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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bret C. Crumpton, D.O., President



Got Your POD?

As I sit down to write this month's president's letter, we are all settling in to our "new normal" in our practices, families and summer planning. Everyone is handling the changes in our patient flow and volume, leading in implementing "all things new" with our staff and completing the mountains of PPP paperwork, as well as executing our Specialty Society and CDC imposed new work guidelines; all the while trying to practice quality medicine, keeping everyone safe and most importantly caring for our patients. All of us continue to improve our skills with Zoom/conference call meetings and deal with our usual summer travel schedule CME meetings that are changing over to a "virtual format". Add in the family stresses of the many changes in this arena, and it can become the formula for the perfect storm.

Looking for a breath of fresh air in all this chaos, and in my in-box, there is an interesting article my brother-in-law shared from the New York Times, by Melinda Wenner Moyer. The article was published on June 9, 2020 and is about pod formation during COVID 19. It is an interesting concept that our family has intuitively adapted on our own to sanely navigate these difficult and challenging times. The name of the article is "The Dos and Don'ts of 'Quarantine Pods.'" <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/09/parenting/coronavirus-pod-family.html?searchResultPosition=1>. If you are looking to dip your toe into expanding waters, it is an informative read. My favorite quote in the article is from Emily Oster Ph.D., an economist at Brown University. She said, "Creating a Pod isn't going to be easy. It will probably feel really weird and hard, because we're not used to navigating such uncertainty, and so many strange and ridged rules, with other families, pods could provide a way to stay sane while all continue to try to stay safe."

Your Society leadership continues to adapt and change in the wake of COVID 19. Cutting budgets, planning our Fall Social, **(at the Columbus Botanical Gardens, Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 PM. Please save the date.)** including forecasting with options if there is a fall surge in COVID 19 and we are unable to meet. We are also looking for creative ways to expand our membership and other revenue increasing avenues. If you are invited to be involved with these new committees, please consider diving in or even volunteer if you so desire. Your Society needs your input and ideas. Together we can forge though these everchanging times. THANK YOU and Happy Summer!



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PIEDMONT COLUMBUS REGIONAL NEWS

Piedmont Participating in COVID-19 Clinical Trials

Piedmont Healthcare is participating in two clinical trials that will investigate therapies for patients who are positive for COVID-19: one that will evaluate the efficacy of the anti-inflammatory drug gimsilumab and another that will investigate proning, or repositioning patients to improve their oxygen levels.

Amy Hajari Case, M.D., Piedmont's medical director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Research, is the principal site investigator for the trials. The trial will consist of 270 participants and is expected to be complete in October. Piedmont is one of 18 sites participating in this study and is the third to be activated.

As part of the inflammatory response, one of the symptoms that some COVID-19 patients report is difficulty breathing. The disease can diminish a patient's oxygen levels to a dangerous degree. To investigate a potential therapy to address this issue, the APPEX-19 trial will study whether having COVID-19 patients who have mild symptoms lay prone on their stomachs soon after arriving at the hospital can improve their oxygen levels.

This therapy has been shown to be helpful in patients who suffer from Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). Piedmont is one of 16 sites across the globe that is participating in this study, which is enrolling 200 participants and expects to be complete in May 2021.

Northside Campus Earns 'A' Grade in Latest Leapfrog Score

The Northside Campus was the only hospital in Columbus that was awarded an 'A' grade in the Spring 2020 Leapfrog grades. Northside has earned an 'A' grade four times in a row, dating back to fall 2018 when they first became eligible!

Northside's score recognizes our efforts in protecting patients and Piedmont's Plan on a Page promise of doing zero harm and providing safer healthcare. We always put patients first and patient safety will continue to be our highest priority. The fact that our Northside Campus continues to earn such high grades is a testament to the quality of care and service that our providers and employees deliver daily.

To see Piedmont Columbus Regional's full grade details and how other area hospitals stacked up against us, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.

