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# MEMBER spotlight



## Elisabeth Potter, MD

Breast Reconstruction and Plastic Surgery

A fervent advocate is how to describe TCMS member Dr. Elisabeth Potter. Patient access to care and animals in need are her hot buttons.

Dr. Potter is especially passionate about protecting modern breast reconstruction from insurance denials spurred by recent medical coding changes. The DIEP flap is a natural breast reconstruction surgery that Potter specializes in, and when access to this procedure was threatened, “I realized I had to get involved in advocacy and health policy. I couldn’t let others do it for me if I wasn’t willing to step up and do the work myself.” Potter was recently featured on CBS Morning News discussing this coding change and the impact it would have on breast cancer survivors. Click on the button below to see the news clip and read the article.

Organized medicine is part of Dr. Potter’s arsenal. TCMS/TMA have been strong allies in her fight to protect the DIEP flap. “We recently sent a letter to CMS signed by 34 patient advocacy organizations, 12 medical professional societies, 231 health care professionals (including hospitals, practices, and individual health care providers). Soon after, CIGNA announced a delay in implementing their reimbursement change for DIEP flaps.”

In her free time, Potter rescues animals—specifically dogs. “I have rescued numerous dogs over the past few years. You can find me doting on my pack of four whenever I have the chance!”

CBS Morning News Clip

## Member Applicants




View information and photos of new TCMS members.




## Discounted tickets to Austin FC Game

*Keep your calendars open for **Saturday, July 15th at 7:30 p.m.** because Austin FC has made a limited number of seats available to TCMS members for their match-up vs. Sporting Kansas City!*

*Deadline to purchase tickets at this rate is **Friday, July 14th at 5:00pm CST**. The tickets being made available will be located throughout Q2 Stadium and are subject to availability.*

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## 88th Texas Legislative Review

- Date: Thursday, August 10
- Time: Noon
- Virtual via Zoom

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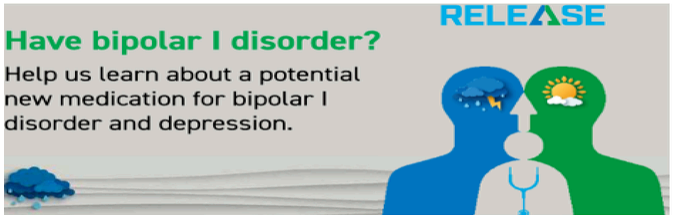
# A Big Thank You to TCMS Volunteer Physicians

For 25 years TCMS has partnered with AISD to provide athletic physicals to underserved students who want to play sports, cheer, or march in the band. This year CommUnityCare provided the clinic space and the Lions Club provided eye exams. Over 300 students were able to get their physicals.

Special thanks to these physicians and medical students.

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