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## Update January 2018

The Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association is pleased to welcome you to our reinstated monthly update.

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### Delaware Journal of Public Health

This issue of the Journal focuses on Oral Health, including healthy teeth, mouth, throat, tongue, teeth, and gums.

Our guest editor is Delaware Academy of Medicine president, Daniel J. Meara, MD, DMD.

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### Next Issue: Planning & Public Health

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### Did You Know?

January is...

- Cervical Health Awareness Month  
<http://www.nccc-online.org/hpvcervical-cancer/cervical-health-awareness-month/>
- National Birth Defects Prevention Month  
[http://www.nbdpn.org/national\\_birth\\_defects\\_prevent.php](http://www.nbdpn.org/national_birth_defects_prevent.php)
- National Glaucoma Awareness Month - <http://www.glaucoma.org/news/glaucoma-awareness-month.php>
- National Stalking Awareness Month - <http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/about>
- Thyroid Awareness Month - <http://www.thyroid.org/january-thyroid-awareness/>
- National Winter Sports Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month  
<https://news.nnlm.gov/bhic/2017/01/january-is-national-winter-sports-traumatic-brain-injury-awareness-month/>
- January 7-13: National Folic Acid Awareness Week - <http://www.nbdpn.org/faaw.php>
- January 22-28: National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week  
<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

## Happenings

### Frank M. and Robert R. Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture

The keynote speaker for the 2018 Frank M. and Robert R. Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture was Louis G. Mercuri, DDS, MS.

Dr. Mercuri lectures locally, nationally, and internationally on subjects related to the diagnosis, non-surgical, and surgical management of temporomandibular (TMJ) joint disorders and discussed "TMJ Facts and Foibles" on January 11, 2018.



Dr. Mercuri



The Hoopes Family

### Past Presidents' Brunch

On December 2nd, Academy Board Members were invited to honor the past presidents of the organization. Immediate past president Arun Malhotra, MD ('14-'16), along with past presidents William Duncan, MD ('76-'77), Joseph "Skip" Kuhn, MD ('00-'02), Joseph Kestner, Jr, MD ('06-'08), and Barry Kayne, DDS ('08-'10) were among those recognized for their work in leading the Academy for the past 87 years.



Standing (L - R): President Elect Omar Khan, MD; Immediate Past President Arun Malhotra, MD; Current President Daniel Meara, MD, DMD; Barry Kayne, DDS.  
Seated (L - R): William Duncan, MD; Joseph Kestner, Jr, MD; Joseph Kuhn, MD

### Save the Date

Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2018

**Mini-Medical School**

March 12, 2018

**Delaware Clinical & Translational Research (DE-CTR) ACCEL Conference**

[Register Here](#)

April 2 - 8, 2018

**National Public Health Week**

[Learn More Here](#)

April 16, 2018

**Inaugural Delaware Lung Cancer Symposium**

In collaboration with the Gene Editing Institute of the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute, Christiana Care Health System

## Spotlight On:

### Omar Khan, MD, MHS, FAAFP

Dr. Khan is the president-elect of the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association, the president of our Advisory council, and has recently been appointed as President and CEO of the Delaware Health Science Alliance (DHSA) - a consortium of Christiana Care Health System (CCHS), Thomas Jefferson University (TJU), Nemours, and the University of Delaware.

He is the Physician Leader for Academic Programs and Partnerships (CCHS), and Associate Vice-Chair of the Department of Family & Community Medicine (TJU). He also serves as co-Director for Community Engagement & Outreach for ACCEL, the Delaware Clinical and Translational Research Program.



Dr. Khan is a practicing physician with interests in general primary care, medical education, outcomes research infrastructure, and global health.

Dr. Khan is board certified in Family Medicine.

[Learn More About Dr. Khan](#)



### The Delaware Academy of Medicine Historical Archives

The Academy's History and Archive Collection is a testament to the medical technology, techniques, and practices used by Delaware physicians and dentists.

For more than 85 years, the Academy has been the recipient of various collections of historically significant books, periodicals, medical instruments, and equipment. The Academy's dedicated archivist, along with a subcommittee of the Board of Directors, is dedicated to ensuring that this historical legacy is properly preserved and maintained.

[Learn more about the Archive](#)

## 2017 Annual Meeting

The Academy's 2017 Annual Meeting featured Victor Dzau, MD, president of the National Academy of Medicine, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Dzau served nearly 10 years as chancellor for health affairs at Duke University, has held influential posts at Harvard Medical School, Brigham





and Women's Hospital, and Stanford University. Dr. Dzau is internationally recognized as a trailblazer in translational research, health innovation, and global health care strategy.

**The Lewis B. Flinn President's Award** is made in the name of Lewis B. Flinn, founder and first president of the Delaware Academy of Medicine. It is awarded every year to an

individual or organization that has achieved distinction by substantive contributions to the well being of our community through education, leadership, philanthropy, or service.



The 2017 recipient was the **Honorable Susan Del Pesco, Esq.**

Judge Del Pesco had a long and illustrious career as an attorney in private legal practice, a Superior Court Judge, a past president of the Delaware State Bar Association, and the Director of the Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection. Upon retiring, she championed the passage of the Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment legislation to ensure the honoring of patients' rights, and she continues to work to improve the rights of women in her spare time.




The Academy also honors a Delaware nonprofit organization who has shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the improvement of our community with the **Public Health Recognition Award**. This year, the **American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic** and President and CEO, **Deborah P. Brown, MS, BS** were the recipients of this award due to their continuing efforts to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education, and advocacy. The Mid-Atlantic Region has worked closely with the Academy, led the charge on the Delaware Clean Indoor Air Act, and has partnered with the Academy to create a Chronic Disease Collaborative.

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**88TH ANNUAL MEETING  
& AWARDS CEREMONY**



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**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

**DUPONT COUNTRY CLUB**  
[WWW.DELAMED.ORG/2018](http://WWW.DELAMED.ORG/2018)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Darshak Sanghavi, MD, Chief Medical Officer and  
Senior Vice President of Translation, OptumLabs**

Dr. Sanghavi is an award-winning medical educator, who has worked in medical settings around the world and published dozens of scientific papers on topics ranging from the molecular biology of cell death to tuberculosis transmission patterns in Peruvian slums. A frequent guest on NBC's Today and past commentator for NPR's All Things Considered, Dr. Sanghavi is a contributing editor to Parents magazine, a health care columnist with Slate, and has regularly written about health care for the New York Times, Boston Globe, and Washington Post. His best-seller, *A Map of the Child: A Pediatrician's Tour of the Body*, was named a best health book of the year by the Wall Street Journal.

**American Public Health  
Association**

The 2017 Annual APHA Meeting & Expo took place November 4 - 8 in Atlanta, Georgia. One of the highlights of Academy executive director Tim Gibbs' (second from left) trip was meeting Surgeon General, Jerome Adams, MD, MPH (left).



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