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Cancer death rate down a third, but work remains

The death rate from cancer dropped 33% over the past three decades, according to a new report from the American Cancer Society. The drop corresponds to an estimated 3.8 million deaths averted.

But cancer remains a major public health problem, and much work remains to keep lowering death rates and reduce racial disparities, as was discussed recently at a community conversation held at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

The ACS report, "CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians," attributes the decline in cancer deaths to drops in smoking rates, improvements in cancer treatment and increases in early detection, such as through mammograms, pap smears, PSA tests and colonoscopies. HPV vaccinations also contributed to a sharp drop in cervical cancer rates – down 65% among women ages 20 to 24 from 2012 through 2019.

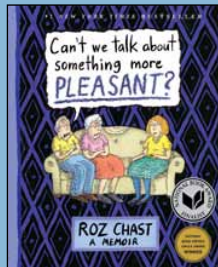
One concern outlined in the report is an increase in the rates of certain cancers, including breast cancer, uterine corpus cancer and prostate cancer, which rose 3% per year from 2014 through 2019. Another concern is the disruption of care, including cancer screenings, that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Biden reactivated the "cancer moonshot" last year. As part of that initiative, KUSM-W and several



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MSSSC hosting Big Read panel discussion on April 1



MSSSC is hosting a physician panel discussion as part of Big Read Wichita. The one-hour discussion will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 1, via Zoom.

Big Read is an annual program that encourages Wichita residents to read and discuss the same book. This year's

book is "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" by cartoonist Roz Chast.

A finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the Kirkus Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, the graphic novel tells the story of Chast's parents' final years through cartoons, family photos, found documents and narrative prose.

The MSSSC event, which is co-hosted by the WSU College of Health Professions, will not be a book review but a discussion of some of the topics and issues raised in the book, including aging, dementia and end-of-life planning. Panelists are Drs. Steven Davis, Donna Ewy and Barbara Coats.

For more information about the Big Read and to register for the panel discussion, visit wichitalibrary.org/bigread and click on "events."

Doc for a Day focuses on minority students

MSSSC, the Brown Family Fund for Black Physician Recruitment, and the KUSM-W Family Medicine Interest Group are hosting a Doc for a Day event on April 15 focused on Black and Hispanic middle and high school students.

The free event, which is organized by family medicine students at KUSM-W, will feature hands-on learning about some of the skills and responsibilities of doctors and other health care workers. Black and Hispanic MSSSC physicians also will share about their jobs and why they went into medicine.

"The health care profession needs greater diversity to meet the needs of our community," said Phillip Brownlee, MSSSC Executive Director. "We hope this event encourages a wider range of students to consider careers in medicine."

For more information, contact MSSSC.

Upcoming events

►WD<40 Doctors' Day celebration

March 30, 6-8 p.m., Topgolf, 2976 N. Greenwich. RSVP to Denise at MSSSC.

►Big Read panel discussion on aging

April 1, 10-11 a.m., via Zoom. Register through wichitalibrary.org/bigread.

►MSSSC meeting on AI, ChatGPT

May 2, 6:30-8 p.m., NetApp Headquarters at WSU, 1850 Innovation Blvd.

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MSSC and KMS physicians go to Washington



Maurice Duggins, MD
March President's Message

I love Jimmy Stewart movies. One of his movies is "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." It's the story of an idealistic young man who goes to Washington, D.C., engages with senators and fights the corruption found there.

Needless to say, MSSC President-elect Dr. Howard Chang's and my recent trip to Washington didn't come close to the magnitude or significance of this movie's plot. It was, however, important for us to team up with our colleagues from the Kansas Medical Society – Drs. Aron Fast and LaDonna Schmidt – and meet with our U.S. senators and representatives.

As I wrote about in the last newsletter, Medicaid remains a problem. Medicaid physician reimbursements have not had an increase in the past 17 years. Even though this is primarily a state issue, we asked our congressional delegation to support KMS' request that the Kansas Legislature increase reimbursements by at least 5%.

We also emphasized the importance of increasing Medicare reimbursements. This year's 2% cut hurts physicians doing their best to take care of this vulnerable population. When you factor in inflation, Medicare physician payments dropped by 22% from 2001 to 2021. That's an insult to physician caregivers and adds insult to injury.

Kansas still needs rural physicians as well as those wanting to serve underserved communities in urban areas. We advocated for more residency positions to help fill this gap. Though an omnibus bill last December approved 200 new residency positions – half of them in psychiatry to assist in the ongoing mental health crisis – additional positions are needed in primary care aimed at filling the rural and urban gaps. Kansas residency programs, including those in Wichita, have a good track record of helping meet this need.

We also asked for our delegation's support in fighting the opioid crisis, particularly the surge in fentanyl overdoses. And we urged them to support legislation that would curb prior authori-



A MOMENT IN WASHINGTON: MSSC President Maurice Duggins, MD, (center) and President-Elect Howard Chang, MD, visit with U.S. Sen. Dr. Roger Marshall.

zations, which burn so much time and waste so many practice resources to get patients what they were promised by their insurance companies.

We are well aware of the needs of our patients and what is best for their care. Yet we and our staff are taken away from that care to try to convince people less knowledgeable in health care of the purpose of the authorizations. This loss of time and money is compounded by the emotional insults felt by caregivers.

I want to thank Sens. Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall and the staff members of Reps. Ron Estes, Jake LaTurner, Tracey Mann and Sharice Davids for meeting with us and for allowing us to air our concerns. I also appreciate Nancy Sullivan of KMS and MSSC Executive Director Phillip Brownlee for facilitating the meetings.

