

Beaumont Physician Partners

Engaging and supporting Beaumont doctors



Dear colleagues,

We are saddened by the news that Beaumont Medical Group **family practice physician Rima Abbas, M.D.**, her husband, Issam, and their three children were killed in a wrong-way motor vehicle accident on Jan. 6 while traveling in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Abbas was the associate medical director of the BMG family practice clinic in Garden City. A graduate of Wayne State University, she completed her residency through the program at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne.

Our thoughts are with the extended Abbas family and friends as well as with the many patients, family members and colleagues Dr. Abbas touched during her dedicated career at Beaumont.

In this week's issue, I have some important items:

- Bernice Sessa, M.D., appointed to regional medical director and director of clinical integration for Beaumont Urgent Care by WellStreet
- provider opportunities at Beaumont Urgent Care by WellStreet
- expense reimbursement policy updates effective Jan. 1
- Beaumont Specialty Pharmacy overview and adherence guide
- pain workshops and conferences for patients and physicians
- sensitive data loss prevention software coming soon to ambulatory offices
- Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn implement new communication system
- flu shots overdue

Before the end of the year, we announced that **Dr. Sessa was recently appointed to regional medical director** and director of clinical integration for Beaumont Urgent Care by WellStreet. In case you missed it, I want to be sure you are aware. In this role, Dr. Sessa reports to Jim Ray and Lee Resnick, M.D., chief medical officer of WellStreet Urgent Care. She is responsible for managing providers and the oversight of clinical operations for Beaumont Urgent Care, including starting and expanding the number of locations, compliance in clinical operations as well as recruiting and training staff. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Sessa in her new role!

With the recent announcement of our joint venture with WellStreet, I want to share provider opportunities that will continue to drive this partnership forward. Beaumont Urgent Care by WellStreet is **beginning to accept applications for high quality, patient focused physicians**. This gives current Beaumont physicians who are interested in working at the centers a distinct advantage over other applicants. If you're interested in providing full-time or part-time care at the urgent care centers, please fill out [this application](#).

In accordance with IRS requirements, Beaumont has **implemented updates to its expense reimbursement policy**, including changes to baggage fees, parking, mileage and pre-payment of hotel. Please take a look at the [new policy](#) to see how it will affect your business travel.

Beaumont Specialty Pharmacy is a full-service pharmacy that cares for Beaumont patients taking oral or self-injectable specialty medications. It currently serves cardiology, dermatology, gastroenterology, infectious diseases, neurology, oncology and rheumatology practices. Its program design and integration with the health system's medical record produces patient adherence rates far exceeding national benchmarks. To learn more about how the team can serve your practice and your patients, please contact them at 844-874-3965 or take a look at this [overview](#) as well as this [adherence guide](#).

There are many classes and workshops that Beaumont provides for the community, including the [Living with Chronic Pain interactive workshop](#) on Thursday, Jan. 24 at Beaumont, Royal Oak. But have you seen the **pain conference that was just announced for physicians?** On Thursday, May 2, the Beaumont Service Center in Southfield will host the **Beaumont Interprofessional Pain Conference**. For more information, including the long list of topics, speakers and registration details, please review the [event flyer](#).

Beginning today, the **Forcepoint data loss prevention agent will be rolled out to ambulatory offices** who utilize Beaumont managed desktop and laptop computers. This software further protects the Beaumont network, our employees and the patients we

serve from the accidental or purposeful transmission of Beaumont Health sensitive data, such as PHI, social security numbers and payment information. To learn more, read the [full announcement](#) on the Intranet.

Beaumont has a variety of **IT tools that are being trialed across the system**. [Look what early adopters](#) at **Beaumont, Dearborn** are using to improve their clinical practice and the patient experience.

If a physician provides services at any Beaumont facility and **did not receive the influenza immunization by Dec. 15**, or received the immunization outside of BH but did not reported it to BH, they are in violation of the Beaumont Health policy. After **Jan. 9**, non-compliant providers will be limited to “view only” access to *oneChart*.

Please call for clarification about your vaccine or go to the nearest Employee Health office to receive your shot.

Dearborn:	313-593-8067
Farmington Hills:	248-471-8496
GP/RO/TR:	248-733-7300
Taylor:	313-295-5276
Trenton:	734-671-3540
Wayne:	734-467-5507

As always, I hope you find this communication helpful. You can always reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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