

# MSSSC NEWS

## Celebrating Jager Club, medical innovation



Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz gave an animated, amusing talk about 19th century surgeon Thomas Dean Mütter, subject of her book "Dr. Mütter's Marvels," at the joint Jager Club/MSSSC meeting on Oct. 24. One of his great innovations, she said, was advocating greater compassion by physicians. The event celebrated the club's 50th anniversary.



Aptowicz with MSSSC President Dr. Denis Knight and Jager Club Chairman Dr. Gerald Nelson. At the meeting, it was announced that Dr. Nelson and Drs. Daniel and Martha Housholder had given endowments for future Jager Club speakers.



## SAVE THE DATE MSSSC meeting, Dec. 5



## AMA president returning to Wichita

Dr. David Barbe, president of the American Medical Association and no stranger to Wichita, will be the MSSSC's special guest at its Dec. 5 membership meeting along with KMS President Rob Gibbs.

Dr. Barbe completed his family medicine residency at St. Joseph Medical Center in 1983. He returned to his hometown of Mountain Grove, Mo., after residency and went into solo practice. The practice grew and later merged with Mercy, a 650-doctor health system based in Springfield. At the meeting, he will share recollections of his time in Wichita and give an AMA update.

Dr. Barbe has been involved in developing policy on such issues as coverage for the uninsured and reforms of Medicare, the health care system and health insurance markets. He has encouraged doctors to stay engaged in organized medicine and the health care reform debate, while urging them to avoid getting caught up in the "hyper-partisan political climate."

## WINE WITH A PURPOSE

The meeting will feature the annual wine auction that benefits Project Access. If you would like to donate wine for the auction, contact Denise Phillips at 683-7558 or [denisephillips@med-soc.org](mailto:denisephillips@med-soc.org)



## New state concussion forms reflect evolution in science, standard of care

Responding to advancements in identifying and treating sports concussions, the Kansas Sports Concussion Partnership is making changes to the forms it provides for use by doctors, athletic trainers, school nurses and others working with student athletes across the state.

Begun in 2011, the KSCP – an initiative of the MSSSC and the KMS – created a website ([kansasc concussion.org](http://kansasc concussion.org)) and forms for doctors and other providers to assess and track a student athlete's concussion, recovery, and return to the classroom and ultimately the field. The site includes guides for educators and parents.

The forms have been updated periodically since then with input from physicians and other members of the statewide partnership and to incorporate the latest treatment recommendations of national and international concussion experts. Dr. Jennifer Koontz, an MSSSC member practicing sports medicine in Newton, has worked closely with the



Drs. Koontz and Grelinger



partnership, chaired by neurologist Dr. Bart Grelinger.

This spring, the international Concussion in Sport group updated its standard of care for treating the injuries, and incorporated that science into its latest on-field assessment tool, SCAT5. That update is driving many of the changes made by the concussion partnership.

The SCAT5 tool and the updated package of forms will be available soon via download on the partnership's website.

The most noticeable change involves the use of the SCAT5 itself for on-field assessment of a potential concussion and its

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## October President's Message



by Denis Knight, DO —

The medical community – and the community at large – was shocked at the news that one of our own in the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, Achutha N. Reddy, MD, was savagely attacked by a former patient and lost his life serving those to whom he dedicated his life.

As the president of our Medical Society this year, I am often contacted by physicians about issues and events that affect our lives and the practice of medicine. No event has been more numbing and astounding than this one, as evidenced by the volume of comments and concern from our membership. I suppose the fact that the attack occurred just a stone's throw from my own office magnified the degree to which it hit home for me. More importantly, I know and understand how



challenging it was for Dr. Reddy to take on the difficult cases of mental illness, substance abuse and chronic pain that commonly confront the patients in the population that he served.

Many people who worked with Dr. Reddy have expressed to me how kind, compassionate and patient he was with those suffering from these diseases and conditions. I have often been asked how we as the medical community can pay tribute

to Dr. Reddy's legacy.

