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Stark County Medical Society **News**

Spring/Summer 2023

A Message from our President: Dr. Roger Musa, MD

I would like to bring attention to an issue reduce healthcare disparities. We are that continues to affect the health and wellbeing of our community: healthcare disparities. Despite significant progress in the healthcare sector, disparities in healthcare access and outcomes persist among certain populations, such as low-income individuals, people of color, and those living in rural areas.

In Stark County, there are marked disparities in health outcomes between different racial and ethnic groups. For example, black residents are more likely to experience premature death and have a higher incidence of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease than white residents. Moreover, low-income individuals often have less access to healthcare services and are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes.

As healthcare providers, we have a moral obligation to address these disparities and work towards equitable healthcare for all individuals in our community. It is essential that we understand the root causes of healthcare disparities and proactive steps to address them.

The Stark County Medical Society is committed to promoting diversity and inclusivity within our profession, and to advocating for policies that working in collaboration with local organizations, community leaders, and policymakers to identify and address the factors that contribute to these disparities.

Our efforts include supporting initiatives that increase access healthcare for underserved populations, advocating for policies that reduce health inequities, and providing education and training to our members on cultural competence and unconscious bias. By working together, we can make significant progress in improving the health and wellbeing of all individuals in our community.

I urge all of our members to join us in this important work. Together, we can build a healthcare system that is accessible, affordable, and equitable for everyone in Stark County.



Dr. Roger Musa, MD

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The Stark County Medical Society (SCMS) has access to politicians and the state medical association. Together, we are strong with a voice that will be heard! Contact us at 330.492.3333 or www.starkmedical.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



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The Stark County Medical Society is pleased to announce a vendor partnership with GDK & Company of North Canton for disability and long-term care insurance.

Partnering with Quinn Parker and the team at GDK, we are able to offer special pricing and coverages thru Ameritas, one of the largest disability insurance carriers, with coverages specific to medical professionals. Members will also have access to coverage from every long-term care insurance carrier in the current marketplace.

We're very excited to be able to offer both types of insurance to our members ~ please contact Quinn today at 330-244-2008 or quinn@gdkandco.com to discuss your disability and long-term care needs!

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Protect Your Paycheck

Everything that you have rests on your ability to earn an income. If you suddenly lost your ability to work and earn a living due to a sickness or injury, how would it change your life? How would you pay your bills?



The decision to protect your income with disability income insurance is a smart one.

Contact me today

Together, we can build a solid foundation for your financial future with cost savings available through your membership – a **15% discount**.

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Disability Income Insurance

For association members

Planning for the unexpected

The decision to build a comprehensive financial plan is a smart strategy to help you through times of uncertainty and it should include disability income insurance. Disability income insurance helps you plan for the unexpected by replacing a portion of your income, if you're unable to work due to a sickness or injury.

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We understand what is important to you

Dinamic Foundation from Ameritas is disability income insurance and it helps protect your financial foundation. It'll be there when you need it most, going to work for you when you can't.

We understand what is important to you which is why Dlnamic Foundation offers cost savings and design flexibility, so you can design coverage specific to your individual income protection needs.

Premium savings

As a member of an approved association, you are entitled to a 15% discount from standard rates when you purchase individual DI and/or Business Overhead Expense insurance.

Plan design flexibility

Options are essential to building disability protection based on your unique needs. With Dlnamic Foundation, you have choices.

- Plan options
 - 1. Noncancelable and Guaranteed Renewable offers a rate guarantee to age 65.
 - Guaranteed Renewable helps you save on the cost of insurance, but premiums are subject to change prior to age 65 (on a class basis with state approval).
- · Definition of disability
 - Own Occupation: benefits are paid if you're unable to work in your own occupation due to sickness or injury, even if you choose to work in another occupation.
 - Own Occupation and Not Working: benefits are paid if you're unable to work in your occupation due to a sickness or injury and if you're not working in another occupation.



