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MSSC report: Area health care rings up \$2.8 billion payroll impact



hey lack the ring of "Air Capital," but "medical mecca" or "medical powerhouse" are fitting descriptions for Wichita and its health care community, as a recent MSSCsponsored economic study shows health care second only to manufacturing when it comes to jobs and payroll.

Health care and related industries accounted for 15.6 percent of all employment in the Wichita statistical area, consisting of Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, Sumner and Kingman counties, according to the report prepared by the WSU Center for Economic Development and Business Research. The report, using 2016 census data, was the sixth such report commissioned by the Medical Society.

Almost 43,600 people worked directly in health care and related industries in 2016, while over 29,300 indirect jobs also came from health care. The total employment of nearly 73,000 contributed \$2.8 billion in wages to the area's economy. Those jobs paid an average annual wage of \$41,998, up slightly from 2014. continued on page 2

Crossing \$200 million in donations,

landmark built upon the giving nature of the Wichita medical community: \$200 million in donated care and services.

That sizable amount has enabled Project Access, operated by the MSSC affiliate Central Plains Health Care Partnership, to coordinate care for over 13,800 Sedgwick County residents over its nearly 19 years of existence.

"The milestone is a testament to the incredible generosity of the medical community," said Shelley

Duncan, the executive director of the partnership since July 2017. "I have been blown away by the physicians, laboratories, hospitals, dentists and others who give time and services."

To celebrate the \$200 million mark. Project Access plans an event

this fall – details coming soon – to honor those who have donated care and services to the program. That event will serve as a kickoff for another coming milestone – Project Access' 20th anniversary in September 2019. Part of the increase awareness of the program.

Project Access coordinates care for county residents with major medical needs, connecting eligible patients with doctors, hospitals, laboratories and others who provide services and medications. More than 60 percent of its patients are working poor, people who have jobs but cannot afford health insurance.

"The need is constant," said Dr. Tom Bloxham, Central Plains board chairman and a participant since the program's inception. "To have a system that provides all kinds of physicians, hospitals, diagnostic facilities, medications and durable medical equipment allows us to not only volunteer and see people without charge but also to follow through and meet that need. You have to have the whole package or otherwise physicians' efforts would go for naught."

Project Access plans to celebrate

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anniversary will feature a high-profile event and fund-raiser to

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SEPTEMBER, Date TBA

WD<40, the new **MSSC** group giving young doctors a chance to meet and network, will hold

mixer with the Wichita Bar Association's young lawyers group.



OCT. 1: MSSC Members Meeting. Join us at Wichita's new Advanced Learning Library downtown. Featuring fast-paced, informative presentations similar to past QuickFire events, the Monday meeting will also provide a chance to explore the modern building.

SEPT. 22: KMS Annual Meeting,

Topeka. The meeting will focus on opioid abuse and doctors' roles in the problem. AMA President-elect Patrice Harris, MD, will speak on the issue, and journalist Sam Quinones, author of Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic, will be keynote speaker. Signup info will be up soon at kmsonline.org.



and our profession.

July President's Message



by Jed Delmore, MD -

What would you tell your mother to do?
Over the past 35 years, the essence of the question has remained the same, though the family member has changed. That is, from 1983 to 2018, the question was how I would advise my mother, then sister or spouse, then daughter, and most recently granddaughter.

As physicians and practitioners, that question is posed to us daily, putting us on the spot about fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, you name it. Certainly, some variation of that question is posed to lawyers, financial advisers and other service providers, though usually not involving situations of life and death.

In my view, this question plays to the heart of the physician-patient relationship.

In 1992, Drs. Ezekiel and Linda Manuel categorized four roles physicians play in the physician-patient relationship.

- The Paternalistic Approach, in which the physician is the guardian making decisions.
- The Informative Model, in which the physician provides factual information regarding treatment options, then implements the patient's choice. This could be considered the consumer model.
- The Interpretive Model, in which the physician explains the

- patient's medical status, then interprets the treatment options and implements the chosen intervention. Consider this the adviser model.
- The Deliberative Model, in which the physician functions as a teacher or friend enunciating the treatment measures and convinces or advises the patient as to the best option.

Certainly, in varying circumstances and times, I have seen myself in all four categories. The 83-year-old patient being pressured into futile chemotherapy by family members she doesn't wish to disappoint probably needs a friend and guardian instead.

