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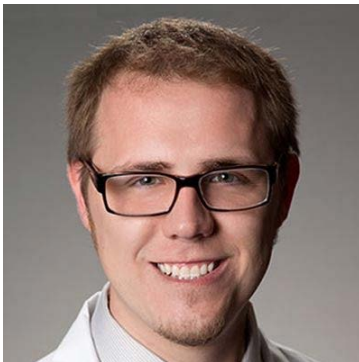
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Medscape Releases 2020 Physician Compensation Report

How much are physicians earning by specialty? And how has COVID-19 impacted physician income? Find out in Medscape's [10th Annual Physician Compensation Report](#). This year's study includes data from more than 17,000 doctors representing 30 specialties. Earnings are examined by specialty, gender, employed vs. self-employed, and other criteria, and asks participants questions pertinent to the practice of medicine today. While the data reflects income prior February 10, 2020, the report also includes supplemental questions about the impact of COVID-19 on practice income and patient volume, both of which have dropped by nearly half. [See the report](#).



Brian Mieczkowski, DO, Honored by HCA Midwest



KCMS Leadership Council member **Brian Mieczkowski, DO**, this week was presented with the Frist Humanitarian Award by HCA Midwest Research Medical Center. The award honors Dr. Mieczkowski for demonstrating a level of commitment and caring that goes beyond everyday acts of kindness, and for inspiring colleagues with compassion and dedication. Since 1971, HCA has presented the Frist Humanitarian Award at its facilities throughout the U.S. One physician, one employee and one volunteer can be honored at each facility. A pulmonologist, Dr. Mieczkowski has been treating patients hospitalized with COVID-19, though the award is for his work prior to COVID.

COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Physicians

Whether you are working on the frontlines caring for COVID-19 patients, or your practice has suffered a substantial loss of patients and income, or you are otherwise affected, the pandemic has brought much added stress for physicians. Here are several mental health resources:

- The American Medical Association offers [these mental health tips for physicians, patients and staff](#).
- [Headspace](#), AMA preferred provider of meditation and mindfulness, is offering any U.S.-based health care professional with a National Provider Identifier (NPI) a free subscription to Headspace Plus through December 31, 2020.
- [Physician Support Line](#), 888-409-0141, offers free and confidential peer support to American physicians by creating a safe space to discuss immediate life stressors with volunteer psychiatrist colleagues.
- The [Missouri Physicians Health Program](#) and the [Kansas Medical Society-Professionals'](#)

[Health Program](#) provide confidential counseling and resources.

KCMS Friend of Medicine Award Honors Community Partner

The KCMS Lifetime Friend of Medicine Award recognizes a non-physician for outstanding service to medicine. Do you know someone who qualifies for this award? Nominations for 2020 KCMS Awards are open now through Friday, June 12. Recent recipients of the award include **Patrick B. “Rusty” Ryan, PharmD** (pictured with 2019 KCMS President **Mark Brady, MD**), 2019; Kansas **State Sen. Jim Denning**, 2017; and **Charlie Shields**, CEO of Truman Medical Centers, 2015. [Learn more about the awards and submit a nomination.](#)



Tell Us Your News

Have you been appointed to a new position? Received an award? We would like to share the news with the Kansas City physician community through KCMS Member Connections and our quarterly journal *Kansas City Medicine*. The journal also welcomes letters to the editor and commentary articles. Send news items and article ideas to editor@kcmedicine.org.

In the Media

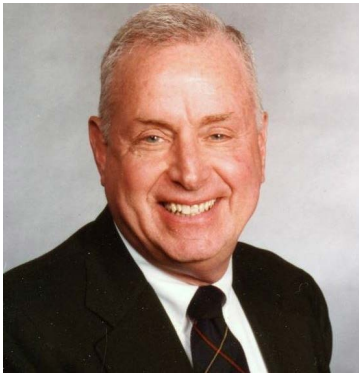
- **Steve Stites, MD**, executive vice president of clinical affairs and chief medical officer of the University of Kansas Health System, will appear on a national virtual event, “[COVID-19, Bending the Curve](#),” presented this Thursday, May 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by McClatchy, publisher of the *Kansas City Star* and other newspapers across the country. Thursday’s session will focus on how the nation can accelerate research and innovation toward treatments for COVID-19. He will be joined by Ray Deshaies, PhD, senior vice president of global research for Amgen. [Learn more and register.](#)
- The full 30-minute program *Diabetes in KC* featuring KCMS President **Betty Drees, MD, FACP, FACE** is now available for viewing online. [Click here to watch.](#)

MSMA Legislative Update

The Missouri Legislature completes its 2020 session today. Join the Missouri State Medical Association for a recap via Zoom on Sunday, May 17 at 6 p.m. [Learn more and register.](#) You will receive the Zoom link after you register. (Note: if you not receive the Zoom link, it is suggested you email Jeff Howell of MSMA, jhowell@msma.org.)

In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to the family of **R. Don Blim, MD**, a well-known pediatrician from Overland Park, who died May 11 at the age of 92. In private practice from 1956 to 1989, he was director of medical affairs and chief medical officer at Saint Luke’s Hospital from 1989 to 1999. He was president of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1980. [Read the obituary from the *Kansas City Star*.](#)



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. Get the news as it becomes available!

KCMS Member Connections will not publish next week. We will start twice-monthly schedule the following week. We will also send additional announcements about urgent news as needed.

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