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MAA PRESIDENT LETTER

Dr. Carmen Kavali

Monarch Plastic Surgery & Skin Renewal Center



I am so very thankful to begin my time as MAA President and to celebrate the continued excellence of the Medical Association of Atlanta. MAA's mission is to champion our community's well-being and safety while advocating a healthy environment in which physicians practice and serve. As your President, I want to use this coming year to really hone in on our mission. How do we champion our community's well-being and safety? In part, by ensuring physician-led care for all patients and by promoting truth and transparency within the healthcare team, so patients understand exactly who is caring for them.

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The Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA) is a non-profit association founded in 1854 **dedicated to the advancement of organized medicine** in the Atlanta, GA area. MAA membership is **made up of the most actively-involved participants in organized medicine who have united their individual voices and efforts** into one cohesive body of progress, **representing the new face of organized medicine in areas of legislation, community service, and individual patient care.** As the largest component society of the Medical Association of Georgia, **MAA is committed to its mission to develop leaders to ensure the health and safety of our citizens.**

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

MAG House of Delegates – October 17-19, 2025

MAA Fall Social – October 28, 2025

MAA Legislative Dinner – January 27, 2026

MAA Spring Social – April/May 2026

MAA Summer Gala – June/July 2026

FREE MEMBER & SPONSOR EVENT



MAA FALL SOCIAL

Twain's Brewpub & Billiards
211 E Trinity Pl, Decatur, GA

10/28

6-9 PM

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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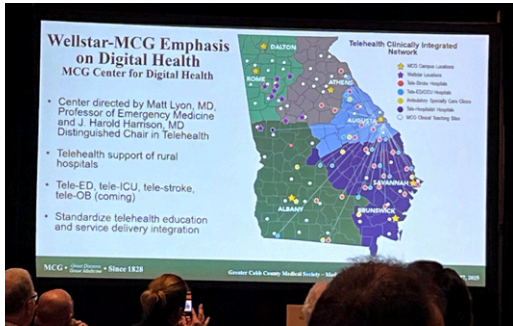
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MAA / GREATER COBB COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY JOINT MEETING



MAA BOARD RETREAT



MAA SUMMER GALA

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MAA CAUCUS MEETING



ATLANTA MEDICINE SURVEY

Please share your thoughts! Submit topic ideas for a future issue of ATLANTA Medicine.

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MAG MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

Several MAA physicians serve as members of Medical Association of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps. The vision of the MAG Medical Reserve Corps is to “enlist citizen volunteers to assist in the establishment of an organized, prescreened, cadre of resources capable of deployment to support Emergency Management Systems already in place in the event of a major emergency. The goal is to function in a support role in providing volunteer medical professionals and resources to augment those services in the community that are engaged in the health and welfare of the citizens.”

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WEBINARS

PHYSICIAN MENTAL HEALTH

A Discussion in Honor of National Physician Suicide Awareness Day
September 17th



Dhaval R. Desai, MD

Physician, Author,

"Burning Out on the Covid Front Lines:
A Doctor's Memoir of Fatherhood, Race
and Perseverance in the Pandemic"



Stefanie Simmons, MD, FACEP

Chief Medical Officer,

Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation

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A Discussion with Dr. Dhaval R. Desai, author of "Burning Out on the Covid Front Lines: A Doctor's Memoir of Fatherhood, Race and Perseverance in the Pandemic" and Dr. Stefanie Simmons, Chief Medical Officer of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation covering the importance of mental health and physician suicide awareness, the mission and impact of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation, ways for physicians and the broader medical community to get involved, and progress being made and the road ahead.

MAA RESIDENT LEADERS - MAA BOARD RETREAT

This year's MAA Resident leaders attended the MAA Board Retreat at Brasstown Valley Resort, where they networked, joined task forces, and discussed events, advocacy initiatives, and membership recruitment.



Dr. Kenny Johnson

"Attending the board retreat was a fulfilling experience, and I appreciate how the board members actively involved me throughout the weekend. I was able to see in real time how the board members' passion for improving the lives of physicians and our patients are channeled into actionable steps."

Dr. Katherine "Kate" Russell

"I had an amazing experience learning from our MAA board members during the retreat last weekend. I participated in the workgroup focused on expanding our reach with residents and with the Social Determinants of Health Task Force. Working with the board is an invaluable experience in understanding fiduciary duty, running a successful county medical society, and ultimately delivering important advocacy work for our members. I am amazed by the incredible physicians serving on this board and had a wonderful time learning from each of them and how they have incorporated their passion for advocacy and organized medicine into their careers."



Dr. Shreya Mahadevan

"It was my first experience attending the MAA board retreat, and my first experience attending a board meeting, in general. One of the physicians I met this weekend put it aptly; he described the board meeting with a quote from Hamilton: "How the sausage get's made." This describes the experience perfectly. I got to see the inner workings of the MAA, which was enlightening. I was able to learn about the Social Determinants of Health Taskforce and join, the same. This will enable me to be a part of tangible, real change in the future. Not only did I have an opportunity to network with a number of physician I also learned a tremendous amount about advocacy, resource allocation, and legislation."



MEMBER NEWS

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Jayne Morgan published in Maria Shriver's *The Sunday Paper* with an interview and research publication on menopause

Dr. Anna Skold published in *Palliative Medicine*/submitted to *Journal of Medical Ethics* "Physicians' preferences for their own end-of-life: A comparison across North America, Europe, and Australia" and second article 'Associations between physicians' personal preferences for end-of-life decisions and their own clinical practice: PROPEL survey study in Europe, North America, and Australia' published in *Palliative Medicine*

Dr. Shamie Das published "Why Do We Need Quality Measures in Emergency Medicine?", in *Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians Open*

AWARDS/NEW POSITIONS

Dr. Tracey Henry recently named the recipient of the American Medical Association's 2025 Dr. Edmond and Rima Cabbabe Dedication to Profession Award

Dr. Ericka Gibson named Physician Program Director, Perinatal Safety and Quality, TSPMG, Perinatal Digital Experience Clinical Lead, National Women's and Children's Health, The Permanente Federation

Dr. Shamie Das & Dr. Tracey Henry finished year as Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellows

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Dr. Penny Castellano featured on MAG's Quarterly Review discussing the future of patient care in Georgia

Dr. Jayne Morgan featured on The Tamsen Show podcast 'The Menopause Heart Doctor Reveals 3 Warning Signs Doctors Dismiss'

Dr. Sandra Fryhofer featured in MedScape Covid Vaccine Update 'Where Do We Stand on COVID Vaccines in 2025?'

COMMUNITY SERVICE / LEADERSHIP

Dr. Jeff Marshall featured for his work through Northside and with the city of Sandy Springs to fight cardiac arrest

Dr. Deborah Martin hosted the Yonkofa Celebration in September 2025

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

Dr. Jayne Morgan testified on Capitol Hill in a Congressional Briefing on World Perimenopause Day



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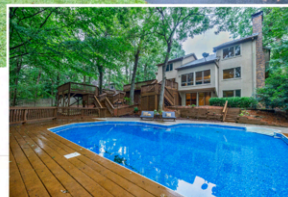
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