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A Newsletter for the Medical Community

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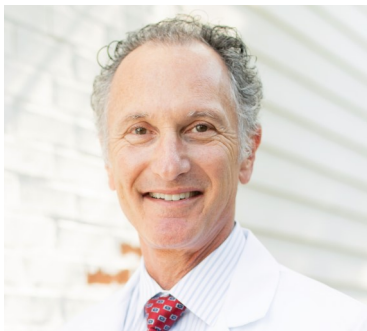
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# 2021: A NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I take over the presidential virtual gavel from Dr. Karen Gold, I reflect on the past year and how life has changed. We are nearly a year into a global pandemic that has impacted our community and our individual lives. I personally have been reflecting on the changes I have seen. The most hopeful is a change in the thinking of the majority that health is a resource that we as a community must prioritize. We tend to remember the minority who don't wear masks or have gatherings that spread COVID-19, but the majority have asked over and over what can they do to help.

I have witnessed a pilot who donated time and a private plane to transport the first shipments of plasma to critically ill COVID-19 patients in Tulsa from OKC in the middle of the night, and recovered patients who drove hours to donate when donors were scarce. When PPE was short businesses scoured their warehouses for N95 masks and donated to the local hospitals. Hospital administrators who cleared the way with new contracts done in hours instead of months to supply plasma. Nurses who overnight donated time to assist with research protocols while working 12 hour shifts. Local manufacturers and designers who built intubation boxes and donated to local hospitals. I know each of us has a list this long or longer. Even the past weekend we have had donations of food to all the nurses stations to know they are remembered and supported during the holidays. We have all learned our health and the health of the community are not to be taken as a given. I think Alex Trebek said it best in a Jeopardy episode a week before his passing "We're trying to build a gentler kinder society. And if we all pitch in, just a little bit we're going to get there".

This coming together as a community in the fight to end COVID-19 is also true at TCMS. Many independent and small practices had difficulty obtaining vaccinations so TCMS, the Tulsa Health Group, and Tulsa



**Diane M. Heaton, MD**

*TCMS President*

Health Department partnered together to provide vaccinations for this group with a goal of vaccinating 400 Physicians, NP's, PA's and staff that interact with patients. In less than a week, we are close to 50% of that goal. I am deeply grateful for Dr. Wiseman of the Tulsa Health Group for spearheading this project.

We look forward to a time when each sniffle is not 'oh no' the first sign of COVID-19. If I have learned anything in 2020, we must continue to work together. I recommend every physician sign up

to distribute the vaccine. I have personally signed up on the Oklahoma Department of Health website. If each of us find and offer vaccinations to patients missed in other drives, we will be a step close to eradicating this disease. Every member, I am certain, has more knowledge of Virology and mRNA immunizations than last year. Please be resources of your sphere; churches, book clubs, the line at Starbucks, etc. When we forget to take off our coats there are opportunities to discuss and remember the majority wants our opinions. As of this writing, we have vaccinated 4 million individuals in the U.S., only 1.2%, so we have a long way to go.

My personal goals for the next year for TCMS, is supporting our community and organization and finding the spirit we found last March to come together to support our members and community. This next year will be focused on rebuilding our community and finding areas that we can support one another, Tulsa County and Oklahoma. We have learned that nothing works if the health of our community and ourselves is not a high priority. I look forward to 2021 and how TCMS can be an integral part of the future of Tulsa County.

**Diane M. Heaton, M.D.**  
President

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## TCMS MEDICAL STUDENTS HOLD DRIVE FOR LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE

The Tulsa County Medical Society and OU and OSU medical students are teaming up with Little Light House to host a contactless donation drive at the society's office, 5315 S. Lewis, where people can drop off supplies to help kids with special needs.

The Little Light House is a Tulsa nonprofit educational center and relies on community donations for essential supplies, Director of Events George Canady said.

"We do a lot of messy play and a lot of sensory activities," Canady said. "If we run out of paper towels, how are we going to clean up the mess or clean up the children and the students? So even something as simple as a paper towel or a roll of paper towels goes a long way at the Little Light House." Little Light House is tuition free and doesn't have a budget for paper towels, hand sanitizer, trash bags or even masks, Canady said.

