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A newsletter of the Bulfinch Medical Group Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund

## We're Moving!

The Bulfinch Medical Group (BMG) is relocating to the fifth floor of the Wang Ambulatory Care Building at Massachusetts General Hospital in October 2005. This move will unite all BMG physicians, nurses and staff in one beautifully renovated facility that patients will find convenient and accessible to MGH specialists, the Radiology Department and parking.

## Patient-Doctor Resource Center to Open

The centerpiece of the new BMG offices on Wang 5 at the MGH will be a Patient-Doctor Resource Center. Established through the generosity of our patients, the center will offer classes, individual instruction and audiovisual and other reference materials. Patients will have the opportunity at each visit to use specially equipped computers or to work with a professional health educator to learn more about their medical conditions and about disease prevention.

## Diabetes Program Earns National Recognition

The BMG Diabetes Program, funded by the Patient-Doctor Partnership, is the first MGH program to be recognized by the American Diabetic Association for excellence in diabetes education. The BMG program, in which nurse educators worked closely with diabetic patients at office visits and via phone and e-mail, produced marked

improvement in patients' blood sugar levels. This pilot project shows how successful a collaborative effort between patients and health professionals can be. Congratulations to project leader Marcy Bergeron, ANP, and her staff, and thanks to our patient donors who made this project possible.

## Dinner Honors Dr. Dineen

The BMG celebrated 15 years of partnership and honored the leadership of founding physician James J. Dineen, MD, last fall at the Copley Plaza. More than 100 friends and associates gathered to hear MGH President Peter Slavin, MD, and Drs. Robert Hughes and Suzanne Koven mark Dr. Dineen's incredible 35 years as a leading primary care physician at the MGH.



*Dr. Dineen, left, and Dr. Hughes*

## Patient Internet Access to Bulfinch Medical Group

Thanks to the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, more than 5,000 BMG patients now have 24/7 access to a secure web site called the "Patient Gateway," which allows them to make appointments, fill prescriptions and e-mail their doctors and nurses.

"Patient Gateway" is available to all BMG patients who use the Internet. To sign up, simply go to the web site [patientgateway.com](http://patientgateway.com) and follow the easy instructions. This program is the first of many initiatives to enhance communication between patients and health care providers at the BMG.



## How You Can Help

With support from the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, the BMG can ensure that even as medicine becomes more complex, the strong bond between patients and physicians thrives. Your support will make it possible to continue establishing innovative programs.

We welcome your financial support of this goal. Contributions totaling more than \$2.5 million from friends and supporters partnering with us are making the Patient-Doctor Partnership Program possible.

For more information on how you can help the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, please contact the MGH Development Office at 617-726-2200.

## Donate Online

To make a donation to the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund online, go to [www.mbggifts.org](http://www.mbggifts.org). Go to the online giving form and under "Gift Information," click "Other" and type in "Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund."

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