

Healthnetwork Pulse

Dear Friends,

I hope that your year is off to a good start! These last few years have certainly been a challenge for everyone, but we have much to be thankful for. We remain hopeful for the year ahead, and we are grateful for our continued partnership with you.

Below is a copy of the newsletter that we sent to our supporters this week, and I wanted to be sure that you saw it as well. Our goal is to get patients the best outcomes possible, and we could not do that without you!

Thank you for all you do on behalf of our members!

Megan Frankel
President

40 Years of Innovation

Introducing 2021 Service Excellence Awardee Susan Bressler, MD

It's been one innovation after another for Dr. Susan Bressler during her 40 years as an ophthalmologist. When she entered the field, no treatment existed for Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)—the number one cause of blindness in adults 50 and older in the developed world. Early in her career laser therapy was developed, which wasn't perfect but was rewarding, because, says Dr. Bressler, "We went from nothing to at least having something." Next came photodynamic therapy, which she was directly involved in developing. Then, in the early 2000s came drugs that are injected into people's eyes with remarkable outcomes. "We can stop vision loss in 90 percent of people and recover lost vision in 30-40 percent of people suffering from wet neovascular AMD," says Dr. Bressler. And the innovation isn't over! Dr. Bressler says drugs are on the horizon that will last longer in the eye so that instead of having to go into an office every month for injections, patients will only have to go a few times a year.

[Read the rest of Dr. Bressler's story here](#)



Here to Serve You

Introducing the 2021 Exceptional Care Awardees

Thank
you

Each year we honor a select group of staff at our partner hospitals with Exceptional Care Awards to thank them for their superb service to Healthnetwork families. When you or a loved one is facing a health crisis, you want quick access to the right doctors—and these are the people who help make it happen. They work with our staff to get you to the right place, explain appointments, guide you and your family around massive and confusing hospital complexes, and they are always available for questions about your care.

[Click here](#) to see who we honored in 2021.

Grateful for Good Health Partners

Whether at Home or Away, Healthnetwork is Here for You



In January 2021 Carol Dooge began experiencing a burning sensation on her tongue and an accumulation of sores in her mouth. The mysterious pain was frustrating and causing her to lose weight. Carol and her husband were in Florida for the winter, and through their Healthnetwork access were able to connect with a Rheumatologist and an Ear, Nose & Throat specialist at one of Healthnetwork's partner hospitals - Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, FL.

Laurie Dooge, grateful for the care Carol received, wrote to us: "I believe in the good that you do and will continue to support Healthnetwork and the Boca Grande Health Clinic. Both of you have proven to be an important contributor to the health of our family!"

[Read Carol's story here](#)

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