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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This has been a year of firsts for MAOFP; in the setting of the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to innovate, to revise, to grow, and to adapt. This winter, we held our first virtual CME program. I certainly missed the opportunity to connect in person with friends and colleagues whom I typically see twice a year at our conferences. However, I enjoyed staying warm during a winter storm at home while participating in education. Although it was virtual, the Winter CME program still fostered a sense of connection, something we've all missed this past year. I am looking forward to our upcoming Summer CME conference, July 29 -August 1 in Muskegon, Michigan!

MAOFP has also launched our Mentorship Program. This is another way we hope to create connection within our membership - specifically between practicing physicians with newer attendings or trainees. We know that mentorship in medicine is a powerful tool in career development and in navigating our path as we lean in to our profession. I am personally very excited about this project, and I look forward to seeing how it evolves. You can learn more about it on our MAOFP website.

This February, we met with our colleagues from the MAFP for the annual Family Medicine Advocacy Day. Members from both the MAOFP and MAFP collectively raised issues pertinent to the practice of family medicine in Michigan, as we connected with legislators and their staff. As expected, this was entirely virtual. Surprisingly, it was a day filled with meaningful communication that was facilitated smoothly, despite having to meet on a virtual platform. I encourage all our members to consider ways in which they can become more active in advocacy, especially as more remote options are becoming available.

Our first ever Virtual Physician Lounge took place on May 6! Another new initiative, these virtual events seek to engage our membership in a laid-back, conversational, and supportive way. Our first virtual lounge was led by leaders in our organization, as they discussed resilience and growth during the pandemic. I hope that many of you will use the Virtual Physician Lounges as a way to connect, share your stories, and learn from one another.

All of these projects remind me that in spite of the obstacles COVID-19 has presented, we've found our own growth and resilience as an organization. I'm honored to continue to serve as president of your MAOFP, and I am truly thankful for the community and connection this group has fostered - even if it's across a computer screen lately. I hope that all of you have found ways to still feel engaged, inspired, and supported, and that you still feel a sense of connection - connection with your community, patients, family, friends, colleagues, and with your state society. We hope to see you this summer at our CME program.

With Gratitude,

Tina Metropoulos, DO
MAOFP President 2020-2021



2021 SUMMER FAMILY MEDICINE UPDATE

July 29 - August 1, 2021
VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center
Muskegon, Michigan

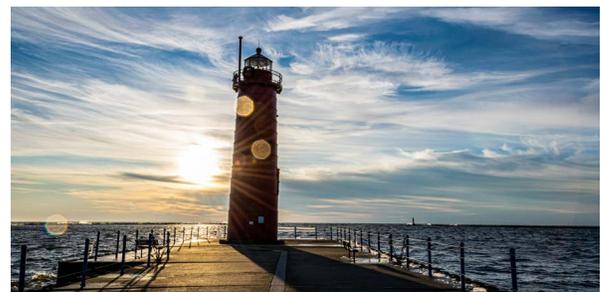
Earn up to 22 CME credits at the in-person conference or by viewing on-demand recordings. Register by June 30 to take advantage of discounted rates!

MAOFP is pleased to welcome our members and guest back to meeting in person for our 2021 Summer Family Medicine Conference! The event will be designed with health and safety in mind and will comply with CDC, state and local guidelines for safe gatherings.

The brand-new VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center is located at the center of the rejuvenated Downtown Muskegon, within walking distance of more than 20 restaurants, breweries, distilleries and bars, and many entertainment options such as the historical Frauenthal Center and the Muskegon Art Museum. Lake Michigan and Michigan's Adventure are just a short drive away. Overnight accommodations are available at the newly renovated Delta Hotel which is connected to the conference center.

Some of the planned educational topics include:

- Improving the patient experience
- OMT without the table
- Pediatric and general dermatology
- End of life palliative care
- Management of migraine disorders
- Geriatric assessments
- And more!



The agenda will also include an exhibit hall, poster presentations, the annual membership meeting, MAOFP Summer Fest and our President's Reception sponsored by MSUCOM.

Are you unable to attend or not currently comfortable in a group setting? Videos of the educational content will be available two weeks following the conference. Participants can earn CME credit by viewing them at their convenience.

Learn more and register today!

