

MSSC NEWS

Save the dates for these upcoming MSSC events

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Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss these upcoming events of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County.

► Nov. 2, 4 | 6:30 p.m.

Documentary screenings of "Black Men in White Coats" followed by discussion.

► Dec. 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Annual meeting (in person) at The Hudson, 508 S. Commerce. Vaccinations and masks required.

For more information about these events, including links to watch the documentary, contact Denise Phillips at denisephillips@med-soc.org.

Two upcoming MSSC events will be sure to spark your interest. Please plan to join us online in November and in person in December.

Nov. 2, 4 — Documentary screenings, discussions.

MSSC is hosting virtual screenings of the documentary "Black Men in White Coats" on Tuesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. The film examines how only 2% of American doctors are Black men and what that means for society. Each 80-minute documentary screening will be followed by a moderated discussion led by Justin Moore, MD, and KUSM-W medical student Kakra Boye-Doe.



Dec. 7 — Annual meeting. MSSC is holding an in-person annual meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at The Hudson, 508 S. Commerce. The meeting will recognize Garold Minns, MD, for his service as Sedgwick County's public health officer, and honor frontline physicians and health systems. Vaccinations and masks are required. The event is free to MSSC physicians and spouses, and Two Olive catering is providing the meal.

Fewer Kansas child deaths, but room for improvement

Fewer children died in 2019 than during any other year since the state of Kansas began reviewing childhood deaths in 1994.

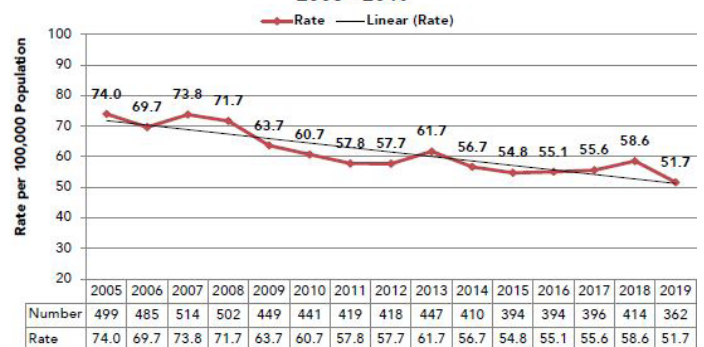
The State Child Death Review Board this month released its annual report analyzing deaths among children through age 17 based on 2019 data. The report found that Kansas recorded 362 child fatalities in 2019, down from 414 in 2018.

Despite a small uptick in deaths classified as homicides, children died from fewer motor vehicle crashes and fewer suicides than the prior year. The suicide rate was down by seven deaths, the first decrease year over year since 2014.

The board found that 61% of children who died by suicide had concerns regarding their education, whether academically or behaviorally. In 43% of the cases, the youth had a history of substance use/abuse.

"It is encouraging to see that our youth suicide rate has decreased after years of an upward trend," Kansas Attorney General

Rates for Deaths Reviewed, Ages 0-17, 2005 - 2019



Derek Schmidt said. "(But) Kansans still have more work to do to continue to break this cycle and address the factors that lead a young person to end their life."

Of the total deaths in 2019, 18% were due to unintentional injuries, 9% were of undetermined manner, and 8% were due to suicide, the board found. The relative percentages of manners of death are all comparable to the previous five reporting years ex-

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U.S. experiencing another epidemic besides COVID-19



Stephen J. Grindel, DO
October President's Message

The COVID-19 epidemic has dominated media coverage and public conversations during 2021. Yet there is another epidemic in our country that is only briefly mentioned in the news, perhaps because it occurs too frequently. I am talking about the epidemic of gun violence.

You are 25 times more likely to be killed by gun violence in the United States compared with other high-income countries. About 39,000 Americans die from gun violence every year, which is approximately 100 deaths per day. The United States has 4% of the world's population, yet 35% of global firearm suicides.

