BCMS Baltimore City Medical Society

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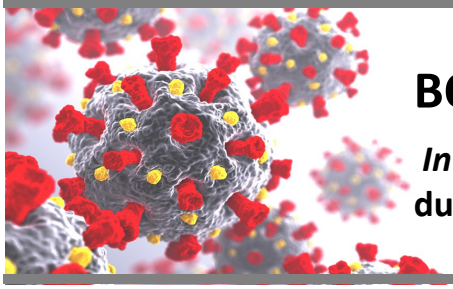
Membership Newsletter of the Baltimore City Medical Society, a component of MedChi



BCMS-MedChi Members Care…

***In Their Own Words*…our members share their experiences during COVID-19 (read more in our upcoming publications)**

Camellus Ezeugwu, M.D.
Cardiology

"COVID-19 has certainly shown us the value of technology. There are some patients who are afraid and very reluctant with the use of technology, particularly among elders, and non-English speaking patients. Some of them are also very concerned with whether or not the technology based care will be covered by their insurance."

Mary Melati
Medical Student

"The third and fourth-year medical students have started COVID-19 Medical Student Supplemental Labor Force at University of Maryland. I volunteered to be a supervisor/helper in the donning/doffing of PPE in the hospital should they need more help. One of the perks of living next to the University of Maryland, Baltimore is enjoying the cherry blossoms."

Sarah Nelson, M.D.
Neurology

"All of our staff have adapted to the changes and continue to espouse caring for our patients as the number one priority, while knowing the risks of being exposed to COVID each and every day."

Shruti Aggarwal, M.D.
Ophthalmology

"We will emerge from this, more humble, thoughtful and empathetic. And that is something to be thankful for."

Richard Bruno, M.D.
Family Medicine

" We developed a Baltimore Health Professional Mutual Aid Cooperative (BHPMAC) to help support frontline healthcare workers with a volunteer team that has been providing childcare to those who need it (due to school being out) and running a drive to collect personal protective equipment (PPE) and distribute to the highest need hospitals and clinics."
--- https:www.facebook.com/bmorehealthmac

Toyin Opesanmi, M.D.
Family Medicine

"Many patients are anxious about COVID-19. They call anytime. Staying connected to peers has been very helpful."

Tyler Cymet, D.O.
Internal Medicine

"Cut my beard for optimal mask fit; first time I have shaved since 1983!" Dr. Cymet is working at the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital, a 250-bed COVID care facility.

Leslie Gailloud
Medical Student

"I'm working with BHPMAC to support healthcare workers through the work of volunteers and material aid so they can continue providing high-quality care to patients."

We want to hear from you… send an account of what you are experiencing during this COVID-19 pandemic to info@bcmsdocs.org or BCMS, 1211 Cathedral Street, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201 or FAX: 410-385-0154

BCMS and MedChi, Your Medical Societies, Care About You and Your Patients.

Here's what we are doing:

Responding to daily e-mail and phone requests, from members and non–members, for information on economic and business resources, including federal, state and local funding, personal protection equipment, telemedicine support, and volunteer opportunities.

Managing specialty medical societies weekly teleconferences and other communications with their memberships

Encouraging participation in webinars offered by the Maryland Department of Health and MedChi; continuing medical education credits are offered

Sharing up-to-date information via our websites and regular mail

Advocating for additional public emergency immunity and additional economic support for physicians

Facilitating virtual board, committee, and membership meetings

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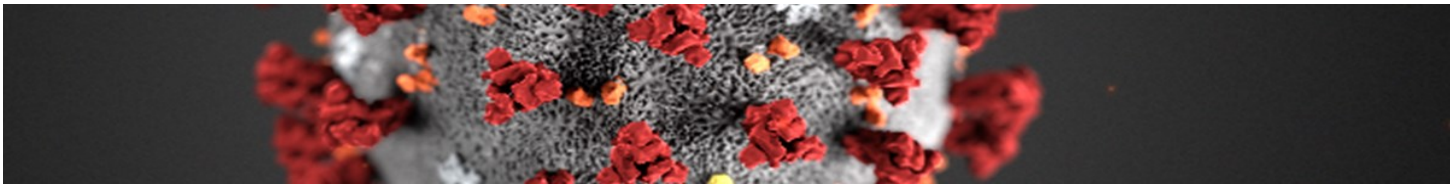

BMCS / MedChi Dues Renewal

MedChi is working around the clock to serve our members. As we navigate this global crisis, we want to ensure that you continue to have access to the tools, resources, and your community of peers that can help you advance your profession. At this time, MedChi is extending the membership term by two months at no additional cost. Reaffirm your commitment to your profession. Renew your MedChi dues today! Membership term has been extended to June 1, 2020.Sixty percent of your dues are tax deductible and include membership in your local society. Should you have any questions about your membership, please contact members@medchi.org or 410-539-0872 ext. 3301.