2021 MAOFP CONFERENCE

Winter Family Medicine

VIRTUAL UPDATE

2021 WINTER FAMILY MEDICINE VIRTUAL UPDATE

MAOFP sponsored our first fully virtual conference on February 5-6, 2021. While we missed the in-person interaction with our members, we were pleased to offer high-quality, relevant education to more than 150 members and guests from across the state. Participants gave the conference rave reviews! Thanks to the Education Committee, MAOFP staff, sponsors/exhibitors and participants for making the event a success!

The conference offered the opportunity to offer up to 19 CME credits by participating in the live broadcast or viewing the recordings on-demand. A customized track for students and residents was also offered. Some of the topics covered included:

- Addiction from a Pain management Perspective
- Adult Infectious Disease
- Breast Disease for the Primary Care Physician
- Cannabis from an Addiction Perspective
- Geriatric Dermatology
- Health Care for All, a Moral Imperative NOW!
- Health Professionals in Recovery
- How to Effectively use Telemedicine in Practice: eCare and its Impact on Today's Health
- Implicit Bias in Healthcare
- Menopause 202: Beyond the Hot Flash
- OMM for Pain Management - Headaches and Neck Pain
- Opioid and Controlled Substance Awareness
- Promoting Vaccine Confidence
- Telemedicine and Scope of Practice: Patient Safety and Risk Management Implications
- And more!

Thanks again to our conference sponsors!



2021 MAOFP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2021 MAOFP Award Recipients. They will be honored and presented their awards at the President's Reception happening at the Summer Family Medicine Update.



Family Physician of the Year

Richard Bryce, DO

This award recognizes an outstanding osteopathic physician and MAOFP member, who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting osteopathic family medicine in the state of Michigan.



Lawrence Abramson Distinguished Service Award

Jodi Flanders, DO, FACOFP

This prestigious award is given to an individual or organization exemplifying outstanding dedication to the profession by contribution to the advancement of osteopathic family practice in the state of Michigan.



Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident of the Year

Kyle Casadei, DO

This award recognizes an outstanding osteopathic family medicine resident and MAOFP member, who is dedicated to the osteopathic profession, patients and to the community and has demonstrated scholarly achievement in the field of family medicine.



MSUCOM Student Physician of the Year

Trevor Evans

This prestigious award recognizes the outstanding MSUCOM Student Physician of the Year, a student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to osteopathic Family Medicine during medical school.

2021 ACOFP CONGRESS OF DELEGATES RECAP

By Rachel A. Young, DO

MAOFP Past President & Advocacy Committee Chair



In step with most things in the pandemic, the ACOFP Congress of Delegates was virtual this year. In 2020 the COD was cancelled, and therefore any resolutions that had been submitted were held for review in 2021. Additionally, chapters had the opportunity to submit new resolutions. Michigan resubmitted their resolution on climate change, which was sent back to the authors in 2019 (RES 12). They also submitted a new resolution on coverage for medical nutritional therapy with the diagnosis of obesity or morbid obesity (RES 15). One benefit of the online format was that we could all see the statistics on voting, which is more accurate and informative than the traditional “yay” and “nay” voting. Both MAOFP resolutions passed the COD this year with overwhelming support.

Controversial topics this year included re-approval of the ACOFP sunset policy on physician assisted suicide (RES 6). Michigan wanted to change the language, but this was opposed. The resolution as amended was approved by the COD. The addition of telemedicine training for family medicine residents was also passed (RES 16). Finally, the long-debated resolution on MDs as ACOFP active members was finally adopted as proposed, giving MDs the rights of active members. As long as MDs have completed training at a family medicine residency program with osteopathic recognition, they can serve as the Resident Governor on the ACOFP board, on ACOFP committees, and as committee chairs.

Overall, the online 2021 ACOFP COD was a success! Attendees were able to experience all the same moments with active engagement in debate while saving time and money on travel. With the virtual format MAOFP saw more delegates available to step away from practice for a half day and step up for representing Michigan. As MAOFP Advocacy Chair, I was pleased to see so many members actively participating in the Michigan Caucus meeting as well as the Reference Committee meetings prior to COD. We hope to fill all of our delegate spots next year! A special thanks to all that helped write and edit resolutions with the Advocacy Committee. As members become inspired throughout the year be sure to pass along resolution ideas to us.

