

## BCMS 2015 Candidates

In accordance with the Bexar County Medical Society bylaws, the following slate of candidates was presented for 2015 on behalf of the BCMS Nominating Committee.

Official ballots were mailed to BCMS members on Sept. 14. Ballots must be completed and received in the BCMS office, by mail or in person, by no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 14.

The candidates provided the following biographical information regarding their nominations.



**Jayesh B. Shah, MD, CWS, FAPWCA, FCCWS, FUHMS, FACP**  
**Candidate for President-elect**

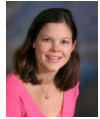
Dr. Jayesh Shah has been a practicing physician in San Antonio for the past 14 years and has served BCMS for the past 10 years in various committees. He is the current BCMS Vice President.

Dr. Shah is one of the Texas Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association. He is a leader in organized medicine. He has served in several committees at TMA. He is the past chair of American Medical Association, IMG Section; past chair of Texas Medical Association IMG Section, and board member for American Medical Association, IMG section. He is the immediate past president for the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI). Through his involvement in AAPI, Dr. Shah has conducted six leadership training seminars in the past two years and also initiated the Childhood Obesity Awareness Program by adopting 100 schools across the United States, including four schools in San Antonio. He is a true physician rights advocate and is active on medical issues at the national and state levels. He is knowledgeable of issues caused by uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare, and is directly involved in the unique issues that affect the delivery of healthcare in Texas.

Dr. Shah is board certified in Internal Medicine, Wound Management, and in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. He is recognized by his peers as an expert in wound care. Dr. Shah is a superb educator and an international speaker on the subject of wound management and hyperbaric medicine. Dr. Shah is a recipient of several awards for excellence in clinical hyperbaric medicine. Dr. Shah is the president of South Texas Wound Associates, PA, the medical director for the Northeast Baptist Wound Healing Center and Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center at Mission Trail Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, where he has a successful clinical practice. He is the past chair for American College of Certified Wound Specialists and assistant chief editor for the *Journal of ACCWS*.

Dr. Shah is a young, published scientist. Dr. Shah is proud of his most recent creation: his new app for iPhone, iPad and Android called “Wounddoctor” to guide doctors, nurses and physical therapists on how to take care of wounds. He is editor in chief and main author of the *Wound Care Certification Study Guide* published in 2011, which is also published as an e-book and in Spanish as *Wound Care Manual*.

He is a visionary leader, who pioneered the formation of the Hyperbaric Medical Society in India. He also has received community service and leadership awards from the Alamo Asian American Chamber of Commerce in 2008.



**Leah H. Jacobson, MD**  
**Candidate for Vice President**

It is with great enthusiasm that I seek the office of vice president for the Bexar County Medical Society for the upcoming year.

I have been actively involved with BCMS and organized medicine, both at the local and state levels, since I entered medical school in 1990. I feel it is important to work for both physician and patient advocacy, and the betterment of healthcare for all. In addition to BCMS, I am a member of the San Antonio Pediatric Society (SAPS), Texas Pediatric Society (TPS), Texas Medical Association (TMA), and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). I have had the privilege to serve on the BCMS Board of Directors for six years, as well as be a member of the delegation to the Texas Medical Association for more than 10 years. I also have served as a past chair of the BCMS Board of Mediations, Women in Medicine Committee, and TMA's Membership Committee.

I worked for six years as an assistant professor in the UTHSCSA Department of Pediatrics and Family Practice. I remain an adjunct clinical associate professor to date. For the past 10 years, I have worked in private practice here in San Antonio. So I have an appreciation and understanding of what it is like in both the private and academic settings.

I am eager to serve the members of this great medical society and ask for your support.



**Maria M. "Maggie" Tiamson-Beato, MD, FAAP**  
**Candidate for Treasurer**

Maggie graduated from the University of Santo Tomas Medical School in Manila, Philippines, and completed her pediatric residency at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. After 10 years of private practice, she joined the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps, serving for 20 years in Pediatrics, Family Practice, and Aerospace Medicine, retiring with the rank of colonel in 2006. She then joined the practice at South Texas Center for Pediatric Care.

Currently, she serves as secretary of the BCMS Executive Committee and also served for several years as treasurer of the San Antonio Pediatric Society. She is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

For nine years, she served as a board member of Security Service Federal Credit Union and is a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Tobin Center for Performing Arts, and the Majestic Theatre. She also is very active in church, where she functions as a lector and Eucharistic minister at both Santo Niño Church and St. Matthew Church. An avid outdoorsman, she enjoys fishing, hiking and hunting, and is also a dancer with the Filipino folk dance group

Karilagan, which performs at events such as the San Antonio Folklife Festival and the Asian Festival. In 2011 and 2013, she completed two San Antonio Rock 'n Roll Marathons.

Her vision for BCMS is to strive for continued growth in membership by helping fellow practitioners realize the importance of belonging to a dynamic medical society which fights for promoting the best practices of the medical profession.



**Adam V. Ratner, MD**  
**Candidate for Secretary**

Dr. Adam V. Ratner is chair and a co-founder of the Patient Institute.

He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his MD degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He was a Sarnoff Fellow for Research in Cardiovascular Science while in medical school. He performed his post-graduate training in diagnostic radiology and was a Felix Bloch Fellow for MRI Research at Stanford University. He was in the private practice of radiology for almost 20 years prior to co-founding the Patient Institute. He currently serves as a clinical professor and deputy chair for strategic development and socioeconomics in the Department of Radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.