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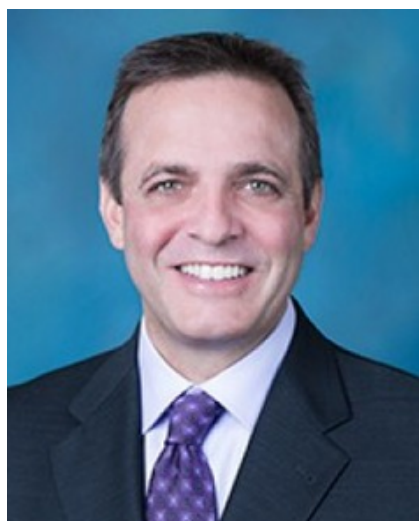


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**SPECIAL EDITION
JUNE 2024**



NEAL J. NAFF, MD

BCMS President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to report on the activities of our Baltimore City Medical Society.

Maryland Legislature

The 90-day Maryland General Assembly concluded on April 8. MedChi, BCMS and the other MedChi components worked collectively to advocate for our statewide legislative agenda. Here are a few important legislative results.

1) Prior Authorization - Robust protections against unjust prior authorization practices were secured during this Session (SB791/HB932).

2) Budget: Medicaid Funding - Payment for Medicaid E&M Codes will be maintained at 100% of Medicare.

3) Non-compete Clauses - Physicians earning less than \$350,000 cannot be subject to non-compete clauses at all; those earning above \$350,000 are protected from over broad geographic terms and conditions (HB1388).

4) Medical Malpractice - A bill to repeal the cap on non-economic damages in other than health care claims failed (HB83/SB538).

Celebrating 120 Years as a Component of MedChi

On April 11, we welcomed Larry Pitrof, executive director of the Alumni Association of the University of Maryland Medical School, who gave our 120th Anniversary Lecture. His presentation on the shared history of UM and BCMS and MedChi was well received. We look forward to future presentations from other institutions. And, on May 15, it was my pleasure to welcome BCMS members and guests to my home for a 125th celebratory reception.

Your BCMS "To Do" List

As you continue to enjoy your summer vacations and other leisure activities, I encourage you to do just three (3) things --before the end of summer--

on behalf of BCMS:

1) Renew your membership if you have not done so.

2) Recruit one (1) new member; refer them to skirk@medchi.org or 410-625-0022.

3) Read BCMS and MedChi emails and publications and take advantage of upcoming programs and other benefits.

Thank you for your membership and I look forward to your further engagement with our Baltimore City Medical Society.

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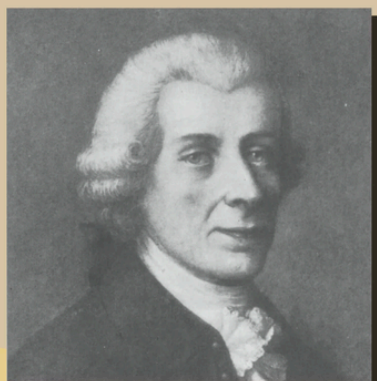
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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

CELEBRATING 235TH ANNIVERSARY: BCMS PRESIDENTS' GALA (MARCH)



First Baltimore City Medical Society Presidents



Dr. Charles Wiesenthal (1788)



Dr. Harry Friedenwald (1904)



BCMS PRESIDENTS

COVID PREEMPTED OUR ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL GALAS FROM 2020 THROUGH 2022



BCMS PRESIDENTS DRS. TOM EDMONDSON (2019), KAVITA KALRA (2020) AND CAMELLUS EZEUGWU (2021 AND 2022) ARE HONORED; DR. RON DELANOIS (2023), ABOVE RIGHT.

Congratulations to BCMS Foundation 2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients



Kimia Abtahi

Health and life are interchangeable words. Life cannot exist without health. The words health and *living* are interchangeable too. Health allows humans to lead a full life and reach their individual potentials. This is what I wanted to be a part of when I applied to medical school. Now, I work with patients to heal them, support them, and empower them. There is nothing rewarding to me than this privilege.

