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Cancer drug shortage forces doctors to make some tough decisions



A nationwide shortage of more than a dozen chemotherapy drugs, including several preferred ones used to treat gynecological and other cancers, has forced Wichita providers into difficult conversations about how to treat cancer patients.

The shortage sometimes means prioritizing which patients qualify for the preferred frontline therapy and which can be managed using alternative drug therapies.



Morgan

"We're consciously having to conserve these drugs for primary treatments, curative treatments," said Jacqueline Morgan, MD, a gynecologic oncologist with Associates in Women's Health. "Pediatric patients are getting the first access to drugs, and now patients on second- or third-line treatments may be

jumping over these drugs to the next options."

A U.S. Senate Committee report released in March on the health and security risks of drug shortages noted that shortages of critical medications continue to rise, increasing by nearly 30% between 2021 and 2022. Shortages are blamed on several factors, including economic drivers, insufficient supply chain visibility, and a continued U.S. overreliance on both foreign and geographically concentrated sources for medications and their raw materials, the report said.

"These shortages have cascading effects on patient care, causing delays in treatment, increasing the risk of medication errors, and requiring the use of less effective alternative treatments," the Senate committee wrote.

Hospitals have been hardest hit by this drug shortage, housing comparatively limited quantities of

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KUSM/WSU campus gets funding boost

The planned joint medical campus between Wichita State University, WSU Tech and the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita received a major funding boost from the state.

The Kansas Legislature has authorized \$190 million for the project, including \$35 million approved last year. Last month, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services approved an additional \$15 million award.

The state funding, along with other funding received, allows the project to begin the initial phase of construction in early 2024 with a targeted completion date of fall 2026, WSU reported.

The estimated cost of the 471,000-square-foot facility, which is expected to be in the downtown corridor, is about \$300 million. University leaders will seek additional funding from federal, state, local and private sources.

The biomedical campus will centralize health care education, collaboration and research. Initially, about 3,000 students and 200 faculty and staff will be housed at the center, with opportunities for growth in new and existing programs, according to WSU.

Three other local health care initiatives also recently received funding. The Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine received a \$5 million workforce grant aimed at expanding the number of medical students at the school and retaining physicians in Kansas. The proposed new mental health hospital received \$25 million (in addition to an earlier award of \$15 million). Rock Regional Hospital in Derby received a \$5 million grant.

► **Save the date**
WSU President Rick Muma and officials from the University of Kansas will provide an overview of the building project at the MSSC annual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m.

World Wars altered medical community

MSSC's 120-year history has seen two World Wars alter the medical community in Wichita dramatically, if not permanently.

Thirty of the 65 members of the society were away in fall 1918. The only full-time physician at the Red Cross' emergency flu hospital departed for military duty even as cases multiplied and public gatherings were canceled. A record 194 local deaths were recorded that October, most from Spanish flu or pneumonia.

When specialists among the remaining physicians were ordered by the government that month to do general practice, Dr. J. Grey Dorsey, a former society president (and an eye specialist), told the

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Work in organized medicine, advocacy has no finish line



Maurice Duggins, MD
June President's Message

The American Medical Association is an advocate organization for physicians. Colleen Loo-Gross, MD, and I had the privilege of attending the AMA annual meeting in Chicago this month. The outgoing AMA president, Jack Resneck, MD, made a point about the physician's advocacy journey and the fact that, despite its length, it isn't a marathon.

"Marathons have a defined end," he said. "You break the tape at the finish line, and you're done. There is no more running to do. But ... our work in organized medicine has no finish line."

As long as there are legislators who feel like they should be controlling the relationship between physicians and patients, there will always be a need for organizations such as MSSC, the Kansas Medical Society and the AMA to work to preserve and protect the privacy and care between physicians and patients.

There were many takeaways from the AMA annual meeting. Here are a few that physicians across the country are working on:

- **Telehealth.** The AMA is continuing to encourage solutions to meet the needs of patients through telemedicine. Its use during COVID-19 pandemic helped show how valuable this tool can be. In Kansas, Gov. Laura Kelly recently announced a \$30 million program to connect rural counties to high-speed internet. The state also won this month a nearly \$43 million grant to build internet infrastructure.
- **Equitable care.** I remember being taught that all Black patients should be placed on a diuretic if their blood pressure was elevated, because of the "African gene" theory. And though it has been debunked, it still shows up and limits or delays the appropriate treatment for a patient's blood pressure. The AMA encourages the overall goal to reduce health disparities and recommends cultivating self-awareness of implicit biases, avoiding language that stigmatizes or demeans patients and using the social history to capture information about non-medical factors that affect a patient's health status and access to health care.
- **Physician leadership.** The AMA is advocating for physician leadership in emergency rooms instead of non-physicians or financial stakeholders. The AMA discourages any legislation

that allows others to test, diagnose and treat medical conditions without physician supervision. Such scope-of-practice creep has occurred in some states, including Kansas, despite the data proving that it is not helping our rural communities.

