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

Patient-Doctor Partnership Celebrates Bulfinch Medical Group Expansion

The Bulfinch Medical Group (BMG) celebrated the opening of its new offices, located on the fifth floor of the Wang Ambulatory Care Building at the MGH, at a well-attended open house last fall. All caregivers – physicians, nurses and staff – and the BMG’s Patient Education Resource Center now reside in a single, conveniently accessible site at the heart of the MGH



BMG physician Dr. Robert Hughes (center) greets open house guests Terry Eastman (left) and Gretchen Fox.

main campus.

More than 120 donors to the BMG’s Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, in addition to many other loyal friends, gathered to view the new facility. BMG physicians

James Dineen, MD;

Robert Hughes, MD; and Suzanne Koven, MD, as well as MGH Board of Trustees Chairman Ed Lawrence, spoke to commemorate the noteworthy occasion.

Peter Slavin, MD, president of the MGH, noted the hospital’s excitement about the new BMG location. “The essential role of primary care at the MGH is evident in the hospital’s newly expanded Bulfinch Medical Group practice,” he said. “We are very grateful to the many

donors who made this expansion possible through their generous support for the BMG Doctor-Patient Partnership Fund.”



Dr. James Dineen (left), a longtime BMG physician, joins members of the Madden family (left to right, Scott, Rob and Robert Madden) in celebrating the impact of the Maddens’ major gift to the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund.

The Patient Gateway - Have You Signed On?

The BMG is pleased to report that you now can make appointments, fill prescriptions and send e-mail messages to your primary care physician through an easy system that is available 24/7: the Patient Gateway.

The Patient Gateway is offered free of charge to all BMG patients. Just go to www.patientgateway.com and follow the instructions on the web site. This program is one of the first at its kind to be implemented at the MGH, and is designed to enhance communications between BMG patients and their health care providers. Thanks to donations to the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, which provided support for this key initiative, 6,745 BMG patients currently use the gateway, with many more expected to sign up.

How You Can Help – Consider Making a Planned Gift to the BMG

By making a planned gift, donors can ensure that the BMG continues its mission of providing exceptional patient care while preserving the strong bond between BMG patients and physicians – both today and in the future.

A bequest is a popular way to make a significant gift



without depleting your current assets. You may also wish to supplement your income by creating a life income gift, such as a charitable gift annuity, which will provide you with a lifetime stream of income and tax benefits – Donors who make a planned gift or bequest are invited to join the Phillips Society. Phillips Society members are honored at an annual event, receive special hospital publications and are recognized each year in the MGH Honor Roll of Donors.

The MGH Planned Giving Office can assist you in making a gift that will create your own personal legacy at the hospital. Please contact Sue Ramsey, MGH director of Planned Giving, at 617-724-6439 or swramsey@partners.org for more information.

To make an online donation to the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund, go to <https://www.massgeneral.org/donate/draft.asp>. Under “Gift Information,” just click “Other” and type in “Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund” to complete your gift.

Patient Education Resource Center Offers Essential Care Information

Conveniently situated next to the BMG waiting room, the Patient Education Resource Center is staffed by health educator Amy Quach. Amy is happy to assist you in finding hard-copy or web-sourced health care information. You can also receive

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customized information about your or your family member’s specific condition at the conclusion of your primary care visit.

With your support, the BMG hopes to expand Patient Education Resource Center services to include patient web access from home, as well as wellness classes and disease-specific classes taught by MGH clinicians.

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