



I want to thank you all for making 2019 another successful year for MUSIC. This year we officially launched MUSIC KIDNEY, organized our first transperineal prostate biopsy skills workshop, and conducted implementation and dissemination site visits with nearly all practices in the State, among other accomplishments. As we head into the Holidays, I would like to take a moment to highlight two exciting developments that should be relevant to you and your practice:

1. Value-Based Reimbursement (VBR): In 2016, MUSIC proposed to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) a new VBR plan that would provide a 3% uplift on all BCBSM procedure payments to MUSIC urologists if two urologic population-based quality metrics were met. In 2019, these metrics were: a) Confirmatory testing in low risk Active Surveillance prostate cancer patients; and b) Collection of PROs for patients undergoing radical prostatectomy.

The good news is that MUSIC has surpassed the targets for these measures, and therefore all MUSIC urologists are eligible to be reimbursed at 103% of the standard fee schedules for eligible services rendered March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. In previous years, the VBR has allowed urologists in Michigan to receive additional payments in excess of \$1 million/year. Our model is unique in the country, and serves as a blueprint for partnerships between payers and physicians.

2. MUSIC Video Library: We are the only group of urologists in this country who submit videos of robotic prostatectomy for peer review, with the goal to improve patient outcomes. As a result of our experience, we have created an open source Video Library of robotic surgery that is categorized by surgical performance - both technical skill, and outcomes using the MUSIC registry. The library contains over 60 de-identified cases from 31 MUSIC surgeons. It is an interactive forum for MUSIC and non-MUSIC members to review surgeries and witness variances in approach and technique. More developments of this website are planned in 2020, but for now please feel free to use this as a learning resource for yourself, your colleagues and your residents. Check it out! www.musicurologyvideo.com

These are solid wins for the year and a great platform to kick off 2020. Both reflect the potential that we, as a collaborative, have for meaningful impact to improve the quality of urologic care for our patients here in Michigan, and as a model to others.

For an update on all of the current happenings in MUSIC, you can access our 2019 mid-year report here: [MUSIC 2019 mid-year report](#).

From the entire MUSIC team, we wish you and your family the very best for the Holidays and a Happy New Year.



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Upcoming MUSIC Collaborative-Wide Meetings:

- **January 31, 2020** at Lansing Community College West Campus in Lansing, Michigan
- **June 12, 2020** at TBD (Western MI)
- **October 9, 2020** at Lyon Meadows Conference Center in NewHudson, Michigan