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## TIMTalk

### Happy Fall!

I've got three main messages to convey in my section this month.

First, I would like to publicly and formally congratulate [William Farquhar, PhD, FACS](#) as the new Dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Delaware. I first met Dr. Farquhar in early 2016 in preparation for a conference that year and was impressed with his scientific mind balanced with a distinctly humanistic perspective. On behalf of the Academy/DPHA, we welcome him, as we wish former Dean Kathy Matt a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.



Second, it is conference season and that includes the [American Public Health Association's 150th Annual Meeting and Expo](#) held this year in Boston, Massachusetts. Many colleagues from Delaware will be attending this year as well as myself, Dr. Kate Smith (Program Manager of the Academy/DPHA), Elizabeth Healy (Managing Editor of the [Delaware Journal of Public Health](#)), and Dr. Omar Khan (Editor in Chief of the Delaware Journal of Public Health, Co-Chair of our Public Health Advisory Council, and Immediate Past President of the Academy/DPHA). The four of us will be presenting on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> between 1-2:00 pm on "[The Delaware Journal of Public Health: An Affiliate Journal Plus All of Us - A Powerful Connection](#)." We'd love to see you there. In addition, I'm honored to present with colleague Erin Ridout during the [Mobilizing a Public Health Campaign](#) of our own Delaware Health Force and the [Community Health Worker Association of Delaware](#). That session will be held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00 pm.

Finally, I hope I am preaching to the choir here (but just in case you are running a bit behind)... please get your COVID-19 booster and your seasonal flu shot! We all deserve to be healthy, and these decisions are within our control and power to make.

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Tim Gibbs, MPH  
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## Academy/DPHA Events

### 2022 John Scholz Stroke Education Conference

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:00 am - 12:40 pm

Join the Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association and the Delaware Stroke Initiative for the 21st Annual John Scholz Stroke Education Conference!

This year's event is being curated as a hybrid event. In-person attendees will join us at the Ammon Center Auditorium at Christiana Hospital. Virtual guests will be able to join via zoom.

This educational event has been approved for **4.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**. It has also been approved for a maximum of **4.8 Occupational Therapy CE Credit Hours** and **4.75 Speech & Hearing CE Hours/Units**.



[Learn More and Register Here](#)

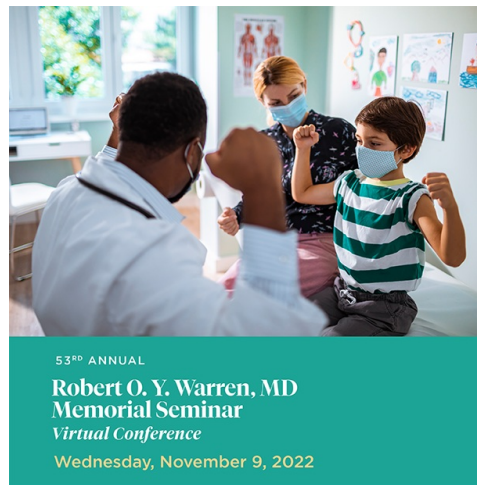
## Robert O. Y. Warren, MD Memorial Seminar

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

Registration Deadline: October 26, 2022

Registration fee: \$70.

Register online at [PedsUniversity.org](https://PedsUniversity.org).



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## 2022 Communicable Disease Summit and PrEP Conference

12/12/2022



Monday, December 12, 2022 | Virtual Conference

## Delaware Journal of Public Health

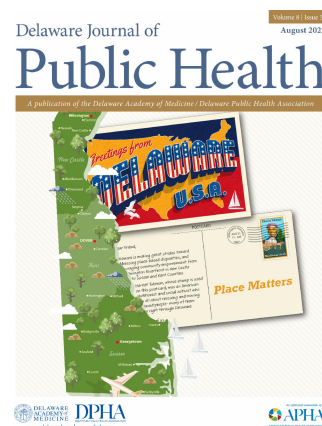
### Place Matters: Geography & Health

Health matters and, as always, intersects with every other aspect of society. One of the most important aspects is place and thus, “Place Matters.” In public health we know this to be a truth, yet the concept of “place” can be difficult to understand and even more difficult to manage. So what is “place?”