To help out, OU and OSU medical students are collecting items for the Little Light House including paper towels, hand sanitizer, trash bags and especially cleaning supplies. Little Light House also will accept gift cards to buy needed supplies.

Donations are accepted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Tulsa County Medical Society office. Call 918-743-9363 to set up a time to drop your donations off.



"As medical students, we try to give back to our community, and I just feel like this is a way we can do that," said OSU medical student Brooke Reeves.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, Reeves said.

The donation drive received coverage on News on 6. To watch the report, please use the following link:

<https://www.newson6.com/story/5fd15d1e99e0320c120844a0/tulsa-medical-students-host-donation-drive-for-little-light-house->

## TCMS PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19, Dr. Heaton and the TCMS Leadership have decided to postpone the Annual TCMS Presidential Inauguration. We will monitor the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as trends in hospitalizations and deaths reported. We hope to recognize Dr. Heaton and those TCMS Members who retired in 2020 at a later date.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Happy New Year from TCMS!

TCMS would like to wish you and yours a Happy New Year as we all are looking forward to a new year. We appreciate having you as a TCMS member and are thankful you've been with us this past year as we navigated and continue to traverse this unprecedented time.

### JANUARY 20, 2021

TCMS Board of Directors Meeting  
TCMS Office & Zoom; 6:00pm

### MARCH 3, 2021

TCMS Foundation Board Meeting  
TCMS Office & Zoom; 6:00pm

### MARCH 9, 2021

Medicine Day  
Virtual Meeting, more details to come.

### APRIL 1-30, 2021

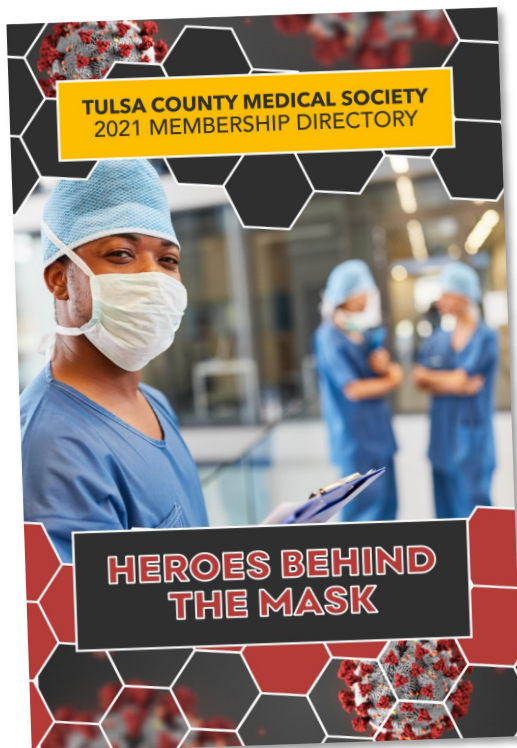
Doctor of the Day  
The Oklahoma State legislature plans to implement the Doctor of the Day Program for the 2021 Session. More details to come.

## NEW AWNING ON TCMS BUILDING



The TCMS Foundation replaced the aging and fading awning for the main entrance into the C. Wallace Hooser, M.D. Building which houses the offices for Tulsa County Medical Society, TCMS Foundation, and Project TCMS. Thank you to Dr. John and Pat Minielly for their donation to replace the awning.

# TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY 2021 DIRECTORY



You should be receiving Tulsa County Medical Society 2021 Directory this month. For additional copies please contact our office.

For the 2021 TCMS Membership Directory, we wanted to highlight the major healthcare pandemic, COVID-19, and recognize the heroes who are on the front lines of ensuring the health and safety for all Tulsa County residents, our TCMS Physician Members. Not all heroes wear capes, and you are a true heroes! You are the "Heroes Behind the Mask." The pressure on you increases exponentially in times like these and so often your work goes unappreciated or unrecognized.

Thank you for the time and work you have put into helping others during this unprecedented time. In times of not knowing the answer, you have all been resilient and ready to put your lives on the line. Many may not fully comprehend the sacrifices being made both personally and professionally. We are grateful for your compassion, commitment to others and support you have provided during the pandemic. Tulsa County Medical Society is here to support you in any and every way we can. From Continuing Medical Education to our NEW Physicians Wellness Program and more. We are here to serve our members, our heroes.

