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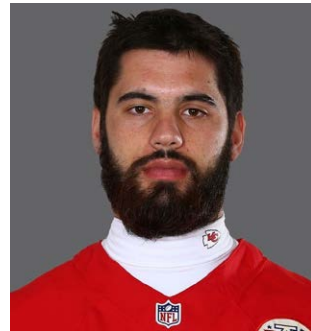
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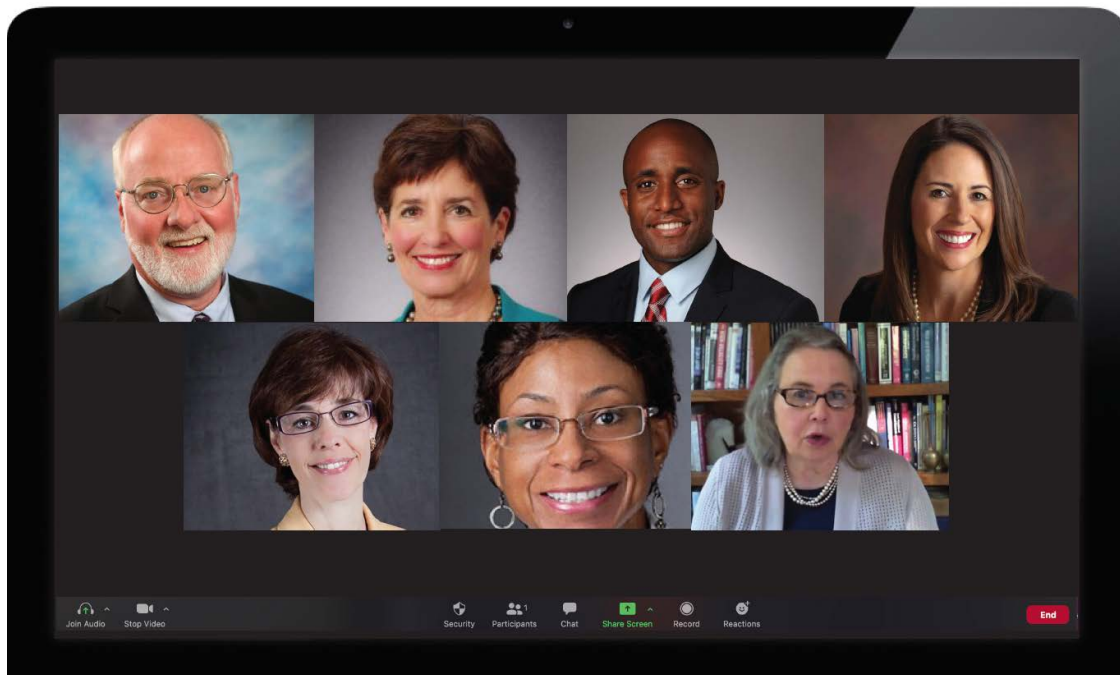
KCMS to Welcome Chiefs' Lineman as Honorary Member

Here's one more reason to Zoom into the October 21 KCMS Virtual Annual Meeting: We will be welcoming as an Honorary Member Laurent Duvernay-Tardif of the Chiefs. He is the first medical school graduate to play in the NFL. Duvernay-Tardif will accept the Honorary Membership at the meeting. [Register now to attend!](#)

[Learn more about Duvernay-Tardif.](#)



More Reasons to Attend the Virtual Annual Meeting



The KCMS [Virtual Annual Meeting](#) on October 21 over Zoom will be packed with information and celebration.

Hear a topical discussion of health care in Kansas City from a panel of local mayors: **David Alvey**, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.; **Peggy Dunn**, Leawood, Kan.; **Quinton Lucas**, Kansas City, Mo.; and **Eileen Weir**, Independence, Mo. Moderator will be **Bridget McCandless, MD, MBA**, KCMS past president and former CEO of the Health Forward Foundation. Hosts will be **Betty Drees, MD**, President of KCMS and **Daphne Bascom, MD, PhD**, of Saint Luke's Health System.

Join us in honoring the recipients of our [2020 KCMS Awards](#):

- **Donald Potts, MD**, Lifetime Achievement Award.
- **Kansas City-Area Public Health departments**, Friend of Medicine Award

Member Awards:

- **Edward (Ted) Higgins, MD**, Community Service Award
- **Mark Austenfeld, MD**, Exemplary Leadership Award
- **Michelle Haines, MD**, Innovation Award
- **Lee Norman, MD**, Patient and Community Advocate Award
- **Brian Mieczkowski, DO**, Rising Star Award

Make plans to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting! There is no charge to register for KCMS members. Plus, Active Members* who register by October 7th will receive a KCMS Annual Meeting gift box **delivered to you** for the event. [Register now.](#)

[Learn more about Annual Meeting sponsorship opportunities.](#)

**Active members pay their dues directly to KCMS.*

Community Flu Shot Campaign Rolls Out

Let's avoid the "twindemic" of COVID-19 and seasonal influenza

by encouraging patients to get their annual flu shots, preferably early. A coalition of community groups led by Comeback KC and including KCMS, is rolling out a flu shot campaign. The campaign includes a PSA featuring Kansas City Royals players along with five graphics for websites and social media (sample pictured). [Download these graphics](#) or visit the KCMS [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages and share the graphics as they are posted.

DO YOUR
PART, GET
A FLU SHOT
This year, it matters
more than ever!



Voting Information on KCMS Website

The November 3 election presents clear and distinct choices about the future of our nation. Information about voter registration and voting options in Kansas and Missouri is available at kcmedicine.org/vote/. The voter registration deadline is October 7 in Missouri and October 13 in Kansas. Are you registered? [Early voting by mail or in person is available in Kansas](#). In Missouri, absentee voting by mail or in person is available for qualifying voters along with a “no excuses” mail-in ballot. The requirements in Missouri are more complex, including notarization of all mail-in ballots and most mailed absentee ballots. [Learn about Missouri’s voting options](#). Please share kcmedicine.org/vote/ with your staff, family, friends and possibly even patients. As a citizen of the United States, voting is your most precious right!



KevinMD Highlights KCMS Member's Blog on Physician Mental Health

If you receive KevinMD’s weekly “KevinMD Plus” newsletter, you would see that the lead item featured September 24 is by KCMS Leadership Council member Fariha Shafi, MD, entitled “[National Physician Suicide Awareness Day: Let’s try to dig a little deeper for more love.](#)” Thank you to Dr. Sharif for compelling writing highlighting this issue! Physician mental health is a growing concern due to stress from caring for patients during COVID-19 along with increasing workloads. [Read her blog.](#)

Follow KCMS Social Media for the Latest News

Check our [KCMS Facebook page](#) and [KCMS Twitter account](#) frequently for the latest news relevant to KCMS physicians. Get the news as it becomes available!

Calendar

Wednesday, October 21 - KCMS Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, November 30 - KCMS Board Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

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