First, we can pray for his wife, Beena M. Reddy, MD, also a member of our Medical Society, and show her our support in this time of grief. Additionally, as his patients are being transferred within our medical community, we will need to provide care to those who no longer have a physician.

Please thoughtfully consider helping in this process, as the patients from his practice will need to find a medical home.

## Business Journal names Cox as one of its 'intrapreneurs'

ProviDRs Care CEO Karen Cox recently earned one of the Wichita Business Journal's Innovation and Enterprise Awards, being recognized as an "intrapreneur."

Cox was honored Oct. 19 during an awards luncheon held at the Hyatt Wichita by the Business Journal.

The awards honor companies, organizations and individuals "driving change, innovation and the continuation of Wichita's entrepreneurial spirit." Intrapreneurs are businesspeople who "come up with new ways to do things or new products for their companies to offer customers."

Cox joined ProviDRs Care, an MSSC affiliate and the only physician-owned PPO in Kansas, in 2009. "I have been very fortunate to have opportunities to utilize my strategic and creative skills to solve problems and to grow a business, and I am thankful that I have had that opportunity here at ProviDRs Care," she said.



## Deadline close for Meek award nominees

Just a few days remain to make nominations for the 2018 Dr. Joe Meek Physician Leadership Award, intended to foster leadership among practicing physicians aged 40 years or younger and to develop future MSSC leaders.

Nominees should have the desire to develop their knowledge base and leadership skills by participating in local, state and national leadership-building events throughout the year. A demonstrated commitment to making a significant leadership contribution to the practice of medicine is a key component to include in the nomination.

The deadline to submit nominations is Nov. 1. Contact Denise Phillips at [denisephillips@med-soc.org](mailto:denisephillips@med-soc.org) or 683-7558 for an application form. They're also available at [msscinline.org](http://msscinline.org), under the Publications tab at the right.

Dr. John Gallagher, medical director of Wichita/Sedgwick County EMS, is the 2017 recipient of the award. The award honors former KU School of Medicine-Wichita dean Dr. Joe Meek and his career promoting organized medicine and medical education in Wichita and across Kansas.

## Concussion *continued from page 1*

severity. The SCAT5 replaces a Medical Assessment SCORE card created by the state partnership several years ago, with the goal being to adopt the standardized international tool that's become increasingly recognized and used by physicians and others.

Other changes include:

- The Athlete's Symptom Score Card, adding a list of recommended components for a concussion exam.
- The Warm-up to Play form, with changes in wording and number of steps as well as adding an additional physician sign-off space, as required by some school districts.
- The Return to Learn form, changes in steps and added emphasis on sections involving classroom accommodations and activities a student should not take part in until fully recovered.

- Because the forms are intended as a package, the numbering system will be altered slightly.

"Some of the changes are more noticeable than others, but they all are intended to support the latest, best practices," Dr. Grelinger said. "Our knowledge of concussions and brain science is evolving all the time, and we want the partnership's forms to be in sync with that while remaining useful to doctors and others treating student athletes."

Dr. Koontz is chair of the sports medicine advisory committee for the Kansas High School Activities Association Committee, and its members recently had the opportunity to look over the updated forms and thought they were easy to use. "It was great to have other doctors, athletic trainers, school nurses and teachers look these over – they had some great feedback," she said.

## DID YOU KNOW ...



Albert Einstein's brain spent part of the 1970s in Wichita, where it was stored in mason jars in the medical lab office of MSSC member Dr. Thomas Stoltz Harvey. The Princeton, N.J., pathologist autopsied the

physicist in 1955 and had apparently intended to do his own research. Early on, Dr. Harvey allowed researchers to make hundreds of section slides, and later sent requested pieces to other scientists, all while hauling the brain along as he moved around the Midwest and nation. A New Jersey journalist tracked down Harvey and the brain in Wichita in 1978, bringing attention and many subsequent articles. Eventually, before his death in 2007, Dr. Harvey returned the brain to where its journey began, Princeton.



