



Champaign County Medical Society 2020 Year Review

The unusual events of 2020 were challenging for everyone; however, under the leadership of Champaign County Medical Society **President Dr. William Holmes** 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.

Shortly before restrictions went into force, the **18th Annual Research Day** of the UIUC College of Medicine was held **Friday, March 6th** at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. Several CCMS Board members participated as part of the judging panel, and CCMS sponsored cash awards given for **Clinical Case-Resident**. The awards presented were:

1st Place – Dr. Mohammed Isaac Abu Zaanona: *A Grave Cause of Weakness – Thyrotoxic periodic paralysis as a presentation for Grave’s Disease;*

2nd Place – Dr. Nicholas Rawson: *Laparoscopic Management of a Gallstone Ileus in a Patient with a BMI of 60; and*

3rd Place – Dr. Kailash Pant: *Left Anterior Descending Artery Aneurysm.*

A virtual **UIUC College of Medicine Convocation** was held on Saturday, May 9th. The Class of 2020 celebrated with speakers and presentations via Zoom, with **CCMS President Dr. William Holmes** representing CCMS as a member of the platform party.

Although the **2020 ISMS Annual Meeting** was canceled due to the pandemic, ISMS initiated a special review process for resolutions. CCMS members had two resolutions reviewed: *Supplemental Resources for Inflight Medical Kit*, submitted by **Dr. Holly Rosencranz** was adopted as presented, and *Regulation and Control of Self-Service Labs in Illinois*, submitted by **Dr. Nestor Ramirez**, was adopted as amended. ISMS will return to the regular resolution protocol at its annual meeting in 2021.

Our **Spring Membership Meeting** had to be canceled due to the rapidly developing situation with the virus; however, we were able to present a virtual **Fall Membership Meeting** held on Zoom in September. The program included:

Dr. Janet Jokela, Acting Regional Dean, Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, who presented, *The U of I and Covid-19: test, isolate, quarantine, oh my!* and

Warren Lavey, JD, Adjunct Professor, University of Illinois College of Law, who presented, *Physician Advocacy for Patients and Climate*.

Also, at the Fall Membership Meeting, the **2020 Physician Champion Awards** were presented virtually to CCMS members **Dr. Michael Kuhlenschmidt** and **Dr. Japhia Jayasingh-Ramkumar**. Each received an *Education Service Award* for demonstrating excellence in educating students and residents in the practice of medicine.

*The **CCMS Holiday Membership Meeting**, our annual holiday party and food donation drive, was not held this year. Instead, we encouraged all to observe the spirit of the holidays by participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1st, a global day of generosity created in 2012 as a day to encourage people to do good.*

You can find photos and further descriptions of the year's activities on the [CCMS Facebook](#) page as well as in 2020 editions of our quarterly CCMS Newsletter which can be accessed on our [website](#).