There are other fields that overlap with medicine that I have found a passion for: preventive medicine, environmental health, and health policy & advocacy. As a practicing physician, I hope to emphasize evidence-based lifestyle modifications with my patients, equipping them with the knowledge and motivation to take actions that prevent disease. I will need to form strong relationships with my patients, view them holistically, and consider factors that can influence the success of my care plan, such as the social determinants of health. The climate crisis is an issue I deeply care about, and I want to do my part to mitigate the

devastating changes that are occurring to our planet. The climate crisis has an intimate intersection with health through pollution and respiratory health, increased natural disasters, a higher risk of vector-borne diseases, impacts on mental health, and more. I strive to serve as an advocate for sustainable practices in the community and within the healthcare system. A tool to achieve this change and other necessary healthcare reform is through policy and advocacy work. All these passions blend to create an image of a fulfilling career that I aspire to have one day: an internal medicine physician in primary care engaging in public health work, working to give the best care possible on both a micro- and macro-scale.



Panchal Bhakti

Becoming a physician has always been a dream of mine, and I am so grateful to be where I am today as a student in medicine. I want to thank the BCMSF for allowing me to be a recipient of the BCMS scholarship. Below is a small snapchat of my journey in medicine so far.

I always found a sense of

comfort while visiting my pediatrician growing up and knew I wanted to be a physician at an earlier age. I decided to shadow physicians starting in high school and in college and gained experience seeing physicians from emergency department to clinic settings. From holding the hands of those in pain, to comforting the families of patients, I was amazed to see the impact that a single individual could have on so many people in one day. My experience with physicians showed me the virtuous qualities needed to ensure effective care and emotional support. As a future physician, I hope to exhibit these same qualities with my patients to educate and empower them.

Additionally, I realized that physicians are not only clinicians, but educators, mentors, and even advocates in their field. With so many state and federal policies affecting patient care, physicians can be the voices of their patients and can continuously advance patient care through advocacy and research. As a medical student, I wanted to get involved with advocacy early, so I joined the American Medical Association as well as the Maryland's state medical society, MedChi to attend lobbying and legislative events. As a future physician, I hope to continue this passion by incorporating advocacy into my daily practice.

Now as a medical student on my clinical rotations, it has

been such an honor to take part in the care of so many patients in the Baltimore community under the guidance of residents and attendings in the UMSOM community. Although I have learned a vast amount of clinical information during my first and second years of medical school, I continue to learn the most by communicating and getting to know the patients every day on my clinical rotation service. Overall, being a part of someone's healthcare journey has been such an amazing and humbling experience.



Rose Pagano

I am thankful and honored to have received the North Charles/Wyman Park Medical Staff Endowment Scholarship. My aspiration to be a physician is rooted in my desire to improve healthcare accessibility. Prior to attending medical school, I volunteered as a health counselor and medical issues advocate. Through this work, I quickly became aware of the disparities many individuals face when attempting to navigate the healthcare system. Witnessing these hardships motivated me to pursue a career in medicine

and provide quality medical care to all people. Currently, I am a second year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. My medical school experience has only further strengthened my desire to become a physician. Many of my patients at the University of Maryland Medical Center were born and raised in Baltimore City, and they have grappled with a variety of challenges, ranging from food insecurity and unsafe housing to street violence and substance abuse. All of these obstacles have impacted their physical health and access to adequate medical services. Caring for these patients has further solidified for me the need to be a community health advocate and leader. When I become a physician, I intend on practicing in Maryland and advocating for the underserved. While my main objective is to practice medicine in the clinical setting, I am interested in lobbying for policy advancements that improve healthcare accessibility. I believe physicians are key stakeholders in discussions on the US healthcare structure, and I want to advocate for systemic advancements in this arena. I have already made great strides in this area. I am currently the co-president of the MedChi Medical Student Section and with MedChi I have lobbied for changes to the Maryland Medicaid structure in Annapolis, and I am excited about continuing this type of work. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and for the community I have found in Baltimore City. Ultimately, this scholarship will enable me

to achieve one of my long term goals of continuing to serve the City.



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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

INAUGURAL FINANCIAL SYMPOSIUM

Physicians Leading Physicians to Financial Independence (September)

A day-long symposium featured physicians leading discussions on managing debt, asset protection and physician entrepreneurship.



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FURLONG MEMORIAL LECTURE (NOVEMBER)

Named in memory of Maurice B. Furlong, Jr., M.D., who would have become BCMS President in 2007, the 2023 Lecture featured a discussion on artificial intelligence and health care.

Baltimore City Medical Society and Baltimore City Medical Society Foundation Annual Meetings and CME Activity

15TH ANNUAL DR. MAURICE B. FURLONG, JR., MEMORIAL LECTURE

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

Hosted by Baltimore City Medical Society and Baltimore County Medical Association

SPEAKER
Paul Yi, MD, Director
University of Maryland Medical Intelligent Imaging (UM2ii) Center
Assistant Professor, Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
@ 6:00 P.M. (IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL)

Objectives: (1) Define artificial intelligence (alternate, alternative, augmented intelligence) in medicine; (2) Discuss opportunities and challenges with artificial intelligence in the delivery of patient care; and (3) Describe research in artificial intelligence.

