

## NOTE FROM DEAN PADMORE

This is the most wonderful time of the year! In the past week, we greeted our 300 new interns to MedStar Health. And in the first time in my 30-year career history, it was done virtually on Zoom. While COVID-19 has presented us with many challenges such as this, we have used these challenges to innovate and create new ways to connect, communicate, and educate. For example, physicians and associates from around the system created a [welcome video](#) to express how excited we are to meet all of our new residents. It was so much fun to watch, and it was a great way to kick off orientation!

We also held our [June GME Town Halls](#) this week (see links below). During the town halls, Dr. Evans and I both had the opportunity to discuss MedStar's position on diversity and inclusion, as well as actions we are taking within our academic community to begin to change racial injustice and health disparities. I committed to three immediate next steps:

1. We will provide space and schedule forums for us to have [reconciliation conversations](#) together. These conversations will provide us with opportunities to share, learn, and grow together.
2. I am charging our academic leadership to create [working groups](#) composed of residents, fellows, and faculty to discuss, inform, and make recommendations to me on [actions](#) we should take within our academic community, and within MedStar Health, to make tangible changes to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion.
3. We will move swiftly to create diversity and inclusion strategies for [recruitment and selection of residents and clinical faculty](#), as stipulated by the ACGME in 2019. I will provide resources and structure for our program directors and clinical leaders to develop these recruitment and selection strategies that can be implemented as early as this fall.

These three steps are just a beginning. In order for us to create actionable and sustainable change, we must all work together to share, listen, contribute, and develop additional steps forward. I will use this weekly update to provide information on next steps and opportunities for each of you to contribute and participate.

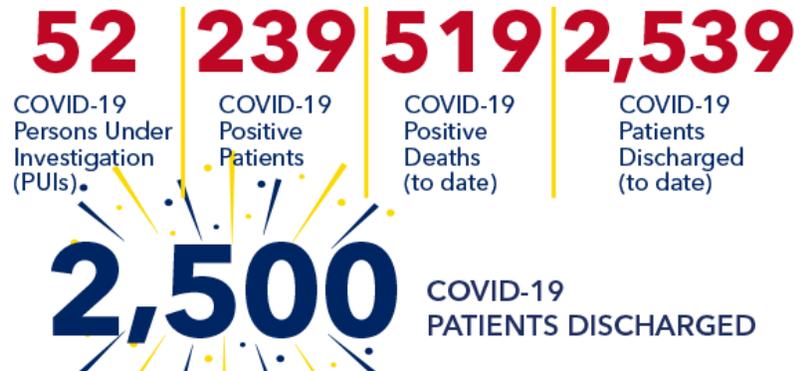
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## Today's COVID-19 Statistics:

**MedStar Health**  
 Inpatient statistics, June 16, 2020



**2020 String of Pearls Nominees and Award Recipients**

<b>Anesthesiology</b> Sam Lawrence Catherine Lee Brandon Mathen	<b>Neurosurgery</b> Kyle Mueller Kelsey Cobourn Anthony Conte Elsan Dowlat	<b>Plastic Surgery</b> Brian Chang Cyril Gary Andrew Abadeer Ashley Rogers
<b>Dermatology</b> Karl Saardi Emily Guo Rachel Maiman	<b>Obstetrics and Gynecology</b> Kathleen Sotis Megan Cheney Namisha Dhallon	<b>Psychiatry</b> Baregh Barseghian Nina Asaralan Julie Baldinger Christian Moser
<b>Emergency Medicine</b> Avery Alatis Michael Nguyen	<b>Ophthalmology</b> Michael Izzo Marian Mathai Joseph Mekhal	<b>Radiation Oncology</b> Nima Aghdam Michael Carrasquilla
<b>Family Medicine</b> Emili Delp Linda Astarfo Monica Ajinkya Molly Bloom Trent Hope	<b>Orthopaedics</b> Laura Keeling Andrew Curley Jay Montla	<b>Radiology</b> Jennifer Clark
<b>General Surgery</b> Oswaldo Aguirre Alan Massouh Breema Hoolhan Turma Makherjee	<b>Otolaryngology</b> Sarah Rapoport Caroline Rieger Adnan Hossain	<b>Urology</b> Jordan Alger Meghan Davis Jillian Egan
<b>Internal Medicine</b> David Tom Tobson Ryan Hunt Anthony Rowe	<b>Pathology</b> Byoung Uk Park	<b>M2020 Acting Interns</b> Azalia Avila JP Mikhael
<b>Neurology</b> Amy Li Nathan Lightfoot Himanshu Suri	<b>Pediatrics</b> Gemma Reddin Sonia Sayed Michele Zaragoza	<b>Michael Adams Service Award</b> Rachel Potts
	<b>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</b> Mary Gustafson Marla Petriello	<b>Mother of Pearl</b> Travis Lane, Internal Medicine