Over 1 million people in the United States have been shot in the past 10 years -- an amazing statistic. In domestic violence cases, you are five times more likely to be killed when the abuser has access to a gun.

The statistic that I agonize over the most is that the second leading cause of death in children younger than 18 years of age is gun violence. The No. 1 cause is motor vehicle accidents, and No. 3 is cancer. A significant amount of funding is spent on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and cancer research, but very little is spent on gun-violence research.

This is a national public health epidemic and should be labeled as such, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, the American Psychiatric Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. These institutions recommend funding research and establishing constitutionally appropriate restrictions on the use of large-capacity magazines and features designed to increase a gun's rapid and extended killing capacity.

Another measure recommended by the AAFP is universal background checks, which have been shown to decrease firearm-related homicides. Also recommended is improved access to mental health care for all individuals. Laws aimed at restricting children's access to guns have been shown to reduce self-inflicted and unintentional firearm deaths.

Recently there have been multiple shootings in our community. The epidemic is here where we work and live. In fact, right after I wrote this column, I went downstairs to watch the news. Just down the street from where I live a shooting occurred at the Whole Foods grocery store, a place I frequently shop.

We can turn our heads and ignore the problem, or we can take action and encourage funding for research regarding gun violence. With knowledge of the cause of the problem, we can then move to effective solutions to treat this issue.

We must engage in discussion and pursue interventions to cure this epidemic.

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cept infant deaths due to SIDS, which is no longer a classification of death used by the board. The deaths previously categorized as Natural-SIDS are now being categorized in subgroups of Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths (SUID) within the undetermined-manner group, researchers said.

Children who were less than 29 days of age accounted for 61% of natural deaths. Children ages 29 days to one year accounted for 12%. Prematurity and congenital anomalies accounted for 72% of the natural deaths. Cancer claimed the lives of 15 children and was the third-leading natural cause of death, the report showed.

Some pediatricians see opportunities to improve those numbers.

"Although the rates of childhood deaths declined in 2019, we continue to see preventable deaths such as sleep-related deaths in our infant population or intentional harm in our youth," said Stephanie Kuhlmann, DO, pediatrics medical director at Wesley Children's Hospital, and founding member of the Kansas COVID Workgroup for Kids. "It's important we continue to be vigilant and work collaboratively to stop these preventable deaths."

The board highlighted two legislative priorities. One would strengthen the board's ability to review childhood fatalities and protect information, and the other calls for improvements to the state's child welfare system.

"Through the review of more than 12,000 child fatalities since 1994, which includes the social circumstances of the lives of those children, there is an ever-increasing awareness that our social welfare system is directly connected to the potential prevention of child fatalities in our state," the review board wrote. "The board sees opportunities in this area to improve the outcomes for our children."



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Minns receives lifetime award; other physicians recognized



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CHLOE STEINSHOUE

Dr. Garold Minns received a lifetime achievement award from the Wichita Business Journal as part of the newspaper's annual Health Care Heroes recognitions. Minns, who is dean of the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, also serves as Sedgwick County public health officer and has been a point person during the COVID-19 pandemic. "It's been very difficult to meld the medical issues with the economic and political issues," Minns told the newspaper. Minns also said that he always tries to be mindful of the lives any decision would impact. "I don't want people to get sick, but I also want them to make their house payment."

Ten MSSC physicians were recognized as heroes: Drs. Maurice Duggins, Tracy Williams, Jany Moussa,

Taylor Bertschy, Jeremy Deutsch, Brian Goentzel, Maggie Hagan, Maha Assi, Jon Parks and Chloe Steinshouer. Dr. Duggins, who was recognized for community outreach, views medicine as a ministry. "Medicine, from its foundation, has been to help the vulnerable." Dr. Moussa, who was recognized for health care education, said he believes the purpose of having knowledge is to share it with others. "Teaching is what makes me excited to go to work every day," he said.



