

Beaumont Physician Partners

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Your physician weekly bulletin

Dear colleagues,

It's that time of year again. It's **flu season**, and Beaumont's policy supports requires **immunization for all health care providers** – including private physicians with active hospital clinical privileges – unless a medical or religious contraindication exists. The deadline is Saturday, Dec. 15. To get your vaccination done onsite, find [your calendar](#) to see available locations. If getting your shot offsite, please complete this [online form](#).

This week, I have some important information to share with you, including:

- the 2018 Beaumont Physician Leadership Academy graduates
- voting for U.S. News & World Report's "Best Hospitals"
- open enrollment for ACA
- Beaumont doctors speaking at ASTRO
- learn patient and family-centered care first-hand

I would like to give a very special congratulations to the **Beaumont Physician Leadership Academy class of 2018 graduates**. The program consisted of a nine-month curriculum of educational sessions with an initial weekend session followed by one weeknight session that occurred monthly. Final group projects were presented on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Topics included CAPC – Improving Palliative Care at Beaumont Health, Kaizen – Scratch the Itch, Pain Management – Model for Coordination at Beaumont Health, Neuromodulation: The Pulse of the Future as well as PFCC Communication for Providers at Beaumont Health. The project with the highest score was Improving Palliative Care at Beaumont Health. The team consisted of Stefani Hines, M.D.; Brian Muckey, M.D.; Naushad Pervez, M.D.; Deborah Ruark, M.D. and Randy Semma, DPM. The graduates came from a wide variety of specialties. Please take a look at the [full list of graduates](#) and join me in congratulating them. The [application process](#) for the 2019 academic year is now open. For more information on the academy and how to apply, please visit [BPLA's website](#) and watch this [BPLA video](#) or contact Jeanne Sarnacki, director of Medical Staff Development, at Jeanne.Sarnacki@beaumont.org.

If you have not already, I encourage you to **claim your profile on Doximity by Thursday, Nov. 15** in order to vote next spring for **U.S. News & World Report's 2019 "Best Hospitals."** As many of you know, Doximity is the leading medical professional network with half of U.S. physicians as members. Not only does your Doximity profile allow you to network with fellow physicians, but through a partnership with U.S. News & World Report, Doximity provides you with an opportunity to have a voice in voting to identify next year's Best Hospitals. In late February or early March, **registered physicians will receive an email from Doximity** to remind them to vote. For information on how to claim your profile and vote, please review the [Beaumont/Doximity flyer](#). If you have already claimed your profile, please check that it is active by logging in. Let's show the country the talent and expertise showcased at Beaumont.

The **enrollment period for Affordable Care Act begins on Thursday, Nov. 1 and ends on Saturday, Dec. 15**. Please share this important information with your patients. Beaumont is currently setting up appointments with certified application counselors to help patients with their decisions. Appointments are free and will be available at all Beaumont hospitals. For more information, visit [Beaumont's enrollment webpage](#) or take a look at the [ACA open enrollment flyer](#).

The week, **Beaumont doctors presented at ASTRO's 60th annual meeting**. Xuanfeng Ding, Ph.D.; Peyman Kabolizadeh, M.D., Ph.D. and Craig Stevens, M.D., Ph.D. served as expert panelists and spoke on their experiences with ProteusOne after one year of operation, a new technique called Proton Arc Therapy and the future of proton therapy in Beaumont. Please watch [this video](#) to learn more about the about the group and what they're doing for patients. Congratulations to the team that has accomplished so much in just one year with the Proton Therapy Center open to patients.

Patient and family-centered care is a concept that we all need to embrace. PFCC is about all aspects of the patient experience. As a patient, Rana Awdish, M.D. was able to see the importance of patient and family care first-hand. On **Monday, Nov. 19, 5-7:30 p.m.** in the Qazi Auditorium at Beaumont, Troy, local author and pulmonary disease specialist Dr. Awdish will discuss her experience with a life-threatening illness when, as a young critical care physician, she found herself in an ICU as a dying patient.

This event will include a presentation, question-and-answer session and book signing. For more information, please view the [End-of-Life Care Forum flyer](#).

I hope this is a productive week for you! As always, please reach out if you would like to share your feedback on this communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David P. Walters, D.O., MHA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'W'.

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