



Champaign County Medical Society 2021 Year Review

COVID-19 continued to present challenges for gatherings; however, under the leadership of Champaign County Medical Society President **Dr. Holly Rosencranz** and the Board of Directors, CCMS was able to provide opportunities to its members for learning, support, and networking even while also navigating COVID-19 restrictions.

Colleges of Medicine Support

- The UICOM/CIMED **2021 Health Innovation Research Day**, co-sponsored by CCMS, was held virtually on April 16th, with research presentations from medical students, residents, and keynote speakers. The **Best Short Presentation – Health Care Disparities** award went to **Aksal Vashi**, for his presentation titled, *The Modern Gender Gap in Academic Neuroradiology*. Aksal's achievement included a \$250 Champaign County Medical Society cash award.
- The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign held its **Convocation** on Saturday, May 8th. The twelve seniors of the Class of 2021 celebrated with speakers and presentations with the event live streamed from Foellinger Auditorium. CCMS President, **Dr. Holly Rosencranz**, participated as one of two faculty hooders chosen by students. At the ceremony, Dr. Rosencranz received the faculty Innovation in Education Award from the college.
- CCMS helped sponsor the September 19th **CIMED Class of 2025 White Coat Ceremony** with a cash donation. CCMS President **Dr. Holly Rosencranz** had the opportunity to address the students at the ceremony and offers her thoughts here.

ISMS Advocacy

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **2021 ISMS Annual Meeting** was held virtually via Zoom in April and addressed multiple issues and actions that impact physicians and trainees at the local, statewide, and national levels. [A Summary of Actions of the 2021 ISMS Annual Meeting](#) has been released and includes resolutions discussed and/or passed at the meeting. Progress of current resolutions can be found on the [2021 Resolution Tracking Page](#).

CCMS Spring Membership Meeting

CCMS's **2021 Spring Membership Meeting** was held on Thursday, May 20th via Zoom. **Dr. Jennie Hsu Lumetta**, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at UIUC College of Medicine and Carle Illinois College of Medicine, and **Dr. Karen Wiarda**, Cardiologist, Carle Heart and Vascular Institute, Mattoon and Clinical Instructor, Carle Illinois College of Medicine presented, "**Lifestyle Medicine: Transforming Illness to Wellness**," providing tips on improving the health of our patients, as well as ourselves, by following some smart and doable lifestyle measures that impact our diet, exercise, sleep, stress management, and work life balance.

Ken Ryan, Vice President, Member Advocacy at Illinois State Medical Society, helped update us on new rules and strategies for billing and coding.

In addition, CCMS President, **Dr. Holly Rosencranz**, shared results of the ISMS Annual Meeting as well as announced one of our ongoing projects: the development of an interpretative sign demonstrating the health benefits of urban parks and green spaces. CCMS is working with the park districts to find an optimal location to share this important information.

CCMS Fall Membership Meeting

CCMS held its **Fall Membership Meeting** on Thursday, September 9th. Participants, attending by zoom, received CCMS updates from President **Dr. Holly Rosencranz**.

Dr. Prakash Thopiah, retired Champaign-Urbana cardiologist, accepted the **2021 Physician Champion Award** for *Community Service* which recognized Dr. Thopiah's dedication promoting ALS research and his advocacy through the ALS Association for the development of treatments and finding a cure.

ISMS President **Dr. Regan Thomas** presented, "**Taking Action: A Legislative Review from the Illinois State Medical Society**," briefing members on ISMS efforts to effect legislation on prior authorization reform and discussing such issues as telemedicine, prejudgment interest, the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, and other top healthcare practice concerns in Illinois.

CCMS Holiday Meeting and Pizza Party

CCMS members enjoyed the **Holiday Meeting and Pizza Party** at Papa Del's on December 6th. All who attended enjoyed the chance to catch up with colleagues and enjoy the holiday spirit in-person again!



You can find photos and further descriptions of the year's activities on the [CCMS Facebook](#) page as well as in 2021 editions of our quarterly CCMS Newsletter which can be accessed on our [website](#).