CME Accreditation Statement: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the providership of MedCN, The Maryland State Medical Society. Baltimore City Medical Society (BCMS) is accredited by MedCN. The Maryland State Medical Society, its sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

CME Designation Statement: BCMS designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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2024 AND MOVING FORWARD

A DAY IN ANNAPOLIS (FEBRUARY)

Annually BCMS members meet with Baltimore City elected officials to share our MedChi legislative agenda.



KEY LEGISLATIVE WINS

- 1) Robust protections against unjust prior authorization*
- 2) Increase in Medicaid Funding*
- 3) Ban on non-compete clauses*
- 4) Cancer prevention public awareness campaign*
- 5) Ban on vaping in public indoor areas and mass transit*

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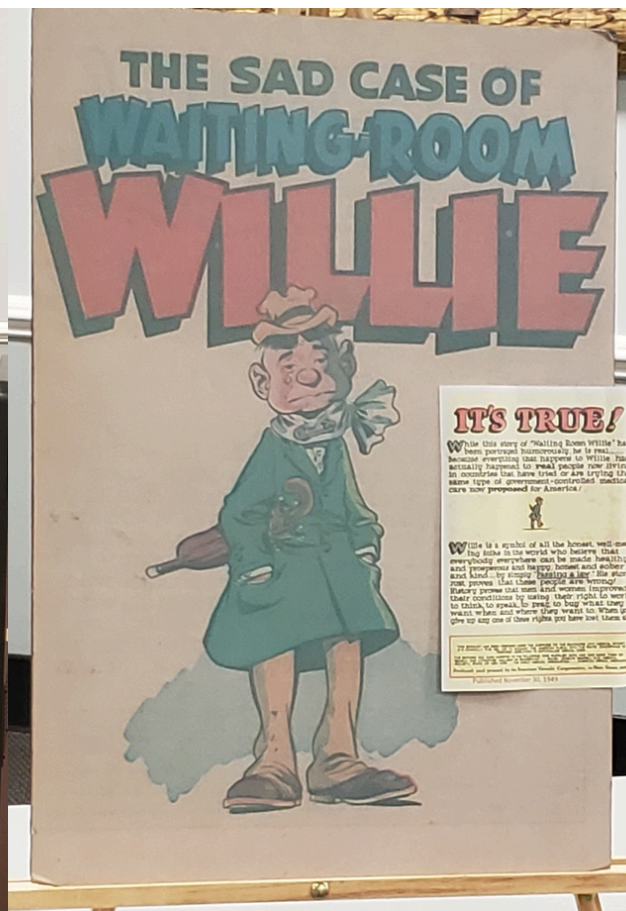
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A Shared History: BCMS and the University of Maryland

Speaker: Larry Pitrof
Executive Director
The Medical Alumni Association
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Thursday
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Baltimore City Medical Society Foundation (BCMSF) is partnering with the Association of Black Cardiologists, and other local and national organizations to train motivated trusted community leaders and residents to provide peer education on changes in lifestyle and behaviors to improve overall health. We invite you to become a part of this innovative program to assist your neighbors.

If you are interested in becoming a community health advocate, email or call BCMSF – info@bcmsdocs.org or 410-625-0022

- Conduct educational sessions with religious congregations, neighborhood and community organizations, civic organizations and school, college and university students
- Participate in group activities organized by BCMSF
- Earn the distinction of being a member of BCMSF's community health advocate coalition

To join us, please call the Baltimore City Medical Society Foundation at 410-625-0022 or email: info@bcmsdocs.org



BCMS FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT



The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation awarded BCMS Foundation a grant to assist with community education on heart health, a partnership with the Association of Black Cardiologists. The grant will help stock a loan closet of educational materials for community health advocates to use in their presentations.



BALTIMORE CITY MEDICAL
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WHAT
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2024



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SEPTEMBER 18

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DECEMBER 15, 1788**



- Component of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society (American Medical Association affiliate), professional membership organization of physicians since 1904
- 700 physician members representing numerous medical specialties and practice settings; outreach exceeds 1,000 physicians, physicians in training and medical students.



"Physicians lending a helping hand"

- BCMS Foundation established in 1972 to advance philanthropic, education, research, and charitable endeavors

Become a Member! Engage!

