



2024

Presidential Inauguration  
and Awards Ceremony



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# President's Welcome and Acknowledgments

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that my term as president of the Medical Society has come to an end. It has been a challenging and rewarding year. I have been honored to represent our members.

Our members' participation in the MMS' Committees, Advisory Groups, Task Forces, and Sections is the cornerstone of our success, setting the policies and principles for which we stand. I am grateful for the dedication and talent of MMS staff, whose hard and thoughtful work has helped guide me and the Society through the many crises in health care.

Best wishes to my fellow officers, President-elect Hugh Taylor and Vice President Olivia Liao. I know our capable leaders will continue to guide our prestigious Society with skill and grace and with the support of members and staff to ensure that "Every physician matters, each patient counts."

I thank all of you for your support during my tenure.

*Barbara*

Barbara S. Spivak, MD

President, Massachusetts Medical Society



Barbara S. Spivak, MD



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# Program

RECEPTION AND NANCY N. CARON  
ANNUAL MEMBER ART EXHIBIT — 5:00 PM

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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS — 6:00 PM

*Lois Dehls Cornell, Executive Vice President (Master of Ceremonies)*

## Presentation of Awards

***Barbara A. Rockett, MD, Early  
Career Physician Leadership Award***

Recognizes an early career physician who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in organized medicine, patient advocacy, and mentorship.



Emily C. Cleveland Manchanda, MD, MPH

***Grant V. Rodkey, MD, Award  
for Outstanding Contributions  
to Medical Education***

Recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions to medical students, both in the hospital and in organized medicine.



Dennis J. Spencer, MD, PhD

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### *Henry Ingersoll Bowditch Award for Excellence in Public Health*

Recognizes a Massachusetts physician who has demonstrated outstanding initiative, creativity, and leadership in the field of public health outreach and/or advocacy.



James J. O'Connell, MD

### *Special Award for Excellence in Medical Service*

Recognizes a Massachusetts physician who has made a remarkable demonstration of compassion and dedication to the medical needs of patients and/or a community or has demonstrated a significant act of heroism.



Mary Elizabeth Miotto, MD, MPH, FAAP

### *Lifetime Achievement Award*

Recognizes a member of the MMS for lasting contributions to the Society and to the practice of medicine in the course of his or her lifetime in the areas of health care delivery, patient care, education, and administration.



Charles A. Welch, MD

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*Award for Distinguished Service to the  
Massachusetts Medical Society*

Recognizes a member of the MMS who has made significant contributions to the goals of the Society through demonstrated leadership, member recruitment, committee work, or other endeavors.



Henry L. Dorkin, MD, FAAP

**Inauguration Ceremony**

*Barbara S. Spivak, MD, President*

*Hugh M. Taylor, MD, Incoming President*



Barbara S. Spivak, MD



Hugh M. Taylor, MD

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**REFRESHMENTS — 7:00 PM**

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# MMS and Alliance Leadership 2023–2024

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| Medical Student Section       | Primary: Senila Yasmin<br>Secondary: Archita Goyal                     |

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# Additional 2024 Award Recipients

## *History of Medicine Essay Award*

Jacob Jasper for “Radical: Oliver Cope and the Birth of Breast Conservation Therapy”

## *Information Technology Awards*

### **Resident/Fellow**

Ted Pak for “Massive Mining of Clinical Notes with Large Language Models to Improve Antibiotic Choice for Sepsis”

### **Student**

Arya Rao for “The Future Patient Persona: An Interactive, Large Language Model-Augmented Harvard Clinical Training Companion”

## *LGBTQ Health Award*

Ellen C. Perrin, MD

## *Reducing Health Disparities Award*

Alice A. Coombs, MD

## *Senior Volunteer Physician of the Year Award*

Lucy M. Candib, MD

## *Underrepresented Physicians of Tomorrow Award*

Eméfah C. Loccoh, MD

### **Honorable Mentions**

Lauren Alderette, MD, MPH

Patricia Hernández, MD

## *The Women’s Health Award*

Kathryn Martin, MD

## *The Women’s Health Research Award*

Manisha Bahl, MD

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# Community Clinician of the Year Awards

## Barnstable

Amy G. Wiegandt, MD

## Bristol North

Cheryl M. Greenfield, MD

## Bristol South

Erron S. Plosker, MD

## Charles River

John David Hackett, MD

## Essex North

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## Essex South

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## Middlesex Central

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## Middlesex North

John A. Ragucci, MD

## Middlesex West

Wendy J. Parker, MD

## Norfolk

Nicole R. Mushero, MD, PhD

## Norfolk South

Francis P. Duggan, MD

## Plymouth

Thomas A. Morris, MD

## Suffolk

Marielle C. Baldwin, MD

## Worcester

Kathryn L. Edmiston, MD

## Worcester North

Beth K. Mazyck, MD

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# MMS Scholars Awards

## Boston University School of Medicine

Natalie Nanez

Andrea Wang

## Harvard Medical School

Ashley Kyalwazi

LaShyra Nolan

## Tufts University School of Medicine

Anna Daoud

Nick Verdini

## University of Massachusetts Medical School

Brian Nickley

Mina Botros

# Committee Chair Service Acknowledgments

Victoria J. Noble, MD

*Committee on Bylaws*

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