I suppose most of us would like to say we fit into the Interpretive or Deliberative categories but have been placed in the Informative Model by patients following their extensive Google research. We all adapt to the situation based on a patient's medical condition, knowledge base, level of understanding and preservation of autonomy.

Sometimes the decision is hard, and sometimes we don't agree with the decision, but patient autonomy rules the day.

So, posed with the question of what you would tell your (pick a relative) to do, I respond that just telling any of my relatives what to do would be unrealistic. They are of their own minds. I am happy to make a suggestion, with which they may or may not agree.

When my mother was alive she had two versions of "my son the doctor." If she liked my suggestion, she was content. If she didn't like the suggestion, she would point out that it really wasn't my specialty anyway.

Fortunately, that relationship was never a physician-patient one.

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As most physicians are well aware, Wichita's medical care and expertise draw patients from well beyond the area, even from out of state. Those patients and their family further contribute to health care's economic effects, through purchases of meals, lodging and other goods.

"The study reinforces what I and many other physicians see in our offices every week: Patients who come here for expert care that is not available at home," said Dr. Jed Delmore, MSSC president. "It's satisfying to know that we are not only providing essential, sometimes life-saving, care for patients but also helping fuel our economy and provide good jobs for residents."

At a time of challenges confronted by hospitals and providers, such as the lack of Medicaid expansion in Kansas and regulatory and electronic medical record demands that make it particularly difficult for smaller practices, employment growth in health care was nearly flat from 2013 to 2016. The study's researchers said, though, that the numbers indicated an industry holding its own in a region where other industries took hits during that period.

Health care also generated an estimated \$189.5 million in state income and state and local sales taxes. In addition, health care employees and companies pay real estate taxes that help support schools and other local government services.

For the study, the health care industry included hospitals, clinics, diagnostic laboratories, dentist offices, nursing and residential care facilities, and offices of other health practitioners. Related industries included such businesses as medical equipment makers and suppliers, drug stores and research.

Macaluso appointment to new post reflects expanded research emphasis at KUSM-Wichita

MSSC member Dr. Matthew Macaluso has been named assistant dean of research at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, a new position designed to expand clinical research at the school and in the community.

In his new role, he will continue to be director of clinical trials, as the Center for Clinical Research moves from the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences to the Office of Research. He also will continue to head the psychiatry residency program.

Dr. Macaluso, who has been principal investigator on more than 75 clinical trials of new drugs, hopes to expand faculty involvement in clinical trials and familiarize medical students with trials and the drug development process. He also hopes to increase knowledge about and participation by community physicians in research and trials.



"This position was created to broaden the research resources related to clinical research for the KU School of Medicine-Wichita," K. James Kallail, associate dean for research, said in a news release. "Dr. Macaluso directs a successful clinical research program. The next step is to broaden its scope to other departments and specialties as well as to other institutions, such as the VA."

Physicians interested in collaborating on clinical trials can contact Dr. Macaluso at 316-293-2676 or mmacaluso@kumc.edu.

WCGME seeks mentors for malpractice cases

The Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education is seeking retired physician volunteers to serve as mentors to resident physicians who have been named in a medical malpractice claim.

The WCGME program is intended to help residents deal with the uncertainty and stress of being involved in such cases. It is seeking mentors who have had previous experience in such cases and the legal system and who may understand what the resident is going through. They will receive training for the mentoring program, including what topics can be discussed and which ones to avoid.

Retired physicians interested in volunteering can contact Redondo Gates, WCMGE's chief operating officer, at 316-293-3410 or *rgates2@kumc.edu*

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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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Start date 8/1

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Contact information remains the same.

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Redwood Family Practice closed 6/29 Pei-Chi Fu, MD, moved to NV

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Pei-Chi Fu. MD - Moved out of state Paul Wilhelm, MD - Moved out of area

In Remembrance

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

Internist and gastroenterologist Gerald Kennedy, M.D., died May 26, 2018. After earning a degree from St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine), Dr. Kennedy graduated from KU School of Medicine



in 1961 and served an internship at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita and went into practice in Wichita. He completed his residency in internal medicine at KU School of Medicine in 1968 and completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at KU Medical Center in 1971. He was board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology and was board eligible in nuclear cardiology as well. He retired in 2007. See Dr. Kennedy's full obituary at: www.downingandlahey.com/obituary/4879971



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