

MSSC NEWS

EMS reorganizes to combine operations, medical

Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Services has consolidated its financial, operational and clinical divisions under a single director, paving the way for more streamlined services, better efficiencies in management and training, and a stronger patient-centered focus.



DR. GALLAGHER

MSSC member John Gallagher, MD, is now both the medical director and the director of the combined operations. This physician-led model aims to more strategically utilize system resources, reduce unnecessary ambulance transports and emergency department visits, and deliver better care that is

more cost effective.

Assistant county manager Russell Leeds outlined the benefits in a comprehensive report.

"This solution offers certain organizational efficiencies and leverages the clinical expertise and system partnerships of the medical director to advance the mission, vision and values of EMS and Sedgwick County," Leeds wrote.

Gallagher said the reorganization eliminates duplication of services in areas such as quality assurance, program development, training and education while providing streamlined, physician-level support and single-voice communications.

"Sedgwick County EMS is full of passionate EMS professionals," Gallagher said. "I am proud to work with them



FIRST RESPONDERS: THE NEW PHYSICIAN-LED EMS MODEL AIMS TO MORE STRATEGICALLY UTILIZE SYSTEM RESOURCES, REDUCE UNNECESSARY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS, AND DELIVER BETTER CARE THAT IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE. PHOTO SOURCE: KANSAS BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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It's not too late to 'access the edge' for Project Access

Project Access is holding a 20th anniversary fundraising event on Aug. 29-30. Participants who raise \$1,000 will get to rappel down the side of the Ambassador Hotel in downtown Wichita.

Day one will feature 10 leaders from the Wichita community who have agreed to go over the edge. Those daring individuals include Wichita Police Department Chief Gordon Ramsay and Wichita Fire Department Chief Tammy Snow.

"We hear time and again how important Project Access is to this community," executive director Shelley Duncan said.

"It is through the generosity of our medical community – and the financial support we receive from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, United Way and through fundraisers like this – that we are able to continue our program."



► Access the Edge

WHEN: Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29-30

WHERE: Ambassador Hotel

REGISTER: ote.cphcp.com

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss these upcoming meetings and events.

► KMS Annual Meeting

WHEN: Sept. 6-7, Wichita Hyatt Regency
Joint session with Kansas Hospital Association on Friday afternoon. KMS annual meeting and members forum Saturday morning.



► Celebration of IMGs

WHEN: Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m., Botanica

Recognize international medical graduates and their contributions our medical community at this fun event. Learn more about their medical school experience and journeys to the U.S. Enjoy Indian, Pakistani and Middle Eastern food from local restaurants.



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International medical graduates in Wichita create rich diversity



Dr. Michael Lievens, MD
August President's Message

The Wichita community has been richly blessed for many decades by the hard work, intelligence and compassionate care provided by graduates of international medical schools. On Oct. 1 at Botanica, the MSSC general membership meeting

will celebrate our IMGs.

Two local restaurants will provide food representing some of the home cultures of our physicians. There also will be a panel discussion in which several physicians share their medical school experiences.

This fun event provides a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about our colleagues and become better connected. And I suspect the food will be delicious! I encourage you to treat yourself to a great evening. Get away from the EHR for a couple hours for some actual human interaction with peers.

It is difficult to contemplate what this community would look like without the presence of immigrant physicians and their families. They are us. We are all one.

There is a lot of political debate in this country about immigration. I don't pretend to know all the issues, especially at our southern border. But whenever I contemplate immigrant physicians, I can't comprehend why we would ever wish to make it difficult for such talented, good people to move to the U.S. We are a better, richer, more-interesting country with them here.

MSSC currently has 182 active members who attended medical schools in 39 different countries – 39! And if you include retired

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MSSC members who are IMGs, the country count increases to 49.

The most-represented countries among active members are Lebanon and India, with 43 and 39 IMGs respectively. Syria is next with 14, followed by Pakistan, China, Philippines, Kenya and Mexico, all of which have five to eight members each. In the past 22 years, MSSC has had four presidents who are IMGs.

MSSC also has other members who were born or raised in another country, but who emigrated here and attended a U.S. medical school.

As I write this, it occurs to me that non-immigrants are all descendants of immigrants. So when is someone no longer considered an immigrant? I suppose when they are born here. A child of an immigrant, after all, is a native.

The next generation is native. Isn't that wonderful?

► Support Project Access event

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29-30, Project Access is holding a special fundraising event to celebrate 20 years of service to the community. Participants, including me, will rappel down the side of the Ambassador Hotel – all 14 stories – to raise money for Project Access. There is still time to contribute. If at all possible, please come out to support a great cause. I hope to see many of you there!

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on a daily basis to ensure that the needs of our community are met through medical best practices, operational efficiency, and compassion.”

