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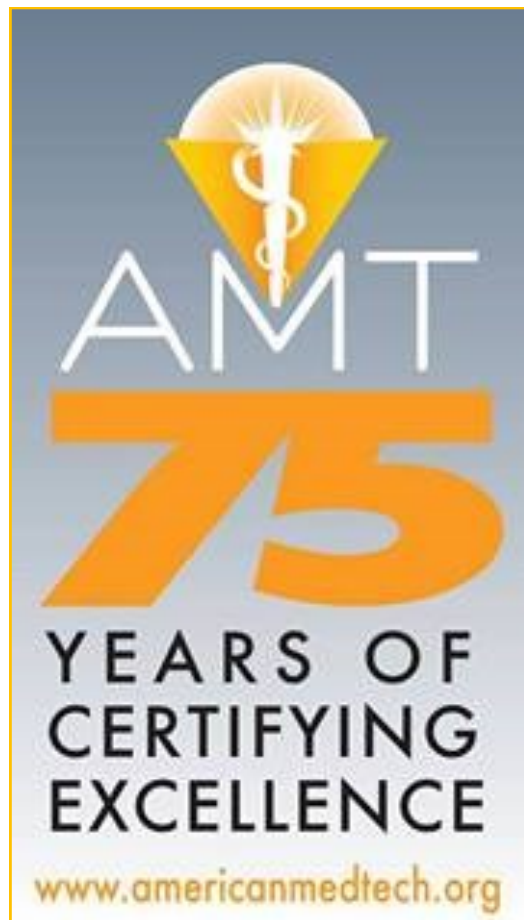
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President's Message.....

Congratulations to AMT as they celebrate 75 years of certifying excellence. We are proud to belong!

Recently, we had our board meeting and finalized our delegate list. Unfortunately, only four members signed up to represent our State Society in Chicago, Illinois this July for our National Convention. If you would like to join us in Chicago, please call me at 810-982-5651 and I will add your name to our list.



At the National Convention, Nathalie Dixon, MT, one of our long time and loyal members will receive the Exceptional Merit Award!

CONGRATULATIONS NATHALIE!!!!

Next year our National AMT Convention will be held in Hawaii; How Exciting! I am sure it will be an unforgettable trip. But, fast approaching is our State Scientific Fall Meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan at the Bavarian Inn. It will be held on October 9-11, 2014. We would love to see you there. We always have excellent speakers and the service is without compare. At our Business Meeting on October 9, 2014, for the first time our State Society will honor two members with the Loyalty Award.

It will be sixty (60) years December 1, 2014 that Michigan was declared a State Society of AMT. So we will be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee during the coming year. Speaking of anniversaries, we have two members who joined our State Society fifty (50) years ago and seven members who joined thirty (30) years ago!

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

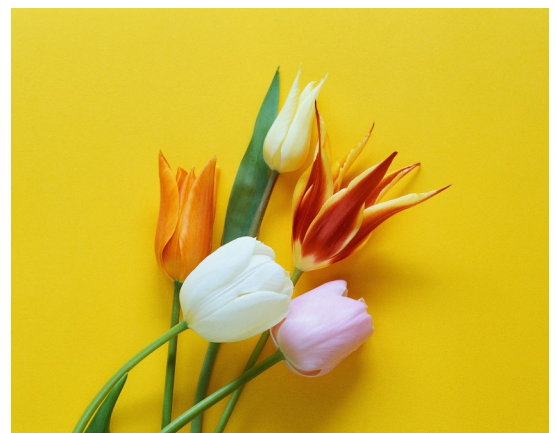
We have many reasons to be joyful!

A quick reminder to please contact me at the above phone number if you would like to receive a hard copy of the MICROBE. Please don't forget our Scientific Fall Meeting October 9-11, 2014.

I would like to close by wishing every member and their families a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

*Sieglinde Wilde, MLT II (AMT)
MSSAMT President*



District Councilor's Message....

Members of the Great Lakes Area – Happy Spring to All

The Council and BOD met this Spring and I want to share with you some updates that came out of the meeting.

A soft launch of the new AMT website will be occurring mid April.

Revision of the Editor's manual with an effected date of January 1, 2015.

