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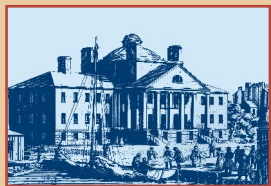
Please join Dr. Dineen and his colleagues in their endeavor to enhance and ensure the future of personalized primary care for the BMG community.

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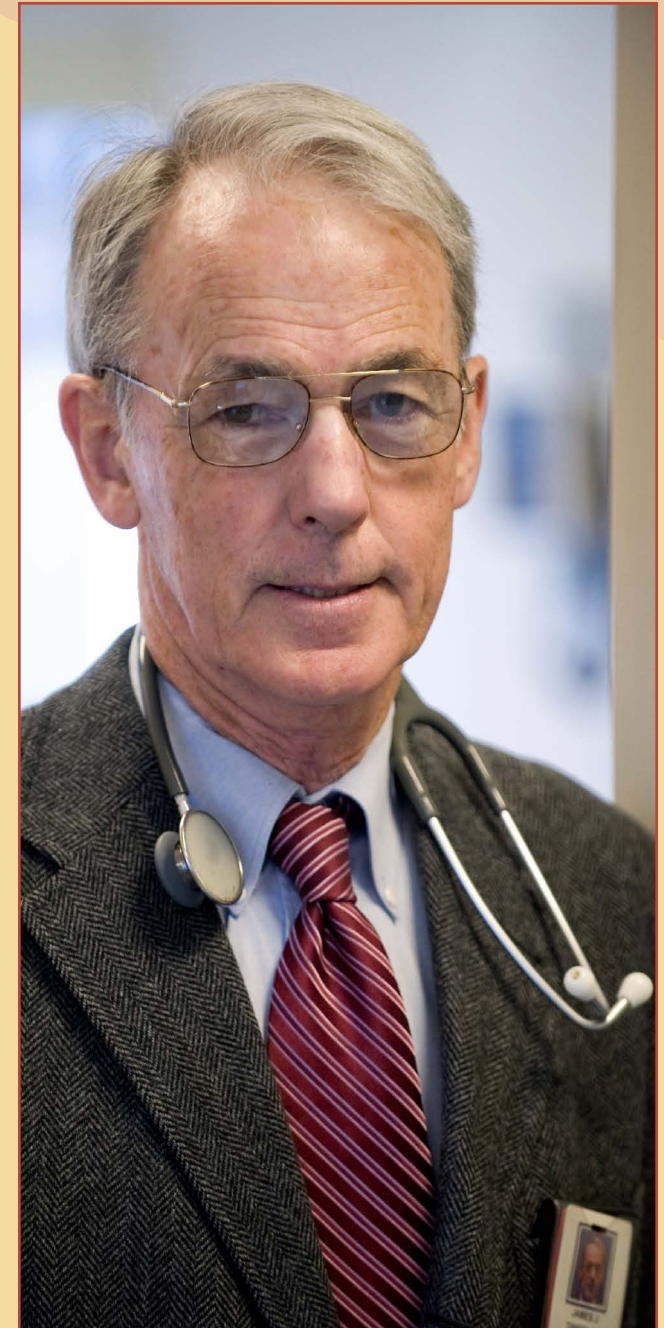
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# Dr. James J. Dineen

Partnership in Primary Care  
*at Massachusetts General Hospital*



## A Legacy of Primary Care Excellence and Innovation at the MGH

The close and trusting relationship between physician and patient has been at the heart of Dr. James J. Dineen's primary care practice since his first day at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1971. So it was only natural when, two decades later, in 1990, Dr. Dineen and eight other MGH internists formed the hospital's Bulfinch Medical Group (BMG). The mission of the new group was to provide personalized primary care within a world-renowned academic medical center by making each patient feel individually known and cared for by physicians who had access to the best subspecialty experts, the most sophisticated diagnostic testing and the newest and best treatments.

The BMG has since grown to 19 physicians serving more than 20,000 patients in MGH's Wang Ambulatory Care Center. It is more than a medical practice – it is a thriving community of doctors, nurses, staff and patients, all of whom share the common ideal that the best way to deliver modern medical care is through old-fashioned personal attention.

While the MGH is well-known for its superb specialized care, the cornerstone of the hospital's daily work is primary care. MGH internists like Dr. Dineen serve as their patients' first line of medical defense, and when the need arises, they marshal an array of specialty care resources and expertise.

## The Dr. James J. Dineen Partnership in Primary Care

In the face of rapidly increasing demand for high-quality primary care in an era of growing healthcare complexity, Dr. Dineen has maintained his modus operandi as both friend and physician to thousands of patients. His patients have come to him for care and for help navigating through health care options; they know that he will lend an ear when needed and that tough or sensitive



questions will receive thoughtful, thorough responses. For these reasons and more, Dr. Dineen has created lasting bonds with thousands of patients over his lengthy career at MGH.

Aware of the challenges ahead and inspired by these extraordinary relationships, Dr. Dineen and his colleagues created the Patient-Doctor Partnership (PDP). This initiative is supported by the Patient-Doctor Partnership Fund which relies on the philanthropy of grateful BMG patients. The PDP has spawned a series of programs and innovations to preserve and enhance the relationship between primary care patients and their doctors.

In tribute to Dr. Dineen's many contributions to primary care at MGH, the Bulfinch Medical Group and the PDP have created the **Dr. James J. Dineen Partnership in Primary Care**. The goal is to develop and support the establishment of collaborative multidisciplinary primary care teams. These teams, led by the primary care physician and including professional and support staff, will work together to offer focused, personalized primary care that reinforces the patient-doctor relationship.

At a time when the demand for primary care physicians outstrips supply, this groundbreaking step could serve as a model for primary care practices everywhere. This is just one of many creative ways that Dr. Dineen and his colleagues are working to secure an effective and durable bond with their patients.