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Mahalo For Your Support! We are all in this together...

Thank you to our local business and community members for doing so many wonderful and uplifting things to support our healthcare workers in East Hawaii. Now more than ever, we need your support to flatten the curve and stop COVID-19 from overrunning our healthcare system in East Hawaii. Stay vigilant, wear face coverings, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.



CANCER CENTER EXPANSION

To meet the growing needs of our East Hawaii Community, we will be launching a campaign to expand the Hawaii Pacific Oncology Center. The expansion will allow for advancements in cancer treatments and enhanced patient care experiences close to home.



Mask Wearing 101

“A” for effort, but we could do better

Hilo Medical Center’s Infection Prevention Director, Chad Shibuya, wants our community to contribute in the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 and other viruses like the flu.



“It’s great to see so many people wearing masks, but not everyone wears their mask the right way: nose out, mouth out, under the chin, hanging from one ear, and touching with dirty hands.” Chad acknowledges. “A” for effort, but we can do better.” Always make sure your nose and mouth are covered by your mask and make every effort not to touch your mask or face.



AL HA Cart

Have a loved one staying at Hilo Medical Center? Our volunteers are not currently visiting room to room, however, our comfort items are available. Please ask your nurse or call the Foundation office at 932-3636.



Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program Graduates Four New Physicians



Congratulations to all of our new physician graduates; all of whom look forward to practicing in East Hawaii!

Dr. Warren Yamashita is currently doing a year long Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Stanford University in California; his plan is to return to Hilo to provide care to our most vulnerable populations. Dr. Kallan Montgomery is providing care at the Eat Hawaii Health Clinic at 1285 Waiānuenuē Ave. and Dr. Mililani Trask-Batti will be providing patient care starting on October 1st at Big Island Health Care; a new clinic with the East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association. Dr. Devin Hazama is currently participating in a year long Geriatrics Fellowship with the John A. Burns School of Medicine and plans to bring his new skillset back to provide care on Hawaii Island.

2020 SBA Small Business Advocate for Business & Industry for the County of Hawaii



Join us in congratulating our Executive Director, Lisa Rantz, on her selection as the 2020 Small Business Advocate of the Year; this prestigious award is a testament to her talent, business skills, and dedication to our Hawaii Island community. The award comes from several years of working to create the healthcare infrastructure needed to support our local healthcare system including obtaining a county-wide Health Professions Shortage Area (HPSA) designation from the federal government. county-wide HPSA designations allow for loan repayment, the development of rural health clinics, and a 10% quarterly bonus payment to providers on all of their direct billed Medicare billings; which providers started receiving in April 2020. This designation truly helped our healthcare organizations during a critical time;. The extra revenue helped keep medical offices open and access to high quality health care close to home available for our community members.



President, East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association
Board of Trustee, HMC Foundation

The 10% Bonus Payment paid automatically to Doctors' offices on Medicare Billings has been critical to support the healthcare infrastructure in East Hawaii .

~Lynda Dolan, MD



East Hawaii Health
Clinics

As we learn to live in the age of COVID-19, medical care close to home is important now more than ever. Both primary and specialty care is accessible at the new East Hawaii Health clinics; thanks in great part to the Health Professions Shortage Designation (HPSA) obtained by Hilo Medical Center Foundation.



Spotlight on Keinan Agonias PHCC Leader/AHEC Scholar

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation Area Health Education Center shines the spotlight on Mr. Keinan Agonias, a stand-out student leader in the Hawai'i Island Pre-Health Career Corps (PHCC) program. Keinan was born and raised in the Puna Community and is the first grandchild on both sides of his family to graduate from college. Keinan received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in May. In his time in our PHCC program, Keinan has consistently volunteered for the Aloha Cart, shadowed a variety of physicians at HMC, and assisted in leading dozens of hands-on workshops for our younger learners. He is dedicated to becoming a physician in order to return to his community and provide much needed healthcare service. A true inspiration for our next generation of PHCC learners. We send a huge MAHALO to Keinan for all of his hard work and look forward to his return to Hawaii Island!

Save the Date!

We are going Virtual!



Saturday, November 7 2020
18th Annual Wine, Cheese,
Chocolate & MORE!



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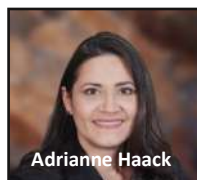
Please join us in welcoming our new class of Family Medicine Residency Physicians.



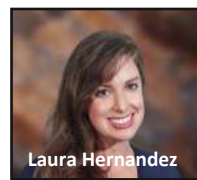
Andrew Chang



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Adrienne Haack



Laura Hernandez



Shelley Kirkham

From masks to snacks and everything in between, a great big MAHALO to our local community for stepping up to make a difference for our healthcare heroes!

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