FINANCIAL FOCUS: Are you protected from disability risk? **BY EDWARD JONES**

Like many people, you may try to stay healthy by exercising regularly, following a good diet and avoiding dangerous activities. But as we all know, life is unpredictable, and despite your best efforts, you may encounter an injury or illness that can leave you unable to work for several months - or longer. If this happened, would you have difficulty paying your bills? Or would you be forced to dip into investments meant to help you achieve long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

To help prevent these outcomes, you may want to protect yourself against the possibility of a disability. One good move is to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Even if you never need this fund for a disability, it's hardly a wasted effort, because you could use the funds for other unexpected costs, such as a major repair to your home

But to feel truly prepared for a disability that could threaten your financial situation, you may also need to consider disability insurance. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may offer group coverage as an employee benefit. This coverage can be valuable, but it may not be sufficient. For one thing, many employer-sponsored disability policies won't fully replace your lost income. Also, some group policies may make you wait longer than you'd like before your benefits kick in. And these policies aren't always "portable," either — if you leave your job, you might also be leaving behind your disability

For these reasons, you may want to consider purchasing a long-term disability insurance policy. However, the features of these policies vary greatly, so you'll want to be diligent in choosing the policy that's right for you.

What are the key features to compare among policies? For openers, look at the type of policy — is it noncancelable or guaranteed renewable? With a noncancelable policy, the terms and premiums can't be changed, but a guaranteed renewable policy can increase premiums.

Here are some other features to consider:

- Coverage amount How much will you receive in benefits? You may be able to replace up to 100% of your after-tax income.
- Waiting period How much time must pass from the onset of your disability until you start receiving benefits?
- · Benefit duration How long will you receive benefits? To protect against a long-term disability, you might want a policy that replaces income until your planned retirement age.
- Inflation coverage How much will your benefits increase each year? Ideally, you'd like your benefits to keep pace with inflation and keep up with what you might receive from future salary increases or promotions.
- Definition of disability If you choose an "Own Occupation" policy, you'll receive benefits if you can't work at the job you had when you became disabled. With an "Any Occupation" policy, you'll receive benefits if you can't work at any job based on your qualifications.

Clearly, there's much to consider when choosing a disability policy. You might want to consult with a financial professional, who can help you pick a policy that fits within your overall financial strategy. But don't wait too long—you may never need to use this protection, but you might like having it available.

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A Memorial Tribute

J. Matthew Neal, M.D. October 13, 1938 – February 23, 2023

> Tippur Seshagiri, M.D. March 25, 2023

Richard D. Zimmerman, M.D. December 14, 1935 – January 4, 2023

> Ricardo Limardo, M.D. March 28th, 2023

Raymond John McMahon, M.D. June 20, 1930 - April 22, 2023

Stark County Medical Society

22nd Annual Golf Outing

to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The Quarry Golf Club 5650 Quarry Lake Drive SE in Canton

9:30AM Registration, Free Range Balls and Shrimp & Bloody Mary Hospitality Station

11:00AM Shotgun Start

5:00PM Dinner

Scramble format 18 holes with cart • Lunch at the turn
Beer, pop and water on the course • Raffles • Pizza, margaritas and chips
during golf • Exclusive swag bag for each golfer • Prizes • Free contests
Barbeque dinner buffet in the ballroom immediately after golf

\$125/Golfer • \$500/Foursome

Single Registration • \$125/Person

Name:

Individual golfers and smaller groups will be paired for the event.

Team Registration • \$500/Foursome

Team Name:

Name 1:

Name 2:

Name 3:

Name 4:

The event will sell out. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Your payment is required for completion of your registration.

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Sebastian has his entire life mapped out - not something many people can say when they're in their early 20s. Through SureShred, he is currently working on growing job skills that will assist him in securing independent employment. Sebastian's goal? To gain independent employment at a local bakery.

You may wonder - what does shredding have to do with baking? The answer is more than you think. Through SureShred, Sebastian is learning valuable skills that will benefit him in any career, including attention to detail, organization, time management, and communication.

Outside of work Sebastian enjoys walking, playing video games, and cooking. He also shares that he has a passion for helping and taking care of others. Sebastian is an advocate not only for himself, but for others with developmental disabilities as well. He strives to educate himself and others about developmental disabilities and mental illness - determined to combat the stigmas attached to these

diagnoses.

Sebastian chooses employment because it provides him the opportunity to learn new skills, earn a paycheck, and spend time with friends. Through his employment, Sebastian earns a paycheck and can utilize this money however he chooses. He often uses the money he earns to purchase new video games!



When asked what he wished people knew about him, Sebastian responds without hesitation - "That all people regardless of who they are, deserve to be treated equally and with kindness. Even if they are different."

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From the Desk of Charles Smith, M.D. THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM?

