Making An Impact

Together we educate, collaborate, and improve the quality of health care in Palm Beach County to make a measurable difference in people’s lives.

As an advocate for health care in Palm Beach County, we work to support important medical issues within our community — issues that often require us to partner with outside groups and organizations who share our passion for access and delivery of quality health care.

At Palm Beach County Medical Society Services, we connect with:

- Community organizations and dedicated volunteers
- Businesses
- Health Care Providers
- Hospitals
- Medical Schools and Residency Programs
- Legislators and government agencies

Together we make a difference by generating greater awareness, sustained growth and leadership.

For the past 19 years, PBCMS Services, the charitable arm of the Palm Beach County Medical Society, has brought together physicians and the community committed to improving health care in Palm Beach County. Our partnerships are the foundation to our success. By working together, we are able to address important health care issues facing our community.

It is my great pleasure to work with the dedicated Board of Directors, volunteers, donors and community partners who make our mission a reality. Thank you.

Michael T.B. Dennis, MD
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Palm Beach County Medical Society Services
The Physician Leadership Academy of South Florida (PLA) is a collaborative program with the Palm Beach County Medical Society, Broward County Medical Association, and the Dade County Medical Association. Now in its third year, PLA provides training on developing leadership skills, understanding of health care issues and tools, which will enable physician leaders to make a difference in current and future leadership roles. Funding for PLA is possible by a grant from the Physician’s Foundation.

Future of Medicine Initiative
Since 2007, the Future of Medicine Initiative has brought together community leaders to define issues, establish partnerships and implement strategies for change. The 2019 Summit brought national and community health care leaders together to explore the popular issues of the day and explored the innovations and advancements in medicine; the new reality of health care delivery; the social responsibilities in health care, and focus on the society’s responsibilities to the community. A special emphasis on medical education is provided with the James J. Byrnes, MD Medical Student and Resident Poster Symposium.

The Opioid HealthCare Response Task Force
The Opioid Taskforce developed a health-care specific Opioid Response Plan with an overarching goal of reducing opioid deaths in Palm Beach County by using a comprehensive approach that recognizes addiction as a medical illness, and accomplished by an evidence-based strategy that addresses Prevention, Rescue, Treatment and Recovery. The task force has held three Opioid Educational Summits with physicians and health care community leaders and published a resource guide for physicians, the health care community and patients.

Physician Wellness
The Physician Wellness Program is designed to help physicians be proactive in addressing and preventing burnout and improving their quality of life and quality of care for their patients. Resources include confidential professional counseling, educational programs and resources. The program has provided services to over 30 physicians this past year.

Care Coordination CHW Training:
Innovative Strategies to Serve Patients
This leading-edge initiative connects patients to physicians and community resources and services. With the goal to improve patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes, the program offers a full complement of content and education hours for the certification application as a Community Health Worker. Over 100 coordinators have completed the training. The program received national recognition from American Association of Medical Society Executives.
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Project Access: Expanding Access To Care

This program provides our lower-income and uninsured residents quality physician care, hospital care and diagnostic services and also provides free preventative, personalized care and focuses on wellness through prevention and early detection.

In 2018, Project Access has expanded support services to reduce transportation and language barriers, provided over $1M in donated care through our network of over 230 volunteers. Project Access Dental Care Partnership assisted over 70 individuals and provided over $35,000 in donated dental care services.

The Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition (HERC)

HERC works hard to develop and promote healthcare emergency preparedness, response and recovery capability of Palm Beach County. Together, HERC provides a forum for the health care community to interact with one another and other response agencies at the county, regional and state levels, while fostering communications on emergency planning, response and recovery to improve the delivery of health care emergency response services and ensure overall readiness through the coordination of volunteers, community-wide training and exercises.

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An Invitation to Join Us

As we look back over the past year, we are grateful for the dedication of our board of directors, volunteers, donors and community partners for their leadership and commitment. This year, our partners have helped to expand our services to address the emerging issues of the Opioid Crisis, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Physician Wellness. Everything we do is driven by our commitment to improve quality of health care in Palm Beach County. Task forces have been convened, research conducted, education provided, and work plans developed. Each of these programs is a major endeavor requiring physician involvement, leadership, volunteer, staff and financial resources. I invite you to join us in our efforts through volunteering or making a financial contribution. Together we can make a difference.

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