

MSSSC NEWS

AMA president Barbe coming to Wichita for December MSSSC meeting

The MSSSC will have a special guest for its Dec. 5 membership meeting: Dr. David Barbe, president of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Barbe became the AMA's 172nd president in June and will be making his second visit in two years to Wichita, where he did his family medicine residency in the KU-sponsored program at St. Joseph Medical Center from 1980 to 1983. Dr. Barbe earned his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Missouri. During his 2015 MSSSC visit, he mentioned that he and his wife enjoyed their time in Wichita but that the experience left them somewhat conflicted on the Jayhawk-Tiger issue.

In December, Dr. Barbe will share recollections of



SAVE THE DATE: MSSSC meeting, Dec. 5

What: Featuring AMA President Dr. David Barbe and the annual Wine with a Purpose fundraiser for Project Access

Where: Wichita Hyatt

their time here and provide an update on the AMA. The meeting will also feature the annual Wine with a Purpose auction benefiting Project Access.

After residency, Dr. Barbe returned to his hometown of Mountain Grove, Mo., where he practices to this day.

New certification process for emergency personnel coming into place

A new evaluation process is intended to ensure emergency personnel have the knowledge and skills to provide the latest standard of care and give Sedgwick County residents reassurance they will get standardized, high-quality care no matter where their emergency or trauma occurs.

Late last year, acting on the recommendation of the MSSSC EMS Physicians Advisory Committee, the MSSSC Board of Directors approved a policy requiring a

physician attestation process for EMTs and paramedics. The EMS Physicians Advisory Committee, led by Dr. John McMaster, consists of local doctors who are also MSSSC members. Under the policy, any EMS medical director operating in the county is charged with setting up a system to confirm the competency of EMS providers. To comply, the Office of the Medical Director revised its credentialing process and will be conducting



Drs. Gallagher and McMaster



Training at the EMS simulation center in Bel Aire.

competency reviews of most county pre-hospital providers. By going through credentialing, participants will meet all requirements of MSSSC attestation policies.

"Everybody participating in 911-based patient care is going to be evaluated for their medical knowledge, their understanding of the Medical Society protocols, and the physical skills of the equipment and procedures we use in our business," said Dr. John Gallagher, Wichita/Sedgwick County EMS System medical director.

"This is the first time we have it structured into these
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MSSSC-JAGER CLUB JOINT MEETING: OCT. 24

Author Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz will tell about Dr. Thomas Dent Mutter, who "revolutionized American medicine with his daring surgical work, his pioneering use of anesthesia, and his lifelong advocacy of a compassion-based vision of medicine."

Time: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24

Place: Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP: by Friday Oct. 20.

Email denisephillips@med-soc.org or call 683-7558.

In Remembrance

MSSSC extends its condolences to the family of Dr. Reddy.



Psychiatrist **Achutha Reddy, MD**, was killed Sept.

13, 2017. Dr. Reddy graduated from Osmania Medical College in his native India in 1986. After completing an internship at St. Louis University in 1994, he did his psychiatry residency at KU School of Medicine-Wichita, finishing in 1998. He practiced with Comcare before opening his own practice, Holistic

Psychiatric Services, in 2002. "The Medical Society is heartbroken over the loss of Dr. Reddy," said Dr. Denis Knight, MSSSC president. "He had been a member of MSSSC since 2000, and his wife, Dr. Beena Reddy, is also a member. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her. Dr. Reddy's death is a tragic loss to our community."



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September President's Message



by Denis Knight, DO —

As part of a delegation of physician leaders from the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, I recently attended the Kansas Medical Society annual meeting in Topeka and participated in a members forum covering key topics facing physicians in Kansas. One of those topics was Maintenance of Certification, and it should, by my estimation, constitute a concern among most U.S. physicians.

The subject was also addressed in June at the annual conference of the American Medical Association, where in reference committees our leaders continued the struggle to come up with proposals to reform MOC into an effective and relevant means of assuring the public of physician competency.

The prevailing opinions expressed at both the AMA and KMS meetings indicate that the American Board of Medical Specialties in particular has been unresponsive to concerns that MOC fails to improve patient care and, worse, unnecessarily burdens physicians who choose to maintain their board certification. Several states have, in fact, introduced legislation to prohibit MOC from being the sole condition for licensure, employment, privileges, reimbursement or payer panel inclusion.

