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***AMCNO Brings Renowned Surgeon, Author and Gun Violence Prevention Leader
Dr. Brian Williams to City Club of Cleveland***

CLEVELAND, OH – In a final event honoring their 200 years of organized medicine in Cleveland, The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) is partnering with the City Club of Cleveland to host Brian Williams, MD, an author and surgeon from Dallas, Texas, to discuss the intersection of medicine and gun violence prevention.

Dr. Williams was the trauma surgeon on duty when, on July 7, 2016, seven police officers were wounded by a sniper at a peaceful protest in Dallas, Texas. That night, compounded by his years of work in medicine and seeing the impacts of inequity, racism, and violence on his community, inspired him to dedicate his career to advocacy for violence prevention beyond the hospital setting.

Dr. Williams's advocacy led him to public policy, and he was appointed to serve as chair of the Dallas Citizens Police Review Board and later as the Dallas County Special Advisor for Health Equity. He went on to serve as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow, where he was involved in crafting and getting passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. His 2023 book, [*The Bodies Keep Coming: Dispatches from a Black Trauma Surgeon on Racism, Violence, and How We Heal*](#) is a bestselling medical memoir.

On December 12, Dr. Williams will speak about his book and his journey in medicine, advocacy, and gun violence prevention at the City Club of Cleveland. Tickets are available [online](#), and the event will be streamed live on the City Club's YouTube channel.

The event will serve as the culmination of the AMCNO's Bicentennial Year. In honor of the Academy's long history of public health work, the AMCNO board chose firearm injury—which is now the number one killer of children in the United States—as the key public health crisis to focus on. As part of this work, the AMCNO has also [convened a coalition](#) of community organizations to work together toward improving gun safety and has also made a historic donation of \$35,000 to the Ohio chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Store It Safe initiative.

ABOUT AMCNO

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) is a nonprofit 501(c)6 professional organization with the mission of supporting physicians in being strong advocates for all patients and promoting the practice of the highest quality of medicine. Founded in 1824, AMCNO has a long history of physician advocacy as the oldest professional organization in Ohio.

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