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President's Message:



Dear Members,

The time is approaching for the Illinois State Medical Society's House of Delegates meeting. There are a number of interesting resolutions being proposed coming from our county and as well as others. Those resolutions will be available for anyone to read a few weeks prior to the April meeting. Any and all comments would be welcome.

Looking ahead, we will have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Azmey Matarieh talk on "*Reducing the Risk of Stroke and Systemic Embolism in Patients with Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and for the Treatment of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Pulmonary Embolism,*" coming up on Thursday, March 10th. He will educate us on the drug Xarleto.

The program, sponsored by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., will be eye-opening for those doctors that have patients with blood clot and stroke risks. I've seen him in action and have heard him speak, and he is both informative and entertaining.

If you would like to bring a potential member, please call the office and reserve a spot. A quick reminder, since it is being sponsored by a pharmaceutical company, only licensed healthcare workers will be able to attend.

As always, if you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions please contact the office or one of the board members.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew Ward, KCMS President

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Upcoming KCMS Member Events

XARELTO (rivaroxaban) for Reducing the Risk of Stroke and Systemic Embolism in Patients with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation (AF) and for the Treatment of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Pulmonary Embolism (PE)

Guest Speaker: Azmey Matarieh, FACC, MD

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:15 PM

RSVP to Sue at 630.584.6129 or email sue@kcmsdocs.org by March 9th.

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

Kane County Health Department working with Partners to Prepare for Zika

By Barbara Jeffers, Kane County Health Department Executive Director

By now everybody has heard of the Zika Virus and its spread in Central and South America. We know that it is contracted mostly through the bite of a mosquito. Despite the fact that mosquito season is still months away, the Kane County Health Department has begun to plan in the event we start to see the disease spreading in our area. KCHD has begun regular meetings with its partners to prepare. This includes conference calls with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Kane County hospitals and medical providers, as well as meetings with our Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium partners.

The Health Department has established a dedicated Zika Virus Web page with links to the CDC and IDPH pages that are automatically updated.

Currently, the CDC is recommending that pregnant women or those planning to get pregnant postpone travel to areas where the virus is spreading. If they must travel, they are encouraged to talk to their physician before doing so. The CDC has a dedicated Zika page on its Web site for providers.



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District 11 Trustee Report



The year 2016 is off to a cold start in more ways than one, and even a visit from the President has done little to break the ice in Springfield. The courts, on the other hand, have continued to hand down decisions that affect Illinois physicians, and ISMS has continued to provide members with valuable practice resources.

Legal Update

First, the bad news. About two weeks ago the Illinois Supreme Court delivered an unfavorable ruling in *Klaine v. Southern Illinois Hospital Services*.

At issue is whether information collected during medical credentialing process is privileged and confidential. ISMS had submitted an amicus brief, along with the hospital association and other supporters, arguing that these materials should be kept private.

In a unanimous ruling, the Court determined that this information could be open to discovery. ISMS is very displeased with this decision and plans to seek legislative remedy. However, we know it will be a difficult undertaking given the current composition of the General Assembly.

Now on to the good news! Cook County courts aren't known as a wellspring of legal sensibility, but in a rare display of sanity, a trial-lawyer-backed law that reduced jury size was ruled unconstitutional by a Cook County judge late last year. Six-person civil juries were authorized under a 2014 bill signed into law during the final days of Governor Quinn's administration. Trial lawyers reportedly pressed for the change to limit the variety of perspectives common to a conventional 12-person civil jury. Smaller juries, after all, have been shown to deliver larger awards.

The judge ruled that this change could not be executed by the General Assembly and that a constitutional amendment is required. While we are pleased with the decision, it is not the final word, and we expect further action by higher courts.

New Resources

Several new resources have recently been published on the ISMS web site. I urge you to become familiar with these and use them liberally in your efforts to recruit for our organization.

Medical Record Guides – Every year the rules for medical record management and copying change. ISMS helps members cut through the “legalese” and highlights what practices need to know. This annual update is consistently among our most popular resources.

Medical Cannabis – In December, ISMS added “Tips for Certifying Patients for Medical Cannabis Cards” to our online resource section. This document is a companion to our medical legal guideline and on-demand CME courses on the topic. These resources are

designed to provide physicians who choose to certify with the information necessary to comply with the law.

New Case Study – ISMS launched a new case study series last month. Each new update will feature ISMS members who successfully contend with practice challenges. Our first case study features Dr. Michael Hanak, offering Hep C screening insights. We also recently launched a free on-demand CME course on Hep C screening.

As always, if you have comments, questions, or need information about a particular topic in your practice, feel free to contact me any time at atdrpdehaan@isms.org.

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 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.