New Executive Director of Nursing Named

Sharon McDaniel, MSN, RN, has been named executive director of Nursing for Piedmont Columbus Regional's Midtown Campus. Previously, she was the director of Quality and Patient Safety. Sharon now has executive responsibility over various patient care units within adult and critical care.





Sharon McDaniel

Piedmont Physician Celebrates 50 Years of Service

Congratulations to Steven Leichter, M.D., with Piedmont Physicians Endocrinology for 50 years of service! Dr. Leichter completed his medical education at the University of Virginia's School of Medicine in 1970. We salute Dr. Leichter and thank him for all his contributions to the endocrine medical community and caring for so many patients over the years (and more to come).



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In Memoriam
Benjamin F. Pike, M.D.

*Dr. Benjamin Pike, a member of this society since 1975,
passed away in January 2020.*

*Dr. Pike was a native of Marion County, Georgia. He
received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the
University of Georgia and graduated with his Medical
Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1965. Dr. Pike
joined the United States Airforce in 1965, completing his
internship, residency and fellowship at Wilford Hall USAF
Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas and USAF Medical
Center Keesler at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.*

*Upon completion of his military service, Dr. Pike settled in
Columbus in 1975 and opened his private Gastroenterology
practice where he remained until his retirement.*

*Throughout his membership in the Muscogee County
Medical Society, Dr. Pike served in many capacities.
He was Editor of the Bulletin, a member of the
Executive Committee, a Delegate to the Medical Association
of Georgia House of Delegates, and Chair for the
Committee on Publications.*

*He was also a member of the American Gastroenterology
Association, American Society for Gastrointestinal
Endoscopy, American Medical Association, Georgia
Gastroenterologic and Endoscopic Society and the Medical
Association of Georgia. He was also a Fellow
of the American College of Physicians and
American College of Gastroenterology.*

Hughston's Fifth Year Residents Graduate

The Hughston Foundation hosted a graduation reception for Roman I. Ashmyan, DO, David G. Barnes, DO, and John Ryan Mahoney, DO, the 2019-2020 Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital Fifth Year Residents on June 19, 2020. Throughout their residency, they have provided athletic coverage during high school, college, and professional sporting events in the Chattahoochee Valley. Specifically, they provided sport medicine coverage for assigned high schools, and they covered the Columbus Cottonmouths Professional Minor League Hockey and Columbus Lions Professional Indoor Football teams. They have assisted with athlete physicals at Auburn University, Columbus State University, and preparticipation exams for Muscogee County, GA, high schools. Additionally, they have worked at the Saturday Morning Injury Clinics at Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital during the fall football and basketball seasons, treating student-athletes who experienced Friday night or Saturday morning sports injuries. The residents have also mentored high school students by speaking at several high school programs for those who have an interest in pursuing medicine as a career. Furthermore, these physicians have participated in numerous international mission trips, providing care to patients in dire need of medical help, and volunteered for community support programs, such as hurricane relief and fire and rescue services.

Roman I. Ashmyan, DO

Roman I. Ashmyan, DO, serves as the Associate Editor of the *Hughston Health Alert*, Resident Lab Coordinator, and Rotating Student Coordinator for the residency program. Graduating magna cum laude, Dr. Ashmyan received his undergraduate degree in Mathematics at CUNY Queens College in Flushing NY, and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY. Notably, during this past year, he achieved the highest individual score possible, placing him in the 100 percentile on the Orthopaedic-in-Training Exam.



*Roman I.
Ashmyan, DO*

As a resident member, Dr. Ashmyan holds memberships in several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics, American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine, and American Shoulder and Elbow Society. Additionally, he is the Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital resident representative for the Osteopathic Medical Network of Excellence in Education (OMNEE) Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institute.

