

What's going on with the Kane County Medical Society?  
Check the newsletter below for upcoming events.



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## President's Message:



Dear Members,

As of this moment, I can proudly say that our two Chicago baseball teams are undefeated. It is the first time that both teams have been 2-0 since 1951. It's going to be a great baseball season in Chicago sports this year. Can we say the same thing about our state's healthcare season?

Our fight continues and never stops. We are continually fighting for the infringement on physician's scope of practice. Representative Anna Moeller (D-Elgin) has filed House Bill 6166, a bill that contains several substantive changes to the *Optometric Practice Act*. The bill includes highly controversial changes to the scope of practice for optometrists. Ms. Moeller is a representative from OUR district in Kane. Then we have Representative Robyn Gabel (D-Evanston) who filed House Bill 4634 to create a new profession of "certified midwives." ISMS and several other medical specialty groups, including the Illinois Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, oppose HB 4634. The bill's education and licensure requirements for certified midwives are noticeably absent and even if specified would fall well below the standards for certified nurse midwives. ISMS and your county societies are fighting to oppose these bills.

We say that KCMS is our voice in medicine. Now read what some of our members are doing to make a difference in medicine for the good of all of us. Read the Resolutions created by the county societies to be presented at this year's House of Delegates meeting. Click on the link below and join in on the Virtual Reference Committee. Help inform the committees of your opinion of the Resolutions. Members are invited to offer comments on resolutions that will be considered and voted upon, on April 16 and 17. Make your opinions known. This is your chance to make our profession better.

<https://isms.org/Membership/Annual Meeting and House of Delegates/Resolutions List/>

Sincerely,  
Dr. Andrew Ward  
KCMS President

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## Upcoming KCMS Member Events

### Penrose Brewing Company Craft Beer Evening

Come and enjoy a social evening at the Penrose Brewing Company. Enjoy craft beers and delicious dinner appetizers for you and a guest. We are welcoming non-members and local students. What a great way to talk up about the society!

When: Wednesday, June 1st

Where: Penrose Brewing Company located at 509 Stevens Street, Geneva. (Go to <http://penrosebrewing.com> to get directions). It's hidden in a warehouse area.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: First beer and appetizers are no charge. Flight of beer and additional craft beers will be available for purchase.

RSVP to Sue at 630.584.6129 or email [sue@kcmsdocs.org](mailto:sue@kcmsdocs.org) by May 23rd.

A special thank you goes out to our exhibitors for assisting us in this evening's event.



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## Upcoming Kane County Medical Managers Member Event

### What's Going On In The Trenches - Time to Let ISMS Know!

When: Wednesday, April 20th

Where: Oscar Swan Country Inn, 1800 W. State St.

Time: 11:30a - 1:30p

Cost: No cost to members, \$25/non-member

Representatives from the Illinois State Medical Society will be attending our meeting to hear about what's going on in your practice. Bring your concerns! Let's discuss these amongst each other and get some feedback from ISMS.

RSVP to Paula @ 630.584.6129 or email [paula@kcmsdocs.org](mailto:paula@kcmsdocs.org)



## District 11 Trustee Report



### Read How One ISMS Member Tackles Advance Care Planning

Confronting tough choices and thorny issues is part of being a physician. We wrestle with life-and-death questions that keep us up at night, knowing that we're the ones our patients trust to guide and advise them.

It's hard. But to borrow a phrase from Tom Hanks in *A League of Their Own*, "if it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great."

ISMS' new series of case studies, known as "ISMS Members Making it Work," shines the spotlight on ISMS members who are meeting challenges head-on. By sharing their wisdom and experience, these physicians are helping to turn hard questions into solved problems for their colleagues around the state.

The [latest issue](#) features Dr. Julie Goldstein, a palliative care physician who has a long track record of leadership on advance care planning. Starting conversations with patients about their future health care wishes can be difficult and uncomfortable for all concerned, but integrating advance care planning into your practice can pay huge dividends for your patients and their families. Dr. Goldstein shares her experience and details how these discussions can be transformed from a dreaded ordeal to a healthy life habit.

View and download this and other issues of "ISMS Members Making it Work" on the [case studies page](#) at [www.isms.org](http://www.isms.org).

ISMS is dedicated to helping physicians provide the best possible care for their patients, and this series is one example of how we do that. Another example is our legislative advocacy.

### ISMS Offers Several Options to Monitor Legislative Action

Are you up-to-date on the latest from Springfield? If not, don't worry: We know you're busy, and we offer several ways to stay informed.

**Web Updates** – The "Governmental Affairs" tab at [www.isms.org](http://www.isms.org) offers quick access to several legislative tools:

- The ISMS *Legislative Action Hub* offers the latest updates on scope-of-practice bills and ISMS-backed legislation
- The *Grassroots Action Center* connects physicians to lawmakers and helps you make your voice heard on pending legislation
- Visit [www.impaconline.org](http://www.impaconline.org) to donate to IMPAC and stay connected to the only Illinois-based PAC representing all physicians.

**E-mail** – ISMS members should be receiving the *Physician Advocate* newsletter via e-mail. This communication arrives every other Friday and features news on the latest legislative happenings. ISMS members also receive special “calls to action” when certain legislators need a “physician consult” on pending legislation. If you aren’t receiving *Physician Advocate* and these occasional “action alerts,” email [communications@isms.org](mailto:communications@isms.org) to ensure your current contact info is on file.

**Social Media** – Twitter users should follow @ISMSLegislative for real-time Springfield dispatches. The main ISMS Twitter account (@IllinoisDoctors) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/IllinoisDoctors](http://www.facebook.com/IllinoisDoctors)) also post legislative content to keep you updated.

If you ever have a question about a bill or pending legislation, ISMS is happy to help. E-mail [govt@isms.org](mailto:govt@isms.org) with any questions.

**Thanks!**

As I wrap up my two years as chair of the ISMS Board of Trustees, I want to thank every ISMS member for your support and dedication to your colleagues and to this organization. Your commitment enables ISMS to advocate effectively on your behalf and provide valuable services to every member, and I am grateful for your continued membership.

## **REMINDER: New KCMS Website is Up and Running**

The new KCMS website is finally live. We are so excited about the look and feel of the new site. Go to [www.kcmsdocs.org](http://www.kcmsdocs.org) to see all the changes. The site is now "mobile" ready and you can access it from any mobile device or laptop. Take a few minutes to look at your "physician find" information. That is the hottest hit on the KCMS website. Please make sure all your information is correct.

You can now register for events online. Soon, you will be able to pay for renewal of membership and special events. Let us know what you think. If you need to make any changes in your profile, please call and let us know.

## **Kane County Health Department**

**National Infant Immunization Week highlights the importance of vaccines for our youngest members**

**By Barbara Jeffers, Kane County Health Department Executive Director**

Each year, approximately 170,000 babies are born in Illinois who need to be immunized against fourteen diseases before the age of 2. In observance of National Infant Immunizations Week, April 16-23, the Kane County Health Department is reminding parents to follow the recommended immunization schedule to protect their infants and children by providing immunity early in life.

Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. They not only help protect vaccinated individuals, but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases. The impact of vaccination on the health of the world's people would be hard to exaggerate. With the exception of safe water, no other modality, not even antibiotics, has had such a major effect on mortality reduction and population growth.

Diseases that vaccines protect against include chickenpox, diphtheria, influenza type b, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, pneumococcal, rotovirus, rubella and tetanus. For the most recent infant immunizations schedule, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child.html>.

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