The following local physicians are participating in the Greater Tulsa Region Comprehensive Primary Care initiative. Congratulations for your success in achieving positive outcomes through this program. For more information about the CPC refer to the May issue of Tulsa Medicine.

**Jenks Family Physicians**
- Dr. Andrew Driscoll Donnelly
- Dr. Brian Lewis
- Dr. Brent Wakefield

**OU Physicians**
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- Dr. Jason Deck
- Dr. Syeachia Dennis
- Dr. Douglas Ivins
- Dr. James Millar
- Dr. Barbara Miller
- Dr. Louis Mulkey
- Dr. Linda Oberst-Walsh
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- Dr. John Tipton
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- Dr. John Carment
- Dr. Oliver Cerqueira
- Dr. F. Daniel Duffy
- Dr. Martina Jelley
- Dr. Bernadette Miller
- Dr. John Schumann
- Dr. Carmen Vesbianu
- Dr. Michael Weisz
- Dr. William Yarborough

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- Dr. Marjorie Bennett
- Dr. Bruce Bennett
- Dr. Laura Bilbruck
- Dr. Theron Bliss
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- Dr. Jon Cox
- Dr. Brian Crotty
- Dr. Afsar Emery
- Dr. Helen Franklin
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- Dr. James Hanlon
- Dr. Paul Higbee
- Dr. Erick Hill
- Dr. William James
- Dr. Chitrakshya Kathuria
- Dr. Christopher Klotz
- Dr. Brent Laughlin
- Dr. Cynthia Maloy
- Dr. Michael Maxwell

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- Dr. Khalid Aly
- Dr. Paul Battles
- Dr. Robert Boyles
- Dr. Michael Cain
- Dr. Mark Callery
- Dr. Christopher Chow
- Dr. Debra Colpitt
- Dr. William Cook
- Dr. Tobin Crow
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**Warren Clinic**
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- Dr. Dina Azadi
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- Dr. Kellie Van Tuyl
- Dr. Ranilo Vasquez
- Dr. Robert Villareal

**Independent Practices**
- Dr. Steven Wiseman
When confronted with too much to read and too little time to read all that we want to read, it is natural that we essentially “triage our reading time”. Those articles that we need to read that keep us up-to-date on how to take care of the patients we see every day are our first priority. Next are the clinical articles in other areas of medicine dealing with patient problems we may not see on a daily basis. Following those might be articles that speak to fundamental changes in pathophysiology or clinical pharmacology. And somewhere, some how, sometimes we need to read those essential articles that deal with health policy that have a direct impact on patient care. What you are reading now fits into the last group.

MACRA stands for the Medicare Access and CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program) Reauthorization Act. It came into being when Congress ended the Sustainable Growth Rate tax last year. It is important that we know about it because it is the way Medicare will measure our clinical performance. If we don’t do well on these measures we can be penalized 9% of our Medicare claims. If we perform well we can get up to a 9% bonus. While you may think that you have time to learn about this later, think again. It is true that the program on paper begins January 1, 2019. But like many CMS programs it draws from patient care done two years earlier. In other words the measures track care beginning January 1, 2017.

CMS gives us two tracks and we have to participate in one of them in order to care for Medicare patients. One track is called MIPS. The other is APM.

MIPS is the “merit-based incentive payment system” and has four categories of measures that roll up into a final grade:

1. Quality :  HEDIS and PQRS type measures
2. Electronic health technology measures:  Replacing meaningful use
3. Health resource/utilization measures
4. Clinical practice improvement initiatives

APM stands for “alternative payment models” and for most of us the best example would be ACOs (accountable care organizations). In the last Tulsa Medicine you read about the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative and its sequel program called CPC Plus which will count as an APM. Doctors who choose this more complex track do not have to participate in MIPS and get a 5% bonus of their Medicare charges for being a part of one of these programs.

Most physicians will opt for the MIPS track but everyone will have to decide before next December for which track to sign up.

As a follow-up to the overview in my May President’s Letter of the CPC going on in Tulsa, I wanted to acknowledge our Tulsa colleagues involved in the program. On the front page of this month’s edition is a list of those doctors that were chosen by CMS to participate. Thank you, all of you, for being a part of this program. CMS considers this to have been a tremendous success such that they have expanded it from 475 practices in the country (62 being here in the Tulsa region) to 5000 practices. They will expand the locations from 7 sites to 20 sites in the U.S. and 22,000,000 patients will be covered in this program. Practices will have to apply once the regions are picked early this summer but those practices will be exempt from MIPS and will earn a 5% bonus for being a part of an alternative care/payment model.

