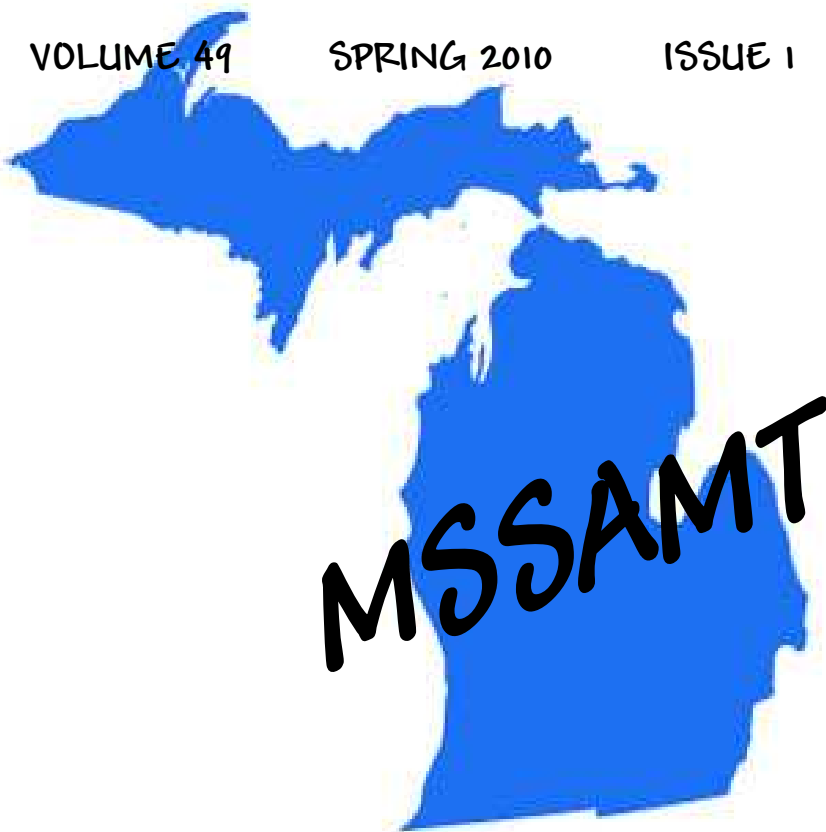


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Message from The President...

Hello My Fellow Members

I hope the new year started well for every member, and with less economic struggle.

At our recent state board meeting, we had seven delegates sign up [confirmed], to represent our state society at the National Convention in Las Vegas, July 12-17, 2010. But we would love to have more members representing our state. Please call me at 1-810-982-5651, if you would like to join us in Las Vegas.

This year Michigan members can really celebrate at the National Convention. We have four members receiving awards.

Nathalie Dixon MT, - Pillar Award

Linda Ruggles RMA, - Distinguished Achievement

Marc Derenthal RMA, - Distinguished Achievement

Richard Cruz MLT, - Distinguished Achievement

What and Achievement! **A Big Congratulation** to each one of them. The Michigan State Society again received the "State Honor Roll" award [for 12 consecutive years]. In addition, one of our Michigan "*first timers*" attendee to the National Convention was chosen to receive a \$500.00 Educational Grant. Being active in your state society shows it has its rewards.

Coming to the Scientific State Fall Meeting, October 14, 15, 16, 2010 means you are actively participating. I hope you all can join us in Frankenmuth. From past experience, you know we always have excellent speakers.

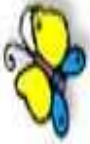
Until then, I wish every state society member and their families a *Wonderful and Safe Summer*.

Sincerely,

Sieglinde

Wildie MLT

MSSAMT President



Great Lakes District Councilor's Message...

Greetings Great Lakes Members

We have embarked upon another year. It is hard to believe that a decade has passed already; my hope is that all is going well for everyone as this year begins.

We are approaching two professional weeks that we will be celebrating. National Dental Assisting week will be March 7-13, 2010 and National Medical Laboratory Week will be April 18-24, 2010 with the theme of "Laboratory Professionals Get Results".

We the members of AMT have a new Education Manager, Camille Murray and her role is to expand the C.E. opportunity for the members.

Our 72nd Educational Program and National Meeting will be held July 12-17, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the J.W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa at Summerlin. We are looking forward to a great Convention. Great things are planned for you. Great Educational Programs, Welcome Party, enjoyable Dinner show is planned. I would also like to encourage the attendance to the Leadership Session that will be held on Thursday afternoon. Very informative information for State officers and future officers will be presented. Look for more information on the AMT website.

