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Karole Bradford Appointed KCMS Foundation CEO



Please join us in congratulating Karole Bradford on her appointment as chief executive officer of the Kansas City Medical Society Foundation effective today, May 1. Bradford joined the KCMS Foundation in December 2018 as chief program officer. She brings nearly 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience. The Foundation operates the Wy Jo Care and Metro Care charitable care programs for the uninsured, and works to advance the overall health and wellness of people across greater Kansas City through education and advocacy. Angela Bedell continues as CEO of the Medical Society. We are pleased to have Karole on board leading the Foundation! [See the full announcement.](#)

Nominations Open for KCMS 2020 Awards

Do you know a physician, individual or organization that deserves recognition for outstanding service to medicine and health in greater Kansas City? We invite you to nominate them for a 2020 Kansas City Medical Society Award. Categories include Lifetime Achievement and Friend of Medicine, as well as Member Awards for Patient and Community Advocate, Community Service, Innovation and Rising Star. The honors will be presented at the 2020 Medical Society Annual Meeting tentatively set for October. Pictured, KCMS 2019 President Mark Brady, MD, presents last year's Rising Star Award to Carole Freiberger-O'Keefe, DO. Nomination deadline is June 12th. [Learn more and nominate.](#)



MSMA Virtual Legislative Update Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m.

As the 2020 session of the Missouri Legislature nears its statutory May 15 adjournment, a rush is expected to get bills passed in the closing days. What are the hot issues impacting physicians? Find out from Missouri State Medical Association lobbyists in this virtual legislative update via Zoom on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m. [Learn more and register.](#) You will receive the Zoom link after you register. (Note: if you are reading this and attempting to register after 5 p.m. Friday or do not receive the Zoom link, it is suggested you email Jeff Howell of MSMA



directly, jhowell@msma.org.)

Front-Line Accounts Needed for *Kansas City Medicine*

Have you been serving on the front lines treating COVID-19 patients? We would like to hear your stories for the upcoming issue of *Kansas City Medicine*. Contact editor@kcmedicine.org.

Letter to Governors Calls for Reporting COVID-19 Data by Race, Ethnicity

KCMS and the KCMS Foundation are co-signers of a [letter to Missouri Gov. Mike Parson and Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly](#) asking them to prioritize the collection and public dissemination of COVID-19 data by race, ethnicity, and ZIP code. These data are essential to understanding the unique challenges and inequities facing communities of color. Current data shows that African Americans comprise 55% of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Kansas City, Mo., but represent only 39% of the population. In Wyandotte County, black residents make up 25% of the population but provide 55% of the COVID-19 cases. Lead authors of the letter are the Health Forward Foundation, El Centro and the Urban League of Greater Kansas City. [Read the letter](#).

Get Updated on CMS Telehealth Guidelines

Find out about recent changes to CMS telehealth guidelines in this webinar on Monday, May 11, at 10 a.m. The webinar is hosted jointly by the Kansas Medical Society and the Missouri State Medical Association along with the state medical associations in Iowa and Kansas. The program will address Medicare, billing for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and billing for non-RHCs. [Learn more and register](#).

Clinical Trials in Kansas City on Possible COVID-19 Treatments

Two clinical trials are underway in Kansas City to study possible treatments for COVID-19:

- Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute is part of a [randomized, global Phase III trial to assess the potential of dapagliflozin](#) as a treatment in patients hospitalized with COVID-19 who are at risk of developing serious complications.
- The University of Kansas Medical Center is part of a [national clinical trial on hydroxychloroquine](#) for treatment of COVID-19.

In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to the family of Ali Arbab, MD, FACS, longtime surgical oncologist and general surgeon in Kansas City who passed away on April 7 at the age of 90. Dr. Arbab received the KCMS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. Pictured, Dr. Arbab at the 2015 awards presentation. [Read the obituary from the April 26 *Kansas City Star*](#).



In the Media

- KCMS Retired Physicians Organization member Donald Potts, MD, published this [letter to the editor in today's Kansas City Star](#) offering some sarcastic advice for people who discount COVID-19 prevention guidelines. [Read the letter.](#)
- Saint Luke's Mid-America Heart Institute and its shift to telemedicine during COVID-19 was featured in this [NBC News story](#) that aired nationally on April 26. KCMS member Michael Main, MD, is interviewed. Members Arthur McGhie, MD, and Bethany A Austin, MD, also appear. [See the segment.](#)
- Chiefs right guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardiff, MD, [was featured in Sports Illustrated](#). The article is a first person account of his journey since the Super Bowl to the COVID-19 front lines. Recently he began working in a long-term care facility near his hometown outside of Montreal. He also is a member of an NFL Players Association task force planning the safest measures to put into place when the game returns. [See the article.](#)



Physicians' Conference Call With Missouri DHSS Director Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Director Randall Williams, MD, and the Missouri State Medical Association again will host a conference call for physicians on Saturday, May 2, at 8 a.m. Dr. Williams will provide an update on COVID-19 in the state. To participate, call 888-330-9939, then enter PIN 767288#. [Learn more](#)

Follow KCMS Social Media for the Latest COVID-19 News

Check our [KCMS Facebook page](#) and [KCMS Twitter account](#) frequently for the latest COVID-19 news relevant to KCMS physicians. Most of the above articles appeared on our KCMS social media during the past week, plus many additional items. Get the news as it becomes available!

COVID-19 Information Resource Links

On the Medical Society website, [find links to major local, state and national COVID-19 resources](#) from our local and state health departments as well as the CDC. Resources include current case count dashboards from KDHE, DHSS and Johns Hopkins University as well as local dashboards for Kansas City, Mo., Johnson County and Wyandotte County.

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