# MSSCNEWS

Adramatic decline in COVID-19 cases in Wichita and across the nation has many physician leaders feeling optimistic, but no one is quite ready to signal the pandemic is over.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reported this month that COVID cases were down more than 40% over a recent seven-day average. In Sedgwick County, COVID cases peaked around Jan. 11 when 1,772 people tested positive. On Feb. 22, only 97 new cases were reported, lowering the rolling 14-day average of positive tests to just 5.7%, down from a high of more than 23% in January.

Those numbers have Sedgwick County public health officer Garold Minns, MD, agreeing it might be OK to loosen restrictions, but with the caveat that people should be vigilant and take safety precautions as conditions warrant.

"We shouldn't pretend the virus is gone. Optimism is fine, but we shouldn't pretend we have seen the last of COVID," he said. "I'm not sure what the new normal will look like."

Even with new COVID cases declining, some 85,000 people with the virus remain hospitalized nationwide, although that number – and the number of COVID patients in the ICUs – has fallen by more than 30% the last few weeks, according to data tracked by the New York Times.

Wichita hospitals have reported a significant decline in COVID patients, down from 294 on Jan. 24 to 98 on Feb. 21. More than 80% of

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# MSSC board positions up soon

Though it is still early in 2022, elections for next year's MSSC board of directors will occur soon, with candidates announced in April and the election in early May. The three officer positions – president-elect, treasurer and secretary – are slated, with members voting for or against the slate. The three board member positions are chosen from a group of candidates.

"Serving on the board of directors is a great way to support MSSC, organized medicine and our community," said Phillip Brownlee, MSSC executive director.

Serving on the board does not require a large time commitment. The board meets at noon the last Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in serving on the board, contact Denise Phillips at (316) 683-7558 or denisephillips@med-soc.org.



# **Doctors engaging with students**

MSSC physicians have celebrated national Doctors' Day (March 30) by speaking to area high school students about their profession and the process of becoming a doctor. After taking a two-year hiatus because of COVID, MSSC is reviving the tradition this year but with a greater focus on reaching students of color.

"MSSC hosted screenings of the documentary 'Black Men in White Coats' last fall," MSSC Executive Director Phillip Brownlee said. "The film emphasized the importance of outreach to underrepresented groups, starting at a young age."

As a result, MSSC hopes to have physicians visit some middle schools and perhaps elementary schools that have significant percentages of minority students.

The visits will occur the week of March 28 and will be arranged by MSSC. If you are interested in participating, contact Denise Phillips at (316) 683-7558 or by email to denisephillips@med-soc.org.

# Understanding perspectives important to practice of medicine



**E. Jeanne Kroeker, MD**February President's Message

A few years ago, an optometrist I know was giving a presentation to a nonmedical audience. This optometrist, Lowell, was in the midst of facial fluorouracil topical treatments for actinic keratoses. He was a fair-skinned Caucasian male who

had spent too much time in the sun in his previous 70 years, and he had many facial skin lesions. After three weeks of fluorouracil application, his whole face was a patchwork of peeling, flaking, hyperemic spots, and someone sitting near me commented that it looked like "raw meat."

Lowell explained his uncharacteristic appearance to the audience and described his ongoing treatment. Then, he stated that his face was assessed very differently depending on the perspective of the observer. For him, his wife and his friends, his face looked fairly horrendous and a bit shocking. But when Lowell walked into his dermatologist's office, he was greeted with cheers and congratulations, his doctor exclaiming how good his face looked and how well the treatment was working.

Almost 15 years ago, when my daughter was 9 years old, she announced on a Sunday afternoon that she had symptoms of polyuria and polydipsia. We had taught both of our children to recognize the symptoms of diabetes after their father had been diagnosed with LADA (latent autoimmune diabetes of adults) just six weeks prior. On that fateful Sunday, my daughter had a random blood sugar of 483 and was subsequently hospitalized with new-onset Type 1 diabetes.

I can't tell you how many times during that hospitalization we were told how good it was that she knew to be alarmed by her

symptoms, that she never went into DKA, or that she had no major complications at the time of diagnosis. As a doctor, I knew that these were good things. But from the perspective of a parent, there was nothing good about her diagnosis or our experience in those first few days.

I had a patient in the office this month with a scan showing a liver mass that might be an abscess or a malignancy. I caught myself about to tell this woman how fortunate it was that this mass was located where a CT-guided biopsy would be possible. It suddenly occurred to me that, from her perspective, needing any sort of a liver biopsy was devastating, and knowing the biopsy would be "easier" was not really going to make her feel better about having this liver mass. She would not likely see the planned biopsy from my perspective, and I should not expect her to. I know that I can provide the best care if I adopt her perspective and guide her from that point of view.