For the State societies that have not taken advantage of putting your state society on the web site, please consider doing so. Kathy Cilia is more than willing to assist you. Take the time to view other State Societies that have joined already.

Members continue to support your state officers.

If I can be of help to you do not hesitate to contact me.

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Message from the Editor



I hope that everyone is enjoying our Michigan spring; being Michigan you never know if to wear your winter coat, spring jacket or sleeveless t-shirt.

On April 17th the MSSAMT board of directors held our spring meeting. Many things were discussed including our up-coming fall meeting, the national convention in Las Vegas, and our eJournal presentation of the Microbe. MSSAMT will receive 5 awards this year. Our hard working members who contribute their time to the state society justly deserve these awards.

Next year's convention is going to be a joint AMT – CASMET meeting held in downtown Miami, Florida August 1-6, 2011. If you attend this fall's MSSAMT meeting in Frankenmuth you can sign up to be a delegate to this meeting and receive compensation [delegate fee] for attending as an official MSSAMT delegate, this normally covers the registration fee for the meeting. We are able to send up to 22 delegates to the national meeting and would like to have as many as we can attend. This year we have seven confirmed delegates with a possible three more attending for a total of ten delegates. National convention is always very enjoyable; AMT has great people in their ranks. You would not find a better way to represent Michigan and have a wonderful vacation at the same time.

Please check out our website, there has been a major over haul and many additions to the site. I have also added a "Photo Album" to the site and will be including many pictures from past fall meetings and photos taken at the AMT National Convention. If anyone has a picture they would like to add please send it to me with a full description of when the picture was taken and who is in it.

Sieglinde is hard at working putting the final touches to our fall meeting in Frankenmuth this October 14, 15, 16, at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. We will be having an outstanding group of lecturers again this fall and we are looking forward to welcoming a large group of students also. Please try and attend the meeting. It is a great way to earn CEU's and have an enjoyable time while you are doing it. You will be receiving your program in the mail this fall and we will be posting the program outline and registration form on the website as usual. Remember if you pre-register you receive a discount on the registration fee. I hope to see you there.

Suellen Schobert, MLT

MSSAMT Editor

Member Facts

As of April 1, 2010 we have 1830

	Number of Members in class
ahi	17
CMAS	65
CLMA	1
mlt	66
mt	220
RDA	11
RMA	1406
RPT	45