During residency, Dr. Ashmyan went on 3 medical missions: 2 to India with David Antekeier, MD, where he performed complex pelvic and limb reconstruction procedures in children; and 1 to Ecuador with Champ Baker, Jr., MD, where they performed various arthroscopic knee procedures, including nearly a dozen ACL

reconstructions. As part of his academic work, Dr. Ashmyan published several patient education articles on topics such as AC joint and rotator cuff injuries in the *Hughston Health Alert*. He also published 2 posters for presentation at the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics annual meetings. Furthermore, Dr. Ashmyan has presented his research during conferences and training events for athletic trainers and he has presented at Hughston Ground Rounds and the Annual Hughston Spine Conference. After graduation, Dr. Ashmyan will continue his education at the Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship program of Medstar Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

David G. Barnes, DO

David G. Barnes, DO, serves on the hospital's Surgical Services Committee and has served on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Computerized Provider Order Entry Committee. Dr. Barnes received his undergraduate degree in Exercise Science, with a minor in Spanish, at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT, and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from University of North Texas, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, TX.



*David G.
Barnes, DO*

As a resident member, Dr. Barnes holds memberships in several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics, American Osteopathic Association, North American Spine Society, and Medical Association of Georgia.

He and his co-authors published the peer-reviewed article “Perforated ileus after L5-S1 anterior lumbar body fusion: a case report” online with AME Case Reports. He also published patient education articles in the Hughston Health Alert newsletter. In 2019, during the Auburn VCOM Research Day, “Rhabdomyolysis Secondary to Extended Video Game Play: A Case Report” took 2nd place and “Perforated Ileus after L5-S1 Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion” received honorable mention in the resident’s category. Furthermore, Dr. Barnes presented his research during conferences and training events for athletic trainers and he has presented at a Hughston Ground Rounds and the Annual Hughston Spine Conference. After residency, Dr. Barnes will complete a spine fellowship at the Texas Back Institute in Plano, TX.

John Ryan Mahoney, DO

John Ryan Mahoney, DO, serves on the hospital's Graduate Medical Education Committee, Quality and Safety Committee, and he has organized and led the monthly Journal Club for the residency program. Dr. Mahoney received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Delaware, in Newark, DE, and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic in Philadelphia, PA. As a resident member, Dr. Mahoney holds memberships in several professional societies, including the American Academy



*John Ryan
Mahoney, DO*

of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedics, American Osteopathic Association, AO Trauma Association, and the Muscogee County Medical Society, and has recently become a fellow member of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons.

Along with publishing several patient education articles in the *Hughston Health Alert* newsletter, he and his co-authors published the peer-reviewed articles “Ultrasound Guided Percutaneous Tenotomy for Gluteal Tendonitis” in the Orthopaedic Journal of Sports Medicine, as well as “Perforated ileus after L5-S1 anterior lumbar body fusion: a case report” online with AME Case Reports. He has presented at the Clinical Orthopaedic Society in 2019, and submitted poster presentations for the Hughston Society Meeting in 2019 and the 2019 Auburn VCOM Research day, for which he received Honorable Mention. Additionally, Dr. Mahoney has presented multiple Hughston Grand Rounds and the Annual Hughston Spine Conference continuing education events. Dr. Mahoney plans to attend the Cincinnati Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship program after residency.

Hughston’s Annual Golf Tournament

Hughston’s annual golf tournament held Thursday, May 28, at Maple Ridge Golf Course in Columbus was another great success. The Hughston Foundation would like to express our appreciation to all of our tournament sponsors: Arthrex; Hughston Clinic; Robinson, Grimes & Company, PC; Wanda & Shelby Amos Foundation; TSYS; and Maple Ridge Golf Club. We also would like to thank our hole sponsors: Center for Medical Weight Loss; Malone Office Environments; NAI G2 Commercial Real Estate; Rivertown Pediatrics; Safeguard; and Synovus. All funds raised by the tournament go directly to support the Hughston Protect the Athletes campaign. The mission of the campaign is to raise funds to support the athletic sports coverage that Hughston provides across the Chattahoochee Valley to youth programs, such as sideline coverage at high school sporting events, support of preparticipation exams, and Saturday morning injury clinics. This campaign also helps to fund the Hughston Athletic Training programs. This program began back in 1998 with just 3 certified athletic trainers (ATCs). Today, it is one of the largest athletic training fellowship program in the Southeast with 14 ATCs. Besides providing coverage at sporting events, our fundraising projects help purchase much needed ImPACT concussion software for area high schools and other participating colleges. For more information on how you can support this program, contact Belinda Klein at 706-494-3326; bklein@hughston.com or visit the Hughston Foundation website <https://www.hughston.com/2018-protect-athletes-campaign>.

