

# 2020-21 Committees

The mission of the Michigan State Medical Society is to promote a health care environment that supports physicians in caring for and enhancing the health of Michigan citizens through science, quality, and ethics in the practice of medicine.

## COMMITTEE ON BIOETHICS

Lauren B. Smith, MD, Chair

This Committee considers ethical issues related to medical practice, education, research, and public policy. It issues advisory opinions and sends recommendations for action to the MSMS Board of Directors. Additionally, this Committee is actively engaged in bioethics educational and outreach activities through its annual conference and other forums. The Committee meets four to six times a year.

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## PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR MSMS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

David T. Walsworth, MD, Chair

This Committee coordinates and plans the MSMS Annual Scientific Meeting, the organization's largest event of the year. The ASM offers more than 25 clinical courses during the four-day event in October. The Committee meets three times a year by conference call.

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## COMMITTEE ON CME ACCREDITATION

Rebecca Daniel, MD, Co-Chair

Brooke Taylor, RN, Co-Chair

This Committee assures that quality CME activities are available to Michigan physicians through review, evaluation, and accreditation of medical education providers in the state. The Committee meets quarterly at MSMS Headquarters in East Lansing and/or by conference call.

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## COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE MSMS POLICY MANUAL

Theodore B. Jones, MD, Chair

The MSMS Policy Manual is intended as a reference tool and resource document for MSMS members. It includes all policy actions of the MSMS House of Delegates and of the MSMS Board of Directors. The MSMS Policy Manual is reviewed annually to ensure that MSMS members have access to the Society's most recent policies on the vital issues of concern to the medical profession. This committee meets by conference call.

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## COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

Bradley J. Uren, MD, Chair

This Committee monitors and influences Michigan legislation related to health care. The Committee also works to enhance physician participation in the state legislative process. Meetings are held five times a year.

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## LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH MEDICAL LICENSURE BOARDS

Mildred J. Willy, MD, Chair

This Committee serves as the liaison between the Michigan Board of Medicine and the Michigan State Medical Society. The Committee serves as a resource and counselor to the MSMS Board of Directors on issues regarding licensure of physicians. The Committee serves as the review body for applicants wishing to garner support from MSMS for appointment to the Michigan Board of Medicine. Meetings are held biannually and as needed.

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## LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH MICHIGAN'S PUBLIC HEALTH

Sandro K. Cinti, MD, Chair

This Committee works to improve information and communication channels among public health officers, practicing physicians, and the public on environmental and public health issues of mutual concern. The Committee also advises the MSMS Board on key issues pertaining to public health policy and community well-being in Michigan. This Committee meets quarterly at MSMS Headquarters in East Lansing.

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## **TASK FORCE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION**

Angela L. Pinheiro, MD, JD, Chair

The Task Force will monitor and explore current legislative and regulatory developments related to the state's efforts to improve the coordination of physical and behavioral health services. Charges include reviewing and potentially weighing in on proposals to reform financing models and policies that impact individuals with mental illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. The Task Force will meet as needed.

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## **MSMS OPIOID STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE**

Pino D. Colone, MD, Chair

This Task Force will advise MSMS and help shape internal and external policies, positions and activities related to the utilization of opioids and alternative therapies, advancement of evidence-based treatment, and development of resources to support physicians in caring for patients with pain and/or prescription drug dependency. The Task Force meets as needed.

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