It is easy, as physicians, to focus on the benefits of the treatments we offer without always being fully aware of the toll these treatments can and do take on patients and their families. We have the windshield perspective, and while we can see the end of the tunnel, our patients often have only side-window perspective and are still staring at the tiles in the tunnel wall.

As the COVID pandemic enters its third year in our community, variable perspectives of the pandemic's impact on medical care are challenging to see and accept. It can be confounding and frustrating to encounter and address the alien perspectives of our patients, the media, other physicians and health care workers, hospital and clinic administrators, our families and others. Please know that you are not alone in this challenge. The members and the leadership of MSSC will continue to try to support you in any way we can, regardless of which view you see out your window in this very long tunnel.

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hospitalized COVID patients in Wichita are unvaccinated.

Still, hospital census in Wichita remains high, and staffing continues to be a challenge. The pandemic ushered in patients with higher complexities of care at a time when hospitals were feeling the strain of the global nursing shortage.

"Right now, things appear to be headed in the right direction ... (but) it is too early to categorically claim we are out of the woods," said Sam Antonios, MD, chief clinical officer for Ascension Via Christi Health. "Even though the number of patients hospitalized



Dr. Antonios

with COVID-19 has decreased, our hospital volumes remain high with patients needing other types of care. At the same time, there is a nationwide labor shortage, which if not addressed will continue to make staffing a challenge for health care providers."

Around 2,100 deaths are reported daily in the U.S. despite a decrease of more than 10% since the start of the month, officials said. Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been more than 78 million COVID cases, and about 940,000 deaths reported in the Unit-

ed States alone, the CDC reported. Sedgwick County has recorded about 1,000 deaths since the pandemic began in early 2020.

So, while cases are declining today in this latest surge, many public health and physician leaders are guarded in their predictions for the future, already aware of the latest information on various omicron strains. These include the BA.2 omicron subvariant,

which the World Health Organization calls a "variant of concern," accounting for about 21% of sequenced global cases today.

"In the U.S., BA.2 is about 8% of our cases right now," said Andrea Garcia, AMA director of Science, Medicine and Public Health, in a Feb. 2 COVID-19 update. "While BA.2 does not appear to cause more severe disease and our vaccines appear to be effective, BA.2 does show signs of spreading more easily, which really could translate into that slowing down of the trend we're seeing with cases declining."

Public health experts say they are hopeful that COVID continues to decline and that the country is shifting from a pandemic to an endemic disease that is more predictable and manageable.

"We are at a stage where we will have to live with ongoing COVID cases, but hopefully no large surges," Minns said. "When physicians see respiratory illnesses, COVID

will have to be on the list of possible causes in addition to influenza, RSV, etc."

And physicians should continue to support one another by working together and encouraging each other and the entire medical community through grace and kindness, Antonios said.

"I am immensely proud of our entire medical community and extremely grateful for everyone's contributions during the pandemic," he said. "Please know, things will get better and if we all work together, we can come out



Dr. Minns

the other side even stronger and more resilient than before."

# MSSC proud of 2022 milestone members

Many physicians are members of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County nearly as long as they practice medicine. This month, MSSC celebrates the 46 active physicians marking either a 30-, 40- or 50-year anniversary as a member in 2022. MSSC is grateful to these milestone members for their service to the community's health and their support of the organization.

#### Celebrating 50 years with MSSC

William C. Loewen, MD Edward J. Weippert, MD Frederick Wolfe, MD

#### Celebrating 40 years with MSSC

Alex D. Ammar, MD
Ely Bartal, MD
Charles Beck, MD
Lamont Bloom, MD
Raman Chopra, MD
Byron W. Cline, MD
M. Kent Cooper, MD
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Joy Darrah, MD
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#### Celebrating 30 years with MSSC

Ravi K. Bajaj, MD Sharon K. Breit, MD Bradley W. Bruner, MD John G. Du Puis, MD Hugh I. Ekengren, MD James L. Gluck, MD Bart A. Grelinger, MD Elaine M. Harrington, MD Kay R. Hocutt, MD Kelly D. Holloway, MD Kevin C. Hoppock, MD Steven J. Howell, MD Kenneth A. Jansson, MD Valarie L. Kerschen, MD Thomas C. Klein, MD David K. Kortje, MD David K. Lauer, MD Randee E. Lipman, MD Harry A. Morris, MD Cynthia I. Nash, MD Philip L. Newlin, MD Michael G. Porter, MD Martin E. Sellberg, MD Subhash H. Shah, MD Michael W. Shuck, DO Ted C. Snodgrass, MD Hai K. Truong, DO

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# In Brief >>> New and noteworthy

## Library resource available to local docs

Thanks to a contribution by the Earl L. Mills Educational Trust, the George J. Farha Medical Library at KUSM-W offers practicing physicians in Sedgwick County on-site access to UpToDate.

