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## Update September 2018

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### Policy and Policy Change

#### A Moment with our Executive Director

Say what you will, but changing or creating policy is one of the more effective ways to improve the health and well-being of large parts of our population.

"Big Brother" issues aside, imagine a community without:

- Mandatory childhood immunizations,
- "Click It or Ticket" seat belt laws,
- Fluoridated water, or
- Zoning to protect against building on toxic waste dumps without proper remediation.



To that end, it was easy for the Academy/DPHA to support legislation to prohibit vaping indoors ([HB 309](#)) and this year, to support [HB456](#), which will (finally) prohibit the use of lead paint on outdoor structures (lead paint for indoor use was prohibited years ago).

What policies do you, the reader, think we should have in place to protect fellow Delawareans? We would like to hear from you: drop us a line at [ksmith@delamed.org](mailto:ksmith@delamed.org) and let us know your thoughts!

### Delaware Journal of Public Health

#### Global Health

Does pollution on the other side of the globe influence our weather and health here at home?

Does U.S. policy on trade, immigration, international development and diplomacy affect other countries?

We are fortunate in Delaware to be so connected with global and community health!

[Read more](#)



### Delaware Updates



**DELAWARE HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Division of Public Health

From the Delaware Division of Public  
Health  
August 2018

Topics

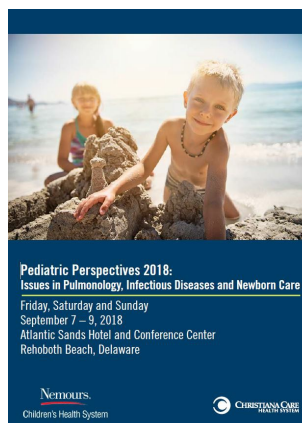
- FASD Awareness Day
- Flood insurance
- NIAM

[Read the Bulletin](#)

**Conference:  
Pediatric Perspectives 2018**

This 3-day conference is a partnership between Nemours Children's Health System and Christiana Care Health System. It will cover issues in Pulmonology, Infectious Diseases, and Newborn Care.

[Register Here](#)



## Updates



### APHA 2018: Annual Meeting

**November 10 - 14. San Diego.  
"Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now"**

Are you attending the APHA Annual Meeting? Let us know! We'd like to meet up with you in San Diego this November! Let us know you're coming by sending an e-mail to [Liz Healy!](#)

Haven't registered yet? No problem - [click here!](#)

### Highlights from The Nation's Health

*A publication of the American Public Health Association*

The August 2018 Issue Includes

- [Academic health department partnerships boost training](#)
- [Complete streets promoting health equity in communities](#)
- [Public health steps up to curb rising suicide rates](#)
- [Q&A with California Endowment's Tony Iton: Building power to improve community health](#)
- [Negative language in patient records can affect care](#)
- [New WHO report shows tobacco trends moving slowly](#)
- [Colorectal screenings recommended at younger age](#)
- [Healthy You: Help with grieving after a loss](#)

# Spotlight On...

## Secretary Sandra P. Medinilla, MD, MPH



Dr. Medinilla completed a BA degree in Sociology at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, PA before earning a Master's degree in Public Health at MCP Hahnemann University School of Public Health in Philadelphia. She then completed her medical education at Temple University, where she remained for General Surgery internship and residency, serving finally as chief resident.

Before going into private practice and joining the Christiana Care Medical-Dental Staff, she was a Surgical Critical Care fellow at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center of the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

[Learn more about Dr. Medinilla](#)

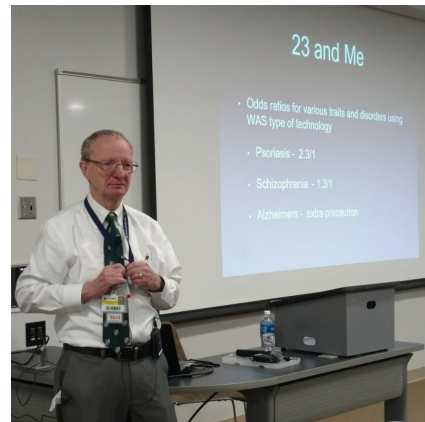
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## Medical Lecture Series

The Medical Lecture Series at the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (University of Delaware) has begun for the Fall of 2018!

This semester, topics will include:

- Muscular Dystrophy
- Federal Government Requirements Impacting Health Care
- Health and Law
- Breast Cancer
- Safety and Quality in Health Care
- Sleep
- Health Communities
- Bioethics
- ... and much more!



Check out the full schedule [here](#)!

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## September is...

Alopecia Awareness Month  
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
Healthy Aging Month  
Hunger Action Month  
Infant Mortality Awareness Month  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month  
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
Preparedness Month  
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month  
Sickle Cell Awareness Month  
Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

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