We just came back from Austria. It has If you needed care, you went to the their primary care doctor, are flooding the been 55 years since I first visited that Emergency Department of the hospital. hospital clinics or paying to see a private country. A lot was happening back then The worst part of the system, as I saw it physician. Overall, most seem to be happy (besides getting married). We had just back then, was the fragmentation of care. with this private system. Physicians earn shot a man around the moon, they were When a patient went to the hospital they a decent living, and patients get better burning down our cities, and Medicare saw an unfamiliar doctor, then another care. WHAT A CONCEPT. was just being implemented. We were new doctor in rehab, and yet another in But the socialist party is up in arms worried about socialized medicine and the nursing home. what it would be like in the United States. We assumed it would be a carbon copy About 10-15 years ago their system was of the English system. I was interested going broke, so they instituted a co-pay. to learn about and then disturbed to Doctors were still paid their pittance by find out what it was like in Austria. They the insurance, but then the insurance had a government health insurance, but company billed the patients for the coalso other insurance plans sponsored pay. by various unions and associations. Basically, the health care system was controlled by the insurance companies.

contract with an insurance plan. Patients to see a private physician because of were told where they could obtain astronomically shorter waiting times both medical care and which doctors they for outpatient care and surgery, as well could see. I was shocked. Doctors were as better quality of care and longer office paid a pittance resulting in them seeing visits. The insurance will reimburse the at least 20 patients an hour. Patients patients 80% of what they would have were required to return every month for paid a panel doctor. Not unexpectedly, refills on their medications. Prescriptions the insurance companies are struggling were never called in. Patients never called to get physicians to sign up for their their doctor after hours or on weekends. plans. Patients, unable to get into see

What I discovered this time in Austria was that Physicians are increasingly opting out of the insurance program. A doctor couldn't practice unless he had a People are increasingly willing to pay

because they have created a two-tier system of health care. Everyone seems to have their own ideas on how to "reform" this new system, but no one has thought of paying doctors more to participate in the panels.

55 years ago when I first visited Austria I saw the future of the health care system in the United States. Will this "new" trend be our future too?







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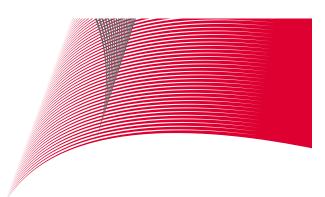


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- Bring prescription bottles or a list (must have current scripts or refills available)

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Sunday, August 20, 2023

Oakwood Country Club

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2 Ways to have fun!

Join us for an old fashion family pot luck picnic at Noon.
Or

Tee off at 10:30 am for a 9 Hole Scramble, join us for BBQ, pot luck, and outdoor games and then golf another 9 holes!

Either way Just bring a side dish or dessert to share. SCMS will supply the BBQ.

RSVP: 330.492.3333

No later than 8/15/23

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150 CLUB WINNERS!

150 Club winners for the month of May were numbers 20, 30, and 06. There's still a chance to be a winner. Contact Kevin for ticket info.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL DISCOUNTS

SCMS is pleased to announce a new partnership with Amer-Medical Waste Services. Ameri-Medical is a complete medical waste service which meets or exceeds all environmental regulatory requirements. We negotiated a guaranteed price structure for our members for period of five years. The fee includes container, liner, transportation, disposal and manifest tracking. There are no hidden charges. To schedule a no obligation quote, please contact Jim Parks at 1.800.604.5039. Membership has its value.

2023 DUES

If you have already paid your 2023 dues, THANK YOU! If not, it's not too late. Full-time dues are \$325.00 (check) or \$335.00 (credit card) and Part-time dues are \$225.00 (check) or \$235.00 (credit card).

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Did you move or change practice location or get a new email address? If so, please let us know. We want to make sure you get all SCMS updates and correspondence.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in strengthening organized medicine? Want to make a difference in your community? Network with professionals and make new friends? If so, we have opportunities for you. Reach out to a current board member about serving as a trustee, helping with fundraising, member recruitment, or organizing a meeting. Whatever your talent, we have a place for you.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are changing and vary from week to week. Be patient if you leave a message, it might take a day or two to get back with you. Email is a great way to communicate with us. Kevin can be reached at **kpmetz@ameritech.net**.

2023 CALENDAR

August

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Membership Picnic

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Tee-Off Noon Lunch Oakwood Country Club 7

SCMS Board Meeting

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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September

Golf Outing

Wednesday 11 a.m. Shot-Gun Start The Quarry Golf Club 22

Health Fair

Friday 8:30 a.m.

November

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SCMS Board Meeting

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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SCMS Board Meeting

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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Holiday Party

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Brookside Country Club

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