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#### FROM ONE MONTH TO THE NEXT

As of today, new cases of COVID-19 in our home state of Maryland remain at the unacceptably high level they attained after the July 4th holiday (before which we had a steady decline). In Baltimore City, which is an independent entity, the total number of cases is 11,406, and the surrounding Baltimore County reports another 11,997. But we have good news: the nursing home we told you about last month, which is in a low-income, inner-city Baltimore neighborhood where 448 cases have occurred, remains infection-free, as reported in [The Washington Post](#) on July 24th and confirmed via a phone call today. This nursing home, with mostly Medicaid patients, has been operating at a deficit for years, with the short-fall made up by donations. The pastor divided among the nursing home staff members his first unsolicited donation of \$10,000 given in recognition of their excellent work keeping SARS-CoV-2 at bay. He is now hoping that the interest generated by their success will generate [additional donations](#) to bring long-held dreams of improvements to fruition. As a disclaimer, we have no attachment to this facility or its director or staff beyond pride that a Baltimore city institution is showing the country what good sense and reasonable precautions can achieve.

In other news, our GES Editor, Dr. Thomas Abell, has generously shared [a link to a grand rounds talk](#) he gave via Zoom for Northwell in June as part of the Dr. Isadore (Zed) Horowitz Lecture Series. And the live online [27th Napa Pain Conference](#) will be held online on August 14-15, with free registration and CME credits.

We send our best wishes to everyone reading this newsletter along with our hope that you are and remain safe and healthy.

***In Memoriam: Joseph J. Costa, MD, Chief of the Critical Care Division at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore City, who died of COVID-19 on July 25th at the age of 56 after successfully treating a host of infected patients.***

#### AUGUST 2020 STATISTICS

##### Membership

In July, the number of our subscribers grew to 1284. Thank you for helping to spread the word!

Number of citations in each section

- DBS 5598, with 2 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- DRG 135, with 9 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- GES 500
- PNS 60 (limited to peripheral nerve field stimulation)
- SCS 2539 with 132 completed or partially completed WIKISTIM abstracts
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