

Meet the BUMG Board of Trustees: Manishi Desai, MD, President BMC Medical-Dental Staff



What drew you to serve as a trustee on the BUMG Board?

I joined the board as took on the seat on the BUMG board that is held by the MDS President. The position allows for representation from the licensed independent practitioners on the Board. It is terrific that this seat is held for the MDS president.

What do you enjoy most about serving on the board?

I enjoy the opportunity to participate, observe, and contribute to strategic conversations that impact clinicians. We are in the midst of very challenging times and need to navigate in such a manner that allows our clinical team to deliver the best care, promotes creative thinking and the education of rising clinicians. Challenges remain, but I am always amazed at the huge talent we have here and innovative programs offered by our clinicians. I think this is our greatest resource and again honored to participate at a higher level to contribute to these conversations. It is also an opportunity to hear from members outside the BUMG perspective who work on healthcare policy and reimbursement or work in other aspects of healthcare industry.

If there's one thing, as a board member, you'd want to communicate with BUMG clinicians, what would that be?

The board as many other boards works primarily in an advisory capacity to ask critical organizational questions. Many of the other significant decisions occur between BMC leadership and BUMG leadership and can be separate from BUMG board but there may be report outs off/on that maybe informational or require feedback.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing BMC and BUMG?

The main challenges facing BUMG and BMC are the same fiscal challenges that are affecting most health systems. We are perhaps affected more in some ways unfortunately for being system that believes in the right of individuals to receive equitable care and acting upon that philosophy. We therefore have to be creative in ways to continue to sustain this mission fiscally and support our clinicians to provide this care

What is an interesting fact about you that no one would guess?

I have an identical twin sister (no other twins in the family).

Do you enjoy reading books? If so, what have you read lately that you enjoyed?

I was not a voracious reader as a child. I was more inclined to be outside playing team sports. I enjoyed Agatha Christie.

What are you watching on Netflix?

I was about to start the Blacklist which I did not see when it was on primetime.

Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy tennis, travel, movies and finding the best eats locally.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the BUMG clinicians?

I continue to be impressed everyday by all the hard work, dedication, and talent at this institution. The work they do is invaluable and I hope they know they are appreciated!