Years in AMT	Number of Members
50+	16
40+	35
30+	51
20+	131
10+	390
0-10	1208



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Welcome New Members

RDA

Williams

Latrice

RPT

Fisk

Cathleen

Iltis

Gail

MLT

Peters

Matthew

MT

Alali

Rania

Ouza

Haidar

Asiala

Christina

Saleh

Khaled

Eadeh

Dina

Walker

Misty

Lechanski

Jozef

CMAS

Baldwin

Nicole

Johnson

Russell

Benjamin

Alisha

McGuire

Yana

Bentley

La Detra

Murphy

Christhalinda

Coleman

Alexis

Ostrowski

Louann

Cooper

Karie

Pearce

Tricia

Eison

Ajrian

Shockley

Jennifer

Ewers

Annette

Thurman

Shurenia

Glynn

Jessica

VanReenen

Beth

Green

Amanda

Walls

Ambrosia

Johnson

Michelle

Wood-Gordon

Cassandra

RMA

Adams

John

Blair

Tracey

Alston

Tia

Boettcher

Elizabeth

Amore

Cynthia

Botma

Charmaine

Anderson

Kristie

Brown

Jennifer

Anggraeni

Evayanti

Burge

Celest

Archambault

Catrina

Burgess

Courtney

Avery

Jennifer

Bushy

Lakendra

Barker

Alisha

Calhoun

Gabriel

Barrett

Lyndsay

Calvo

Sylvia

Barth

Amy

Campbell

Benita

Baryla

Kayla

Case

Amber

Baugh

Raychel

Caudill

Rebecca

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Raychel

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Michelle

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Cheri

Cook

Phyllis

Belka

Debra

Coon

Nicole

Cowling

Lenora

Risner

Jessica

Cronk

Amber

Roehler

Heather

Daniels

Rene

Richards

Joanne

New Members Continued

RMAs

Deblecourt	Trista	Richardson	Shatele
Delaney-Adams	Patricia	Rudduck	Shel
Dennis	Jodi	Ryan	Rebecca
Drake	Colleen	Sajewski	Dawn
Duncan	Gary	Sanders	Ebony
Earls-Berger	Lynette	Santoyo	Andrea
Felt	Leah	Shepard	Jennifer
Ferguson	Brooke	Skinner	Melanie
Fulmer	Stefanie	Sliwa	Lisa
Funderburg	Laura	Slone	Debora
Furtaw	Celibeth	Soto	Claudia
Garland	Latanya	St Arnold	Brenda
Gawlik	Melissa	Stanley	Tammy
Gierzak	Leeza	Stroup	Joseph
Goodall	Starlyn	Stull	Tammy
Gratopp	Amy	Surratt	Symone
Gregory	Cassie	Symonds	Sabrina
Gue	Kimberly	Taylor	Lauren
Gunderson	Natalie	Thibodeau	Christine
Hall	Kristin	Tisdale	Ambria
Hankins	Judith	Tolbert	Jessica
Hartman	Tracey	Toler	Angela
Harvey	Jennelle	Travis	Lacey
Hawkins	Misty	Tsouris	Rose
Hickman	Brandi	Turner	Monica
Hill	Kayla	Ussery	Sonya
Hinkle	Ashley	Van Den Heuvel	Brittney
Hinkle	Sandra	Vandenberg	Tifani
Horton	Rhonda	Vinson	Candace
House	Georgina	Watts	Cynthia
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Hughey	Sarah	Weiler	Mark
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Prince	Toni		
Pruitt	Lisa		
Rager	Craig		



Five Moments for Hand Hygiene

Handwashing is a simple thing and it's the best way to prevent infection and illness. Clean hands prevent infections. Keeping hands clean prevents illness at home, at school and at work. Hand hygiene practices are key prevention tools in healthcare settings, in daycare facilities, in schools and public institutions, and for the safety of our food.

In healthcare settings, handwashing can prevent potentially fatal infections from spreading from patient and from patient to healthcare worker and vice-versa. The basic rule in the hospital is to cleanse hands before and after each patient contact by either washing hands or using an alcohol-based hand rub.

An estimated 2 million patients acquire in hospital infections annually. And 90,000 patients die from their infections.

Hand hygiene guidelines were developed by the CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), in collaboration with the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA).

Available on the CDC website are several helpful tools for healthcare workers in improving hand hygiene, including an interactive education course –

www.cdc.gov/handhygiene

References: Department of Health and Human Services,
Center for Disease Control Infection Control in Healthcare

Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Office of
Public Health Preparedness

Clean Hands Saves Lives: Emergency Facts

After an emergency, finding running water can be difficult. However, keeping your hands clean helps you avoid getting sick. It is best to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. However, when water is not available, you can use alcohol-based hand products made for washing hands (sanitizers).

When should you wash your hands?

Examples include:

- ❖ Before preparing or eating food
- ❖ After going to the bathroom
- ❖ After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- ❖ Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- ❖ After handling uncooked foods, particularly raw meat, poultry, or fish
- ❖ After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- ❖ After handling an animal or animal waste
- ❖ After handling garbage
- ❖ Before and after treating a cut or wound
- ❖ After handling items contaminated by flood water or sewage

Using alcohol-based hand sanitizers...

When your hands are visibly dirty, you should wash them with soap and warm water when available. However, if soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

- Apply product to the palm of one hand. Note: the volume needed to reduce the number of germs on the hands varies by product.
- Rub hands together.
- Rub the product over all surfaces of hands until your hands are dry.

Washing with soap and water...

1. Place your hands together under water (warm water if possible)
2. Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds (with soap if possible). Wash all surfaces well, including wrists, palms, backs of hands, fingers, and under the fingernails.
3. Clean the dirt from under your fingernails.
4. Rinse the soap from your hands.
5. Dry your hands completely with a clean towel if possible (this helps remove the germs). However, if towels are not available it is okay to air dry your hands.
6. Pat your skin rather than rubbing to avoid chapping and cracking.
7. If you use a disposable towel, throw it in the trash.
8. Remember; if soap and water are not available, use a sanitizer.

Healthcare Industry Outlook

Reference: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
“Career Guide to Industries 2010-11 Edition” www.bls.gov

- ✓ As one of the largest industries in 2008, healthcare provided 14.3 million jobs for wage and salary workers.
- ✓ Ten of the 20 fastest growing occupations are healthcare related.
- ✓ Healthcare will generate 3.2 million new wage and salary jobs between 2008 and 2018, more than any other industry, largely in response to rapid growth in the elderly population
- ✓ Most workers have jobs that require less than 4 years of college education, but health diagnosing and treating practitioners are highly educated.

