Greetings!

March 17, 2016


On March 31st, 2016, 70 medical students, doctors, speakers, BRI board members and staff will meet in Washington DC for BRI's annual Leadership Conference to immerse themselves in these timely topics. This is the largest international cohort in BRI's four years of conference history. In partnership with American Enterprise Institute and George Washington University, we could not be prouder of this year's group.

In addition to the amazing AEI speaker line up for Friday, April 1st, seven of BRI's own medical students and affiliates will also be making presentations to the group on the weekend. One of these student presenters is Eric Sink, co-developer of the telemedicine technology, Epharmix, that is proving effective in monitoring illnesses and conditions without placing additional work stress on often already over-burdened physicians and healthcare providers.

Other student presenters will talk about healthcare policy, economics, healthcare abroad, and how to maintain successful BRI chapters.

We thank all of you who have made generous donations and become BRI members in support of our annual conference and work. Your ongoing commitment to having healthcare work for everyone in America is inspiring and vital to our success.

In partnership,

Beth Haynes, MD
Executive Director
Benjamin Rush Institute
Friday, 4/1/16: EVENING DEBATE: An integral part of BRI Leadership Conferences

How do we change hearts and minds so that leaders in Washington will embrace alternate proposals for healthcare policy? One way is by educating the public through DEBATES. People can then take ideas that resonate with them to the people who can make a difference - or better yet, start making this difference themselves. Debates are not idle entertainments. They are energetic forums where interested parties can hear and evaluate opposing views.

BRI has held a debate as a central part of its Leadership Conferences for four years in a row. This time, with the tireless commitment of Host Chapter leaders at George Washington University and Georgetown, we bring another Friday evening debate as part of the 2016LC:

**Be it resolved: Providing quality healthcare to the poor is best achieved through free markets and charity, not government programs**

This debate is FREE and open to the public. All we ask is that you RSVP to ensure enough refreshments at the pre-debate reception. Please spread the word to your friends, family and colleagues who may be in DC on Friday evening, April 1st.

Pre-debate reception begins at 6:30pm.

Learn More

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IN HEALTHCARE NEWS

There's an awful lot happening in the medical world that our newest staff member, Joe McKinney, works hard to keep up with. He regularly posts short, newsworthy articles on BRI's website, under the NEWS tab.

We also link to these items on our social media pages. You can check out BRI's Facebook and Twitter accounts 24/7.

Dr. Keith Smith's Surgery Center of Oklahoma is in the news again-not only on our News page, but also on Forbes online. In addition to reading Eric's Epharmex blog post, this article on healthcare technology demonstrates the "democratization of healthcare."

Many submissions that make it to our News page are sent to us by members and BRI friends, so if you have something to share, please pass it along to Joe McKinney!
JOIN BRI.

It's super simple for anyone -- even busy med students! -- to support BRI's work. With student memberships for as little as $25, and other memberships as low as $50, you can promote BRI's success financially, as well as by sharing these BRI newsletters, BRIEvents, and blog posts with your friends and colleagues.

To give you an idea of what $25 can do ($50 doubles these results!):

- Provide lunch for 5 or 6 attendees at a noontime lecture
- Publish and promote a student-authored blog post that touches many readers
- Cover mailing a Chapter-in-a-Box to a new chapter, with money left over
- ... and much more.

Thank you. We accept donations any time, and memberships run through August 31, 2016.

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