- **Residency training.** There are not enough residency training programs for the graduating medical students. Expanding the number of residencies is an AMA goal. The AMA also wants to encourage the education of residents in leading interprofessional care teams. As this has become a standard of practice in both hospitals and non-hospital settings, it's important that physicians know how to work with and lead such teams.
- **Opioid epidemic.** MSSC's February membership meeting was about fentanyl in Kansas. An AMA report shows drug overdose deaths among 10- to 19-year-olds jumped 109% between 2019 and 2021 in the United States. To save lives, the AMA supports widespread access to safe and affordable overdose reversal drugs such as naloxone. And, consistent with what our MSSC president-elect, Howard Chang, MD, told us back in February, AMA supports naloxone access in schools to help reverse these overdoses.
- **Pay.** When adjusted for inflation, Medicare physician payments have effectively declined more than 20% from 2001 to 2023. AMA is pushing to make an adjustment increase in Medicare physician payments annually at least equal to the annual percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index. We deserve fair payment for our work.

The MSSC is here to represent and work for you. We appreciate your membership and support as we partner with KMS and the AMA to advocate on your behalf.



PHYSICIAN ADVOCATES: MSSC PRESIDENT MAURICE DUGGINS, MD, LEFT, AND COLLEEN LOO-GROSS, MD, AT THE AMA ANNUAL MEETING.

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in-demand chemotherapy drugs as compared with outpatient centers focused solely on treating cancer patients, providers said.

"It has definitely put us in an unexpected area where we were needing to say to ourselves, do we have to restrict the use of these agents to only patients with a curative track vs. those who are just using it to manage symptoms?" said Derick Gross, an adult oncology pharmacist with Wesley Medical Center. "Fortunately, we haven't got into a situation where we've had newly diagnosed people needing chemo for a cure and we couldn't give it to them. We've been able to navigate it."

There are signs the drug supply shortage may be easing a little. Earlier this month, FDA Commissioner Robert Califf, MD, announced the U.S. had taken steps to import certain foreign-approved versions of chemo drug cisplatin from FDA-registered facilities, referring to a deal struck with China-based Qilu Pharmaceutical. Califf also said the FDA is using "regulatory discretion" for continued supply of other platinum analogues to help

meet patient needs.

"Thankfully, the shortages seem to be improving," said Joseph Moore, MD, a medical oncologist with the Cancer Center of Kansas.



Moore

"Some of the hospitals in town have gotten some supplies, so they are relaxing restrictions. We are actively acquiring the drugs," he said. "Hopefully the supplies will continue improving and we'll be able to get chemotherapy to everyone who needs it."

Physicians in Wichita have been admirably navigating the crisis by working well with one another, the hospitals and the outpatient cancer treatment centers, Morgan said. But, even so, rationing therapy drugs is not a position any oncologist wants to be in.

"It's just another layer of complexity to deal with when trying to make the right decision for our patients," Morgan said.

Legislative session was mixed bag of wins and disappointments

The 2023 Kansas legislative session included both successes and disappointments on health care issues.

The Legislature increased the penalties for violence against health care workers, who have faced a rise in physical attacks. The same bill also legalized fentanyl test strips to try to reduce overdoses.

For the first time in nearly two decades, the Legislature approved an increase in Medicaid physician reimbursement rates. The reimbursement rate is increasing 3% starting in 2024.

The Legislature also amended the Kansas Medical Student Loan Program and the Medical Residency Bridging Program to allow students to switch between approved postgraduate residency training programs without violating their loan agreement. The bill also adds obstetrics and gynecology to the list of approved specialties eligible for loan forgiveness and authorizes medical scholarships to Kansas residents attending the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Though there were attempts to increase the scope of practice of CRNAs, the efforts failed to advance – thanks in part to the objections of many physicians throughout the state. Unfortunately, several worthwhile issues also didn't advance, including prior authorization reform and Medicaid expansion.

Several bills targeted transgender care and rights. Gov. Laura Kelly vetoed a bill, which the Legislature failed to override, allowing lawsuits against physicians who performs gender-reassignment services for a child and requiring state regulators to revoke their medical licenses.

There were also bills related to abortion. The Legislature overrode Gov. Kelly's vetoes of bills requiring physicians to care for an infant "born alive" during an abortion and requiring physicians to tell patients that their drug-induced abortion can be reversed. The Legislature failed to override the veto of a bill prohibiting facilities where elective abortions are performed from obtaining liability insurance from the Health Care Stabilization Fund.

There were also various attempts to restrict the authority of public health officers or loosen vaccination policies. Gov. Kelly vetoed a bill to curb the authority of state and local health authorities to control the spread of contagious and infectious diseases.

MSSC and the Kansas Medical Society appreciate the engagement of physicians in monitoring legislation and responding to "calls to action" regarding specific bills. This engagement and the relationships that physicians form with lawmakers are key to influencing the legislative process.