Gallagher is dual board certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS Medicine. As medical director, he provides clinical oversight for more than 1,000 EMS providers in Sedgwick County. The reorganization maintains branches of operations, clinical oversight and support/finance under the leadership of the medical director and allows for the hiring of an assistant medical director.

“The Medical Society is very supportive of this new organization model,” said Phillip Brownlee, MSSC executive director, which oversees EMS medical protocols. “A physician-led system will help ensure Sedgwick County residents receive effective and efficient care.”

Who's managing the health of your practice?

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Physician ENGAGEMENT

This month, we capture physicians and guests at the Aug. 20 Wichita Docs Under 40 event at Chicken N Pickle.

While summer raged on at well over 100 degrees outside, cool beverages, laughter and air conditioning prevailed at the popular Wichita Docs Under 40 social event at Chicken N Pickle on Aug. 20. "Sticking together is more important than ever," MSSC board president Michael Lievens, MD, said at the event. "The changes happening in medicine in general are not always good. It's up to us to protect not only our patients but our practices as well, and we can do that together."

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Wichita Docs Under 40



▲ TUAN NGUYEN, MD, AND MELISSA NGUYEN



▲ ANDREW HENTZEN, MD, AND CHRISTINA NICHOLAS, MD



▲ LARRY MITNAUL, MD



▲ COREY BRAET, DO, AND SARAH BRAET



▲ BOB KLUG, DO, AND LAUREN KLUG WITH KLEIN HANNING FINANCIAL



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Physicians needed to assist in public health emergencies

Sedgwick County Emergency Management is seeking physicians to assist during large-scale community public health emergencies that require medical countermeasures, such as an Anthrax attack or a flu pandemic.

Public health preparedness staff are developing plans in accordance with CDC guidelines to provide medication to 80 percent of the local population in 48 hours. The strategy will involve both large health care delivery sites that will be open to the general public and sites at businesses that will treat employees and their families. It is at the business sites that SCEM is seeking physician assistance.

For more information, contact Cynthia Dodson, ESF 8 coordinator, at (316) 660-0983 or cynthia.dodson@sedgwick.gov.

University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita docs edit new global resource guide

Renowned pharmacological researchers and University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita faculty members Matthew Macaluso, DO, and Sheldon Preskorn, MD, are editors of a new handbook on antidepressants that will serve as a resource and guide for researchers, physicians and students around the globe.

"Antidepressants: From Biogenic Amines to New Mechanisms of Action" examines medications used to treat major depressive disorder – also known as clinical depression. It affects about one in five people during their lifetimes and costs society an estimated \$100 billion a year, experts say.

"It's really a soup to nuts overview of antidepressants starting in antiquity, what is the state of affairs now and what's coming down the pike," said Macaluso, an associate professor at the medical school and assistant dean of research, director of psychiatry residency program and director of Center for Clinical Research. Macaluso and Preskorn also are contributors, as are other Wichita faculty, including Dee Brooke Lochmann, DO, Tara Richardson, MD, and Tiffany Schwasinger-Schmidt, MD, PhD.

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Members of the Society who know a good and sufficient reason why any of the following applicants are not eligible for membership are requested to communicate with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, (316) 683-7557.

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UPDATE

August 2019

Central Plains Health Care Partnership

From the executive director



SHELLEY DUNCAN

Project Access — As many of you know, Project Access is hosting an upcoming fundraising event that will be exciting, exhilarating, possibly terrifying and fun – and ultimately will sustain the future of Project Access and the ability to continue helping the medically uninsured receive the health care they need at a time when they need it most. As we celebrate our 20th year of operations, we are humbled and proud to report that we have served over 14,200 individuals who have received more than \$215 million in donated health care. While we make sure the operational side of this program functions effectively, it is the medical community that deserves the appreciation for these numbers. The 635 physicians, the hospitals, 14 dentists, 86 pharmacies, physical therapists, hospice providers, optometrists, and more make up this incredible program.

If you still don't know about our event, Access the Edge, please visit <http://ote.cphcp.com/>. We still have openings for participants. Special thanks go out to the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and West Wichita Family Physicians, our lead sponsors.

Health ICT — Health ICT has two federally funded grants from the CDC via the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Both grants, 1815 and 1817, are focused on improving health outcomes for populations that are low income, Hispanic or African American, or low income and living in rural Kansas. The grants focus on diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention and management. We have just completed our first year for the 1815 grant and although we did not receive funding for the first year until April, there has been an incredible amount of work done by Dr. Justin Moore and Matt Thibault. We work closely with the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and the KU School of Pharmacy in addition to a number of local physician groups and community clinics. There is focus on different models of care, including team-based care, telehealth, and more.

