



Benjamin Rush Institute (BRI) hopes this finds you safe and healthy. As we continue to provide online content to our medical students in chapters throughout the country and to free market supporters alike, we are excited to offer our next event in our ongoing Virtual Event Series.

This **Friday, April 17, 2020, at 10:00am ET**, Leah Houston, MD will be joining BRI live to speak on the critically important topic of "Restoring Autonomy and Agency to the Physician Patient Relationship with Self Sovereign Identity Technology."

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**FRIDAY – April 17, 10:00am ET**

Live on Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76571869380>

Or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BenjaminRushInstitute>

(this event will be recorded and available on BRI's Facebook page after the event)

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Dr. Leah Houston is the founder of HPEC, and a board-certified Emergency Physician. While practicing emergency medicine across the US for nearly 10 years she recognized a common problem: **uncompensated administrative burdens related to physician employment and credentialing are a leading cause of administrative waste and physician burnout.**

She realized that distributed ledger technology could solve the obstructive regulatory problems in healthcare, by creating a decentralized community of physicians. She began working on the project and named it HPEC - the Humanitarian Physicians Empowerment Community. HPEC is building a platform that will give every physician

physicians guild. HPEC will streamline the current antiquated and laborious process of credentialing, reduce administrative waste, improve access to care and give physicians sovereign ownership of their data and employment rights. The organization will also create an opportunity for physicians to communicate more efficiently about policy, and practice in order to improve patient care.



In presenting a solution that has the potential to alleviate the administrative waste for health systems, government and practicing physicians she is a recognized and requested national speaker on the topic of decentralized identity as it relates to healthcare. Her work was featured as a part of the first HIMSS Blockchain and Healthcare Textbook, published in 2019. A lifelong advocate, innovator and investor she has also spent lobbying for public policy and healthcare reform. She understands the problems that plague the healthcare system from the inside and out, and has dedicated her time to repairing the current global healthcare crisis. HPEC will restore physician autonomy to the practice of medicine, will begin in the United States and expand.

For details, please contact Rebecca Kiessling at [Rebecca.kiessling@benjaminrushinstitute.org](mailto:Rebecca.kiessling@benjaminrushinstitute.org).

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