



It is almost Halloween, and this spooky season finds most medical students finishing midterm exams – some campuses back in-person 100 percent, and others in a hybrid mix of virtual and in-person. Whatever their learning environment, the past 18 months has changed the landscape of healthcare forever and that is impacting not only *how* students learn, but *what*.

Big insurance, big pharmaceutical, big business, big government – these are the primary drivers of the current medical school curriculum. Overwhelmingly on the side of over-regulated medicine that pushes the doctor-patient relationship to the background in favor of profit, being forced to practice this type of “medicine” leads later to the exceedingly high burnout rate and one of the highest suicide rates of any profession – averaging one *a day*.

Benjamin Rush Institute is dedicated to changing this – by offering a more complete education to medical students on free-market healthcare alternatives – alternatives that allow physicians to practice medicine the way they intended, putting the doctor-patient relationship first.

But students who want to lead a BRI chapter, want to learn more and help educate others about free-market healthcare and economics are often stymied. Their applications are turned down. They are denied meeting space. Too many medical school faculty members and peers speak out against the formation of a new BRI chapter, yet they allow left-wing funded/organized clubs to be prevalent.

Amy Wax, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania, says the state of academic freedom is “abysmal.” She calls college campuses “a one-party state, with unscrupulous social-justice warriors ready to shame, ostracize, name-call, and pounce on anyone who dares to question the received wisdom, and administrators refusing to call them out and sometimes egging them on.”

It is more important now than ever that you support BRI’s efforts. It is our

the future of medicine, the future physicians, the future healthcare advocates – and it is vital they understand the reality of their profession before they start. That is where Benjamin Rush Institute comes in. But we need *your* help to continue. [Support BRI today.](#)

BRI's VIRTUAL EVENTS SERIES IN OCTOBER

Expanding Access to Care through Specialists and Direct Care with Diana M. Girnita, MD, PhD

**Register early for events – attendance is capped at
100 participants.**

Diana M. Girnita, MD, PhD, of *Rheumatology OnCall* joins Benjamin Rush Institute to talk about expanding access to specialists through direct care, **Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 9am PT/12pm Noon ET.** Register [HERE](#).



Diana M. Girnita, MD, PhD is US board certified in rheumatology and internal medicine. She completed a PhD in immunology, a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University, an immunology fellowship at University of Pittsburgh and a rheumatology fellowship at University of Cincinnati. She is the founder & CEO of *Rheumatologist OnCall*, a direct specialty care telemedicine practice focused on broadening access to rheumatology, actively seeing patients in nine US states.

She is the co-founder of the Direct Specialty Care Alliance. This is an organization that will lead the movement of specialists in becoming independent and provide direct care services to patients. Dr. Girnita is also the co-leader of the FMMA California Chapter. Dr. Girnita graduated from the Nutrition Science course from Stanford University and a Mindfulness course from The University of Massachusetts. She was recognized with the "Top Doctor" award (2017-2020) and is frequently invited speaker of the US National Arthritis Foundation.

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NEWS YOU NEED

The sharp decline of the number of independent practicing physicians in the past ten years shows the consolidation of hospitals and growth of health systems, financial pressures, and the interest of private equity firms and contract management groups in medical services. But an employed physician isn't always what is best – for the doctor or the patient. Read more [HERE](#).

Big doesn't always equal better, especially in healthcare. PBMs – Pharmacy Benefit Managers – are companies that manage prescription drug benefits on behalf of health insurers. But while hospitals are being forced to reveal their prices, PBMs are suing to keep prescription drug prices hidden from the public. Read more [HERE](#).

Covid vaccination passports have brought health privacy to the forefront. Many say HIPAA privacy is being violated – but they don't really understand how government privacy rules really work. AnneMarie Schieber takes this on [HERE](#).

YOU can help support the future of healthcare by supporting Benjamin Rush Institute. Our mission is to educate medical students about free enterprise solutions that preserve and protect the doctor-patient relationship as the primary means for delivering high quality medical care. The Biden Administration enormous spending bills include healthcare and insurance provisions that will add more onerous regulations to an already over-regulated healthcare industry, further limiting how doctors practice medicine. The future of medicine – our medical students – must be educated on how these practices will affect their them and their patients.

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