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## Life 'after' BRI: One alumnus reports Two perspectives: AHCA policy debate Healthcare not just an American issue

### Greetings!

What happens to student leaders after their active BRI involvement? Danny McCorry, award-winning leader from Georgetown tells how BRI shaped his medical studies and how his BRI involvement continues to bring rewards as he approaches establishing himself as a doctor.



Danny McCorry, BRI  
alumnus leader

*"The Benjamin Rush Institute has been a cherished and essential component of my medical education over the last four years. As a first year medical student, I was enrolled in a course on health policy which pontificated a narrative of centralized, top-down solutions to health problems, providing little consideration for differing viewpoints. I was frustrated by the unbalanced course direction. After venting my frustration to a friend, she suggested I look into the Benjamin Rush Society (now Institute). That simple suggestion completely altered the direction my medical education would take. A few phone calls and e-mails later, the Georgetown chapter of BRI was official.*

*"Throughout my pre-clinical years, BRI brought nothing but opportunity. The chapter events included speakers, debates, journal clubs, conferences, and even a meeting with then-US Congressman Dr. Tom Price. Most importantly, I learned about the model of delivery called Direct Primary Care. My interest in this subject prompted me to pursue a Graduate Fellowship in Health Policy Research where I could explore the concept more in-depth.*

*"Even in my clinical years, as the time for such events is diminished, BRI has continued to influence me positively. My approach to clinical education has been informed by a diverse education in health policy. Before I entered medical school, I had not thought twice about primary care. Now I am going to begin Family Medicine residency in June, with the hope that someday I may have my own DPC practice. I can do this confidently because of the policy knowledge I have accrued through BRI. My decision to enter primary care could not have been made without the cornucopia of opportunity granted by people like Dr. Haynes and the rest of BRI. I don't expect my*

*journey with BRI to end here, but I would like to take this chance to thank everyone involved for the tireless work they do to advance the values we hold so dearly."*

Danny has also written and co-authored several articles and white papers, one of which was instrumental in influencing healthcare **legislation in Michigan**. His most recent article, *States Prove Why Direct Primary Care Should Be A Key Component To Any Health Care Reform Plan* was published in the Forbes online magazine.

*Congratulations, Danny!*

**READ DANNY'S FORBES ARTICLE**



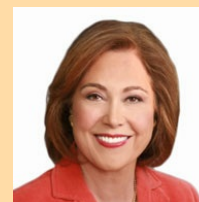
Speaker of the House  
Paul Ryan

## MULTIPLE WAYS TO CONSIDER THE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE ACT (AHCA)

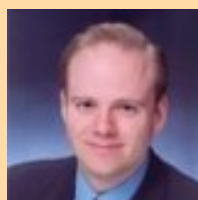
BRI is known for its commitment to present multiple views on issues without compromising its integral stand for freedom and the patient-doctor relationship.

We thought you'd be interested to hear two (of many possible) viewpoints on the current, ongoing healthcare debate on Capitol Hill.

**Docs4PatientCare Foundation:** Prior to the initial failure of the American Health Care Act (AHCA), **Hal Scherz interviewed Grace-Marie Turner** of the **Galen Institute**, and author of *Why Obamacare is Wrong for America*. They discussed why the AHCA had to pass, and what procedural and political hurdles are part of this process.



Grace-Marie  
Turner, Galen  
Institute

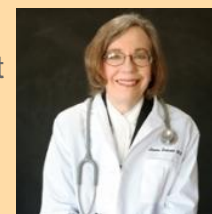


Robert Tracinski,  
The Tracinski  
Letter

After the failure, **Robert Tracinski** of *The Tracinski Letter*, offered his views on why the AHCA failure was more of a **"silver lining."**

*"Their failure to pass the Obamacare "repeal and replace" bill was a disaster for House Republicans. The only way the disaster could have been worse is if they had passed it."*

**Dr. Jane Orient** from the **Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS)** provides yet another analysis on healthcare reform's "next step" in her **"White Paper on Repeal/Replacement of the Affordable Care Act."**



Jane Orient, MD,  
AAPS

*"The legacy we want to preserve is the one of freedom, which brought us prosperity and wonderful advances in medicine. Piling on more lead to try to salvage the icon of socialism is suppressing a return to greatness in America."*

**READ FULL AHCA TEXT HERE**

We hope that by engaging with many potential viewpoints will help you make up your own mind about this current event.

## BRI continues to influence future Nigerian doctors

One Nigerian medical student wrote to us after attending BRI's Leadership Conference in St. Louis this past February:

*"When Nigeria is reformed, remember you had one of the greatest parts to play."*

Words like these give BRI focus and strength, and also remind us that quality, accessible healthcare is not only an American outcome. The entire world faces similar challenges.



Zainab Odufuye (L) at DPC Deconstructed conference

BRI was proud to award several scholarships this year for medical students to attend other conferences that are also educating future doctors about direct primary care and free market healthcare.

**Zainab Odufuye** (College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria) a scholarship recipient, reported on her experience from an international perspective at the **Direct Primary Care DECONSTRUCTED** conference in Tampa, FL in February.

Read here: [DPC from an international perspective](#)



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