

2024 February Newsletter

Hail & Farewell



[Horseshoe Article](#)

Thank you Dr. Betty Kim!

Board President, Nicholas Piantanida, MD, presented Dr. Betty Kim with our new horseshoe award as a token of appreciation for her time serving on the board. Dr. Kim served on the EPCMS board of directors from 2021 through 2023. In her time, Dr. Kim was instrumental in ensuring the relevancy of EPCMS for physicians today and tomorrow.

For EPCMS, the horseshoe is a symbol of appreciation for the tremendous contribution made to the physician community. The symbol brings the rich history of the physician community with the innovative spirit of physicians today in building a successful tomorrow.

EPCMS would like to welcome Nicole Choy, MD, breast surgeon, to the board of directors. Get to know Dr. Choy with the physician spotlight below!

Physician Spotlight

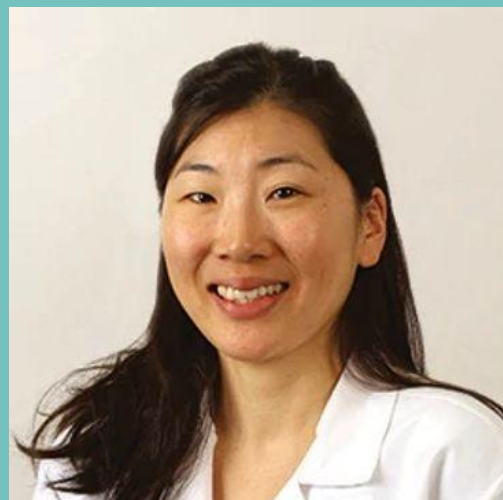
Physician Spotlight

Dr. Nicole Choy

1. Who or what inspired you to become a physician?

My oldest brother is 14 years older than me, and he became a surgeon, which paved the way for me to pursue medicine. I knew I wanted to be in a profession where I can help people. I've also always loved science and anatomy, and medicine is a combination of all those things.

[Click here for complete article!](#)



*Interested in becoming a Spotlight Physician?
Do you have accomplishments to celebrate with your peers?
Are new and exciting medical advancements now available at your clinic?
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EPCMS & CMS 2024 Programs



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CMS Policy and Advocacy Efforts

The CMS Policy Pulse dated January 31, 2024; includes crucial information you need to know about!

Follow the link below to read more about the urgent call to action:
Liability caps and professional review confidentiality under attack.

URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Contact Your Representative or Senator Now!

The link below is a tool to identify who your district representative(s) are and their contact information. The tool is an interactive map or search by address.

You are encouraged to search by both your place(s) of work and personal residence as our region has multiple representatives.

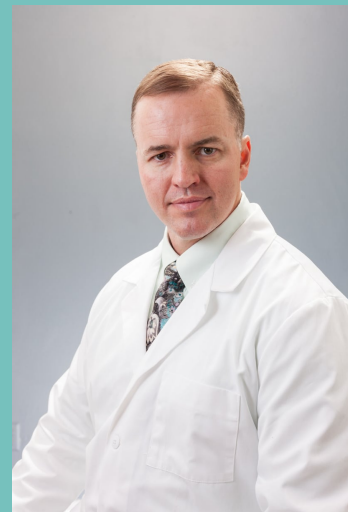
Share your influential voice on matters critical to your future!

SEARCH FOR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

EPCMS Representative for CMS Council on Legislation

We would like to shout-out and thank Dr. Robert Price for becoming the EPCMS representative at the CMS Council on Legislation.

This very active committee meets frequently during the Colorado legislative session (January-May) to determine positions on bills under consideration by the legislature, and between meetings holds discussions and votes on a secure file-sharing platform.



Top Doctors 2024

The Top Doctors survey is coming soon! Look for an email on **MARCH 18th** with a link to the confidential Top Doctors survey, your opportunity to recognize excellence in fellow physicians.

The survey closes on April 7th. If you do not receive your email by March 18th, contact theresa@coloradospringsmag.com or text (719) 360-3700 for special delivery of the 2024 Top Doctors Survey before the survey closes.

For questions, comments, or to confirm your email listed on your EPCMS membership profile please contact:

Natalie Myers, CEO EPCMS nmyers@epcms.org

The survey comes from customerservice@periniassociates.com. The survey is administered by an independent firm, Perini & Associates. All voting is confidential.

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Speakers Bureau

EPCMS is proud to offer participation in the EPCMS Speakers Bureau as a physician member benefit. The Bureau provides a means to promote your availability for educational offerings and related healthcare topics to the community.

There is still time to join the Speakers Bureau! Follow the link below for the guidelines and application.

Check the March Newsletter for an event to launch the program!

Speakers Bureau

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Horseshoe Award

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Collaborative Health Systems



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As dedicated healthcare professionals, you understand the importance of safe medication storage. However, did you know that your guidance can make a significant impact on your patients' families and the environment? Encourage them to participate in Colorado's Medication Takeback Program – a vital step towards a safer and healthier Colorado.

Learn More Here



Our Sympathies

We mourn the loss of former physician member Dr. Marilyn Gifford, who passed away on January 16th. Dr. Gifford was an influential figure within the community, impacting lives for generations to follow with her leadership and protocol

development. Dr. Gifford held many leadership roles for EPCMS & CMS, including EPCMS Board President (1993-1994) and EPCMS Pre-Hospital Care Physician Advisory Committee (1982-1993). I had the pleasure of interviewing one of Dr. Gifford's sons and EPCMS physician member, Dr. Eric Caplan, for the EPCMS September 2023 Physician Spotlight. The pride he exuded as he reflected on her inspiration to become a physician was evident.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Dr. Eric Caplan and his family in their time of significant loss.

[Click here for her obituary.](#)



Upcoming Events



2024 EPCMS Events

Click the link below to be up to date on our upcoming 2024 events! We look forward to seeing you at an educational presentation or a social gathering!

[Events Calendar](#)



February Happy Hour Social

Join us at Fossil Craft Beer Company for a delightful happy hour social event on February 20th from 6-8 pm! Gather with your peers and colleagues for an evening of great company, refreshing drinks, and delicious appetizers. This casual get-together promises laughter, relaxation, and the opportunity to forge new connections in the welcoming ambiance of Fossil Craft Beer Company. Cheers to good times and even better company at our upcoming happy hour!

Register



Save the Date

Colorado College

MacLean Symposium: Narrative Medicine

April 11, 2024

Featuring presentations, keynote speakers, and a discussion panel !

Email invitations coming soon.

The MacLean Symposium is brought to you by the D. J. MacLean
Endowed Fund for English.

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Event Highlights



Moral Injury: Presented by Dr. Robert Lam & Dr. Markus Hannan

The first event of 2024 was celebrated by physician member attendees. Thank you for all who participated in an engaging evening!

Did you miss the presentation and want to learn more? The presentation will be repeated in the coming months. More to come!

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Bottom Photo:
St. Francis Hospital Wellness Garden *(Photo by Fred J Fuhrmeister)*

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