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### Welcoming Scott W. Kujath, MD, FSVS, FACS, as 2021 KCMS President



The Kansas City Medical Society welcomes [Scott W. Kujath, MD, FSVS, FACS](#), as our 2021 president. A board-certified vascular surgeon with Midwest Aortic & Vascular Institute (MAVI), Dr. Kujath is the chief of vascular surgery at Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center. He previously served from 2006 to 2017 as chief of vascular surgery at Truman Medical Center and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is 2021-2022 president of the medical staff at North Kansas City Hospital. Dr. Kujath is a clinical associate professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Kansas and Kansas City University. He is program director for MAVI's vascular surgery fellowship. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, Dr. Kujath completed a residency in general surgery at UMKC and fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. He has been a member of the KCMS board of directors since 2007 and was president-elect in 2020. He served as board chair of the KCMS Foundation in 2018. He is active in medical mission work in eastern Africa. [Learn more about Dr. Kujath.](#)

Thank you to **Betty M. Drees, MD, FACP, FACE**, for your outstanding service as 2020 KCMS president, especially as we met the challenges of COVID-19!

### KCMS Webinar "Advocating for Your Patients in 2021: How to Lead in a Time of Rapid Change" Set for January 30

Join KCMS for a special half-day webinar on Saturday, January 30, from 8 to 11 a.m. over Zoom, "Advocating for Your Patients in 2021: How to Lead in a time of Rapid Change". Find out how to be a leader and to advocate for your

patients and medicine ... in your hospital or organization, in the legislative and policy realm, and in the community as a whole in 2021.



Mark Brady, MD



Rachelle Colombo



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Speakers will include **Mark Brady, MD, FASA**, KCMS past president and Kansas Medical Society president-elect who also has spent many years as an advocate at the state and national levels, and who led a highly successful national fundraising campaign for a specialty society political action committee; **Rachelle Colombo**, executive director of the Kansas Medical Society, who previously served nine years as KMS director of government affairs; and **Bridget McCandless, MD, MBA, FACP**, KCMS past president and past CEO of the Health Forward Foundation, who has spent over 20 years as an advocate for the poor and underserved. Moderator will be **Jim Wetzel, MD**, who recently retired as senior vice president and chief medical officer at Olathe Health System, and who is the 2021 chair of the KCMS Foundation, a KCMS board member and chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee. [Register for the webinar.](#)

## Truman Surgeon Endorses COVID-19 Vaccine in Video, Emphasizing Minorities

Truman Medical Center trauma surgeon and KCMS member **Michael Moncure, MD**, appears in [this new hospital video endorsing the COVID-19 vaccine](#), especially for minority communities. “The data surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine points to one thing ... a pathway back to normalcy. By choosing to get the vaccine, you are not only protecting yourself but your family and friends,” he says in the video. He notes the disproportionate impact of COVID on minority communities, and that the vaccine has shown equal effectiveness across races and ethnicities. [Watch the video.](#)

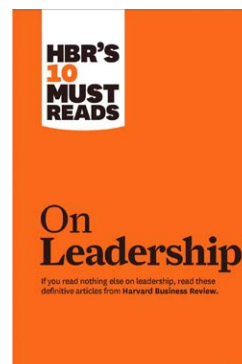


## Reminder - KMS/MSMA Medicare Webinar January 20

Find out about Medicare provider changes for 2021 at “What’s New in Medicare in 2021,” a January 20 webinar from 9 to 11 a.m. presented by the Kansas Medical Society in partnership with CMS and the Missouri State Medical Association. [Register for the webinar.](#)

## Leadership Book Study - Coming Soon!

KCMS will be launching a Leadership Book Study course later this winter for members. Keep a look out for more information as it becomes available.



## Members in the Media

*Kansas City* magazine's January 2021 Top Doctors issue includes [an interview with KCMS member Daniel Bortnick, MD](#), an Overland Park plastic surgeon. [See the Top Doctors issue.](#)

## Medical News in the Media

[A study released Jan. 7 reports that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is effective against a SARS-CoV-2 mutation with a spike N501Y substitution similar to the newly identified mutation.](#) (Washington Post)

[Federal data show which Kansas City area hospitals are running out of ICU beds](#) (KCUR)

[Black Health Care Coalition urges KC residents to get COVID-19 vaccine](#) (Kansas City Star)

[CMS proposes new rules to address prior authorization and reduce burden on patients and providers](#) (CMS)

[How COVID-19 attacks the brain and may, in severe cases, cause lasting damage](#) (NPR)

## Follow KCMS Social Media for the Latest News

Check our [KCMS Facebook page](#) and [KCMS Twitter account](#) frequently for the latest news relevant to KCMS physicians. Get the news as it becomes available!

## Calendar

Wednesday, January 20 – “What’s New in Medicare in 2021,” webinar presented by KMS in partnership with MSMA and CMS, 9 to 11 a.m. [Information and registration.](#)

Monday, January 25 – KCMS Leadership Council, 6 p.m., Zoom.

Wednesday, January 27 – KMS Advocacy Day & Annual Meeting, Topeka. [Information and registration.](#)

Saturday, January 30 – KCMS Leadership and Advocacy Webinar, 8 to 11 a.m., Zoom.

Tuesday, March 2 – MSMA Virtual White Coat Day with Missouri legislators, Zoom. [Information.](#)

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