"The 2020 Legislative Session: New Leadership and New Laws in Maryland"

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Teleconference (only)

Special Guests

Senate President Bill Ferguson

House Speaker Adrienne Jones

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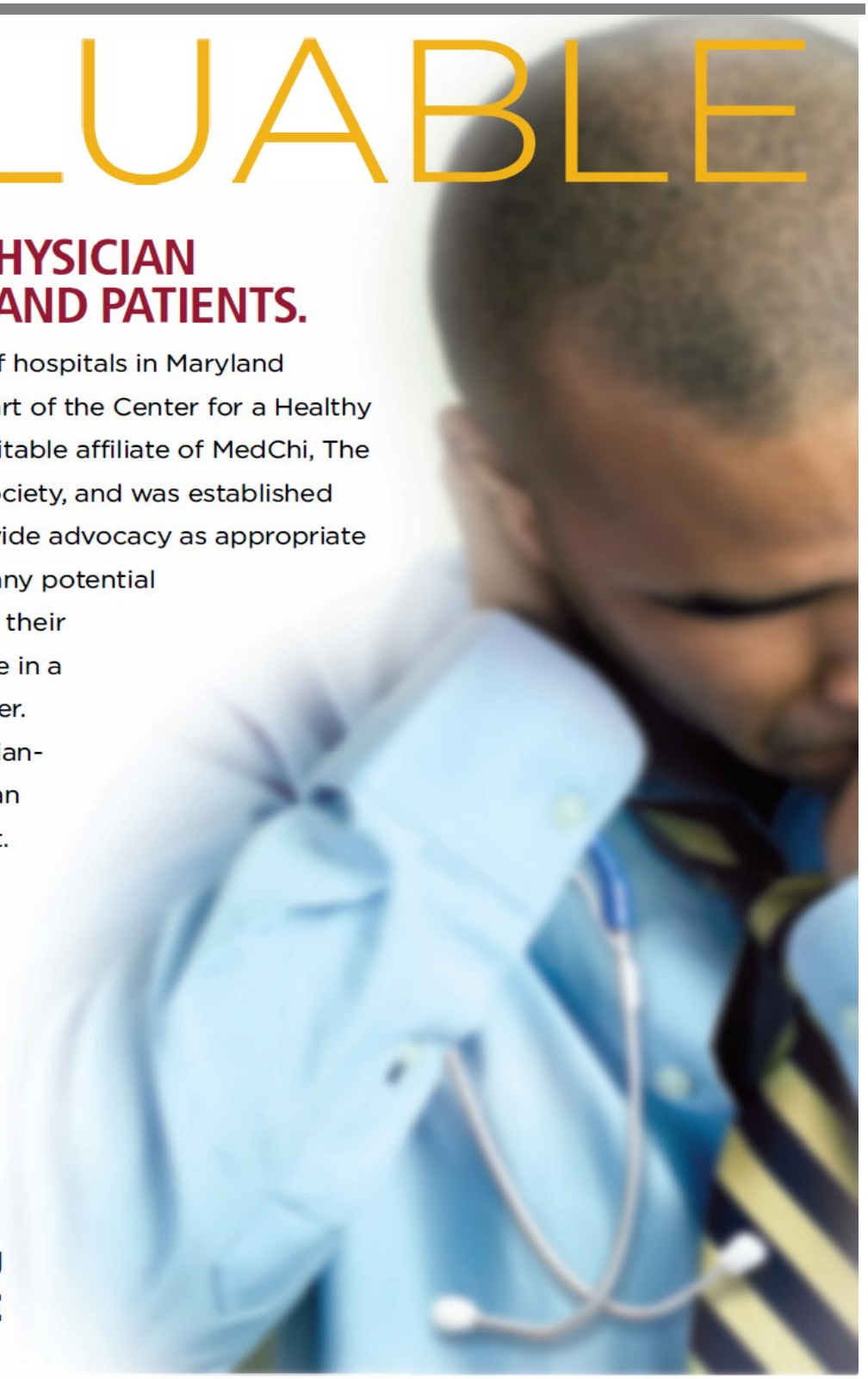

HELPING ONE PHYSICIAN HELPS A THOUSAND PATIENTS.

That's why nearly **80%** of hospitals in Maryland support MPHP. MPHP is part of the Center for a Healthy Maryland, a 501(c)(3) charitable affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and was established to assist, support and provide advocacy as appropriate for physicians to address any potential conditions that may affect their ability to practice medicine in a safe and competent manner. MPHP understands physician-specific issues and offers an array of resources to assist.

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, established the Maryland Physician Health Program (MPHP) in 1978 by physicians, for physicians.

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