This online resource offers reliable, concise, authoritative and current clinical information written and edited by more than 7,300 physicians, authors and peer reviewers. Spanning a diverse range of topics in 25 specialties, the information on UpToDate assists physicians in delivering the best possible care for the patients. For more information, call the Farha Medical Library at (316) 293-2629.

## **Business Journal features physicians**

Seven MSSC members were highlighted this month in a Wichita Business Journal feature on excellence in health care. Drs. Bradley Dart, Christopher Halphen, Anne Housholder, Penny Jeffery, Angela Leiker, Damion Walker and William Waswick answered questions about how they chose a career in medicine, their biggest career challenge and their advice for someone considering a career in health care.

Dr. Halphen said he first became interested in health care when he shadowed an anesthesiologist as part of a class project in high school. Dr. Dart said a person should become a physician only if that is what the person wants, not because that is what others want or expect. Dr. Housholder said the best career advice she received was: "Enjoy your patients, especially the difficult ones — they can end up your most loyal and interesting patients."



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#### **NEW MEMBERS**



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#### REINSTATE TO ACTIVE



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#### RETIRING

James C. Degner, MD - 12/31/21 Randall J. Morgan, MD - 12/15/21 **Patrick G. Wolf, MD** – 3/31/22

#### **DROPPED**

Eva L. Henry, MD - 1/13/22 Bethany J. King, MD - Moving out of area Paul T. Stockmann, MD - Practicing out of state

### In Remembrance

MSSC extends its condolences to the families of Drs. Rausa and Wheeler

Gastroenterologist Francisco Rausa Jr., MD, died Jan.16 at age 79. He was an active MSSC member from 1976 until he retired and moved to Illinois in 2010. Board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Rausa served on the MSSC Insurance Committee from 1999 to 2001. He trained at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial



Medical Center in his native Philippines and interned at Memorial Hospital in Phoenix. Rausa completed his residency in internal medicine at Wesley Medical Center with a fellowship in gastroenterology at KUSM-Kansas City. He worked for a few years in West Virginia and in Muskogee, Okla., and had a private practice on Hillside until his retirement in 2010.

Nick Wheeler, MD, a retired plastic and reconstructive surgeon, died at his home on Feb. 15 of complications from multiple chronic medical conditions. He was 73. Wheeler graduated cum laude from Oklahoma Christian College and KUSM. He completed a general surgery residency at St. Francis Hospital and a plastic surgery residency at KU Medical Center. Wheeler



was in private practice in Wichita from 1980-2009. He originated the St. Joseph Medical Center Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic. Following his retirement, he taught advanced chemistry, biology, and anatomy and physiology at Trinity Academy. He participated in medical mission services in Tanzania, East Africa; Jamaica; Belize; and Guatemala.





#### From the executive director



SHELLEY DUNCAN

#### **Project Access**

While 2021 was another stressful year with times of uncertainty, Project Access continued to serve over 700 people in need of specialized health care. In addition to our ability to continue our regular programming, we received a subcontract award through Thrive Allen County, which is a rural health advocacy organization located in Iola, Kan., to hire a patient navigator for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace. Shante Walker joined us in late 2021 and has been working diligently to increase enrollments in the marketplace. In addition, Walker can help adults enroll in Medicaid. If you have patients who are interested in pursuing enrollment in either the ACA Marketplace or Medicaid, please contact Walker at shantewalker@projectaccess.net.

Project Access also ended the year by meeting our fundraising goal due to the generosity of you and our community. This was the first year out of three that we have met our goal. Philanthropic support is responsible for one quarter of our budget and is critical for the continued operations of this program. We remain very grateful to the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and United Way for providing ongoing support for the remaining portion of our budget. In late 2021, the board of directors for Project Access supported staff in making a collective request to the State of Kansas for funding of all three Project Access programs in Kansas. There are two other programs that exist: HealthAccess in Topeka and WyJo Care in Kansas City. These programs, plus Project Access in Sedgwick County, all rely on similar funding and none have received state funding. All programs combined have served more than 31,500 individuals who have received over \$537 million in donated care. For the small staffing structure of each program, the return on each dollar invested in the programs is significant and provides many community benefits. We enable our clients to maintain their employment, remain off public entitlements, and reduce emergency room use. Hundreds of generous physicians make our programs possible.