Award Recipients Are Bolded



### RESIDENT SHOUTOUT

*Travis Lane MD, Internal Medicine, MGUH*

This week, I am honoring ALL of the residents who were recognized by Georgetown medical students for their excellence in teaching. The 2020 String of Pearls nominations and awardees were presented last week.

Being recognized by your students for outstanding teaching is one of the highest honors one can receive. All of the

nominees should be very proud of this designation!

A special shout-out goes to Dr. Travis Lane, who was voted by the students as the "Mother of Pearl" recipient. The Mother of Pearl designation recognizes the one resident whom the students honor as

being the best teacher of all. Congratulations Travis, this is an accomplishment that you worked hard to achieve!

## **PLEASE NOMINATE A RESIDENT OR FELLOW FOR A SHOUT OUT!**

### **IMPORTANT UPDATES:**

- The Georgetown University Medical Center (GUMC) Executive Vice President's Office is pleased to present the elected faculty members of the [GUMC Executive Committee](#).
  - **MedStar Health Employed Faculty Representative**  
Curtis Henn, MD, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
  - **University Employed Faculty from a Basic Science Department Representative**  
Amrita Cheema, PhD, Department of Oncology
  - **University Employed Faculty from a Clinical Department Representative**  
Rhonda Friedman, PhD, Department of Neurology
- **June GME Town Halls:**
  - Did you miss the June Town Hall? You can watch the [recording](#) by accessing [www.MedStarGME.net](http://www.MedStarGME.net).
- **CME OPPORTUNITY: LEARNING FROM TEACHING**
  - The Learning from Teaching activity provides recognition that a physician has engaged in his/her own professional development to increase knowledge/skills related to best practice for teaching medical students from Georgetown University School of Medicine and/or MedStar Health residents and fellows.
  - If you were involved in teaching/mentoring from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 you are eligible to claim up to 20 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Last day of submission is June 30, 2020.
  - Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

### **UPDATES FROM THIS WEEK:**

- Dr. Evans' "COVID-19 NOW – What You Need to Know" message, highlighting updates on clinical care practices, policies, and operations was last updated on **June10**. Be sure to read this for important updates. It includes important updates on:
  - Pre-Operative COVID-19 Testing Locations
  - Temporary Patient Visitor Restrictions

- Discontinuation of Isolation Precautions
- Ending use of contact precautions for MRSA, VRE
- Access COVID-19 resources outside of the MedStar network on [MedStarHealth.org/COVID19Resources](https://www.MedStarHealth.org/COVID19Resources)
- Send any COVID questions to [COVID19@MedStar.net](mailto:COVID19@MedStar.net)

## REMINDERS AND RESOURCES:

- Our new website, [www.MedStarGME.net](http://www.MedStarGME.net) is active and contains information for residents and fellows including COVID-19 updates, Town Hall documents, Shout-outs, Wellbeing resources, and links to many other resources such as the Dahlgren Medical Library. Click on the “resources” tab!
- **WELLBEING RESOURCES** are available to you! Be sure to check the website for important links to resources and other information.