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# Beaumont Physician Partners

*Engaging and supporting Beaumont doctors*

**From the desk of:** David Walters, D.O., MHSA, Senior Vice President, Medical Staff Services  
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It was announced earlier this week that Beaumont and Summa Health have officially signed the definitive agreement that will make Summa a fully-owned subsidiary of Beaumont. Once complete, our combined organization will have \$6.1 billion in total revenue, 45,000 employees and over 6,000 affiliated physicians.

The next step in the process will be submitting the agreement to state and federal regulatory agencies for final approval. Leaders from both Beaumont and Summa are developing a plan to guide the post-closing integration of the two organizations. This will center on making the most of our combined financial strength to support significant capital and operations initiatives in Southeast Michigan and Northeast Ohio. We expect the transaction to close by the end of the first quarter of 2020, at which time Summa will officially be a subsidiary of Beaumont.

For more information, please read the full announcement on the provider website. If you have questions, please reach out to me.

Other items of interest this week:

- EPCS now available to residents and fellows
- monthly lecture series for Behavioral Health
- latest video update from John Fox
- Winter Mindfulness
- research at Beaumont puts scientists one step closer to newborn screening for autism

**Effective Monday, Jan. 6, residents and fellows now have access to Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances.**

This is part of a comprehensive effort to fully implement EPCS at all Beaumont campuses and ambulatory offices. Residents and fellows should have been contacted by the GME program manager regarding to registration process. For more information, please read the full EPCS announcement on the provider website.

**Behavioral Health is starting a lecture series at Beaumont, Royal Oak.** Topics will include traumatic brain injury, anxiety and depression medications and more. The lectures will be hosted in the auditorium and offer CME/CE to physicians, nurses, psychologists and social workers. For more information, including how to register, take a look at the Behavioral Health flyer at [providers.beaumont.org/drwalters](https://providers.beaumont.org/drwalters).

In case you missed it, **Beaumont President & CEO John Fox released another installment of The Update**, a new video series in which John discusses recent announcements and accomplishments within the system. In this episode, he discusses Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams, the signed agreement to acquire Summa Health and Beaumont Rehabilitation & Continuing Care, Dearborn's recent perfect score on its CMS health inspection. This score places them in the top 1% of all Michigan-based skilled nursing centers! Check it out to learn more.

Beginning this month, the **Beaumont Center for Mindfulness is hosting a variety of classes, workshops and retreats for physicians.** Topics include stress reduction, meditation, self-compassion and more. Please review the Winter Mindfulness flyer on the provider website for all necessary information. As busy physicians, we can all benefit from taking some time to learn how to better handle the things coming our way.

Dr. Ray O Bahado-Singh and his research team, Drs. David Aughton, Lori Warner and others, **published a study that puts researchers one step closer to newborn screening for autism.** The preliminary, collaborative study, published in the journal Brain Research, used Artificial Intelligence. The team's findings could lead to an accessible, standardized newborn screening tools which uses a simple blood test, enabling earlier intervention while reducing disability and improving outcomes. Please join me in congratulating the team on this extraordinary research!