Not surprisingly, the entire Republican Convention was about trying to reinvent Trump as being qualified, as opposed to what he is, and also demonizing Hillary. I failed to hear anything about policy, especially when it comes to Health Care. But there is a policy and it’s in the Republican Platform. It is a multi-component plan:

1. Vote to Abolish the Affordable Care Act
2. Vote again to Abolish the Affordable Care Act
3. Keep Voting to Abolish the Affordable Care Act

If such a vote passed, it would set back any advances towards Universal Coverage, as it is estimated that 21 million Americans will lose their insurance and result in additional costs of nearly half a trillion dollars over 10 years. How would they pay for this? By deporting 11 million illegals and enforcing the immigration laws, of course. This would result in fewer people needing access to Medicaid. And by making Medicaid a block grant to states that is capped, when the money runs out, so does the health care. So what if the numbers don’t add up? If that doesn’t work, they can always build a wall around every hospital to keep patients out.

Trump also said that he would allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. He would do this because it “would save $300 billion a year.” The only problem is that Medicare only spends $110 billion a year on prescription medication, but facts are too messy.

Take the yoke off the back of citizens. No person should be required to buy insurance unless they want to, and if they get sick they will have no right to buy insurance should they then decide they want to. Got it? Only the healthy should apply.

Their plan would change Medicare to an income-adjusted contribution for buying private insurance. Why? “To promote competition and make health care more efficient.” Translated this means, “more money to the private companies who donate lots of money.” How popular do you think this plan would be?

This is the most anti-abortion platform in history. It calls for it to be a crime to transfer body parts for research purposes and stops all Federal funding for Planned Parenthood. We finally got away from W’s ban against fetal tissue research so here we go again. And Rep. Marsha Blackburn said “Planned Parenthood doesn’t need the money … 94 percent of their business … is (paid) abortion services.” The fact is that abortions accounted for 3 percent of the nearly 10.6 million total services provided by Planned Parenthood clinics in 2013. What they spend money on is: 4.5 million tests for STD’s, 1 million cancer screenings, 1.1 million prenatal services, etc. But if it is said on the floor of the House it must be true. An educated Representative from Tennessee wouldn’t lie, but obviously Marsha Blackburn would.

If all else fails he will keep people healthy through nutrition. “Eat more steak,” Trump steaks of course. If you can afford them after paying your tuition at Trump University. He can always declare bankruptcy, which he is good at. What does Hillary know about that?

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
**Department of Medicine**  
**August 2016 Grand Rounds**

AUG 4 “Diversity and Inclusion: From Fairness to Excellence”  
Marc A. Nivet, Ed.D, MBA  
Chief Diversity Officer  
Association of American Medical Colleges

AUG 11 “LGBT Health”  
Shane Snowden  
Director, Health and Aging Policy at Human Rights Campaign  
Founding Director, Center for LGBT Health & Equity at the University of California, San Francisco

AUG 18 “Hypermobility Disorders”  
Pragya Singh, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Division of Rheumatology  
Department of Medicine  
GW Medical Faculty Associates

AUG 25 “Genetic Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancer: Where do we go from here?”  
Susan Domchek, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Basser Professor in Oncology  
Director, MacDonald Women’s Cancer Risk Evaluation Center  
Executive Director, Basser Center for BRCA  
Perelman School of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania  
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**Cardiology Grand Rounds Will Return in September**

**Resident Lecture Series**  
**August 2016 Noon Conference**

AUG 1 “Introduction to EKG’s” - Dr. Mercader  
AUG 2 “Epilepsy” - Dr. Yamane Makke  
AUG 3 “DVT Prophylaxis” - Dr. Sara Wikstrom  
AUG 4 Medicine Grand Rounds  
AUG 5 “Library Resources” - Laura Abate  
AUG 8 “Transfusion Medicine” - Dr. Elsie Lee  
AUG 9 Mortality and Morbidity - Drs.  
AUG 10 “Approach to Hypoxia” - Dr. Jeff Williams  
AUG 11 Medicine Grand Rounds  
AUG 12 NO Resident Lecture  
AUG 15 “Things we do for no reason” - Dr. Jason Prior  
AUG 16 “Glomerulonephritis” - Dr. Scott Cohen  
AUG 17 GME  
AUG 18 Medicine Grand Rounds  
AUG 19 “Mgmt of CKD” - Dr. Ashte Collins  
AUG 22 “Anemia” - Dr. Shant Ayanian  
AUG 23 “Arrhythmia Management” - Dr. Solomon  
AUG 24 “Dyspnea/Bipap” - Dr. Jeff Williams  
AUG 25 Medicine Grand Rounds  
AUG 26 Chairman’s Rounds  
AUG 29 “Introduction to Heart Failure” - Dr. Panjratl  
AUG 30 Clinicopathologic Conference  
Drs. Lauren Choi and Nardos Temesgen  
AUG 31 “STDs” - Dr. Popiel