BCMS—MedChi

- One fee for annual dual membership
- Private Practice and Employed Physician Centers
- State and City legislative advocacy; Physician of the Day in Annapolis
- Continuing education
- Physician referrals
- Physician-student exchange
- Social and networking opportunities
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- Complimentary insurance review
- Committee and Council service
- Physician Health Program

Membership Dues

- Group discount—all members in practice \$250 per physician
- Individual—\$300 first time member; \$400 second year; \$500 thereafter

BCMSF Program Highlights

- Community health advocates
- Medical school scholarships
- Community and faith-based network
- Speaker's Bureau
- Patient newsletter distributed via members' offices, public libraries and other institutions
- Remote patient monitoring (proposed)
- Keep Your Doctor's Appointment campaign
- Physician Community Service Award

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Anuradha Reddy, M.D.

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"Without exaggeration, Baltimore City Medical Society is one of the most remarkable communities of physicians on the planet that traces its beginning to 1788. Thus, I consider it an honor for me to serve as President for 2024."

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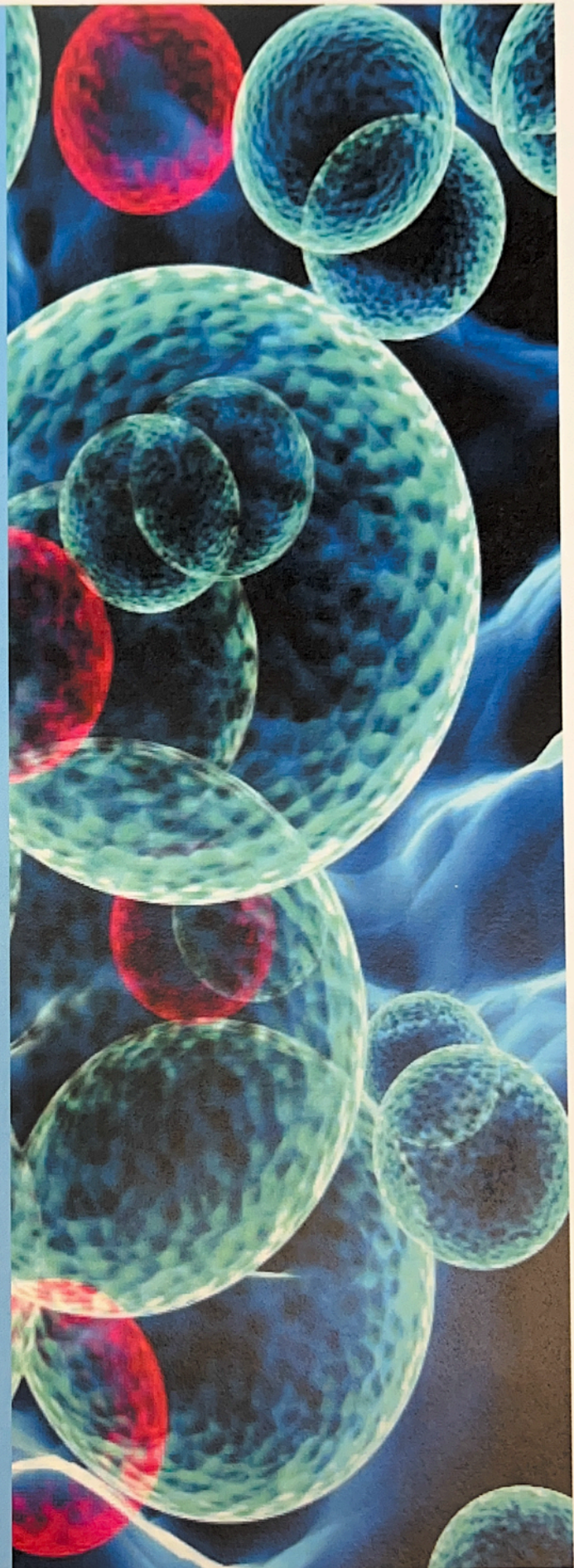
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

(2020 Awareness Campaign continues)

Keep Your Doctor's Appointment!

Doctors and hospitals are reporting patients are not keeping scheduled appointments -- and not going to the emergency room for immediate care -- because of the fear of contracting COVID-19. Many doctors and hospitals are offering video and telephone visits to help keep their patients safe. Should you need an in-person well visit or vaccines, know that steps are being taken to make sure everyone who comes into the medical office is safe.

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