[View the 2021 Resolutions](#)

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2021 MICHIGAN FAMILY MEDICINE ADVOCACY DAY

By Elizabeth (Libby) Pionk, DO, FAAFP
MAOFP Government Affairs Committee Chair

Similar to years past, MAOFP partnered with MAFP (Michigan Academy of Family Physicians) for the 2021 Michigan Family Medicine Advocacy Day. Due to the pandemic, Advocacy Day was held virtually. The day was started with a brief overview from Matthew Black, MAFP Advocacy representative and Tabitha Zimny, Lobbyist from Karoub Associates followed by a presentation from Representative Whiteford (R-District 80, Allegan).

Meetings with legislators were held after the morning briefing. Various topics were discussed with the Michigan legislators including MiDocs Funding, Michigan State Loan Repayment Program, Prior Authorization Reform, and Naturopath Licensure and Education Requirements.

MiDocs is a statewide initiative led by Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University that created 52 residency slots and increase primary care physicians in Michigan through training. MAOFP and MAFP are supportive of accountability and transparency in GME funding structure to ensure we are training physicians to meet our state's needs. Specifically, MiDocs ensure the GME funding is transparent, focuses on primary care specialties, and retains residents to practice in underserved areas. MAOFP and MAFP support Governor Whitmer's 2022 Executive Budget recommendation maintaining MiDocs funding.

Michigan State Loan Repayment (MSLRP) is the secondary largest program in the country to offer loan repayment to those entering full-time primary care in Health Professional Shortage Areas or not-for-profit health clinics for two years. MAOFP and MAFP supported and advocated for a budget which retains funding for MSLRP.

Prior authorization and step therapy cause delays in patient care and adverse patient outcomes. Through prior authorization reform, transparency, and consistency, negative patient outcomes can be avoided. Senate Bill 612 was introduced by Senator VanderWall which proposes prior authorization reform. MAOFP and MAFP encouraged lawmakers to support passage of the reintroduced version of SB 612 of 2019.

Naturopath education does not prepare practitioners to diagnose, treat, or prescribe medications or perform services relating to primary care. House Bills 5302 and 5303 as introduced in 2020 by Representatives Chirkun and Crawford set a dangerous and concerning path forward for primary care in Michigan through licensing of practitioners, such as naturopaths, to perform certain primary care services. MAOFP and MAFP encouraged lawmakers to oppose legislation that would license practitioners to independently practice medicine. Moreover, MAOFP and MAFP encouraged lawmakers to oppose legislation that would erode the physician-led healthcare team.

2021 Michigan Family Medicine Advocacy Day was successful and MAOFP is happy to partner with our colleagues at MAFP for this annual event. Please consider joining your MAOFP friends and colleagues at the 2022 Michigan Family Medicine Advocacy Day! It is a great opportunity to advocate for our patients as well as our family medicine profession.



MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to Rachel A. Young, DO, former MAOFP president, for being named as the recipient of ACOFP's New Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year!



Congratulations to Saroj Misra, DO, FACOFP and Rachael Hume, DO, MPH for being elected to serve on the ACOFP Board! Dr. Misra was re-elected for another term as a Governor and Dr. Hume was elected Resident Governor. Thanks for representing MAOFP at the national level!

Disability Determination Services (DDS) is Hiring!

We are seeking talented, medical professionals who are interested in touching the lives of people in Michigan by performing Consultative Examinations (CE).

A CE is an impartial examination purchased by the DDS for a person who has applied for disability benefits. CE Providers must be currently licensed in the State of Michigan and have the training and experience to perform the type of exam or test we request.

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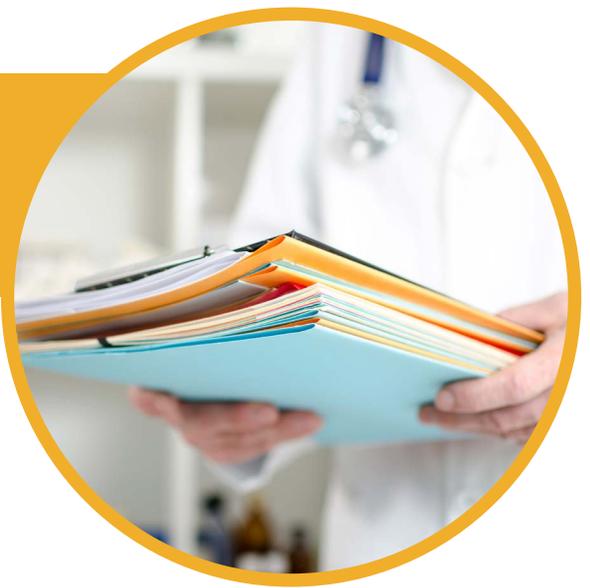
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PATIENT EDUCATION HANDOUTS



ACOFP offers an online library of patient education handouts free of charge for members and non-members. The handouts have been prepared by physician members of the ACOFP's Osteopathic Family Physician Editorial Committee. You can download PDF files and print them out for easy distribution to your patients.