COMBATING VIOLENCE: NURSES AND PROVIDERS FROM WICHITA GATHER WITH GOV. LAURA KELLY ON JUNE 8 AT WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER IN CELEBRATION OF S.B. 174, WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN MAY. THE NEW LAW CRIMINALIZES BATTERY AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

In Brief ►►► New and noteworthy

Event welcomes new residents

MSSC is hosting a Wichita Docs Under 40 event aimed at welcoming new medical residents. The gathering is Friday, June 30, 5:30-7 p.m. at Social Tap, 4510 E. 19th St. N (near the northeast corner of the WSU Innovation Campus). Call Denise Phillips at (316) 683-7558 or email denisephillips@med-soc.org to RSVP.



Cairn hires executive director

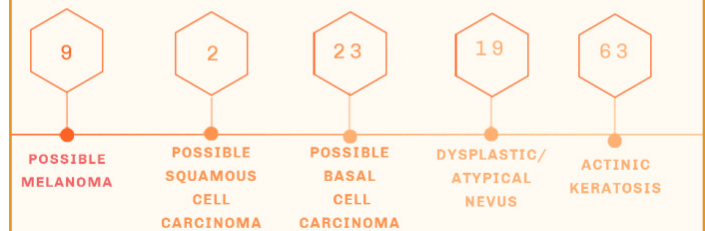
Cairn Health hired Amber Beck as its new executive director. She will oversee operations and lead the nonprofit organization, which provides low-income people with vouchers for prescription medication and low-cost vision care.

Cairn, which was previously known as "Medical Service Bureau," was established in 1937 by a group of MSSC physicians and nurses.



BECK

2023 Skin Cancer Screening Clinic Total screened: 312



The University of Kansas School of Medicine held a skin cancer clinic on May 6. Local dermatologists and their staff screened patients for evidence of skin cancer. Patients with suspicious findings were referred to their doctors.

Sponsors of the event were the American Academy of Dermatology, Medical Society of Sedgwick County, KUSM-W and United Way of the Plains.

KUSM-W hosting opioid training

The KUSM-W Department of Family and Community Medicine is hosting an opioid training on July 11 from 3-6:30 p.m. The virtual course, which is supported by MSSC, is intended to meet the Kansas State Board of Health Arts' Category 3 opioid-training requirement. The cost is \$90. Registration closes on July 4. Register at www.eeds.com/live/230742.



Wichita Eagle: "I guess we will have to work about 36 hours a day." Fortunately, Armistice Day would come Nov. 11.

Then Wichita's population doubled during World War II to more than 200,000 because of aircraft production, overcrowding hospitals and straining medical supplies.

At the same time, as many as a third of MSSC members were called away to serve – "the young, active, energetic, highly educated and specialized physicians with a vision and a hope for the future of medicine," as a 40th-anniversary MSSC review described them.

A community that had one doctor for every 700 residents before the war soon saw demand rise to 2,000 residents per doctor. Night appointments and surgeries became necessary.

Society President Dr. Charles Rombold predicted in 1942 that physicians would handle the challenge because "much of our lives already is predicated on self-denial, service and devotion to an ideal."

MSSC's executive secretary, Jack Austin, was called up right after Pearl Harbor and later killed on stateside maneuvers. Members wrote letters to MSSC describing their experiences in Germany, the South Pacific and North Africa.

Those members on the home front served on the Selective Service medical examining boards and supported war bond drives and Community Chest campaigns. MSSC coordinated the physicals of 41,000 defense employees and worked with local leaders on public health and disaster planning.

During both wars, the Medical Society placed newspaper ads

In Remembrance

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

Radiologist **John L. Coyner, MD**, died May 27 in Chester, Virginia. He was 88, and had been an MSSC member from 2004 until his retirement in 2020. Born in Clover Lick, West Virginia, he was a pre-med major at West Virginia University in Morgantown and completed his medical education in 1959 at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He had an internship at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital on Staten Island, NY, and was a radiology resident at hospitals in Richmond and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. He also taught radiology at a U.S. Army Hospital in Germany and at the Medical College of Virginia in the 1960s. He practiced for 13 years at Fairmont General Hospital in West Virginia before joining a group based in Ponca City, Oklahoma, in 1981. He joined Kansas Imaging Consultants in Wichita in 2004 and was president of ScanScreen of Kansas and national medical director of Imagine Inc. Scans 4 Life. He is survived by sons John Coyner, Jr., and Boyd "Bo" Coyner.



asking patients to be vaccinated, and to try to prevent accidents and otherwise help their doctor meet the demands on his time.

"He is human and cannot do his best work if you deprive him of rest and sleep by calling on him at all hours to do work that should be done in his regular working hours," one 1918 ad said.

"No other group – business, professional or otherwise – on whom the public as a whole depends so greatly has been called upon so heavily for active military service," said one 1944 ad.

As World War II ended, the society purchased more newspaper ads – variously announcing the return to civilian practice of its members.



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