Project Access is interested in adding a community health worker to better serve clients with long-term chronic health conditions. We will continue to seek funding for this position. We also are partnering with the Kansas Business Group on Health/Health ICT for this population, particularly those individuals with uncontrolled hypertension and diabetes. Last, but certainly not least, we welcome our newest board member, Robyn Chadwick, president of Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph.

#### Kansas Business Group on Health

The Kansas Business Group on Health (KBGH) had a successful 2021 and is looking forward to a great 2022. KBGH received funding from the National Alliance of Health-care Purchaser Coalitions to provide training to eight employers, including the State of Kansas, on improving health benefits for employees diagnosed with cancer. KBGH offered three Roundtable sessions providing specific suggestions and examples for best practices in this space.

KBGH is a Regional Leader for Leapfrog, a nonprofit organization that reports quality and safety measures for hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC). Our role is to help educate employers on these measures, but also to support hospitals and ASCs as they work to achieve A ratings from Leapfrog. Our two large hospital systems in Sedgwick County, Ascension Via Christi and Wesley Healthcare, both perform very well in these measures.





#### Kansas Business Group on Health

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# **Project Access Patient Testimonial**

#### Cassie – Project Access patient

"Through Project Access, I get all the things I need," said Cassie, 62, who sees her primary care doctor, a cardiologist, a pulmonologist, a urologist and an ENT through the program.

Cassie said she is thankful not only for the donated care she receives, but also for the number of resources available to her. Project Access coordinates her medications through pharmaceutical patient assistance programs and assists her with durable medical equipment. Cassie said she also is grateful for the simple gift of the Giving the Basics program, which provides her with the opportunity to pick out shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc., and allows her to spend her limited income to cover her other monthly financial obligations.

Cassie said she wishes everyone knew about Project Access. She said the program, the doctors and the knowledge and access to community resources have truly saved her life.



# **About Project Access**

In 1999, Project Access began coordinating access to donated medical care for uninsured, low-income residents of Sedgwick County. Thanks to our founding funders – United Way of the Plains, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County – Project Access is still able to serve the community today. This is who participates in Project Access:

- 640 physicians
- Eight hospital systems
- 14 dentists
- 85 pharmacies
- Other allied health care services, such as physical therapy and hospice care

Project Access and its community partners serve patients in many locations. Eligible uninsured patients are enrolled for limited periods of time to address immediate medical needs. Once enrolled, patients have access to a variety of specialists, as well as prescription medication, durable medical equipment and diabetic supplies. Since 1999:

- 14,782 patients served
- \$56,383,383 physician contributions
- \$185,023,791 hospital contributions
- \$132,177 dentist contributions
- \$5,749,742 purchased medications and durable medical equipment
- \$5,954,707 donated medications
- 38,007 tests utilized through the Coalition Test Project

# Update on community programs

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KBGH soon will have its second benchmarking survey completed, which will provide insight into various data points of our members' health care benefit plans. This year's survey added additional survey questions from last year, which were compared to national benchmarking indicators from Kaiser. KBGH's 2021 Annual Report also will be available soon.

KBGH has created a calendar of events for 2022 and already has completed our annual Innovation Summit on Jan. 25. We will continue our Book Club, our HR Forums and regular virtual monthly webinars focusing on various topics of interest for employers. Our annual Healthcare Roundtable will be held July 12. Our hope is to have the conference in person.

KBGH is focused on helping employers understand the implications of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2021. There are new transparency requirements that all employers offering health benefits are responsible for. Mental health parity is one area the Department of Labor is focusing on per the CAA. If an employer provides a health benefit plan, they are fiduciarily responsible for compliance with these new rules.

#### **Health ICT**

We have several grant projects in progress. We are working with a clinic that sees a large number of low-income expectant mothers to help it develop a process to identify women with gestational diabetes and refer them to the Diabetes Prevention Program once they've delivered. We work with Project Access to encourage wireless blood pressure monitoring by distributing Bluetooth blood pressure cuffs to patients with high blood pressure. Our goal is to develop a process with a local clinic to transmit those blood pressure values to the patient's provider in order to better manage the patient's hypertension. We also are continuing to work with a clinic in northeast Kansas on a "positive deviance" project in which we identify top performers for hypertension management within the clinic, identify tactics that make them so effective, then work to disseminate those tactics among other providers in the clinic.

Shelley Duncan Executive Director



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