Publications Committee has a name change to: Publication and e-Communication Committee

Revision of forms (Awards forms, President Checklist, fill able forms) Check the AMT website for these forms.

(These will take a while so you must keep checking back until they are fill able)

Upcoming National Meetings – Great Lakes Area – July 6-11, 2014, Chicago Illinois at the Drake Hotel. An optional tour of the AMT Home office is being offered for \$25. Great Lakes (members) lets turn out in record numbers for our National meeting. Our Convention for 2015 will be held June 21-25 in Hawaii, more information to follow.

Please remember to keep up your CCP

This year AMT will be celebrating 75 years and introducing a History Book of the Organization. Be on the lookout for this information.

It is truly a pleasure to serve you as District Councilor. If I can be of help to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clara Boykin, MT

Great Lakes District Councillor



Editor's Message

Welcome to Spring (?) in Michigan! I'm sure we are all anxiously awaiting some warm weather after the frigid winter we had! My garden is slowly coming to life and I hope to soon be reaping the benefits of my veggies and herbs. My oregano plant seems to have enjoyed the bitter cold because it is now four times the size it was last year!



I am looking forward to our National Convention in Chicago, Illinois July 7-11, 2014. It is being held at the Drake Hotel downtown, which looks to be a lovely venue. Because this year's National Convention is being held in the same city as the AMT headquarters, there will be an opportunity to tour the offices. It will be nice to be able to put some faces with voices and names!

I am also settling into my role as Editor for the MSSAMT. I am still looking to update our member information, so if you haven't already done so, please either email me your contact information or go to our website <http://mssamt.tripod.com> and fill out the online form. Due to the increase in postage, I am trying to keep our information as up to date as possible and reduce the number of returned newsletters.

I am looking for articles written by our own members. If you attend a seminar or just want to write about an interesting topic, please feel free to do so! You can email any submissions or questions to michsamt@gmail.com. If you get a promotion, a new job or any other exciting career change, let us know so we can acknowledge you! I also love pictures!

Our Fall Scientific Meeting will be back at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Michigan in October. Keep an eye out for the brochure to sign up and pass it on to everyone you know. It's always a great meeting with lots of good speakers!

The Fall Scientific Meeting will also give me an opportunity to meet everyone in person. Please make sure you come up and introduce yourself! I look forward to seeing everyone!

Lisa Rydzinski, MBA, AHI, RMA

MSSAMT EDITOR



Delegate Report.....

Another year has come and gone and once again it was time for the AMT conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This year I decided to drive instead of fly and rode down with another woman who was also attending the conference. It was about a five hour drive and we took in some sights along the way. We did have GPS in the car which did pretty well until we reached Pittsburgh, and then it had us going in circles, so we saw a lot of Pittsburgh before finally arriving at our hotel. We stayed at the Omni William Penn and it was a very nice hotel. If you are ever in the area, spend a night there and I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

Sunday night, I attended the workshop titled, "I Got a Flu Shot but Still Got the Flu." I always hear a lot of our patients say that, so I thought it would be worthwhile to attend. It certainly was and I was glad I did.

The Keynote Address, "Forensic Science-Civil and Criminal Cases: The Real CSI", was excellent! The speaker was very well known and knowledgeable. I did buy one of his books at the conference and have purchased several others since and they are all very interesting reading. Of all the years I have been attending the AMT Conferences, I have never been disappointed with the Keynote Address. They have all been exceptional.

"What Constitutes Malpractice in Healthcare" was another outstanding seminar. I had heard many of Mr. Gismondi's cases on television and found the seminar to be very interesting and well worth attending.

"Patient Medical Conditions that Affect Dental Treatment" was another very good seminar. I came away with a lot of knowledge that could be used daily in the workplace.

"Advanced directives and end-of-life decisions quote was a very informative and the something we will all have to face one day. Hopefully those attending the seminar will make the decision with a lot more knowledge than they had previously.

"Update in Urinalysis" was an excellent seminar and something I can use every day in the workplace.

"What's Bugging Women and Toxic Mold" were both two more seminars you just had to attend if you were at the convention. They were both pretty presented very well and were very interesting.

"Designer Drugs" was another seminar which gave you a lot of information that you may not of had before.

I also attended the capital legislative committee for one the committee members who was unable to attend. I had hoped the notes I took for him he found worthwhile and could follow up on.

