

E-Update August 14, 2023



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The weekly E-update is the tool by which MPA members can share information or announcements with each other. It is a member benefit and the mechanism by which MPA shares important notices regarding trends in psychiatry, pharmaceutical updates, information about your medical practice, advocacy, your opinions, and job opportunities. Members are encouraged to make the content their own. Please submit items for weekly publication by Thursday at 5pm. Your email addresses are protected by the DB and not for sale or use by any other entity besides the DB. Content should be pertinent to the practice of psychiatry or related medical information. Review the E-update highlighted titles and attachments for content and action steps. We value your input and attention to your specialty! Any item that appears in **royal blue** contains a link for detailed information on the topic. Questions regarding membership status are referred to our APA Membership Coordinator, Doneisha Berryman. Please contact Doneisha at 202-459-9749 or dberryman@psych.org.

MPA Members Shine at the MSMA House of Delegates Meeting



Many MPA members attended the MSMA House of Delegates over the weekend at the Sheraton at the Refuge in Flowood. Congratulations the following pictured left: Dr. Alex Hutchinson, Council on Medical Education, Dr. Avani Patel, MSMA Board of Trustees Resident Delegate; Dr. Chasity Torrence, MSMA Board of Trustees, Young Physician Section Delegate; Dr. Kirolos Adly, Council on Legislation. Dr. Jonathan Sadler received recognition as a Doctor of Distinction. He is a graduate of the MSMA Physician Leadership Academy. In addition, Dr. Katherine Pannel sits on the MSMA Delegation to the AMA, Dr. Ken Lippincott remains on the Board of Medical Licensure and Mrs. Angela Ladner is a member of the MSMA Council on Legislation as the MSMA Alliance Delegate. All of the MSH Residents attended the House of Delegates and got to see the workings of the state medical association and how their policies are formulated. Other psychiatrists attending the MSMA meeting included Doctors Brenda Hines, Corey Jackson, Mark Ladner and John Wilkaitis. The inauguration of Dr. John Mitchell as the 156th President of the MSMA occurred

Friday evening along with the celebration of 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi State Medical Association Alliance. Photos from the entirety of the meeting that began Thursday with CME and continued with the House of Delegates meeting Friday and Saturday is featured in today's e-

update that could not be published on Friday due to the MSMA meeting and awaiting the election results on Saturday.

Photos Taken and Shared at the MSMA House of Delegates Meeting August 10-12, 2023





Thanks to all MPA members who took time from their work to serve their colleagues in other specialties and attend the MSMA meeting!

Request from Mississippi Pediatrician to Participate in a Survey by Sept 30th

Greetings fellow Mississippian physicians,

I am Denise Powell, a community pediatrician on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as a 2023 [Climate and Health Equity Fellow](#); I am asking for your assistance in completing a survey created with the intention of gauging the understanding and priorities of physicians throughout Mississippi regarding the impact of climate on health.

This voluntary and confidential *Physician survey on Climate Health* survey will take fewer than 15 minutes of your time. It can be accessed by clicking the link below depending on the region of Mississippi you live in (Gulf Coast, Central Mississippi, Delta).

You also could win a \$100 Amazon gift card after completion of this survey.

Please complete and submit this survey no later than September 30, 2023.

Links to surveys depending on region

Begin survey for Central Mississippi [here](#)

Begin survey for Mississippi Delta [here](#)

Begin survey for Mississippi Gulf Coast [here](#)

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Denise Powell, MD

APA Fellowship Applications Now Accepted If you have been on the fence about applying for APA Fellowship, MPA encourages you to do so this year, if you are eligible. Members submit their own applications to become a Fellow of the APA. APA will be reaching out to eligible members through August 2023. Simply follow the link below and fill out the application. It will not take you long and you can become a part of this esteemed group. **FAPA Application Link (also available on APA website):** <https://fapa.psychiatry.org/>

PATIENT SAFETY TIPS – PART II

Written by

Professional Risk Management Services® (PRMS®)

In recognition of Patient Safety Week, PRMS has compiled a list of tips to help you consider the greatest sources of harm to your psychiatric patients, which will not only lower risk of harm to your patients, but also help to protect you from liability exposure – definitely a win-win for all!

Patients at Risk for Suicide

Do specifically explore suicidal potential in examinations at the outset of treatment and at other points of decision during treatment. When treating patients with suicidal behavior, ensure that an adequate risk assessment is done - and documented. Consider utilizing a tool to ensure that nothing is missed and consistent evaluation over time. One such tool is the [SAFE-T Protocol](#).

Do ensure that you have your patient's current contact information, including telephone number and address.

Do insist on having an emergency contact for each patient.

Do not ignore offers of information from family members or close friends that might be relevant to a patient's safety. It is not a HIPAA violation to listen.

Do address the need for a safe environment for patients with suicidal behaviors. The accessibility of firearms or other weapons should be assessed and an appropriate plan for safety should be instituted, including getting information from and instructing family/significant others about this issue.

Do not rely solely on "no-harm" contracts as a guarantee of patient safety. These "contracts" have no legal force and cannot take the place of an adequate suicide risk assessment. It may be appropriate for a "no-harm" contract to be one part of a comprehensive treatment plan but it is the clinician's responsibility to evaluate the patient's overall suicide risk and ability to participate in the overall treatment plan.

Do consider alerting family members to the risk of outpatient suicide even without patient consent when:

- the risk is significant,
- the family members do not seem to be aware of the risk, AND
- the family might contribute to the patient's safety.

Review Part I of Patient Safety Tips about Medication Safety in last week's E-Update.

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DMH 52 Weeks of Progress

Each week this year, DMH will be highlighting a specific service or program to increase awareness of services and supports available across Mississippi. Our hope is by the end of 2023, you will know more about offerings in your state through seeing these highlights - 52 Weeks of Progress. **This week, we highlight 988 and the crisis coordination efforts that are taking place.** DMH is working to partner Community Mental Health Centers and the 988 call centers together to enable coordinated follow-ups and care to callers to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. This includes a partnership between CONTACT the Crisis Line, one of the state's two Lifeline call centers, and the Region 2 Community Mental Health Center, Communicare. Through this partnership, a designated Lifeline staff member securely shares contact information of callers who have given their permission, allowing Communicare to contact those individuals within 24 hours and set up a follow-up appointment. Even though most calls can be handled over the phone, 988 also works closely with Mobile Crisis Response Teams when face-to-face responses are needed. 988 is more than a dispatch system - when someone calls, texts, or chats online with 988, they are speaking with a trained crisis counselor! To learn more about 988 in Mississippi, visit <https://www.dmh.ms.gov/help/crisis-services/988-suicide-and-crisis-hotline/>.

Submit Abstracts for APA's 2024 Annual Meeting

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for APA's 2024 Annual Meeting, which will take place May 4 to 8 in New York, N.Y. The theme of the meeting is "Confronting Addiction: From Prevention to Treatment." Submit your ideas for general sessions, courses, and posters to the biggest psychiatric meeting of the year. [LEARN MORE](#)

Registration Now Open for 2023 Mental Health Services Conference

The Mental Health Services Conference will be held in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, October 12, through Saturday, October 14. Roll your sleeves up and learn, collaborate on new solutions, and network with other colleagues who care for those with mental illness. [REGISTER TODAY](#)