Materials are available in the following categories:

- Blood Vessel & Cardiovascular
- Children's Health
- COVID-19
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Gastrointestinal
- LGBTQI
- Medications
- Men's Health
- Miscellaneous
- Neurology
- Obesity
- OMT
- Pain
- Psychology
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology
- Sports
- Women's Health

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MAOFP Business Partnership Program

Is your organization interested in gaining year-round visibility with MAOFP members? Learn more about our Business Partnership Program [here](#).

UPDATE FROM MSU COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

By Andy Amalfitano, PhD, DO & Chris Surian
Dean & Director of Development MSUCOM

A year of COVID

It's hard to believe a year has passed since COVID-19 came into our lives. The dramatic personal and professional effects it has had on so many across our nation, and within our own MSUCOM community, is at times overwhelming. I think about all of those who have lost a loved one to the pandemic or have struggled with the virus themselves. My thoughts are with each and every one of those individuals.



While the gravity of the situation still weighs heavily on our minds, there is still much to be grateful for. Within our own college, we saw dramatic changes to our curriculum which required a tremendous amount of work and time from our faculty and staff. Our students had to readily adapt to a new online learning environment as well, a task not easily accomplished in medical school.

Yet, the commitment to succeed from everyone within our community has amazed me. A true dedication that stems from a mission to provide a world-class osteopathic medical education that's focused on our students and fosters access to quality, patient-centered medical care.

I remember last March, 600 or so of our third- and fourth-year students had to step back from their clerkship experiences, as our [hospital partners](#) mobilized for the rise of COVID-19 cases. Yet despite this, our clerkship sites prioritized the return of our students to their campuses within weeks, as the training of our future physicians was recognized as an essential function. I can't thank our many hospital partners enough for being so supportive of our students and our mission.

The daily work that happens to strengthen these essential relationships and expand clinical opportunities for our students is so important and ensures our ability to provide bright and compassionate SpartanDOs as part of a health care enterprise.

Much of our success with these partnerships is due to so many of our 7000+ alumni who work in these hospitals and have experienced firsthand the benefits clerkship experiences can offer. I am always so proud of the impact our alumni have had in not only promoting all aspects of health and wellness, but also in the ongoing support of our college. Beyond the strong financial support we receive each year from many of you, the support our alumni can provide in advocating for our profession and our students is priceless.

The hospital affiliations we have across the state are vital to every aspect of our medical school mission. It is my hope that we can continue to work together to ensure these partnerships thrive. So, as you head off to work, please take a moment to encourage your hospital leadership to continue their support of clerkship experiences for our future SpartanDOs. These are the same physicians that will likely become members of your hospital care teams.

There are many more ways to help and get involved, too. Chris Surian, who leads our alumni engagement efforts and is director of our development team, is going to share ways you can maximize your impact and involvement with our college.

A connected community

Osteopathic physicians understand that it takes effort from all to ensure communities thrive. The more people involved in the health and well-being of others, the more successful that community becomes. It is no different for our College of Osteopathic Medicine. It takes all those connected to us to ensure we produce high-quality future physicians to serve our population, conduct important research that advances knowledge and provide volunteer service to help those in need.

To do this, we must have an [engaged base of alumni and friends](#). Having this connection not only

improves the status of our great medical school but increases the impact the DO profession has on society overall, gives talented and committed students the opportunity to realize their dreams and offers rewarding experiences for everyone involved.

Making an impact

One way many of our physicians contribute their time is to our admissions process, enabling us to attract and retain a high-quality student body. Many of you may have already served as a student recruiter in communities that help us create a diverse application pool. This interaction with middle school, high school and undergraduate students provides an opportunity to introduce these aspiring future physicians to our college and encourage them on their journey to joining the osteopathic profession. Participating directly in the student admission interview process and serving as student mentors are other ways for our alumni and friends to stay involved. These interviews help us determine what the next generation of SpartanDOs will look like and help us instill the important values of our profession. I often hear comments from many of you about the contagious enthusiasm our applicants and students exhibit and the “re-charge” they receive in return.