Dr. Harvey

## Stars come out for RODEO



Wichita State basketball coach Gregg Marshall wasn't the only hoops personality making an appearance at the Oct. 18 meeting of the RODEO club. Analyst Seth Davis, center with Dr. Doug Milfeld, left, and Marshall, tagged along for what has become the Shocker coach's regular visit with the group of retired physicians. Davis was in town working on a profile of Marshall and a scouting report on this year's WSU team. Marshall talked about the excitement of joining a new conference and the recruiting challenges and opportunities it brings. The coach also said he was excited about the travel to new cities and an increase in national TV appearances.



RODEO members with Marshall and Davis at the Wichita Country Club.

**Next RODEO meeting:** 11:30 Wednesday, Nov. 15, location TBD, and hear from Dr. Scott Moser about the new KUSM-Wichita curriculum. To learn more or get on the email list, contact Dr. Ron Brown at (316) 648-8505 or [ictfamdoc@aol.com](mailto:ictfamdoc@aol.com).

## #GivingTuesday is a way to support Project Access

Project Access will again join thousands of nonprofits worldwide taking part in #GivingTuesday on Nov. 29.

#GivingTuesday – coming just after Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday – provides an opportunity to give a lasting gift: medical care



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coordinated through Project Access. The program, operated by MSSC affiliate Central Plains Health Care Partnership, serves uninsured Sedgwick County residents, most of them working men and women. It operates through funding from the city and county, United Way, grants and the donated care and time of physicians, pharmacists and others.

To support Project Access on #GivingTuesday (or anytime), go to [www.cphcp.com](http://www.cphcp.com) and click on Donate.

Project Access and two clients, Chris Nelson and Larry Evans, were recently featured in *The Active Age*, a free publication for those 50 and older. About one-third of Project Access' clients are, like Nelson, 55 and older. See the article at [theactiveage.com](http://theactiveage.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

**Jager Club**, 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive. Carrie Herman, executive director of the Kansas Learning Center for Health, will speak about *Arthur Hertzler, the Horse and Buggy Doctor, and the Fame of the Halstead Clinic*. Cost is \$35; reserve by Nov. 3 with Ally Turner, (316) 293-2603 or [aturner11@kumc.edu](mailto:aturner11@kumc.edu).

## In Remembrance

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



Pediatric cardiologist **George H. Khoury, MD**, died Oct. 18, 2017. Dr. Khoury graduated from Cairo University Medical School in 1955. After coming to the United States in 1958, he did an internship in Newport News, Va., and completed residencies at the Medical College of Virginia in 1960 and Denver Children's Hospital in 1961. He finished fellowships in pediatric cardiology at Denver Children's Hospital in 1962, the Mayo Clinic in 1963 and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto in 1966. Dr. Khoury served on the faculty of the West Virginia School of Medicine from 1967 until coming to Wichita and entering private practice in 1975. He also served on the faculty at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Dr. Khoury retired in 1996.

## MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Society who know a good and sufficient reason why any of the following applicants are not eligible for membership are requested to communicate with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, 683-7557

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**REINSTATE TO ACTIVE**  
**Vikrant Azad, MD**

**RETIRED**  
**Michael Brown, MD**  
**Alberto Carro, MD**

## Estep named to state Board of Healing Arts

Dr. Thomas Estep was recently named to serve on the Kansas Board of Healing Arts by Gov. Sam Brownback.

"I look forward to serving the people of Kansas and the health care professionals of Kansas," said Dr. Estep, who was 2012 president of the MSSC.

Dr. Estep, a thoracic and cardiac surgeon, practiced with Wichita Surgical Specialists. He entered surgical practice in 1982 and retired from the operating room in 2015

The Board of Healing Arts licenses and regulates MDs, DOs and 14 other professions. Dr. Estep's term runs through June 2021.



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