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### 1. Health Care 'Not about Any One of Us, But All of Us,' Says Doctor Grant



*Doctor Grant delivers his inaugural address to the House.*

James D. Grant, MD, an Oakland County anesthesiologist, was installed as the 149th President of

#### Conference on Child Obesity

May 13, 2014

The Henry - Dearborn

This conference looks at the "whole" child and provides resources that will help medical professionals assist children and their families with the prevention and treatment of obesity.

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#### Spring Scientific Meeting

May 14-15, 2014

The Henry - Dearborn

This two-day event provides physicians, nurses and other health care professionals an opportunity to earn up to 16.0 AMA CME credits.

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#### ICD-10: Are You Prepared?

May 15, 2014

The Henry - Dearborn

The class includes information about where your practice should be at this time and steps to achieve identified

MSMS on Saturday during the annual House of Delegates meeting in Dearborn. During his inaugural address, Doctor Grant expressed energy and optimism about leadership opportunities--and challenges--facing physicians.

"Health system reform needs to be driven by us. This doesn't necessarily mean controlled by physicians, but led by physicians. Leadership is about building bridges toward common goals. We need to be sure that we are leading the teams that are driving the changes forward," he said.

"Your patients see you as a leader, but that also means leading by example. You don't realize what an impact you can make by doing what is best for your patients, for your staff, and for our system. It's not about any one of us, but about all of us."

[Watch video of Doctor Grant's inaugural address >>](#)

In addition to electing and ushering in new leadership, delegates and alternate delegates voted Sunday to make policy on a wide range of issues, including efforts to decrease immunization opt-outs in Michigan (see related article below), to address maintenance of certification, and to oppose rapid diagnostic testing by pharmacists.

Regarding the last issue, MSMS is working with the Michigan Association of Family Physicians to ensure patients are safe and to assess options in ensuring this doesn't violate the Public Health Code. Watch Medigram, [msms.org](http://msms.org), and MSMS social medial channels for further developments.

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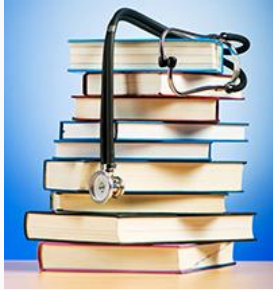


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## 2. Med Student Loan Repayment Bill Clears House Committee



This week, the Michigan House Appropriations Committee passed Senate Bill 648, which would modify a program that re-pays student loans to

incentivize more medical students to practice primary care in rural and underserved parts of the state. The bipartisan, co-sponsored by Sen. John Moolenaar (R-Midland) and Rep. Jim Ananich (D-Flint), now heads to the House floor for final consideration.

MSMS Medical Student Section Chair and Board of Directors student representative Nicolas Fletcher, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, submitted a statement in support of the bill in an early hearing, praising the bill's aim to supply "underserved areas with providers who are educated, interested, and invested in improving the health of their communities."

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The bill would remove the four-year limit on loan repayments, increase the maximum annual loan repayment, and establish a lifetime cap on loan repayments. And it would permit the Michigan Department of Community Health to give preference to physicians studying general practice, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or internal medicine.

Keep watching Medigram, MSMS social media channels, and [www.msms.org](http://www.msms.org) for further developments.

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### 3. MSMS Tackles Michigan's High Exemption Rates during National Infant Immunization Week

On Tuesday, physicians across Michigan publicly urged parents to immunize their children to protect them from potentially deadly diseases such as influenza, pertussis, and pneumonia.



Fourteen physicians representing MSMS, American Academy of Pediatrics - Michigan Chapter, Michigan Association of Family Physicians, and Michigan Osteopathic Association, spoke at news conferences in Detroit, Lansing, Flint, and Grand Rapids to raise awareness of Michigan's alarmingly high exemption rate.

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Last weekend, the MSMS House of Delegates took action to make it more difficult for parents to opt out of vaccinating their kids.

Currently, they can opt out of vaccination for religious, medical or "other" reasons, but the MSMS House voted to request the change be made to the State's Public Health Policy Code and eliminate the option of selecting "other" in hopes of improving the immunization in Michigan.

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## 4. Support Supreme Court Candidates to Protect Tort Reform



*(l to r) Justices Zahra and Viviano address the MSMS Board about the importance of keeping a rule-of-law majority in the high court.*

The Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC) will host a fundraiser on Wednesday,

May 7, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., at Brick Street Grill in Grand Blanc, to support the candidacies of Justice Brian Zahra and Justice David Viviano, two rule-of-law justices who have records of upholding existing laws, such as the crucial tort reforms physicians fought so hard to pass in 1993.

To RSVP, contact Heather Pratt at 517-336-5719 or [hpratt@msms.org](mailto:hpratt@msms.org).

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## 5. Get Your Golf On! Register Now for Foundation Fundraiser in June

The MSMS Foundation will hold its 22nd Annual Golf & Tennis Classic on Monday, June 2, at Forest Akers - West Course in East Lansing. Proceeds will help the Foundation support community-based health projects throughout Michigan.

Forest Akers Golf Courses are recognized as two of the best public golf courses in the state of Michigan and home to the Big Ten champion Michigan State University Men's and Women's Golf Teams.

[Register now >>](#)

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## 6. Learn about State Innovation Model through Interactive Webinar



The state has submitted the final Blueprint for Health Innovation to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid

Innovation. The Blueprint is Michigan's final product of the [State Innovation Model \(SIM\)](#) planning process that has occurred over the course of the last year. The Blueprint provides a framework for moving forward into the next phase: preparing the State Innovation Model test grant application.

The Michigan Department of Community Health and other stakeholders will present an interactive "SIM 101" webinar to educate physicians and other health care providers on Wednesday, May 7, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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