About 595,800 establishments make up the healthcare industry; they vary greatly in terms of size, staffing patterns, and organizational structures. About 76 percent of healthcare establishments are offices of physicians, dentists, or other health practitioners. Although hospitals constitute only one percent of all healthcare establishments, they employ 35 percent of all workers.

Employment in healthcare – Projected increase from 2008 - 2018		
Industry Segment	2008 Employment	2008-18 Percent Change
Healthcare Total	14,336,000	22.5%
Hospitals	5,667,200	10.1
Nursing and residential care facilities	3,008,000	21.2
Offices of Physicians	2,265,700	34.1
Home Healthcare services	958,000	46.1
Offices of Dentists	818,800	28.5
Offices of other health practitioners	628,800	41.3
Outpatient care centers	532,500	38.6
Other ambulatory healthcare services	238,500	6.8
Medical and diagnostic laboratories	218,500	39.8

The healthcare industry includes establishments ranging from small-town private practices of physicians who employ only one medical assistant to busy inner-city hospitals that provide thousands of diverse jobs. In 2008, around 48 percent of non-hospital healthcare establishments employed fewer than five workers. In contrast, 72 percent of hospital employees were in establishments with more than 1,000 workers.



Employment in healthcare will continue to grow due to many contributing factors. The proportion of the population in older age groups will grow faster than the total population between 2008 and 2018. In addition, older persons have a higher incidence of injury and illness and often take longer to heal from maladies. As a result, demand for healthcare will increase, especially in employment settings specializing in gerontology care for the elderly.

Employment in home healthcare and nursing and residential care should increase rapidly as life expectancies rise and families are less able to care for their elder family members and rely on long-term care facilities.

OUT LOOK FOR AMT MEMBERS:

Medical Technicians [MT] and Medical Laboratory Technicians [MLT], Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant [CMLA], Registered Phlebotomy Technicians [RPT], Certified Laboratory Consultant [CLC]– Employment of laboratory workers is expected to grow by 14 percent between 2008 and 2018, faster than the average for all occupations. The volume laboratory tests continue to increase with both population growth and the development of new tests.

Registered Medical Assistants [RMA] – Employment is projected to grow 34%, much faster than the average, ranking medical assistants among the fastest growing occupations over the 2008-2018 decade. Job opportunities should be excellent, particularly for those with formal training and certification.

Registered Dental Assistants [RDA] – Employment is expected to grow 36 percent from 2008-2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. In fact, dental assistants are expected to be among the fastest growing occupations over the projection period.

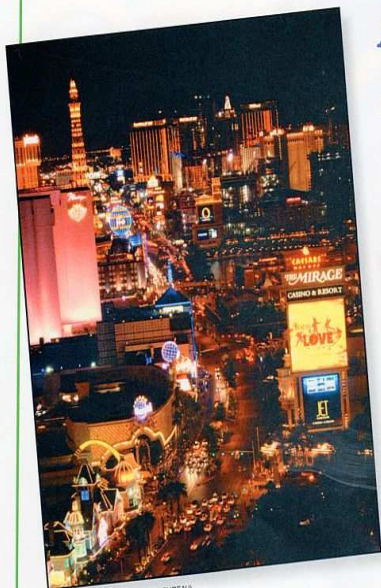
Certified Allied Health Instructor [CAHI] – As the demand for healthcare workers increases so does the need for qualified, instructors to provide education for the people entering this booming industry.

Healthcare workers at all levels of education and training will continue to be in demand. In many cases, it will be easier for jobseekers with health-specific training to obtain jobs and advance their careers. Specialized clinical training is a requirement for many jobs in healthcare and is an asset even for many administrative jobs that do not specifically require it.

Mark Your Calendar

AMT in *Las Vegas* July 12–17, 2010

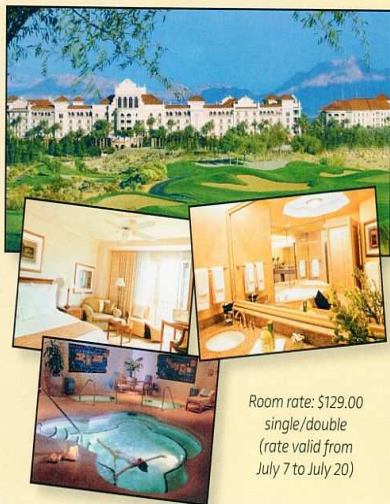
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Las Vegas, Nevada - July 12 – 17, 2010

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Medical Assistants Week – October 19-23, 2010

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