Mark McElreath, MPA  
Executive Director

## IN MEMORIAM 2020

**Albert W.  
Brownlee, M.D.**  
June 8, 2020

**H. Percy  
Smith, M.D.**  
June 7, 2020

**Antonio  
de Leon Jr., M.D.**  
June 22, 2020

**James H.  
Bearden, M.D.**  
May 4, 2020

**Bill "Billy" R.  
Sevier, M.D.**  
August 12, 2020

**John W.  
Phillips Jr., M.D.**  
September 16, 2020

**Robert G.  
Perryman, M.D.**  
October 6, 2020

**Robert A.  
Nelson, M.D.**  
October 19, 2020

**Christopher B.  
Teter, M.D.**  
November 9, 2020

**Dan E.  
Miller, M.D.**  
November 23, 2020

**Robert K.  
Endres, M.D.**  
December 12, 2020

*Our thoughts, prayers,  
and condolences are with the  
families and friends of those  
who passed away.*

## RETIREES 2020

**Haresh K.  
Ajmera, M.D.**

**Stephen B.  
Campbell, M.D.**

**Frederick I.  
Cohen, M.D.**

**T. Jeff  
Emel, M.D.**

**Fred  
Garfinkel, M.D.**

**James W.  
Hendricks, M.D.**

**David R.  
Hicks, M.D.**

**C. Anthony  
Howard, M.D.**

**William B.  
Morgan, M.D.**

**Lana H.  
Oglesbee, M.D.**

**R. Clio  
Robertson, M.D.**

**Charles M.  
Strnad, M.D.**

**Kent A.  
Woolard, M.D.**

*Thank you for your  
hard work and dedication  
to the medical profession!*

# WELCOME BACK MEMBERS!



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Anesthesiology

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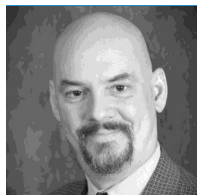


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Radiation Oncology

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Medical Education: Warren Alpert Brown University, Providence, RI 1991-97. Residency: State University New York Downstate, Brooklyn, NY General Surgery, 1997-98. Residency: NYU Medical Center, New York, NY, Neurosurgery, 1998-99.

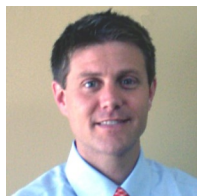


## **Joseph M. Nicholson, III, D.O.**

Chief Medical Officer

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Medical Education: Oklahoma State University, 1986-1990. Internship: Fitzsimons Army Medical Center-Aurora, Aurora, CO, General Surgery, 1990-1991. Residency: University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Family Practice, 1993-1995.



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Family Practice

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Medical Education: University of Oklahoma, 1998-2002. Residency: University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Family Practice, 2002-2005.



## **Steven R. Wiseman, M.D.**

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Medical Education: Oklahoma University, 1987-1991. Internship: Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, MN, Internal Medicine, 1991-1992. Residency: University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK, Internal Medicine, 1992-1994.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

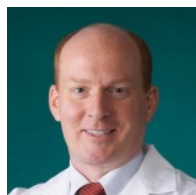


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Ophthalmology

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## **Edwin L. McCreary, M.D.**

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Medical Education: St. George's University, Grenada, New York, 1993-1998. Residency: University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, Internal Medicine, 1998-2001. Fellowship: North Shore University Hospital, Hematology-Oncology, 2003-2006.



## **Patrick A. Sharp, Jr., D.O.**

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Medical Education: Oklahoma State University, 1987-1991. Internship: Transitional Year 1991-1992. Residency: Oklahoma State University, Family Practice, 1992-1994. In 2004, trained/certified in age management medicine. In 2010, age management medicine & nutrition, exercise & hormone replacement therapy for men & women.



## **David K. Wong, M.D.**

Orthopedic Surgery, "all aspects of upper extremity care"

Advanced Orthopedics of Oklahoma  
2488 E 81<sup>st</sup> St Ste 290, Tulsa, OK 74137  
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Medical Education: University of Oklahoma, OKC, OK 1982-1986. Residencies: Oklahoma Teaching Hospital, OKC, OK, General Surgery, 1986-1991; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, Hand Surgery, 1991-1992.



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