The welcome party and awards banquet was a lot of fun and I enjoyed both events. There were many different restaurants and stores around Pittsburgh's, so it wasn't hard to find something in everyone's taste in price range. Although it did rain almost every day we were there, it still was a conference well worth attending and if you didn't attend you missed out on a very good time. Don't let that happen this year and plan to attend the next AMT conference in Chicago at the Drake Hotel July 6-11, 2014. I hope to see you there where you can experience the good times I right about every year.

Sincerely,
Nancy Winslow

Delegate Report.....

I was privileged to represent Michigan's AMT members at the AMT annual national meeting. The meeting was held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania from July 8-11, 2013. I encourage all of you to join AMT in near-by Chicago, Illinois next July 6-9, 2014. Here the top 10 things I learned at the conference this year:

10. Don't fear the fungi! Respect mold, don't fear it. I learned what moldy is particularly harmful and how to eliminate the kinds we can.

9. The Centers for Disease Control recently released new materials regarding waived testing. We heard from a member of the team that put it together. Materials were distributed at the meeting and are available at www.waivedtesting@CDC.gov

8. I participated in individualized assessment to my openness for change. I also learned practical tips to manage my organizations for change.

7. We listen to a fascinating presentation on how science laboratory evidence has been used to determine outcomes of criminal cases.

6. In a session for healthcare instructors, we were introduced to a learning format that is helpful for learning new things in a group setting.

5. I was relieved to hear that while our RMAs can be held criminally liable, the chances of this happening are very, very rare. Most often charges are filed so that the MA shows up in court – not for a potential damages.

4. Advanced directives 101 was presented with a focus on what makes it legal, what someone can and can't do his part of their advanced directive, and what our responses should be as Healthcare Professionals.

3. The latest knowledge of sexually-transmitted diseases and women's gynecological issues was presented.

2. We are introduced to emerging synthetic designer drugs that we should know about as healthcare professionals.

1. As an RMA, I have a voice in a national group that is devoted to fostering best practice knowledge to improve outcomes for those entrusted to our care. You do too!

In addition to what I learned in the sessions, I was honored to be the recipient of a scholarship to help support my educational experiences. AMT is an organization that truly supports learning And I appreciate that very much. At the meeting, I met fellow healthcare professionals from Idaho, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, California, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, in short all over the US! I also met a few from other countries. This conference truly is a place to network and compare notes as to how to improve practice for better outcomes. In addition, I was able to earn CEU's use to help support the continuation of my professional certification.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you as I attended the annual meeting and as I serve on the Michigan board of MSS AMT. I hope to see you next year in Chicago!

~~Linda Witte

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is viral respiratory illness first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012. It is caused by a [coronavirus](#) called MERS-CoV. Most people who have been confirmed to have MERS-CoV infection developed severe acute respiratory illness. They had fever, cough, and shortness of breath. About 30% of people confirmed to have MERS-CoV infection have died.

So far, all the cases have been linked to countries in and near the Arabian Peninsula. This virus has spread from ill people to others through close contact, such as caring for or living with an infected person. However, there is no evidence of sustained spreading in community settings.

CDC continues to closely monitor the MERS situation globally and work with partners to better understand the risks of this virus, including the source, how it spreads, and how infections might be prevented. CDC recognizes the potential for MERS-CoV to spread further and cause more cases globally and in the U.S. We have provided information for travelers and are working with health departments, hospitals, and other partners to prepare for this.



MERS in the U.S.

On May 2, 2014, the first U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler from Saudi Arabia to the U.S. On May 11, 2014, a second U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler who also came from Saudi Arabia. The two U.S. cases are not linked. The MERS situation in the U.S. represents a very low risk to the general public in this country. CDC and other public health partners continue to investigate and respond to the changing situation to prevent the spread of MERS-CoV in the U.S. We recognize the potential for MERS-CoV to spread further and cause more cases globally and in the United States. In preparation for this, we have

- Enhanced surveillance and laboratory testing capacity in states to detect cases
- Developed guidance and tools for health departments to conduct public health investigations
- Provided recommendations for healthcare infection control and other measures to prevent disease spread
- Provided guidance for flight crews, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) units at airports, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) officers about reporting ill travelers to CDC

Disseminated up-to-date information to the general public, international travelers, and public health partners

First U.S. Case (Indiana)

On May 2, 2014, the first U.S. case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler from Saudi Arabia to Indiana, via London and Chicago. The patient is a healthcare worker who lives and works in Saudi Arabia. He was isolated in a

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), cont.

hospital during the course of illness and later discharged, having fully recovered. Public health officials have contacted healthcare workers, family members, and travelers who had close contact with the patient.

