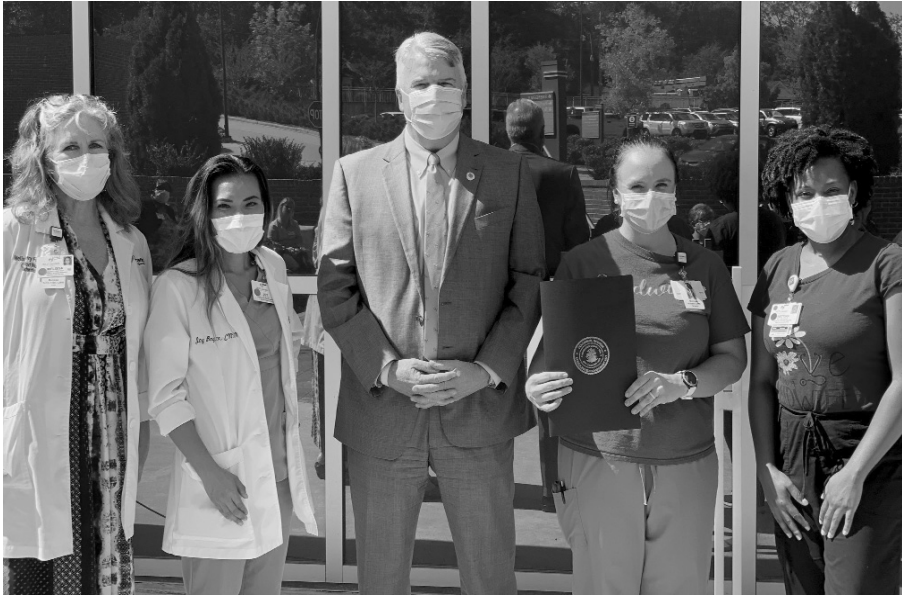


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bret C. Crumpton, D.O., President



MAG Virtual House of Delegates 2020

Thank you to our Muscogee County Medical Society (MCMS), Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) Delegates, Doctors: Ben Cheek, Bret Crumpton, Fred Flandry, Jim Majors, Karen Stuart and Frank Willett. They represented Muscogee County during September and October meetings of the first virtual format of the House of Delegates (HOD). Our society was the only county in Georgia to have a delegate represented on every Reference Committee Executive Committee. The complete list of resolutions is found online www.mag.org Click on the Events tab and then select House of Delegates tab.

The majority of the HOD time was spent on Resolution: 103A.20 AMA Statements Must Be in Line with Existing Policy. The main issue was that the American Medical Association (AMA) issued a statement in conjunction with organized Pharmacy to stop physician prescription use of Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine in COVID -19 treatment. This position was in direct conflict to AMA policy that strongly supports the autonomous clinical decision-making authority of a physician supports the autonomous clinical decision-making authority of a physician. The AMA statement was used by pharmacists throughout the state of Georgia to deny prescriptions of the drugs mentioned. The adopted MAG resolution by the HOD asked that the MAG delegation to the AMA present a resolution asking for the AMA to: rescind its statement calling for physicians to stop prescribing Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine until sufficient evidence becomes available to conclusively illustrate that the harm associated with outweighs benefit early in the disease course; resend its joint statement with the American Pharmacists Association and American Society of Health System Pharmacists; send a letter asking the FDA to resend its ruling preventing outpatient use of Hydroxychloroquine; and request the AMA officers refrain from statements that contradict existing AMA policy.

Congratulations to Frederick C. Flandry, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.A.O.S., F.A.O.A., F.A.C.S.M., who was elected to be MAG President-Elect. We look forward to Dr Flandry's term as President-Elect and then as MAG President. Fred has served organized medicine in numerous ways for many years, including as a past president of the: MCMS, Southern Orthopaedic Association and Clinical Orthopaedic Society. Most recently he was Vice-Chair and then Chairman of the MAG Board of Directors. Fred is well professionally qualified to represent Georgia physicians in his future leadership terms.

Kudos also to Beverly Ann Townsend, M.D., M.S., MBA, F.A.A.F.P., who is the District Public Health Director for the West Central Health District in Columbus GA. She is the recipient of the MAG Physician's Award for Community Service for 2020. This award recognizes physicians who demonstrate a love for the

community outside of the regular scope of practice.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday as we gather with family and friends, as we are able, during these challenging COVID-19 times.



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Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside Transitioning to Pyxis MedStation ES System

As part of Piedmont's commitment to providing the best technology for staff to do their jobs, the Northside Campus has upgraded its automated medication dispensing system to the Pyxis MedStation ES system for all patient care areas that use Omnicell AcuDose.