Hughston Grand Rounds—an In-person and Online Event

To participate in Hughston’s Grand Rounds, sign up for email blasts about this event by contacting Belinda Klein at 706-494-3326 or bklein@hughston.com.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a diverse group of local healthcare professionals—which often includes physicians from Hughston, Columbus, and Fort Benning; Hughston Sports Medicine and Trauma Fellows; Hughston Certified Athletic Training Fellows; orthopaedic residents; and medical

students—come together for grand rounds lectures on evolving trends in orthopaedics at the Hughston Foundation auditorium. Grand rounds constitute a ritual of medical education and provide an excellent supplement to medical school and residency. Moreover, grand rounds help doctors and other healthcare professionals stay current in their specialty or areas of core practice. The physician lectures offer expertise on specialized topics and cover the latest evidence-based research and treatments emerging in the field of medicine.

Extended Hours at Hughston’s Urgent Ortho

Hughston Clinic is excited to extend our practice hours to better fit the needs of our patients and the community. At Urgent Ortho, walk-in are always welcome and you use the main clinic entrance from 8am to 8pm, Monday through Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturday. A patient can call or text 706-325-8553 to get in line and for faster service, they are encouraged to go to www.hughston.com to complete pre-visit paperwork ahead of time. Urgent Ortho saves time and money by providing faster orthopaedic diagnoses and treatments for bone, muscle, and joint injuries. Sports and workers’ compensation injuries are welcome as well.

Hughston Foundation Meeting Rooms Available

The Hughston Foundation has the unique ability to support the medical community by hosting events in our facility. The Foundation offers an auditorium with large drop-down screens, tables and chairs, a 7’ x 45’ stage with podium, lighting, and sound system that is perfect for presentations and large groups. Our Surgical Education Center contains a 4-station surgical training lab for cadaveric demonstration and practice, and an additional 4-station workshop for training on plastic models. Both labs are equipped for audiovisual presentations and have the ability to broadcast lab activities to other meeting spaces. Our VIP boardrooms have large conference tables, executive chairs, and drop-down screens that are perfect for smaller private meetings. The Foundation also offers plenty of parking, accommodations for catered events, ice machine, commercial refrigerator, and free WiFi with password. Additionally, The Foundation has a spacious atrium lobby, library, and the Hughston gardens that are available for events. Go to <https://www.hughston.com/foundation-facilities-and-services/> for more information about our rates or contact Belinda Klein at 706-494-3326; bklein@hughston.com for a tour of our facility.

Daisy Award Winner Announced for May

The DAISY Foundation established the DAISY Award in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died of an immune disease. The DAISY Award recognizes nurses who provide extraordinary care and compassion to patients and their families. We want to congratulate our most recent DAISY Award winner, Lori Moore, RN.



Lori Moore, RN

Here is what her nominator said about her:

“She has been amazing and continues to surprise me with her level of commitment and patient care. All of these patients are high level maintenance and require a lot and truly they really deserve one on one care. Lori has had no less than 2 critical patients on my shifts and they’ve been split at opposite sides of the ICU making it that much more demanding at times. She has been my battle buddy and we’ve motivated each other through our shifts. If you ever have any opportunity to show her some recognition, reward her for her level of commitment/exceptional patient care, or incentivize her I strongly encourage you to do so because she deserves it. She is an amazing asset to our care team and her attitude has been nothing but inspiring to me and those she’s works with.”

Leslie Thompkins named Director of Emergency Services

St. Francis-Emory Healthcare announced in early June that Leslie Thompkins has been named the Director of Emergency Services at St. Francis. Thompkins had been serving as the Interim Emergency Department Director since March 30, 2020. She previously served as the Manager of Emergency Services at St. Francis.