GAROLD MINNS, MD

Physician ENGAGEMENT

KU School of Medicine-Wichita hosted a reception last month celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Kansas Board of Regents approved founding of the medical school on Sept. 17, 1971, and the first students arrived in January 1974.



▲ KUSM-W ASSOCIATE DEAN JULIE GALLART, PHD, AND TESSA ROHRBERG, MD



◀ GEORGE DYCK, MD, FIRST CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT KUSM-W; KUSM-W DEAN GAROLD MINNS, MD; AND WICHITA MAYOR BRANDON WHIPPLE

▼ BELOW LEFT: RICK KELLERMAN, MD, MSSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PHILLIP BROWNLEE, AND KUSM-SALINA DEAN ROBERT MOSER, MD

▼ TIFFANY SCHWASINGER-SCHMIDT, MD, PHD, AND LAURA TATPATI, MD



In Brief ▶▶▶

New and noteworthy

Local effort to help Lebanon

The Kansas chapter of the International Lebanese Medical Association-USA is partnering with St. George Orthodox Christian Cathedral in Wichita to send medical supplies to the Lebanese Red Cross. Donations are being collected at St. George, 7515 E 13th St N, through Oct. 30. Monetary donations can be sent to the church or made at <https://gofund.me/7627193a>.

The Lebanese health care system is facing a dire situation, said MSSC member Dr. Chady Sarraf, who is U.S. president of the ILMA. The system is still struggling to overcome a devastating explosion at the Beirut port in August 2020 that damaged Beirut's largest academic medical centers and hospitals. The country's deepening financial crisis, along with a medicine shortage, is making it difficult to provide even basic care.

Over-the-counter medications and supplies needed include aspirin, calcium, ibuprofen, Tylenol, vitamin D, Voltaren gel, baby formula, diapers, hand sanitizers, ice packs, surgical masks, finger pulse oximeters and touchless thermometers. A list of prescription medications is available at <https://www.ilmausa.org/projects-3>.

Surgeons profiled in Business Journal

Thirteen MSSC members were recently profiled in an "excellence in surgery" feature in the Wichita Business Journal. Drs. Tarun Bhargava, Nataliya Biskup, Bradley Bruner, David Chacko, Kumar Dalla, Christopher Hubener, Fadi Joudi, Brent Lancaster, Jacqueline Morgan, Jon Parks, Michael Porter, Daniel Prohaska and Bruce Tjaden answered questions about why they chose a career in surgery and their biggest challenges.

Several physicians cited the challenge of balancing work, family and other responsibilities. Dr. Dalla noted the challenges the pandemic caused: "Not only is our ability to interact with our elderly patients limited by PPE, the safety of patients and team members has been of great concern." On advice the physicians would give to someone considering surgery, Dr. Joudi said: "You have to be passionate about your specialty and wake up every morning looking forward to your day."

Healthy Babies expanding home visits

The Sedgwick County Health Department Healthy Babies program is beginning universal home visiting in January 2022. The goal is to provide every pregnant woman in Sedgwick County with a minimum of one prenatal and postpartum visit at no cost. The program will connect vulnerable populations with services and support during the perinatal period to ensure pregnant women have access to comprehensive services before, during and after pregnancy.

The program will educate, initiate referrals and assist mothers and families in accessing community systems of care through a strength- and asset-based approach. It will use evidence-based screening tools to assess risk, present information in a non-clinical way, and focus on a growth mindset around an individual's ability to improve.

Physicians who would like to partner with Healthy Babies or learn more about universal home visiting can contact Shae Busby at 316-660-7426 or shae.busby@sedgwick.gov.

ROSTER UPDATE

Keep your 2021 roster current with this information.

Key: [BC] Board Certified [F] Accredited Fellowship [R] Residency [AT] Additional Training [F*] Unaccredited Fellowship

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[F*] Congenital Cardiac Surgery

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Kimberly A. Taylor, DO – 10/1/21

Carolina C. Pereira, MD – Moved out of state

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