Kansas Business Group on Health — We are closing in on one year of operations following our transition to the MSSC. The former Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care rebranded and changed its name to the Kansas Business Group on Health in May. During our first year, we added a medical director, Dr. Justin Moore, and introduced three initiatives that are now available to our members. One is RightRx, a pharmacy "overlay," which helps employers lower health care costs by finding similar medications that are less expensive. RightRx works with an individual's physician in making any pharmaceutical changes. The second initiative is Living Connected, a service focused on diabetes care and offers testing supplies at a lower cost while also offering 24/7 support to individual employees with uncontrolled diabetes. Quizzify is our third initiative. It focuses on health literacy and teaches employees to be more health literate, which ultimately will cut down on health care expenditures. Soon, KBGH will offer a fourth initiative called Star Captive. This is a captive insurance plan that will help small to mid-sized employers move from being fully insured to self-insured while mitigating their financial risk via a captive solution. We are excited that we are able to offer our members tools that can actually save them money on their health care costs.

KBGH is hosting an upcoming seminar on Oct. 11 called Mental Health in the Workplace. For more information about this event, membership or any of our cost-saving initiatives, please visit our new website at www.ksbgh.org.

Shelley Duncan
Executive Director



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Why you matter

Project Access Patient Testimonial

Jerrel — Project Access Patient

Jerrel is a hardworking adult with a full-time job. While his job offered insurance, the monthly premiums were too high for him to afford the coverage. Jerrel felt his options were either to pay the rent or pay the premiums. He chose to pay the rent. However, at 26 years old, he had no idea he had high blood pressure. And he had no idea his high blood pressure was causing significant damage to his kidneys. It was only when Jerrel went to see a dentist that he was told his blood pressure was too high to remove an infected tooth. The dentist told Jerrel he needed to see a doctor and he needed to see one quick. Jerrel made an appointment at GraceMed and through diagnostic testing, Jerrel was told his kidneys were not functioning properly. GraceMed referred Jerrel to Project Access to see a nephrologist. He was diagnosed with stage 3 kidney disease. Thankfully, Jerrel now has a plan of care to control his high blood pressure, working to stop more damage to his kidneys. Jerrel said Project Access gave him a sense of peace during a very stressful time. Without the help of Project Access, Jerrel's future would have been uncertain. Jerrel is adamant that Project Access saved his life. He said he is beyond thankful for the medical care he received and beyond thankful he can continue to work, live and give back to the community.



JERREL



Access the Edge ... for the uninsured

It's not too late to sign up for Project Access' Access the Edge fundraiser on Aug. 29-30! The fundraiser will take place at the Ambassador Hotel in downtown Wichita with rappel times scheduled throughout the day. Slots are still available!

► Access the Edge ... for the Uninsured

When: Aug. 29-30, 2019

Where: Ambassador Hotel, Wichita, KS

RSVP: <http://ote.cphcp.com/>

Project Access stats since 1999

- 14,041 patients served
- \$52,395,484 physician contributions
- \$163,140,298 hospital contributions
- \$122,218 dentist contributions
- \$5,532,867 purchased medications and durable medical equipment
- \$5,409,829 donated medications
- 31,739 tests utilized through the Coalition Test Project

Project Access wishes to thank the many physicians, hospitals and the network of donated care this community provides for patients.

You matter.

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Teresa A. Reynolds, MD – Aug. 10, 2019

Kimberly Hartwell, MD – Sept. 1, 2019

DROPPED

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Arpan Doshi, MD – moved out of state

Unnati Doshi, MD – moved out of state

Taralyn S. Weiser, MD

In Remembrance

MSSC extends its condolences to the families of Drs. Drevets and Sullivan.

Curtis Drevets, MD, a Wichita allergist-immunologist, died July 17. He was 89.

Dr. Drevets graduated from Wheaton College and the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He completed his residency and fellowships in internal medicine and allergy/immunology at the University of Iowa. He joined Wichita Clinic in 1965 where he practiced until his retirement in 1999.

His family said Dr. Drevets went on more than 30 international mission trips as both a physician and an educator. In retirement, he was known for befriending international students, visiting fellow cancer sufferers, gardening at Botanica, woodcarving and fishing with friends.

"Dr. Drevets served his patients compassionately and gave his time generously in leadership," his family said.



DR. DREVETS

Leonard Sullivan, MD, passed away at his home in Larksville Place on July 23. He was 83.

Dr. Sullivan attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine where, as a student janitor in the campus hospital, he met and later married his wife. He graduated with a medical degree in 1961 and interned at General Hospital (now Truman Medical Center) in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Sullivan served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a captain at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. After a brief time as a general practitioner in El Dorado, Dr. Sullivan returned to the University of Kansas to specialize in pediatrics. He worked as a pediatrician at the Wichita Clinic for 33 years. Dr. Sullivan was Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic for 20 years and served in leadership roles in the pediatric departments at both Wesley Medical Center and St. Francis hospital. He also participated in medical missions in Honduras and Nepal and was an active member of Central Christian Church, where he served as a teacher, deacon and elder.



DR. SULLIVAN

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