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## CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY CALLS ON GOVERNOR FOR PLASMA SUPPORT POTENTIAL OPTION FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19

In a [letter to Governor Pritzker](#) today, the Chicago Medical Society expressed the urgent need to get convalescent serum derived from the plasma of Coronavirus sufferers to patients and healthcare workers amid the historic outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, the CMS Covid-19 Taskforce is joined by the Metro Infectious Disease Consultants in proposing various therapeutic options to Governor Pritzker.

Since COVID-19 has overtaken the world and disrupted countries at a great cost of life and economic hardship, the medical community has been struggling to offer viable treatment options for the new virus since there are no proven therapies. The infectious disease community has known for a century the benefit of convalescent serum. Convalescent serum uses the serum taken from a person who has recovered from an illness, and extracts the antibodies, or proteins which give resistance, and transfuse them into critically ill individuals to help them fight off the illness. It was first used to treat bacterial diseases before the availability of antibiotics, and was used most recently in 2014 to treat infected Ebola patients. Many recognized experts in the field, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, have been advocating for this approach. The FDA recently approved convalescent serum as an investigational therapy.



### CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY IDENTIFIES ILLINOIS' FIRST PLASMA DONOR

Watch ABC Chicago's Ravi Baichwal interview Illinois' first plasma donor for the treatment of Covid-19.

[ABC Plasma Donor Interview](#)

### SPECIAL SESSION: COVID-19 IN ADULT POPULATIONS

Chicago Medical Society has partnered with ECHO-Chicago to support community providers in addressing COVID-19. ECHO-Chicago has set-up a series of weekly sessions focused on the latest

best practices for pediatric and adult populations. Each hour-long session includes a brief didactic led by infectious disease specialists at the University of Chicago Medicine and other experts. The 15-20 minute didactic is then followed by an extensive Q&A to help providers to deal with the real world issues of primary care providers.

Join this special CME training session for a didactic and an extensive Q&A led by ECHO-Chicago Director & Infectious Disease Specialists, Drs. Daniel Johnson and Stephen Schrantz; and Geriatrician Dr. Kate Thompson.

Registration is REQUIRED - April 15, 2020 5:30 PM

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