The Pyxis systems simplify the caregiving process, providing users with fast access to comprehensive medication and patient information in one place. The system has new safety and security features to help staff take even better care of patients. Upgrading to the Pyxis systems allows Piedmont to maintain a single database for medication and a standard pharmacy formulary (Epic Willow) for the entire system.

Urologists Join Piedmont Physicians

Piedmont Columbus Regional proudly welcomes Kenneth DeLay, M.D. and Elizabeth Wendel, M.D. They will be joining Piedmont Physicians Urology in Columbus alongside Drs. Todd Jarrell, Charles McCall, and Hollis Sigman.

Dr. DeLay's special interests are in erectile dysfunction, low testosterone, male infertility and benign prostate disease.



*Elizabeth Wendel,
M.D.*



*Kenneth DeLay,
M.D.*

Dr. Wendel is the area's only female urologist. Her special interests include prostate cancer, men's health, healthcare disparities, public policy, and veteran's health.

Nurse Residency Program Welcomes New Grads

Piedmont Columbus Regional recently welcomed 43 new nursing graduates into its nurse residency program.



This is a unique group of nurses as they graduated from their academic nursing program during the pandemic. These new nurses persevered through spring clinical schedules and classroom learning that was impacted by the pandemic.

Piedmont Columbus Regional Wins Three Readers' Choice Awards

Piedmont Columbus Regional won three 2020 Readers' Choice Awards, presented by the Columbus Ledger-Enquire. Joseph Lewis, M.D., won Favorite Physician. Spring Harbor won Favorite Assisted Living Facility and Favorite Retirement Community.

CME opportunities offered for physicians

The following Continuing Medical Education (CME) opportunities for physicians have been approved for one hour of CME credit each:

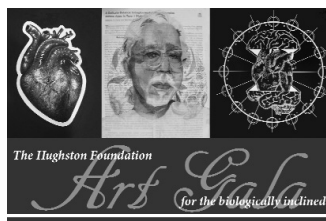
- **Cancer Conference:** Every Monday, 12:30 p.m., June Wright Community Conference Center at the John B. Amos Cancer Center. The 3rd Cancer Conference each month is Thoracic specific. For more information, call Sandra Farley at 706.571.1881.
- **Pediatric Grand Rounds:** Every Thursday, 8:15 a.m. (September through May), Conference Center at Piedmont Columbus Regional's Midtown Campus. Open to any physician or other health professional providing care for children. For more information, call Lea Cunningham at 706.571.1217.
- **Hughston Grand Rounds:** Once a month, every first Wednesday, dinner at 6 p.m. and rounding begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Hughston Foundation Building. Open to any physician, resident, medical student, nursing staff, PT, MA and local EMS. For more information, call Belinda Klein at 706.494.3326 or email at bklein@hughston.com.

Piedmont Columbus Regional's Midtown Campus is accredited by the Medical Association of Georgia to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Midtown Campus designates this live activity for a maximum of one AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

HUGHSTON CLINIC NEWS

2020 Art Gala Competition and Exhibition

Once again, The Hughston Foundation has partnered with the Work-based Learning Program of Harris County High to invite the state of Georgia's middle school and high school students (6th – 12th grades) to participate in the Third Annual Art Gala. **The Hughston Foundation Art Gala for the Biologically Inclined** is perfect for art students who would like to unmask the exciting world of art and science. This biological and medically inspired art competition encourages students to create artwork while integrating the principle areas of the national STEAM initiative (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics). There will be multiple scholarships and award opportunities for students at the middle and high school levels.



Harris County High School Work Based Learning program has partnered with The Hughston Foundation to invite you to participate in the **Third Annual Art Gala**

All entries must be biologically or medically inspired, with a submission sheet attached and fall under one of the following categories:
Drawing ■ Painting ■ Photography ■ 3D ■ Mixed Media

Submission deadline: **Friday, October 23rd**
Exhibition date: **November 12th, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Scholarships will be awarded to winners.
Created to support the national STEAM initiative (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math), The Hughston Foundation Art Gala helps students learn by integrating these principle areas.

Submission can be mailed or delivered to:
The Hughston Foundation, 6262 Veterans Hwy, Columbus GA, 31909
For more information: Belinda Klein / 706-494-9526 / Belinda@hughston.com
Instructions and submission form: hughston.com/art-gala



Important information: The artwork submission date is **Friday, October 23rd** and the Exhibition will take place at the Foundation on **Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm**. We are anticipating the show to be hanging from November 4th through the 20th for people to stop by and see the artwork. **The Gala will be shown live via Zoom on November 12th and videotaped (YouTube link be provided later).** An email announcement will be sent to Award-winning students **ONLY** by November 4th to invite them to attend the Gala in person on November 12th with two guests. **RSVPs will be collected to meet the social distancing requirements.**

For more information and submission forms please visit: hughston.com/art-gala

Artwork Instructions - submissions can be shipped or delivered to: Attn: Belinda Klein, The Hughston Foundation, 6262 Veterans Pkwy, Columbus GA, 31909

If you are shipping your entry, please include a **return pre-paid shipping label**. If you have multiple pieces, please ship the artwork that is similar in size in the same package with a layer of protection between each piece. Wrap the set together with bubble wrap and have corner protectors. Matting or foam board will help protect the individual pieces; however, we will let the judges know if, for some reason, the matting was damaged in shipping.

