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MAA PRESIDENT LETTER

Dr. Carmen Kavali

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When I began my year as President, I outlined my main priorities as ensuring physician-led care for all patients, and promoting truth and transparency within the healthcare team so patients understand exactly who is caring for them. As a founding member and current President of Physicians for Patient Protection, I see almost daily examples of scope of practice expansions that threaten patient safety, misrepresentation and misleading titles from practitioners that include 'doctor' in their titles, and states allowing nurse practitioners and physician assistants to practice medicine without license or supervision. It is clear that my topic of focus for the year has never been more important. All physicians need to be vigilant in protecting physician positions and titles.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

MAA Legislative Dinner – January 27, 2026

MAA Spring Social – April/May 2026

MAA Housing Panel – March/April 2026

MAA Summer Gala – July 11, 2026

MAG HOUSE OF DELEGATES

MAA MEMBERS ELECTED TO MAG LEADERSHIP



Dr. Deborah Martin



Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber



Dr. John A. Johnson



Dr. Shamie Das



Dr. Ali R. Rahimi



Dr. Charles Wilmer



Dr. Fonda Mitchell



Dr. Jin Lee



Dr. Vini Patel



Dr. Kate Russell



Dr. Meghan Kapur



Dr. Lalitha Medepalli

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MAA FALL SOCIAL



MEMBER NEWS

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Jayne Morgan featured in Hello Heart Blog 'Your Heart Might Be Aging Faster Than You Are. Here's How to Turn Back the Clock.'

Dr. Ali Rahimi featured on 'Health & Veritas' podcast in 'A Cardiologist in Your Pocket'

Dr. John A. Johnson published in American Board of Medical Specialties 'Staying Sharp, Earning Trust, Ensuring Quality: Why Board Certification Matters More Than Ever'

AWARDS/NEW POSITIONS

Dr. Ericka C. Gibson was named Chief of Women's Services at The Southeast Permanente Medical Group.

Dr. Anna Skold received the Joseph P. Bailey Jr., M.D., Physician Distinguished Service Award from the Medical Association of Georgia.

Dr. Ravi Thadhani elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber received the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians Georgia Chapter.

Dr. Jayne Morgan received the 2025 Black Women in Clinical Research Hall of Fame Award.

Dr. Tracey Henry was the first-ever recipient of the Jacqueline W. Fincher Advocacy Award from the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians.

APPEARANCES

Dr. Jayne Morgan featured in CNN Health, Newsmax Media, Inc. and Scripps News to discuss the impact and journey of the black box removal from women's hormones, featured on CNN with Wolf Blitzer and Pamela Brown to discuss a new study on melatonin and heart failure, featured on Fox 5, featured Tamsen Fadal's newsletter 'The Menopause Doctor Reveals the 3 Warning Signs Doctors Dismiss' and also testified on Capitol Hill in a Congressional Briefing on World Perimenopause Day.

Dr. Benjamin Hayes spoke at the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce "M3N's Event sponsored by Northside Hospital Cancer Institute discussing men's health.

Dr. Ali Rahimi and Dr. Jayne Morgan participated in the Atlanta Hypertension Initiative Roundtable.

COMMUNITY SERVICE / LEADERSHIP

Dr. Dorothy Mitchell-Leef, Dr. Deborah Martin, and Dr. Lattisha Bilbrew spoke to Morehouse Medical School students.



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WEBINARS

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The conversation covers colorectal cancer and how patients can stay on top of their health, as well as how physicians can best respond to inquiries, case studies, and advocacy efforts.



First in a three-part series that will touch on how physicians and healthcare systems can help influence housing, transportation, and food insecurity in Atlanta. This webinar will cover what is being done in Atlanta to tackle housing affordability challenges.



Dr. John A. Johnson and Dr. Randy F. Rizer discuss their experiences in military medicine. They discuss their motivations for joining the military, experiences serving, and how they did this while balancing career demands as physicians.



MAA Board Member Dr. Christopher McAdams and Dr. Andrew Norden of MAA Platinum Sponsor OncoHealth cover prior authorization, discussing what's working, what's broken and where technology and legislation may help us move forward.

SPONSOR CONTENT

New MAA Platinum Sponsor - OncoHealth



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SAVE THE DATE

Register Now! MAA Member & MAA Sponsor Event

MAA Legislative Reception

JANUARY 27, 2026
MAGGIANO'S BUCKHEAD

This event will include updates from several legislators and the Medical Association of Georgia will outline 2026 legislative priorities.

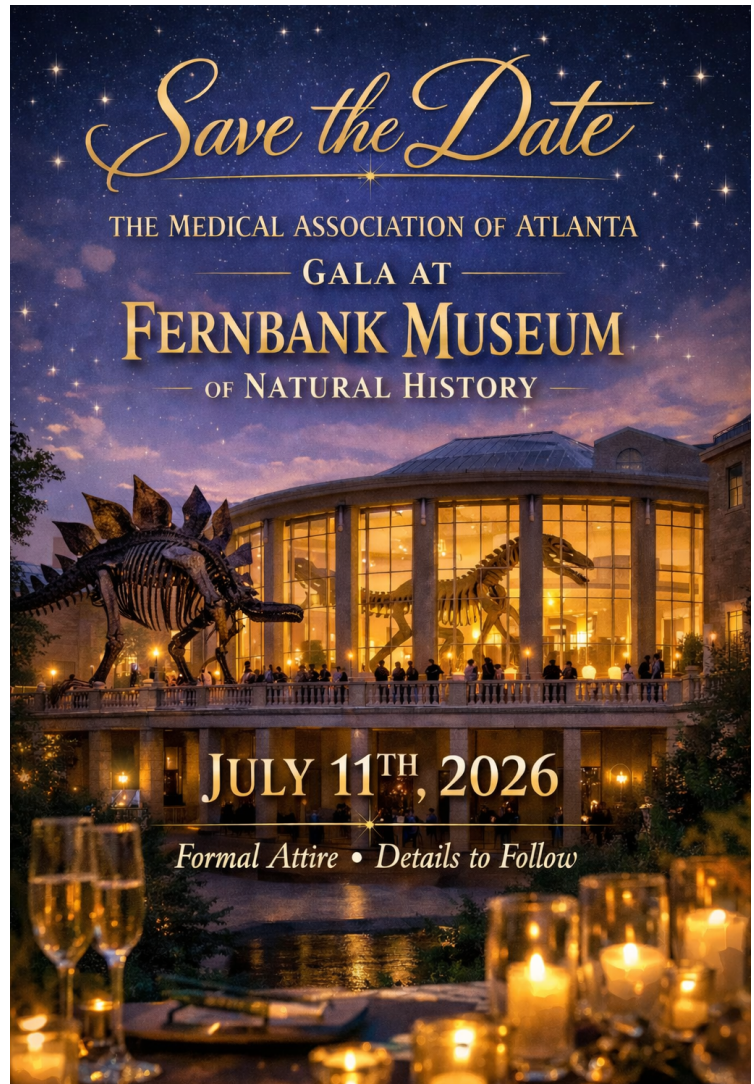


6:30 PM Reception
7:30 PM Dinner & Meeting

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MAA Member

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Student & Resident MAA Member

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