Leslie Thompkins

Prior to her role as Manager of Emergency Services at St. Francis, Thompkins served as the Director of Emergency Services for three years, and the Clinical Manager of Emergency Services for two years at Piedmont Newnan Hospital in Newnan, Georgia.

Thompkins holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of West Georgia, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Valdosta State University, an Associate Degree in Nursing from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, and an Associate of Science Respiratory Care from Darton College. She is credentialed as a Registered Professional Nurse, Respiratory Care Professional, BLS, ACLS, PALS, TNCC, and ENPC.

St. Francis-Emory Healthcare Expands Cardiac Services Capabilities

St. Francis-Emory Healthcare is expanding our cardiac services program, which has been affiliated with Emory Clinic’s Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery since 2016. The expansion is a result of an increased community need and expanded partnership with Emory Healthcare. Specifically, St. Francis is building on its

existing cardiothoracic program with the addition of a second highly-trained cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon, as well as extended coverage for electrophysiology procedures.

Sorin Pusca, MD, joined St. Francis Cardiovascular and Thoracic Institute in April alongside Jacob Davtyan, MD, who has served as medical director for cardiovascular surgery at St. Francis for the last three years. Dr. Davtyan oversees cardiothoracic surgery operations, including quality management, as well as performing cardiothoracic surgery himself. Dr. Pusca, along with Dr. Davtyan, will offer patients surgical treatment of coronary artery disease, valvular disease, diseases of the aorta, and general thoracic surgical procedures, including lung and esophageal surgery.

Additionally, St. Francis' expanded partnership with Emory has enabled the hospital to extend electrophysiology (EP) coverage from two days per week to five days per week due to the arrival of Christine Tompkins, MD, and Alex Chavez, NP. To further advance our capabilities as the region's only hospital with comprehensive surgical cardiac services and EP services, St. Francis Cardiovascular and Thoracic Institute and St. Francis Electrophysiology will relocate to the second floor of Butler Pavilion, 2300 Manchester Expressway on July 1, 2020. The move expands the practices to a large space to accommodate the growing cardiac service line.

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ARTICLE OF INTEREST

by Karen Stuart, M.D.

Medical Wokeness

These are strange times. The first 6 months of 2020 has seen a terrifying viral pandemic, a near re-enactment of the Great Depression, the tragic death of a man by police over an alleged counterfeit \$20 bill that lead to global protests in hundreds of cities celebrating and challenging that Black Lives Matter. This global state of “wokeness” has led to many Confederate monuments, statues, and paraphernalia, including the Confederate flag, being either taken down, torn down, or burned down. Popular now is the recommendation to rename buildings, streets, and military installations named for Confederate officers, Fort Benning being one of them. General Henry L. Benning was a Confederate general who was an ardent secessionist, and who was against abolitionists and liberation of slaves. He felt that if slaves were freed, it would lead to the eventual takeover and demise of the white race, through the raping and pillaging of the entire country. He gave a speech at a confederate convention in 1861 where he said he would rather be stricken with illness and starvation then see African Americans be liberated and given equality as citizens. That, to me, is a pretty good reason to change the name of our local military installation.

But while we are busy mulling over what is the next item of Confederate memorabilia we can “de-sanctify”, I began to think about our so-called medical heroes that we learned about in Medical school and residency, whose pasts are less than honorable. Many are downright horrific. As an OB/GYN I remember being told by my attendings and professors about the “great” Marion Sims, for whom many instruments are named (Sims retractor, Sims speculum), and how he was practically the father of modern gynecology. He was born in 1813 in South Carolina and later moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where he pioneered the repair of vesicovaginal fistulas. But his subjects were unwilling enslaved women on whom he experimented without anesthesia. Of course, anesthesia had not been invented yet in his early days of experimentation, and thus several doctors or other slaves were forced to hold down these women as they endured the nightmarishly cruel surgery on their delicate vaginal tissues. Of course, many died from sepsis and hemorrhage. Many women were operated on numerous times, including one slave who he operated on 30 times. He experimented using different materials such as wire, as suture material, to affect his closures. He was chastised at one time by the AMA for his less than ethical treatment of patients, but there was not much sympathy from those living in antebellum southern states. Slaves were considered property and not human beings. He wrote about his procedures in medical literature, glossing over slave-patient deaths as non-important consequences of medical experimentation. It was years later before he felt confident enough to start performing his procedures on white patients. He did not limit his barbaric practices to women. He often “treated” slave infants for neonatal tetanus, which he thought was due to skull bone movement during protracted labor, when it was usually due to Clostridium infection of the