Another great way to stay engaged is by attending college events and acting as an informed ambassador. We host an alumni weekend each fall that includes a student scholarship event, a CME course, and a golf outing and tailgate prior to an MSU football game. This year our event is September 23-25, 2021. We hope to see you there!

Our key college leadership also host receptions at many of the larger osteopathic association annual meetings and CMEs. These gatherings are often held in areas of the state and country where many of our alumni and clinical faculty live and work. All of these events provide an opportunity to not only stay informed on current college programs, initiatives and current trends within the profession, but also provide opportunities to interact and network with old friends, classmates, current students and college leadership.

Personal philanthropy

One of the most impactful and meaningful ways to get involved is through [personal philanthropy](#). Your financial support allows us to move the needle when it comes to advancing reputation and inspiring future physicians. Those that support student scholarships often speak of the immense satisfaction they receive around helping our talented and committed students graduate without overwhelming debt and supporting their dream of becoming a SpartanDO. Keeping debt load manageable is often the difference in a student’s decision of what and where they practice. This kind of support also can provide the necessary resources for our students to participate in research and community outreach. When it comes to student research, often times, many of our students want to develop a specific research skill. Support from our donors can cover the cost for them to do this work in world-class research labs here at MSU and also help them compete for post-graduate residency positions.

Community outreach support enables more of our students to serve the homeless and underserved through programs such as [Spartan Street Medicine](#) and [Detroit Street Care](#), as well as help them participate in international medical missions in places like Peru and the Dominican Republic. It is these life-changing experiences that help shape our students, offering new and valuable perspectives in medicine that reinforce the osteopathic philosophy.

Staying engaged

Staying engaged can take many forms. All are impactful and rewarding. Whether determining the make-up of our next entering class, mentoring students, reconnecting with classmates through events or supporting the student experience through gifts of scholarship, research and outreach, all further our mission.

It is our alumni and friends who are helping to create a medical school that will address tomorrow’s health challenges and create a profession that will improve the quality of living in the communities we serve around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Amalfitano".

Andy Amalfitano, PhD, DO
Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Surian".

Chris Surian
Director of Development

RESIDENTS CORNER



By Brianna Eisaman, DO & Jacquelyn Small, DO
MAOFP Resident Director & MAOFP Resident Alternate Director

Hello MAOFP Resident Members!

It has been an exciting and unique year for MAOFP. The organization successfully hosted a Virtual Scientific Poster Program. [Click here](#) to see the winners. The first entirely virtual conference took place in February and was a great success, indicating the ability for future virtual platforms.

We are now preparing for the Summer 2021 Family Medicine Conference, which will take place July 29-August 1 at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center in Muskegon, Michigan. There will also be an option to purchase the lectures from this conference for online viewing from August 16-August 31. [Click here](#) for more information on the conference.

We at MAOFP strive to promote life-long learning and continuation of medical education. This past year we introduced a virtual webinar series. These sessions were included in membership fees and featured topics such as alcohol use disorder, osteopathic tenets in clinical practice, physician wellness, hospital medicine and more. MAOFP plans to continue offering webinars. This is a great opportunity for residents and students to enhance their education. Additionally, we are launched a Virtual Physician Lounge where DOs meet and discuss relevant topics. The first Virtual Physician Lounge took place on May 6 and participants discussed resilience and growth during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned for details about additional upcoming virtual opportunities.

There are many benefits to joining MAOFP including continuing medical education opportunities, involvement in health care leadership and legislation, networking with family medicine colleagues, and more. Membership is free for medical students and just \$25 per year for residents. For those who chose to become members, we encourage you to join a committee to further your involvement. The current committees are focused in one of the following areas: governance and operations, finance and professional affairs, educational affairs, and public affairs. Each committee usually meets virtually every 2-3 months. More information on committees can be found [here](#).

It has been a pleasure serving as your Resident Directors for the past year. We are proud of what MAOFP has accomplished during these unprecedented times and we are confident that this organization will continue to flourish. We hope to “pass on the torch” to future residents and students and increase involvement for many years to come. If you have any questions or would like to become involved with MAOFP, please reach out to us.



