

# STARTING OUT – WITH SUPPORT

## SHALENE BADHAN, MD

Newly Licensed Physician, *TMA Member since 2021*

When Georgetown rheumatologist Shalene Badhan, MD, moved to Texas to establish her medical practice as a newly licensed physician, she faced numerous challenges. She had practiced rheumatology elsewhere, but only in a hospital setting. Her fresh start in Texas included establishing her own private rheumatology practice.

First, she needed her own medical liability insurance, so she joined TMA to acquire Texas Medical Liability Trust insurance to protect her practice. From there, TMA offered what Dr. Badhan calls indispensable resources.

“TMA’s comprehensive support ranged from practical advice on managing a medical practice to offering connections with other professionals who have faced similar challenges,” she said.

“[TMA’s staff] support was amazing,” Dr. Badhan said. “They guided me through the process of setting up my practice, provided all the helpful resources to me, and connected me with multiple contacts.”

She also accessed information from the TMA website regarding setting up a practice; guidance she describes as very helpful.

### TMA Offers More

Dr. Badhan has felt TMA’s dependable support from the start.

“TMA offers what other states’ [medical societies] do not: resources to help private practitioners like me who are new to the state and the world of private practice medicine.” She says TMA’s updates on best

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practices, legislative changes, and innovative medical advancements through free CME all provide insights for success she otherwise would not enjoy.

“This ongoing education helps me stay current and provide the best possible care for my patients.”

### Her Reward – Helping Her Patients

Dr. Badhan is addressing a critical health care gap for patients in her community. Her patients’ conditions require timely care, but before she arrived, they faced long waits for appointments.

She finds “a profound sense of fulfillment” in practicing her specialty, which allows her to improve her patients’ quality of life. She says rheumatology allows her to combine her passion for medical science with her commitment to improving the well-being of others. Seeing her patients’ improvement “feels like a testament to the purpose I set out to fulfill when I chose this path.”

With her TMA membership, she knows she walks that path with great support.



### TMA BENEFITS NEWLY LICENSED PHYSICIANS.

- **Practice Management Resources**
- **Members-only access** to liability insurance from Texas Medical Liability Trust
- **Leadership training** through TMA’s Lifelong Leadership Program and opportunities to serve in leadership roles
- **Networking and learning** at TexMed (TMA’s annual meeting) and annual Business of Medicine Conference
- **Turnkey community outreach programs** to extend your practice’s reach