umbilical stump, as well as nutritional deficiency. He would use a shoemaker's awl to pry apart the babies' skull bones. This practice had a 100% mortality rate. He blamed the babies' deaths on the ignorance and laziness of the mothers.

Around the 1840's Crawford Long began to develop anesthesia. An oil painting in the medical library at Harvard University depicts an impeccably clad physician hovering over a white man in peaceful slumber, as other physicians surrounding them seem to be staring in awe of this marvelous event. The real story is that slaves were kidnapped off the streets, while ether-soaked rags were held over their faces until they passed out. They were often brought to barns or shacks where amputations of digits were performed, then they were left for dead or to recover unattended.

Of course, everyone knows about the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment. And if you don't know about this, I suggest you look this up. Movies have been made about this story. This infamous experiment that took place in Tuskegee, Alabama between 1932 and 1972 is still fresh in many African Americans minds, and can be blamed for many people of color's distrust in medicine and doctors. Just the other day I spoke with a patient about COVID-19 and how we hope to have a vaccine developed that will lessen the rate of infections. Her response was that she would not be getting a vaccine, because she didn't trust the government and "remember what happened in Tuskegee!" Patient's distrust of providers also leads to disparities in healthcare.

An excellent book to read about the history of many of these medical experiments, that will leave you just as exhausted as binge-watching "Ozark", is called "Medical Apartheid, The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present", by Harriet A. Washington. I also urge you to read our local physician's biography, 'I Swear by Apollo', which is the story of the late Dr. M. Delmar Edwards, a general surgeon that practiced here in Columbus for many years, and a mentor of mine. He details his early days of the county hospital, now known as Piedmont Midtown, when it was segregated, with the 'colored' hospital in the basement. He was only allowed to operate on Black patients, until a watershed moment happened, when his sponsoring colleagues, Dr. S.A. Roddenbery and Dr. A.B. Conger, two white surgeons, fought the medical staff to allow him to operate on all patients, regardless of color.

We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go, whether it is disparities in medicine, education, or economics. No matter whose lives matter, all lives must be treated equally.



Welcome New Member Nicholas Mayfield, MD

Dr. Mayfield is a board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in surgery and diseases of the retina and vitreous.

He completed a B.S. in Biology at the University of Alabama, and a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Mississippi. Subsequently, he completed an internship in internal medicine and an ophthalmic residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, followed by a two-year fellowship focused on vitreoretinal surgery and disease at the Retina and Vitreous of Texas.

Dr. Mayfield is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology I and licensed to practice medicine and perform surgery in Georgia and Alabama. His professional affiliations include fellowship status with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, and the American Society of Retinal Specialists.

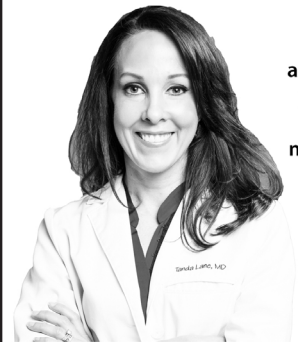
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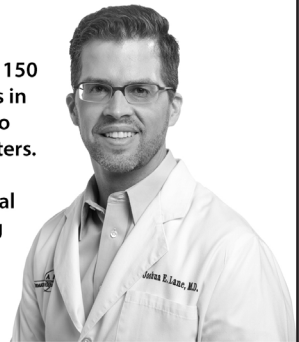


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