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MSUCOM STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACOFP UPDATE

By Olivia Welch

MSUCOM SAACOFPP President & MAOFP Student Director

I am pleased to announce the 2021-2022 MSUCOM SAACOFPP Executive Board Members:

President: **Olivia Welch**

Vice President: **Logan Austin**

Secretary: **Samantha LaCross**

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The new E-board hosted Dr. Carl Kinzel on April 1st to discuss his journey from working in a hospital, to working for a private owner, to becoming his own boss along with all the ups and downs in between. He also discussed the importance of family medicine and what makes it so unique. On April 15 we hosted Dr. Paul Thomas M.D. to discuss the concept of Direct Primary Care, which is a meaningful alternative to fee-for-service insurance billing and provides substantial savings all while allowing a greater degree of access to and time with, physicians. We are excited about what this upcoming year has to offer and what we have planned. We are going to be partnering with a variety of different clubs for different speakers and events and cannot wait to see how they turn out.



HELP ADVANCE OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY MEDICINE

Support the ACOFP Foundation

MAOFP encourages its members to support the ACOFP Education and Research Foundation's Forging Our Osteopathic Future fundraising campaign.

To ensure patients have access to the most highly qualified physicians, the ACOFP Foundation has pledged to financially support eligible residents that wish to take both portions of the AOBFP exam, as well as cover up to \$500 in travel expenses for each resident. Eligible residents are those who do not have the financial support from their residency program to sit for the AOBFP exams. Through this effort, the Foundation will ensure that all osteopathic residents, regardless of support from their residency program, are given an equal opportunity to demonstrate their patient care qualifications.

In the first cycle of the program, the ACOFP Foundation's Initial Certification Grant program was able to provide over \$125,000 in funding to 100 third-year residents sitting for both the cognitive and practical AOBFP certification exams. Ten of those recipients were from Michigan.

Please consider supporting this vital program. [Click here](#) for details and to donate online.



2021 VIRTUAL POSTER COMPETITION

Thank you to the students and residents who participated in the 2020 Virtual Poster Competition! Congratulations to the following winners, who presented their posters at the 2021 Winter Family Medicine Virtual Update.



Mackenzie Dickson, DO

MRSA Community Acquired Pneumonia in an otherwise Healthy Adult

[View Poster](#)

Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) is a common disease in the United States with a broad range of organisms responsible for causing infection. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is rear cause of CAP with estimated <1% of all CAP occurrences. Herein, I will discuss a case involving a young, immunocompetent individual diagnosed with CAP MRSA. The patient's medical history was previously unremarkable prior to the hospitalization.

After several days in the hospital, pt was transitioned from IV antibiotics to oral antibiotics and discharged home to later make a full recovery. For this presentation we will briefly discuss the incidence of CAP MRSA, risk factors for developing it, various diagnostic modalities available, inpatient and outpatient treatment options, and outpatient follow up.



Samuel Gregerson

Traumatic Falls, Comorbid Diseases, Hospital Stays and Discharge: Does a Disease Make the Difference?

[View Poster](#)

Falls lead to diminished function and loss of mobility, accounting for nearly half of the traumas reported in the United States. In Macomb County, Michigan, falls make up over two-thirds of traumas reported annually. Previous investigations have studied the impact that comorbid conditions, such as hypertension and diabetes, have on posttraumatic fall prognosis. The data is largely mixed, with

no consistent pattern of effect on fall prognosis observable. The current study aims to discern hospital discharge patterns in posttraumatic falls in healthy patients versus patients with comorbid disease.



Elizabeth Henley

Therapeutic Plasma Exchange as Effective Treatment for Hypertriglyceridemia-induced Acute Pancreatitis

[View Poster](#)

This is a case of a 53-year-old female patient, who presented with hypertriglyceridemia-induced acute pancreatitis (HTAP). We are presenting a case that supports the literature for the use of therapeutic plasma exchange (TPE) in order to help normalize the triglyceride levels in a timely manner.

Our patient admitted to severe alcohol intake and was an unknown diabetic with hemoglobin A1c of 17.9. This resulted in a diagnosis of diabetic ketoacidosis in addition to the HTAP. Her presenting triglyceride level was 2,575, which had decreased to 1,883 at the time the TPE was initiated. After one round of pheresis her triglyceride level was 950 and the decision was made that a second treatment was not necessary. The patients clinical picture began to show significant improvement and her triglyceride levels continued to diminish. After her levels stabilized and her diabetes was under better control, she was discharged with extensive counseling on alcohol abuse and new diagnosis of diabetes mellitus.

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