

# Meet the BUMG Board of Trustees: Karen Antman, MD, Dean, Chobanian and Avedesian School of Medicine



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

The need for collaboration between the faculty practice, the school of medicine and BMC.

**What do you enjoy most about serving on the board?**

Finding out how faculty and BMC leadership feel about issues, and how we can align the BUMG goals with those of the medical school. Many values (and needs) overlap. E.g. our commitment to our community, diversity, and our trainees.

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

You make an enormous difference to both the education of the next generation of health care providers and to a patient population in Boston who would not otherwise get outstanding care.

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

For BMC, economies of scale. For BUMG, supporting our health care providers.

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

I very much enjoy global health initiatives. I was an exchange student in Prague in 1967 (the Prague spring), and saw my first surgery at the famous Sigmund Freud University in Budapest. At Columbia, I was the Wu Professor of Oncology, a position requiring travel to China and particularly Hong Kong. While at the NIH during the Gulf war, I was sent to the King Hussein Cancer Center in Jordan. BU has sent me on academic missions to medical schools and hospitals in China (Beijing, Wuxi, Sichuan and Hong Kong), India (New Delhi, Chandigarh and Bengaluru), Armenia and the middle east (Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Dubai).

The medical school has extensive Global connections and collaborations in infectious diseases, primary care and more.

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

I read the Washington Post and Globe each morning and browse the NYTimes, Science (especially anthropology and astronomy), and Harvard Business Reviews, but have not had time as dean for many books. I did enjoy Visual Thinking by Temple Grandin. Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done is a favorite. Ideas are great, but they don't count unless you can implement them, and they actually work.

**What are you watching on Netflix?**

Spy movies and documentaries (Secrets of the Neanderthals on Netflix last night).

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Cooking. My husband is a cardiologist, I'm an oncologist, so we start everything from scratch. Mostly vegies, no added salt, no red meat. Gardening is also relaxing (and a great source of vegies). Most summers, we have too much, and I bring a fair amount to the office too.

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

Our BUMG clinicians are incredibly innovative. We are leaders in urban health, care delivery and education research. Write it up your innovations and get credit for your ideas (and get promoted).