



Maimonides Health

## An Open Letter from the Maimonides Medical Center Physician Leadership

As the doctors responsible for overseeing the clinical care at Maimonides, we take seriously the trust that over 300,000 Brooklynites place in us each year.

We are proud of the specialized clinical services we provide, which in many cases did not exist in Brooklyn before Maimonides made them available. We are equally proud of the outstanding patient outcomes we have consistently achieved, which in many cases are among the best in the nation. At the same time, we constantly seek out opportunities to learn from each other and from our patients to improve the way we deliver care.

On behalf of the Maimonides physicians we have the privilege of leading, we want to be clear about two things:

- **The quality of care at Maimonides remains exceptionally strong, as does the commitment of our entire administrative and clinical leadership team to serving our communities**
- **The campaign being waged to demonize Maimonides is deeply irresponsible, inappropriate, and harmful – not just to the leaders of the organization, but to our colleagues, to the institution as a whole, and ultimately to the communities we serve.**

Maimonides faces challenges today that are real, but they are hardly unique. Our colleagues at other institutions – including those with far more resources and funding, serving more affluent communities – are also grappling with a nationwide labor shortage, burnout, post-traumatic stress, and an incredibly challenging financial environment.

We work every day to recruit some of the nation's best doctors to practice here in our corner of Brooklyn, to raise awareness of the high-quality services available locally, to earn our patients' trust, and to support the morale of colleagues who have sacrificed and labored heroically over the past two and a half years. All of this is undercut by the campaign's misleading use of cherry-picked data to disparage the whole hospital – and it is the communities we serve who have the most to lose.

**If members of the communities we serve have practical ideas for how to improve the care we provide, we are always eager to hear them. For our part, we look forward to carrying on Maimonides' legacy of service, innovation, and care in partnership with all those we serve.**

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