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Leadership Book Study Begins in Late May

Join with leaders in the Kansas City medical community for a six-week book study on leadership beginning in late May. Goals of the book study include helping participants enhance their leadership skills and develop a professional network of emerging and existing physician leaders. For each session, participants will read and discuss a chapter from the *Harvard Business Review's 10 Must Reads on Leadership*. The group will be led by KCMS board member [Sarah Hon, DO](#), and KCMS Past President [Betty Drees, MD](#). Both bring strong leadership credentials. Dr. Hon is president of Meritas Health Neurology and is associate professor and chair of the Division of Neurology at Kansas City University. Dr. Drees served from 2001-2014 as dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; today in addition to her UMKC duties, she is president of the Graduate School of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research. For more information on this opportunity to learn from two highly regarded physician leaders, contact KCMS Membership & Events Director Emily Whalen at ewhalen@kcmedicine.org.

Tell Us Why You Recommend the COVID-19 Vaccine

Why do you recommend that patients get the COVID-19 vaccine? Share your reason with KCMS in a brief written statement of not more than 50 words. Also please include a headshot photo. Your words and image will help us promote vaccine acceptance. We will also share your testimonials with the new regional [Vaccinate KC #twomillionarmskc](#) campaign. **Send your statement and photo to Emily Whalen at ewhalen@kcmedicine.org as soon as possible.**



Kansas City Physicians Visible at MSMA Convention

KCMS members played visible parts in the Missouri State Medical Association virtual convention April 8-17. KCMS Past President Lancer Gates, DO, was elected chair of the MSMA



Council. A resolution sponsored by KCMS was passed encouraging medical schools and teaching institutions to educate staff and medical trainees on the medical syndrome of Near-Death Experiences (NDES). KCMS member and *Missouri Medicine* editor John C. Hagan, III, MD, has authored [The Science of Near-Death Experiences](#). Also visible at the convention were Joanne Loethen, MD, who gave a report as chair of the Women Physicians Section, and Sarah Florio, MD, who reported as co-chair of the MSMA Young Physicians Section.

KCMS Leadership Council Meets

The KCMS Leadership Council held its second quarter meeting on April 26. Topics discussed included ways to achieve greater diversity in KCMS leadership, hearing a presentation on the Vaccine KC/Two Million Arms Campaign, and sharing concerns about pending legislation in Missouri and Kansas that would grant greater scope of practice authority to nurse practitioners and similar professionals. Some legislation also would set up residency programs for nurse practitioners. Physician concerns center on the many more years of training that physicians must undergo; in the case of residency programs, there already is a shortage of slots for medical graduates that leave many graduates without residencies. For more information, please contact the Leadership Council member from your institution. [See the 2021 Leadership Council roster](#). Or, contact Emily Whalen at ewhalen@kcmedicine.org.

Medicaid Expansion Blocked in Missouri Legislature

In a major disappointment but not a surprise to advocates, the Missouri Senate this week declined to restore Medicaid expansion funding in the state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The House previously had stripped expansion funding from the budget. Advocates are expected to mount a legal challenge.

In the legislative debate, advocates point out that expansion is directed by the constitutional amendment passed last August, and that expansion would in fact bring more revenue to the state than it would cost due to federal incentives. Opponents argue that the state can't count on federal dollars for Medicaid expansion in the future, and that expansion increases welfare payments when the state should be encouraging people to work. Medicaid expansion is supported by KCMS and the KCMS Foundation as well as MSMA. See coverage: [Kansas City Star](#) [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

Where to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine in Kansas City

Check out our [newly updated links to Kansas City vaccine providers](#) on the KCMS website.

Medical News in the Media

[CDC Updates Mask-Wearing Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons](#)

[‘We’re Coming for You’: For Public Health Officials, a Year of Threats and Menace \(Kaiser Health News\)](#)

[Most physicians had little relief from prior authorization as COVID cases soared \(AMA\)](#)

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Calendar

Monday, May 24 - KCMS Board Meeting, 6 p.m., Zoom

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