Our trip to Washington didn't have the Hollywood ending of Jimmy Stewart's movie. But change in D.C. (and Topeka) is a slow process that requires forming relationships – one trip at a time.

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other groups sponsored a community conversation on Feb. 23. Federal and state health officials, MSSC physicians, representatives from cancer support organizations and cancer survivors shared about their experiences and frustrations and provided resource updates.

Shaker Dakhil, MD, of Cancer Center of Kansas, spoke about some of the factors limiting access to care, including lack of insurance, lack of transportation and restrictive CMS rules. Others spoke about racial disparities in access to care and outcomes. For

example, in 2018, Blacks had the highest cancer mortality rate at 169 per 100,000, compared with 150 per 100,000 for white people.

Biden wants to reduce the death rate from cancer by at least 50% over the next 25 years and improve the experience of people and families living with and surviving cancer. Given the complexity of cancer and society, many experts say that's an ambitious goal. But the steady drop in cancer death rates over the past three decades, along with emerging treatments and technologies, is raising hopes.

Cancer screening clinic set for May 6

Local dermatologists are conducting the annual Wichita Area Skin Cancer Screening Clinic on May 6 from 8 a.m. until noon. The free clinic, which will be held at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, is in accordance with the American Academy of Dermatology's "Spot Skin Cancer" program.

Dermatologists and their staff members will screen patients for evidence of skin cancer. No treatments will be conducted at the event. If a suspicious lesion is detected, a patient will be referred to his or her primary care physician in order to obtain a referral for treatment.



Physician ENGAGEMENT

This month we feature MSSC physicians and residents celebrating Black History Month; and a conference about the fentanyl crisis in ICT.

Black History Month celebration at Third Place Brewing on Feb. 28



▲ JOSEPH JENKINS SAFFOLD, MD, AND SAMUEL OFEI-DODOO, PHD, MPA, MA, CPH



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Dreams: Realized

MSSC was not the first medical society in Wichita

Though MSSC was founded 120 years ago, it was not the first medical society in Wichita. Pioneering physician Andrew H. Fabrique organized the Wichita Pathological Society in 1888. Various other societies also were formed soon thereafter, including the Wichita City Medical Society, the South Kansas Medical Society and the Wichita Academy of Medicine.

In 1903, an organizer for the American Medical Association came to Kansas to reorganize the Kansas Medical Society and county societies. According to "A History of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County," the organizer "met with several physicians in Wichita and declared that the Academy of Medicine was most unreasonable, and that it had more friendly enemies than he had seen in similar setups in other cities." There were frequent disputes between physicians associated with the city's two hospitals at that time, Wichita Hospital and St. Francis Hospital.

The Wichita Academy of Medicine met and debated whether to create a new society. Though some members objected and threatened to sue, the majority agreed to form the Sedgwick County Medical Society.

There were 25 charter members of the society, and 19 new members joined during the first year. Dues were \$3 per year, and weekly meetings were held at the Chamber of Commerce. After each meeting, the members adjourned to a back room for "a smoker." Meeting minutes showed approval for the keg of beer consumed at the previous meeting.



Doc training grant to focus on mental health for children

The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Pediatric Residency Program has been awarded a grant of \$2.5 million from the Department of Health and Human Services to innovate and improve the way KUSM-W trains pediatricians to address mental health.

"With the shortage of pediatric mental health experts in Kansas and the increased number of youth struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental illness, primary care physicians and clinicians (PCPs) are called upon more and more to diagnose and treat these diseases, but they need additional training," said Kari Harris, MD, associate professor and co-project director with Melissa Jefferson, MD.

The number of drug-related pediatric deaths in 2020 rose, driven by a surge in deaths related to fentanyl, according to state records.

KUSM-W hosting opioid conference

The KUSM-W Department of Family and Community Medicine is hosting an opioid conference on April 25 from 5:30-9 p.m. The virtual course, which is supported by MSSC, is intended to meet the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts' new Category 3 "opioid training" requirement. The cost is \$90. Register at www.eeds.com/live/258495.

Fentanyl conference at KUSM-W on Feb. 21

A large crowd attended MSSC's membership meeting last month on the impact of fentanyl on our community. Kevin Brinker, DO, and Howard Chang, MD, spoke on the alarming rise in overdoses during the past few years and the benefits of distributing Narcan and fentanyl test strips. Heather Roe, DO, discussed how treatment with agonist medications can reduce opioid use, overdoses and deaths.



▲ TIM SCANLAN, MD, MAURICE DUGGINS, MD, AND DAVID HUFFORD, MD



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In Remembrance

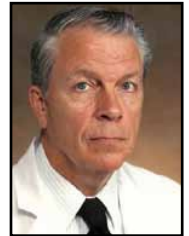
MSSC extends its condolences to the family of Dr. Allen.

Retired pathologist **Phillip M. Allen, MD**, an MSSC member from 1981 until his retirement in 1992, died Feb. 15. He was 95.

Allen graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1954. He interned at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati and did one-year residencies there from 1955-57 in general surgery and pathology. Allen was a pathology resident at Dartmouth Medical School and a pathology fellow at University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville. In Wichita, Allen was associate director of Wesley Pathology Consultants and chief of dermatopathology at Wesley Hospital.

Allen spoke five languages and lived in England for a brief time where he translated Russian medical documents for the U.S. government, his family said. In Wichita, Allen was a board member of Kansas Health Ethics for more than 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of Wichita; and nephew, Mark Miller Gleaves, of Ohio.



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