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Music Therapy in the Management of Medical Conditions
Mandana Hashefi, MD—Editor

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Department of Medicine

Anna W. McLean, MD joins or rather returns as a full time faculty in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. Dr. McLean earned her Medical Degree at Drexel University College of Medicine. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at The George Washington University Hospital, in 2013 and subsequently completed a Fellowship, here at The George Washington University in Pulmonary Medicine & Critical Care in June 2016. She is skilled in Bronchoscopy, Transbronchial Biopsy, Endobronchial Ultrasound, Central Venous Catheters, Arterial Lines and a number of other pulmonary & Critical Care procedures.

Dr. McLean is board certified in Internal Medicine and is board eligible in Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine. She is licensed in the District of Columbia.

She will also be replacing Dr. Posner as Director of CAP.

Anjeni Keswani, MD joins us as a full time faculty in the Division of Allergy and Sinus Center. Dr. Keswani earned her Medical Degree at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, where she also completed a Residency in Internal Medicine. In 2013, she completed a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Investigation at the same institution. In 2014, Dr. Keswani completed the second of two Fellowships in Allergy/Immunology Research. The first was completed a year earlier in Allergy/Immunology.

Dr. Keswani is board certified in Internal Medicine and Allergy and Immunology and is licensed in Illinois, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

Dr. Keswani comes to us from Duke University in Durham, NC, where she held an academic appointment of Clinical Instructor and was the Medical Director, Duke Asthma, Allergy and Airway Center.

Shelleta S. Pleasant, LICSW joined the Division of General Internal Medicine in July as a Licensed Social Worker. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Counseling Psychology at Columbia Union College and earned a Master’s in Social Work at Howard University. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in the District of Columbia.

Chairman’s Rounds
GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00
All Faculty Invited to Attend
Aug 26 Dr. Cory Bolinger
Dr. Freba Farhat
**Kudos and Congratulations**

**Kudos**… to Dr. Neeral Shah, former Chief Resident, on being awarded the All-University Teaching Award from UVA.

**Kudos**… to Jill Paulson, MD, Endocrinology, and Scott Cohen, MD, Renal, they were approved by the GME Committee as the new Fellowship Program Directors.

**Kudos**… to Dr. William Borden, Cardiology; he was invited to serve as an Associate Editor for the AHA Journal, “Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes”.

**Kudos**… to the Division of Rheumatology on a grateful patient donation to fund Lupus Research.

**Kudos**… to Zohray Talib, General Internal Medicine; she was appointed Honorary Associate Professor on the Faculty of Medicine in the Service of Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST).

**Kudos**… to Mihir Patel, MD, General Internal Medicine; he received a letter of praise from a patient “thank you for the extraordinary care that you gave me, you are such a good doctor”.

**Kudos**… to Eduardo Sotomayor, MD who was selected to receive a Doctor Honoris Causa from one of the Major Medical Schools in Lima (San Martin de Porras University).

**Kudos**… to the first response team, Terri Cherry, Niurka Bernal, Maxine Gray, Ebony Taylor, LaShawn McFadden, Eleanor McKoy, Terrchell McQueen and Kashi Johnson, whose swift and professional response aided in the care and recovery of a patient who was in medical distress while in the clinic waiting area.

**Kudos**… to Royette Leatham, Faculty Affairs Administrator, who received recognition from Dean Lucas, for a job well done in her timely on-boarding of new faculty.

**Condolences**… to the family of Dr. Lettia Carlson, General Internal Medicine, on the passing of her father.