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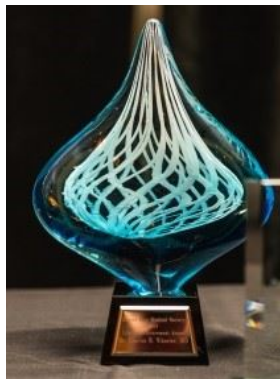
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Award Nomination Deadline is Friday!

Do you have a colleague who deserves recognition for their contributions to medicine and the community? Nomination deadline for the 2020 KCMS Awards is Friday, June 12. Learn more about the awards and submit a nomination. Following are the award categories:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Recognizes a KCMS member physician for leadership, lifelong commitment to health and dedication to the health of the greater Kansas City community.
- **Friend of Medicine Award:** Recognizes a non-physician for outstanding service to medicine.



Member Awards:

- **Rising Star Award:** Recognizes a KCMS member physician who has made significant contributions to medicine, their practice or the Medical Society early in their career.
- **Patient and Community Advocate Award:** Recognizes a KCMS member physician who has made significant contributions to helping patients with access to care or improved quality of care.
- **Innovation Award:** Recognizes a KCMS member physician or physician group practice that has led innovation in their practice or in the delivery of health care.
- **Community Service Award:** Recognizes a KCMS member physician, practice or facility that has serviced in community leadership made a significant contribution to the community.

Time is running short! We look forward to your nominations! [Nominate now](#)

Medicaid Expansion in Missouri - Now is the Time

On Tuesday, August 4, Missouri will vote on expanding Medicaid to cover hundreds of thousands of people who currently earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to afford health insurance or medical care. KCMS and the KCMS Foundation have endorsed the proposition, Amendment 2. With less than two months until the election, we need to share the importance of this vote to the health care of Missourians. KCMS and the KCMS Foundation ask for your help by signing our supporter list. We are compiling a list of physicians who support Medicaid expansion. This list will appear on our website and in media advertising. [Please add your name to our Medicaid expansion supporter list.](#) Watch for further announcements of campaign activities!



GetCareKC: It's Safe to See the Doctor

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have delayed seeking medical care. And physicians are concerned that the damage from untreated conditions will only get worse as time goes on. To help inform people that wide protections are in place at clinics and hospitals—***It's safe to see the doctor***—KCMS has created a series of social media graphics around this message. View the graphics and download them here: <https://kcmedicine.org/getcare-physicians/> The website for the public is <https://kcmedicine.org/getcare/>



A [recent survey](#) found that 41% of consumers have delayed health care services during the pandemic due to fears of catching the COVID-19 disease, including 60% of people with chronic conditions. As of early May when the survey was conducted, 31% remain uncomfortable visiting a doctor's office and 42% are uncomfortable going to a hospital.

Serving as American Hospital Association Chair



KCMS member Melinda Estes, MD, president and CEO of Saint Luke's Health System, is serving as 2020 chair of the American Hospital Association. She is a board-certified neurologist and neuropathologist. [Learn more about Dr. Estes and her goals for the AHA, especially in physician leadership.](#)

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