

**August 15, 2022**

## **From the Board Chair**

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter. Pulse was on hiatus as we all dealt with the effects of COVID, but we are happy to be back online. I want to update you on some of the changes that have occurred recently. First, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Dr. Joseph L. Grisafi was installed as president of MCMS. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Jennifer Lorine for her service as president over these last two years. She has been an excellent leader under difficult circumstances, and we deeply appreciate all she has done for MCMS.

Second, we have a new management company – Lutine Management, and a new Executive Director – Theresa Barrett, PhD, CMP, CAE. Theresa brings with her a wealth of association and continuing medical education experience and we are glad to have her with us.

We are hoping to plan an all-member event soon so please look for updates. As the summer winds down, I hope you all got a chance to relax this summer and recharge for the fall.

*Jay Rothkopf, MD*

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## **Pyfer Fund Scholarship**

The Pyfer Fund was established in 1915 under a Trust established by Howard F. Pyfer, MD. The Trust was established to help young physicians with the cost of their continuing medical education. If you are a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society and under the age of 45, you are eligible for reimbursement for your CME activities up to \$500.

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply. Reimbursement must be claimed before December 15, 2022 and must have occurred in the 2022 calendar year.

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## **Financial Planning Educational Seminar**

You are invited to a financial planning education seminar for physicians from Wharton Wealth Planning.

Topics to be addressed include asset protection, retirement savings, and personal finance strategies

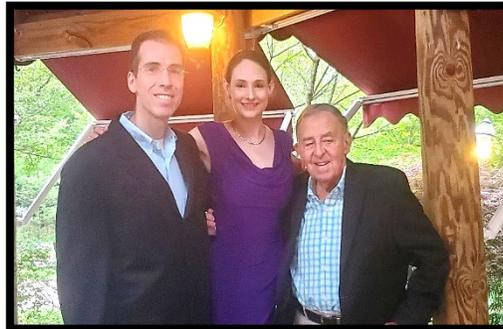
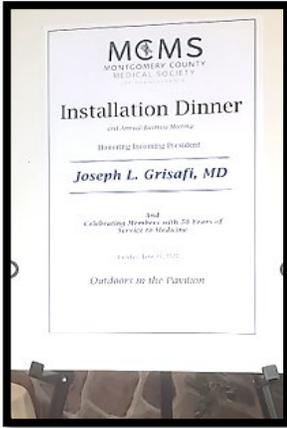
Date/Time: Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00-7:30 PM

Location: Online at Zoom

If you are interested, please email David Rosenstock, CFP® at [david@whartonwealthplanning.com](mailto:david@whartonwealthplanning.com) to reserve a spot to attend and for the zoom link.

## 2022 Installation Dinner and Annual Meeting

Dr. Joseph Grisafi was installed as President of the Montgomery County Medical Society on June 21, 2022 at the Annual Business Meeting held at the Joseph Amber Inn in North Wales. Other highlights of the event included recognition of 50 and 25 year members, a brief talk by Dr. Mark Lopatin, author for [Rheum for Improvement](#), and a presentation from Dr. John Pagan, Chairman & CEO of the Pennsylvania Clinical Network (PACN).



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## Thank You Members

Thank you to members Dr. Richard Lorraine, Medical Director, Montgomery County Office of Public Health and Dr. Steven Shapiro, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Jefferson Abington Hospital for their participation COVID-19 Vax Facts Virtual Town Hall Series. The latest event was held on July 13, 2022.

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## Resources for Your Practice

### Addressing Health Literacy – Resources from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

[The AHRQ Health Literacy Universal Precautions Toolkit – 2nd edition](#) can help practices reduce the complexity of health care, increase patient understanding of health information, and enhance support for patients of all health literacy levels.

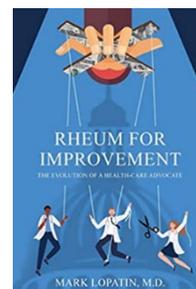
Clearly stating medication instructions improves patient understanding and possibly reduces errors while improving adherence. [Explicit and Standardized Prescription Medicine Instructions](#) offers tested instructions for pills simplify complex medicine regimens by using standard time periods for administration. These instructions have also been translated into Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

[How to Create a Pill Card](#) helps users create an easy-to-use "pill card" for anyone who has a hard time keeping track of their medicines. Step-by-step instructions, sample clip art, and suggestions for design and use will help to customize a reminder card.

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## Rheum for Improvement

Written by MCMS member, Mark Lopatin, MD, *Rheum for Improvement* is a personal story of how frivolous legal actions triggered his need to become an outspoken advocate for health-care reform and a physician's account of how corporate medicine has transformed health care from a human interaction between a patient and their physician into a business transaction between a consumer and a provider. Available at Amazon.



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## In Case You Missed It...

### *News from the Pennsylvania Medical Society "The Dose"*

#### 2022 Resolutions Have Been Posted

As a member, why should you care? Resolutions passed at the House of Delegates set PAMED policy. All members can be heard! [Check out this year's resolutions and provide your commentary here.](#)

#### NEW License Renewal Resources

License renewal season is upon us! For your ease, PAMED put together a one-stop resource center for all of your license renewal questions. You'll find information on education requirements, Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS), and reactivation. [Access the licensure resource center now.](#)

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