Here are several good hyperlinks to get a start on understanding this complex issue. Most of you will need to set aside some meeting times over the next several months so that each of your offices can select which of the two tracks is better for you.

**Links:**
1. [www.AMA-assn.org](http://www.AMA-assn.org): on the opening page, on the right, double click on MACRA and you will be taken to a number of sites.
2. [www.CMS.gov](http://www.CMS.gov): on this site’s opening page, in the top right corner, type MACRA into the search bar. Nine links will pop up. Choose the first one entitled MACRA: MIPS and APMs. After reading through that go to the link entitled “Quality Payment Program events” and it will display the dates and times for six webinars occurring in the month of June. Multiple other links are at this site too.

The Tulsa County Medical Society and the Oklahoma State Medical Association will be providing learning activities this summer and fall to help doctors better understand all of this.
**Project TCMS...Stronger Because of Community Partners.**

Ralph McGill, M.D. served as President of Tulsa County Medical Society in 1944, following which he was President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in 1959. Dr. McGill was a leader in cancer control activities and was a founder and early President of the Oklahoma Cancer Society. He was recognized as TCMS Doctor of the Year in 1969. He retired in 1971 and passed away in 1972. Dr. McGill and his wife Frances established the Ralph and Frances McGill Foundation and many local organizations have been supported through their legacy of philanthropy. Project TCMS received a grant from the Ralph & Frances McGill Foundation in May in the amount of $25,000 for ongoing operations. This gift from a former member who was instrumental in leading our organization and many public health initiatives in our community is especially meaningful. Other Project TCMS grants received this year include; The Mary K. Chapman Foundation, Osteopathic Founders Foundation, C. William Simcoe Foundation, and The Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation. In addition to our community partners, thank you to our volunteer physicians, hospitals and healthcare vendors.

**ART RX, Catered by Boston Deli, Thursday, July 28th, 6:00 p.m. Location OU-Tulsa Learning Center.**

Beautiful art and “things money can’t buy” will be available at a silent auction at our 5th Annual Art RX. Proceeds from the event benefit Project TCMS. You can visit South Africa in Tulsa with dinner for 8 guests at the home of Sheryl and Graham Chadd. Sheryl and Graham lived in South Africa and still visit annually. Sheryl will prepare a meal and drinks that highlight South African cuisine. Many TCMS and Alliance members have enjoyed wonderful food prepared by Sheryl so this is going to highly coveted auction item.

**John Hammer is the Art RX featured artist this year.** John Hammer may not have been an artist that was born with a paint brush in his hand but his childhood influences of pop culture helped form his vibrant acrylic colors and expressionistic brush strokes that are seen today. His artistic process relies on intuition for combining colors and the influences of VanGogh. John’s painting will be available through a live auction at our event. Dr. Mark Milsten and his wife Mary are Chairing Art RX.

TCMS-TOMS invites you to attend **Retirement Planning for the Medical Community, Deciphering Financial Concepts and Building a More Successful Retirement Plan** on Thursday, June 30 at Tulsa County Medical Society. Dinner will be catered by Boston Deli and Grill at 6:00 p.m. The agenda will cover 1) Longevity Risk and Annuities, 2) Inflation Risk and Purchasing Power, & 3) What are Sequence Risk and Monte Carlo simulation, common tools used by retirement planners. The following officers of The Trust Company of Oklahoma will speak & address questions, Karen Ellis, QKA, CRSP, Senior Vice-President, Michael Hopper, CFP®, Vice President & Jared Buchan, Assistant Vice President. TCMS & TOMS Spouses are welcome to attend. To RSVP call 918-743-6184 or email tcms@tcmsok.org. This program is generously sponsored by The Trust Company of Oklahoma.

**Congressman James Bridenstine** addressed members of Tulsa County Medical Society and the Tulsa Surgical Society on May 2nd. He discussed the work he is doing on a federal task force appointed to address the issue of prescription drug abuse. Pictured below on the left is Congressman Bridenstine with TCMS Board member, Christopher Sudduth, M.D., and TCMS President, Peter Aran, M.D. On the right is OSMA Past President, Woody Jenkins, M.D., OSMA President, Sherry Baker, M.D. and OSMA Past President, Todd Brockman, M.D.
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