

Beaumont Physician Partners

Engaging and supporting Beaumont doctors



Dear colleagues,

As promised, now that I am back from my trip to Guatemala, I wanted to share some of the experience with you all. We stayed in Antigua and took buses into the mountains where the towns closed their schools for the day. We used classrooms as exam rooms. Throughout the week, we screened nearly 900 patients at four different sites, diagnosing many cases of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease.

If we came across a medical issue beyond our control, we had a relationship with a regional public health physician who will facilitate a transfer to a local hospital.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience. Not only to go on a medical mission, but to go with my daughter, Claire, as well. I look forward to going with her again next year. I've included some of the photos from our journey at the bottom of this letter. Please feel free to reach out to me to talk about the trip or about the stories behind the photos.

In this week's issue, I'd like to fill you in on the following:

- third pillar of the Three-Year Strategic Plan
- voting for Best Hospitals in U.S. News & World Report
- DEA warns of increase in scam calls to medical practitioners
- ratings and reviews coming April 16, next steps for you
- healthy aging tips for your patients
- IT updates

This week, I am sharing the **third strategy** of **Beaumont's [Three-Year Strategic Plan](#)**, "**Build the Beaumont Network.**" This strategy supports Beaumont's commitment to population health with part of the plan setting up the system for future accomplishments, such as becoming a high-performing, clinically-integrated network. We will strive toward scalable population health capabilities for managing lives and growth in managed lives through partnerships with payers and employers.

Next week, I will discuss the fourth strategy, "Integrate Research, Education & Care Delivery."

Beaumont is committed to becoming the national leader in patient and family-centered care. For 24 consecutive years, **Beaumont has been represented in the U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Hospitals**. Voting is now open for many specialties. Physicians who are registered and verified on Doximity will be eligible to vote.

To vote for Beaumont, (hospital)'s Department of (specific specialty):

1. Log in to your [Doximity](#) account.
2. You will be asked to name five hospitals you believe **provide the highest quality care for patients who have the most challenging conditions**.
3. Search "Beaumont" and select "Beaumont Hospital, _____" from the drop-down list.

The **DEA is urging its DEA-registered practitioners to be cautious of phone calls from criminals** posing as DEA or other law enforcement personnel demanding money for violations. When calling physicians, callers often reference NPI and state license numbers. They also might claim that patients are making accusations against the physician. The **DEA will never contact physicians by phone** to demand money or any other form of payment. If you have received a suspicious call, please report it by completing this [online form](#) or by calling 877-792-2873.

In January, we announced that Beaumont will be publishing **patient experience ratings and reviews on the Find a Doctor section of the [beaumont.org website](#)**. This program is optional for affiliated physicians. Please keep an eye on your Beaumont.org email for an in-depth guide on your next steps. For more information, visit [providers.beaumont.org/starratings](#).

On Saturday, April 13, Beaumont, Royal Oak is hosting a free educational event focused on healthy aging tips for families. Patients will be able to hear from Beaumont experts [Michael E. Maddens, M.D.](#) and [Brian J. Muckey](#), as well as Michelle C. Davila, N.D. and Peter A. Lichtenberg, Ph.D. Please read the [event flyer](#) and share with your patients.

There are so many great things happening within the system right now. I hope you are finding this communication useful.

Sincerely,

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IT updates

Epic/*oneChart* Respiratory Therapy, Nutrition Service and Surgical Service updates for Best in Class Optimization will go-live on Sunday, March 31 at 1:30 a.m. Some Flow Sheet Rows relating to Respiratory Therapy and Nutrition will be retired. For more information, visit the [IT News & Updates](#) page from a Beaumont computer.

