Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, my previous updates can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/About_Us/Executive_Director_s_Page/Public/About_Us/Executive_Director/Executive_Director_s_Page.aspx?hkey=cd0ff2f5-d747-40b2-9254-cb4662266b4d.

**House of Delegates**

Thank you all for your attendance and feedback at the MAG House of Delegates. Please see a list of the actions that you voted during the meeting at https://www.mag.org/georgia/uploadedfiles/actions2017hod.pdf.

**MAG Foundation “Distracted Driving” Campaign**

The MAG Foundation Distracted Driving campaign continues to gain momentum. Representative John Carson’s study committee continues to hold hearings on the issue. A special thanks to Representative Carson for his work and the volunteer time spent by Charles Wilmer, MD and Ali Rahimi, MD for their work. Rep. Carson is participating in a forum on November 9. More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Rep._Carson_promoting_distracted_driving_symposium_.aspx

There will be a forum sponsored by the MAG Foundation, Medical Association of Atlanta and the MAG Alliance that will be held on December 2 at Emory University at 10 am. Please make every attempt to attend to hear a national speaker on this issue. More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAA__MAG_Foundation___MAG_Alliance_to_host_distracted_driving_event.aspx

In addition, Derek Norton has been very active addressing distracted driving in his local area. The City of Smyrna is considering an ordinance to address distracted driving. Big thanks to Derek for all his work. More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Media_report____Smyrna__Councilman__and_MAG_GR_director__looks_to_curb_distracted_driving_.aspx

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported my 100 mile race. We raised over $21,000 in cash for the campaign. Factoring in my in-kind contribution puts us over the $25,000 goal. Thank you to everyone for your support. https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Support_MAG_s_CEO_as_he_runs_100_miles_to_combat_distracted_driving.aspx

**Maintenance of Certification**

The American Medical Association’s Interim meeting is being held in Hawaii. Your delegation is en route to the meeting ready to address the MAG House of Delegates’ resolutions asking for certain action from the AMA.

In addition, MAG has been asked to be on a panel addressing MOC that is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Because of MAG’s leadership with the states, we are presenting the state medical society position. In addition, we are also meeting with the American Board of Medical Specialties at the AMA Interim meeting to further address your concerns with MOC.
General Assembly Hearings and the AMA
A big thank you to the American Medical Association Board Chair - Gerald Harmon, MD. At MAG’s request, Dr. Harmon testified before the Senate’s Health Care Reform Task Force on the solutions for access to care. In addition, MAG has testified at the General Assembly study committees throughout the last few months on barriers to health care. We can expect a push from the advance practice nurses advocating for independent practice this legislative session.

Surprise Insurance Coverage Gap
MAG and the impacted specialty societies continue to work with House Insurance Chairman Richard Smith to find a solution to the Surprise Insurance Gap. While we have not arrived at a solution as of yet, we are clearly moving in that direction. I want to personally thank all the specialty societies as we would not be in the position we are without everyone working together. Truly a team effort.

Opioids
A big thanks to CopernicusMD and CW Hall for a fantastic discussion on opioids. The recording can be found at https://www.facebook.com/copernicusmd/videos/1592955217392714/. Please take a moment to listen to the recording as we discuss potential solutions to the opioid epidemic.

As always, please do not hesitate to call if you should need anything.

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End Distracted Driving - http://tinyurl.com/ydf69c4k