Personally, I have been practicing long enough that I benefit from the benevolent concept known as "grandfathering." I have

been able to maintain board certification without the periodic high-stakes examination and requisite review course or online preparation necessary to study for this exam. I have also not had to suffer the consternation of being required to know facts irrelevant to my practice of family medicine.

However, in my recent effort to gain state licensure outside of Kansas, I had to not only produce evidence of board certification but also take a Special Purpose Examination (SPEX), which is equivalent to Part III of the board examinations taken when I graduated from medical school 30 years ago. So I can appreciate and have experienced the expense of an online preparation course, the cost of the examination itself and the angst of having to pass a test containing questions not germane to my family medicine practice. In addition to the burdens of such a high-stakes exam, I am well aware of the rising cost of annual board membership fees. Although MOC is not considered in most cases to be the sole criteria for licensure, employment, privileges, reimbursement or payer panel inclusion, it remains an essential element of every credentialing application sent to me this year.

As physicians, we have a long-standing tradition of upholding standards of excellence through continuing education, demonstrated competence and self-regulation. The public we serve and the institutions in which we practice will continue to require assurance of our competence, so I do not expect MOC to be abolished. However, it is my conviction that practicing physicians can and must continue to press for MOC that is fair and affordable.



AT THE KMS: Dr. Jay Gilbaugh reflects on his time as president of the Kansas Medical Society at the KMS annual meeting this month. Dr. Rob Gibbs, a Parsons radiologist, will serve as the 2017-19 president of the KMS. Dr. Gilbaugh also served as MSSC president in 2006.

Meek Award nominations due soon

The deadline is approaching to make nominates for the 2018 Dr. Joe Meek Physician Leadership Award, which is designed to foster leadership among practicing physicians aged 40 years or younger and to develop future MSSC leaders.

Nominees should have the desire to develop their knowledge base and leadership skills by participating in local, state and national leadership-building events throughout the year. The deadline to submit nominations is Nov. 1. Contact Denise Phillips at 683-7558 or denisephillips@med-soc.org for an application form. They're also available at mssconline.org, under the Publications tab at the right.

Dr. John Gallagher, medical director of Wichita/Sedgwick County EMS, is this year's recipient. The award honors former KU School of Medicine-Wichita dean Dr. Joe Meek and his career promoting organized medicine and medical education.

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categories and applied uniformly across all service agencies to make sure everyone meets the minimum standard."

The medical knowledge and protocol tests are written exams, while physical skills will be tested and signed off by designated skills verifiers trained by the medical director's office. The office runs a simulation center to train and evaluate advanced EMS personnel in their abilities to manage real-world patient care situations. The center, now in Bel Aire, will get a new home when the office relocates next spring or early summer to Murdock Street downtown.

Agencies participating in this ongoing evaluation process include the Wichita Fire and Police Departments, Sedgwick County Fire District #1, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, Sedgwick County EMS, Derby Fire Department and Airport Police/Fire. In addition, Mount Hope and Clearwater are looking into joining the system.

"It is a huge step forward that we now have all of the major agencies signed on to participate in the credentialing process," said Dr. Gallagher. "Our primary goal is to guarantee a minimum standard that can be expected and predicted throughout the county. Under this

process, anyone who has a medical or trauma emergency can count on receiving excellent standardized care no matter who responds. Patients aren't interested in who responds; they want the same great care regardless of whose jurisdiction they are in."

Under state law, a local medical society is responsible for setting protocols for emergency, pre-hospital care in a county. Here, that occurs through the MSSC EMS Physicians Advisory Committee.

"I'm grateful for the hard work of the EMS PAC and MSSC members in developing protocols and a new evaluation system," said Phillip Brownlee, MSSC executive director. "I appreciate the cooperation and input of partner agencies. Everyone is working together to ensure residents receive high-quality medical care."

"Everybody has agreed to participate," Dr. Gallagher said. "Now we have the logistics challenge of making it happen. There are hundreds of providers for these services, and that just takes time."

Departments will work the credentialing process into their training schedules, and all personnel taking care of patients will be evaluated every two years. Anyone with questions about the process should contact the Office of the Medical Director at OMD@Sedgwick.gov.

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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, 683-7557

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