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In memoriam: Physicians who have died of COVID-19 in the United States



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As Ajith Kannangara has pointed out,¹ it is fitting to pay tribute to our heroic health care workers on the front lines who are caring for persons suffering from COVID-19. Besides giving them the honor of special cutaneous signs, I think it is also important to remember by name those who have died. The following is a list of physicians, active and retired, who have perished in the United States as of May 7, 2020. It is taken from a list of more than 1,000 health care workers who have died worldwide from COVID-19.²

- Ashraf Abdo, general practitioner, New York, New York
- Doug Bass, medical director, Drug and Alcohol Treatment, New York, New York
- Joseph A. Bonjiorno, psychiatrist, St. Joseph Hospital (affiliated), Chicago, Illinois
- Lorna Breen, medical director, Emergency Department, New York-Presbyterian Allen Hospital, New York, New York (died by suicide)
- Luis Caldera-Nieves, ob-gyn, Miami, Florida
- Ricardo Castaneda, psychiatrist, New York, New York
- Charlie Chin Song Chen, family medicine/general practitioner, Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center, New York, New York
- Reza Chowdhury, internist and infectious diseases physician, Westchester Medical Health care, Bronx, New York
- Jeannie Danker, MD, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio
- Victor de Jesus Diaz, pediatrician, Hospital HIMA, Caguas, Puerto Rico

- Leo Dela Cruz, geriatric psychiatrist, Carepoint Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey
- Jeffrey Escher, geriatrician, Westchester County, New York
- Orlando Espinoza, family practitioner, Broward County, Florida
- Jessie Ferreras, primary care physician, Waldwick, New Jersey
- Chris Firlit, chief resident, PGY6 Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery, Detroit, Michigan (presumed)
- Louis Edouard Fontaine, doctor, Brooklyn, New York
- Frank Gabrin, emergency medicine physician, New York, New York
- Jay Galst, ophthalmologist, New York, New York
- Michael Giuliano, doctor, Mountainside Medical Group, Nutley, New Jersey
- James T. Goodrich, neurosurgeon, director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Montefiore Health System, professor of clinical neurological surgery, pediatrics, plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York
- Harvey Hirsch, pediatrics, CHEMED, Lakewood, New Jersey
- Alex Hsu, MD, internal medicine physician, Hsu & Loy Medical Group Margate, Florida
- Priya Khanna, nephrologist, Khanna Nephrology, Glen Ridge, New Jersey
- Robert Lancaster, psychiatrist, New Orleans, Louisiana
- James Mahoney, doctor, Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, University Hospital of Brooklyn/SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York
- Francis “Frankie” Molinari, internal medicine physician, Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, New Jersey
- Nola Mae Moore, physician, Shoreline, Washington

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- John F. Murray, pulmonary and critical care physician, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, California
- Angelo Patsalis, family physician, Henry Ford Medical Group, Detroit, Michigan
- Tomas Pattugalan, internal medicine physician, Queens, New York
- Bredy Pierre-Louis, family medicine/general practitioner, Brooklyn, New York
- Nisar Quraishi, Internal Medicine, clinical assistant professor, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, New York
- Mark Respler, urologist, Brooklyn, New York
- Victor C. Rivera, pediatrician, Langhorne, Pennsylvania
- Charlie Safley, dermatologist, Memphis, Tennessee
- Barry Sakowitz, doctor, Internal and Pulmonary Medicine, Paramus, New Jersey
- Elliot Samet, pediatrician, Passaic, New Jersey
- Stephen Schwartz, pathologist, Seattle, Washington
- Gary Sclar, neurologist, Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens, Queens, New York
- Charles Rodney Smith, psychiatrist, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Joshua Suzuki, ob-gyn, Seattle, Washington
- Arthur Sydeco Tayengco, ob-gyn, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Arthur Turetsky, doctor, Pulmonary and Critical Care, Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Connecticut
- Ronald Verrier, trauma surgeon, Bronx, New York
- Barry Webber, general surgery, Mount Sinai Hospital, Queens, New York

- David Wolin, radiologist, Mammography and Breast Imaging, Brooklyn Hospital Center, Piermont, New York
- Jesus Zambrano, pediatrician, Mt. Sinai South Nassau, Oceanside, New York
- Jack Zoller, ob-gyn, New Orleans, Louisiana

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