

# Meet the BUMG Board of Trustees: J. Pieter Noordzij, MD, Otolaryngology



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

I wanted to give back to the clinician organization that has helped us all so much. I was also motivated to promote DEI initiatives at the BUMG Board level.

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

Learning more about how BUMG functions at a health system level and helping advocate for physicians and advanced practice providers at every level in our organization.

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

The Boston Medical Center Health System is quite complex but all the parts are integrally connected. BUMG is very dependent on BMC and vice versa. Identifying improvements that benefits as many of the stakeholders as possible is critical to the organization moving forward.

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

BMC serves a unique role in the regional health care sphere, and thus has strong support at the local, regional and national level. However BMC, similar to other hospitals, faces a multitude of challenges. The top 3 in my opinion are labor shortages, rising cost of provide healthcare and the decreasing reimbursement (when factoring in inflation) by payers for providing healthcare.

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

English is my 2nd learned language. Until age 6, I lived in the Netherlands and spoke only Dutch.

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

Sure! I am currently reading "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick which is about the Pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts.

**What are you watching on Netflix?**

*I have recently enjoyed watching the "Masters of the Air", a historical series on Apple TV, about the 100th B-17 Bomb Group serving out of England during World War II*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Most of my hobbies involve the outdoors: biking, boating, skiing, hiking and golf. I am especially fond of sailing which I have been lucky enough to do since I was kid.

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

Having been a busy clinician at BMC for many years, sometimes it feels that the organization does not understand all the issues we face. Rest assured, the BMC and BUMG leadership does care and wants to help. However, we need everyone's engagement and input to fix the challenges at hand.