Second U.S. Case (Florida)

On May 11, 2014, a second U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler who also came to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia. This patient is also a healthcare worker who traveled from Saudi Arabia to Orlando via London, Boston and Atlanta. On May 18, health officials verified that the patient tested negative for active MERS-CoV infection, was no longer symptomatic, and posed no threat to the community; the patient was considered to be fully recovered and was discharged from the hospital.

Symptoms & Complications

Most people confirmed to have MERS-CoV infection have had severe acute respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

Some people also had gastrointestinal symptoms including diarrhea and nausea/vomiting. For many people with MERS, more severe complications followed, such as pneumonia and kidney failure. About 30% of people with MERS died. Most of the people who died had an underlying medical condition. Some infected people had mild symptoms (such as cold-like symptoms) or no symptoms at all; they recovered.

Based on what researchers know so far, people with pre-existing medical conditions (also called comorbidities), may be more likely to become infected with MERS, or have a severe case. Pre-existing conditions from reported cases for which we have information have included diabetes; cancer; and chronic lung, heart, and kidney disease. Individuals with weakened immune systems are also at higher risk for getting MERS or having a severe case.

Based on information we have to date, the incubation period for MERS (time between when a person is exposed to MERS-CoV and when they start to have symptoms) is 2-14 days.

Countries with Lab-Confirmed MERS Cases

Countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula with Cases

Saudi Arabia
United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Qatar
Oman
Jordan
Kuwait
Yemen
Lebanon

Countries with Travel-associated Cases

United Kingdom (UK)
France
Tunisia
Italy
Malaysia
Philippines
Greece
Egypt
United States of America (USA)
Netherlands

Two patients were transferred to Germany for care.

In Michigan Legislative News.....

470,000 Michiganders will be eligible for expanded Medicaid; here's what to know

By Robin Erb Detroit Free Press Medical Writer Filed Under Life Health

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An estimated 470,000 Michiganders will be eligible for Michigan's expanded Medicaid program when it opens this spring, an option for states under the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

The state isn't taking applications just yet for the program, called Healthy Michigan, and that's leaving thousands wondering when coverage will kick in. Here's what is known already:

Current Medicaid traditionally has covered about 1.9 million disabled people, elderly people and children in Michigan. Left out of the mix were thousands of childless adults between 19 and 64 years old.

Those whose household income is less than 133% of the federal poverty level, according to the law, are eligible for Healthy Michigan. Incomes vary depending on the size of your household. And because of some flexibility, the effective rate is 138% of poverty levels.

Eligibility is based on the Modified Adjusted Gross Income and not your assets, unlike the current Medicaid program.

Most Michiganders already in the more than a dozen Medicaid categories now will see no change.

However, about 60,000 adults in a narrow Medicaid category with limited coverage called the Adults Benefits Waiver will be automatically transitioned to Healthy Michigan.

Healthy Michigan, unlike expanded Medicaid in most states, has a cost-sharing provision. That means beneficiaries might pay a small percentage of premiums or co-pays. It requires beneficiaries to participate in a health savings account.

Failure to pay will not end coverage.

Once the expanded program opens, consumers can apply online, by phone, or in person at local Department of Human Services offices or health departments, health centers and tribal health facilities operated by Indian Health Services. Eligibility for expanded Medicaid will be determined — and coverage will be effective — nearly immediately for those who apply online. Applications also can be made through www.healthcare.gov, but state officials warn that the process may take longer.

MSSAMT CURRENT EVENTS & PHOTOS



We were proud to receive the Proclamation from Governor Snyder for MT/MLT National Week April, 2014. President Wildie received the certificate and will have it at our Fall Scientific Meeting for everyone to see!



Board members meet at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth in April 2014 for the Spring Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting will take place during the Fall Scientific Meeting.



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