or call at 812-332-4033.

I hope you find the remaining newsletter content informative and relevant!

Take care and stay in touch!

Christal L. Greene, MD

President

Monroe Owen County Medical Society



The MOCMS Board presented Susan Richardson and Kim Rudolph personalized windchimes to show their appreciation for their years of service.

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New Members

MOCMS would like to welcome the following new members:

Todd Troxell, DO
Dermatology

Petronio Illagan, MD
Neurology

Akhilesh Dakwale, MD
Emergency Medicine

50 Year Members

MOCMS Congratulates 50 Year Club Members for 2023:

Joseph Car, MD

Philip Crooke, MD

B. Diane Wells, MD

Leaving Practice or Retiring Soon?

Please let MOCMS know where your medical records will be stored.

One of the most common phone calls received at the MOCMS office involves locating patient medical records for physicians who have moved or retired from practice. MOCMS keeps a database of that information for a number of physicians but certainly not for all former or current members. If your medical records are not housed at Storage Unlimited or with an ongoing practice from which you have retired, please contact the office to update that information for our database. You may email to director@mocms.org or call 812.332.4033. Thank you very much!

ISMA Special Alert

New Federal Requirement: Act requires 8 hours of opioid training for all DEA-registered practitioners.

In late December, President Joe Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Section 1263 of the omnibus bill, also known as the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act, necessitates ALL DEA-registered practitioners who prescribe schedule II, III, IV or V drugs undergo a one-time, eight-hour training requirement incorporating education on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

Earlier this week, the DEA started sending notifications informing practitioners of this requirement, which begins on **June 27, 2023**.

ISMA is here to help physicians navigate and fulfill the needs of this new requirement.

Twenty archived hours of qualifying CME are already available **FREE for members** via the **ISMA Online app**, **free live opioid webinars** are planned for members and nonmembers in the coming months, and we've created an FAQ to address common questions related to the act.

Visit the **MATE Act FAQ page** to learn more.

Not a member? **Join ISMA today** to receive instant access to the entire CME archive along with numerous other benefits.

3rd Annual Dr. Wrasse Memorial Bike 4 the Kids

The 3rd Annual Dr. Wrasse Memorial Bike 4 the Kids (previously titled Bike 4 Fitness) will be held August 5, 2023, at Switchyard Park in Bloomington. Online registration opens May 4, 2023.

Dr. John Wrasse practiced pediatrics at IU Health Riley Physicians in Bloomington before his unexpected passing from heart disease in 2021. Dr. Wrasse was a devoted physician, father, med student mentor, and lifelong bicycling enthusiast. Bike 4 the Kids was established by Dr. Wrasse's family, friends & colleagues to realize his long held dream of a fun community bicycling event to promote families being active together. All Bike 4 the Kids registration fees go directly to Riley Kids Fund of Bloomington. The event raised \$25,000 for this cause in its first two years.

Bike 4 the Kids is a non-competitive all ages event with two ride options: a 2 mile loop around Switchyard Park and the B-Line Trail, and an 11 mile loop option that extends to the bridge at Clear Creek Trail. Non-cyclists are invited to walk or run the park loop. The event also features live music, food, health and wellness booths, helmet distribution and fittings for kids, and more. New this year, Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana will host the Kiwanis Idol auditions on the Switchyard main stage after the ride, also supporting Riley Children's Foundation. Bike 4 the Kids participants are invited to stay and listen to the contestants, or even audition for a spot in the Kiwanis Idol competition!



MIPS EUC Hardship Exception Due to COVID-19 Continues in 2023

In response to advocacy from the American Medical Association and organized medicine about the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to allow physicians and group practices to apply for a MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances hardship exception to avoid up to a -9% MIPS penalty in 2025 based on 2023 performance. The exception will not be automatic, and interested physicians and groups must actively request reweighting of one or more MIPS performance categories due to the COVID-19 PHE. **Requesting reweighting of all four MIPS performance categories will avoid a MIPS penalty in 2025.** CMS expects to release the hardship exception application in spring 2023.

This is a big relief for physicians and their patients because CMS estimated in the final rule that up to one-third of MIPS eligible clinicians would have received a penalty due to the increasingly stringent requirements to participate in MIPS in 2023. It is also likely that small, rural, and practices serving underserved populations would have been disproportionately impacted by these penalties. We encourage you to spread the word to your members about this critical reprieve from up to a -9% penalty due to the COVID-19 PHE.

Dr. Carrie Davis Honored with AADA Advocacy Award

The American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA) has named ISMA District 2 Alternate Trustee Carrie L. Davis, MD, its 2023 Advocate of the Year, citing her commitment to grassroots advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as her leadership of the Congressional Policy Committee.

During last year's session of the Indiana General Assembly, Dr. Davis' advocacy was instrumental in securing passage of a "truth in advertising" law that reserves a number of medical specialty titles for use only by physicians. Dr. Davis also emceed the 2022 AADA Legislative Conference.

She will be recognized formally at the AADA Annual Meeting in New Orleans on March 16.



ISMA District 2 Alternate Trustee Carrie Davis, MD (right) with AADA State Policy Committee Chair Alex Gross, MD, and AMA President Jack Resneck, Jr., MD.

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We are proud to help contribute to families Hoosier Hills supports.

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