Place happens at the intersection of the natural and built environment, as they intersect with social, economic, and political factors. This is to say, it is difficult to look at one aspect of place without observing and assessing the influence of the other factors. Case in point: any place along a body of water or a river – an attribute shared by much of Delaware.

This issue, we welcome guest editor Scott Siegel, PhD, MHCDS and a wide range of authors with expertise in healthy communities, HIV in Delaware, tobacco exposure, aging in place, homelessness, student experiences, and disabilities, and how each of those topics relates to geography and health.

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## APHA 150th Annual Meeting and Expo



# APHA 2022

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Join us on **Monday, November 7th** between **7:15 AM and 8:00 AM** for Coffee at the Annual Meeting! BCEC, Room 210B. Hosted by the Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware Public Health Associations! Hope to see you there!

## Health Literacy

### Take the Delaware Health Literacy Survey

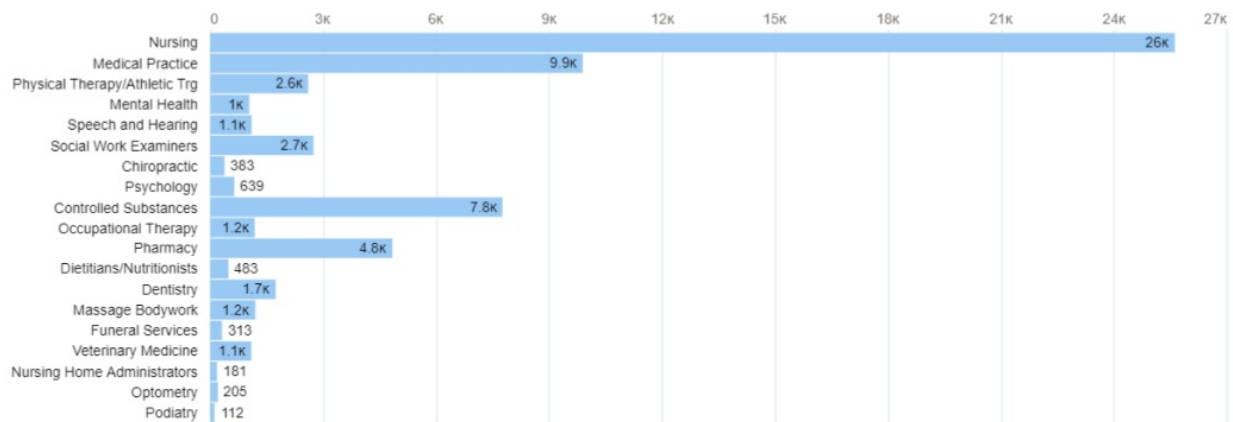
The Department of Public Health has partnered with several healthcare organizations across the state to establish a formalized process of health literacy in Delaware. To ensure the most effective way forward, PMG consulting is seeking to understand the current health literacy landscape, by hearing directly from the community.

We ask that you complete this anonymous [Health Literacy Survey](#) to help inform our research. We value your voice, as it directly influences the state's next steps in promoting health literacy for all Delawareans.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to our associates managing this project, Adara Scholl ([ascholl@pmgconsulting.net](mailto:ascholl@pmgconsulting.net)) or Emma Braun ([ebraun@pmgconsulting.net](mailto:ebraun@pmgconsulting.net)).

## Healthcare Workforce Factoid

In our Delaware Health Force study (based on June 2022 data from the Delaware Division of Professional Regulation), the following bar chart demonstrates the importance of the nursing profession as the largest single licensed type of healthcare provider by active licenses in Delaware, with 25,620 practicing nurses.



### Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health - [The DPH Bulletin](#)

Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - [Subscribe](#)

Johns Hopkins Infectious Diseases COVID-19 Grand Rounds - [View Schedule](#)

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