For this year's Gala, we will also have the show posted online for anyone to view and vote for Best of Show for both the middle and high school levels.

Digital submissions may also be sent via email and the artwork will be included in the online gallery only. We will make sure the judges view these submissions.

Digital instructions - You have two options for converting your artwork to a digital format and email to Belinda Klein at bklein@hughston.com:

1) Take a high resolution photo (300dpi) of the artwork, paying close attention to having good and even lighting, watching for glares, and the edges of the artwork are straight and not at an angle or skewed.

2) Or you may scan your artwork as a 300dpi, jpg file.

Contact Belinda Klein if you have any questions or if you would like her to speak with students about the Gala or Medical Illustration as a career. Presentations can be in person or virtually.

GA Gives Day, Tuesday, December 1st

GA Gives day, Tuesday, December 1st, a special fundraising that is organized each year by Georgia Center for Nonprofits to support your favorite cause. Please visit gagives.org to search for your favorite nonprofit and we hope that you will consider The Hughston Foundation with your precious gift, as there is no donation too small to make an impact on the future of our children.

Everyone has made tremendous sacrifices this year and we understand that it has not been easy. Right now, more than ever before, it is important to stick together and support each other and our community. Hughston is continuing to carry out our mission of protecting the athletes in our community. Since our high school students returned to school this fall, Hughston needs support to make sure we can provide medical coverage before, during, and after the games or practices, along with having lifesaving concussion software in place for pre- and post-testing. Hughston assists thousands of athletes each year and we want to be there for athletes when they least expect it, but need us the most.

Hughston Grand Rounds

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.

ST. FRANCIS - EMORY HEALTHCARE NEWS

Welcome New Chief Medical Officer

We are proud to welcome our new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jagdeep Singh, to the St. Francis team! He served as Clinical Management Consultant and Assistant Emergency Department Medical Director at St. Francis from 2002-2006. He is joining us from Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago, IL.



Dr. Singh received his medical degree from Government Medical College in Amritsar, PB, India, and residency in Family Practice at Flower Hospital in Sylvania, OH. His fellowship in Emergency Medicine was completed at UT in Memphis, TN. Dr. Singh also holds an MBA in Physician Executive from Auburn University. He is board-certified in Family Practice, has certification in Medical Management, ACPE, and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). His first day was Monday, October 12th. Welcome, Dr. Singh!

St. Francis Celebrates National Midwifery Week

October 5th – 9th was National Midwifery Week! The midwives of St. Francis OBGYN Associates celebrated the week with a blessing of the hands from the Chaplains for the Women's Services staff. For 20 years, midwifery care has been available to women and families in the Chattahoochee Valley.



Mayor Skip Henderson presented a Proclamation marking October 7th as Midwifery Day. We celebrate and recognize our dedicated midwives for their incredible work to provide for all women.

Welcome Home Dr. Zimmerman

Dr. George Zimmerman is rejoining St. Francis Orthopaedic Institute. He is a board-certified Orthopaedic surgeon specializing in hip and knee surgery, including arthroscopic sports medicine, adult reconstructive total joint surgery, and trauma. Dr. Zimmerman is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed his internship and orthopaedic residency at the St. Joseph's Health Center in Warren, Ohio, and then served a year-long Adult Reconstructive Total Joint Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania.



After completing his training, Dr. Zimmerman served in the United States Army Active Duty for four years, where he was a staff orthopaedic surgeon and eventually the Chief of Orthopedics at both Payne Jones Army Community Hospital in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is also a member of many professional associations like The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, and The American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedic.

Save the Date – Light the Spirit Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 1, 2020, 6 to 8 PM
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Join us for this free and socially distanced event. The 26th Annual Light the Spirit Tree Lighting Ceremony will feature a tree lighting, a prayer from our Chaplains, a movie and Santa and Mrs. Claus. More details to be announced and can be found on our Facebook page @wearestfrancis and our website at MyStFrancis.com.

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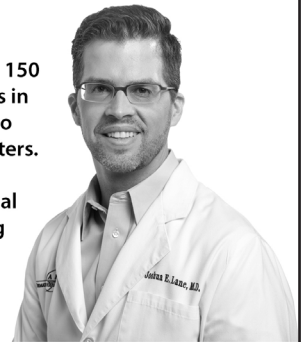


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