



PennState Health

Search for the Chief, Division of Blood and Vascular Disorders Penn State Health – Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Hershey, Pennsylvania

THE SEARCH

Penn State Health – Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (Hershey Medical Center) in collaboration with Penn State College of Medicine is seeking an accomplished Physician-scientist-educator to serve as the inaugural Chief of the Division of Blood and Vascular Disorders, holding a named Professorship in Hematology. This is an outstanding opportunity for a dynamic academic leader to step into a moment of significant institutional momentum, with new high-level leadership changes across the Penn State Cancer Institute and the Department of Medicine fostering a renewed vision for interdisciplinary growth, innovation, and programmatic expansion. In this context, the Chief will play a central role, working in concert with Laboratory Medicine in the Department of Pathology to develop a regional center of excellence in Hemostasis and Thrombosis. Supported by a strong commitment across the Penn State Health campus, the inaugural Chief will expand and further develop research in the field of inherited and acquired non-malignant blood and vascular disorders.

As the leader of this newly developed and emerging Division, the Chief will focus on strategically advancing the Division's clinical care programs, education initiatives, and research portfolio while continuing to exceed national standards of excellence in these domains. In support of this mission, the Chief's appointment to a named professorship will provide salary supplementation and support towards research expenditures to ensure continued laboratory-based medicine and clinical research focused on inherited disorders of hemostasis.

The Inaugural Chief will bring demonstrated experience in inspiring, managing, mentoring, and galvanizing a faculty and staff rich in diverse experiences and backgrounds. In response to an ever-evolving healthcare environment, both regionally and nationally, the Chief will develop and implement an overall vision for expanding clinical services through purposeful deliberations with leaders across the college, the medical center, and Penn State Health to formulate an ongoing strategy that builds market share and effectively allocates resources.

The successful candidate will have earned a medical degree and board certification (or board eligibility) in Internal Medicine and in Hematology with particular expertise in hemostasis and thrombosis. With at least five years of Hematology administrative and leadership experience, the named chief will qualify for a tenure-track appointment at the full professor rank and, above all else, exemplify a commitment to providing excellent clinical care in an environment that emphasizes state-of-the-art education and ground-breaking research.

Penn State Health has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist with this search. As indicated at the end of this document, inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed to the firm in confidence.

Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and College of Medicine

In 1963, the Milton S. Hershey Foundation offered \$50 million to Penn State University to establish a medical school and teaching hospital in Hershey, PA. With this grant and \$21.3 million from the U.S. Public Health Service, the University built a medical school, teaching hospital, and research center. Penn State's College of Medicine (COM) opened its doors to the first class of students in 1967, and the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (Medical Center) accepted its first patients in 1970. Today, the Hershey Medical Center serves as the hub of the Penn State Health System, a multi-hospital system serving patients across 28 counties in central Pennsylvania with more than 17,500 employees system-wide and a combined budget of \$2.7 billion.

Together, the College and the Medical Center are central Pennsylvania's only university medical center and medical school, expertly serving the region's needs for tertiary and quaternary care. Today, amid a rapidly changing healthcare landscape, especially in central Pennsylvania, the organization is transforming itself into a comprehensive university health system that includes primary, specialty, and acute care locations spanning the region. Among the core goals of the health enterprise, Penn State Health, is ensuring that while Hershey Medical Center continues to serve as the system's academic hub and flagship hospital, patients can receive high-quality, cost-effective care closest to where they live. This recent and ongoing expansion also provides new and growing research and learning opportunities across the region. For more on the system, please see the addendum at the end of this document.

The Penn State Cancer Institute (PSCI)

Recognized as an American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer-accredited facility, PSCI has evolved from its inception in 2009 into a premier academic oncology center that encompasses clinical care, research, education, and outreach. The 178,000-square-foot facility on the campus of Penn State Health's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center serves as the hub for nearly 160 clinicians, researchers, and faculty members. PSCI is a flagship organization within the growing Penn State Health System, which currently includes 4 hospitals located on campus and across central Pennsylvania with over 2,000

providers. With expertise in nearly all cancer types, clinical care teams treat nearly 2,000 individuals each year.

PSCI's research portfolio houses more than \$17 million in total direct research funding, with Cancer Center members hailing from 45 departments in nine different colleges. As a member of the [Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium](#), PSCI benefits from its unique team-research culture that drives science rapidly from ideas to treatment-changing paradigms.

For more information on Penn State Health Cancer Institute, please visit <https://cancer.psu.edu/>.

The Department of Medicine

The Department of Medicine is dedicated to excellence in clinical care and education and thus prioritizes the expansion of research and scholarly activity to support that mission. The Department houses more than 300 faculty serving patients in the following clinical divisions:

- Cardiology
- Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
- Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- General Internal Medicine
- Hematology and Oncology
- Hospital Medicine
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Geriatrics
- Rheumatology
- Blood and Vascular Disorders
- Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care

Currently training 68 fellows, the Department offers a categorical Internal Medicine residency, a preliminary one-year program, and a combined Medicine and Pediatrics program. While the Hematology/Oncology fellowship is a three-year, ACGME-accredited program that admits four fellows per year, the Hematology Track is a separate, two-year, ACGME-accredited program that admits one fellow per year.

The Department of Medicine is the largest in the College of Medicine in terms of research funding dollars, due to a combination of clinical trials and investigator-initiated projects. The Department's current research portfolio, held by 23 NIH-funded faculty, is approximately \$75 million in total active awards. A number of physician-scientists in the Division enjoy productive collaborations and scientific interactions with researchers in basic science departments, and hold joint appointments with them, most being in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

For more information on Penn State Health Department of Medicine, please visit <https://med.psu.edu/medicine>.

THE BLOOD AND VASCULAR DISORDERS DIVISION

From 1973-1996, Hematology and Medical Oncology were separate Divisions in the Department of Medicine. In 1996, a single Hematology-Oncology Division, which included Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplantation, was formed. Later, in 2008, the Division of Hematology-Oncology became part of the then-newly established Penn State Cancer Institute (PSCI), followed by the section of Benign Hematology becoming the inaugural Division of Blood and Vascular Disorders.

The establishment of the Division of Blood and Vascular Disorders marks the creation of a cutting-edge clinical care division dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, and research of complex blood and vascular disorders. It brings together a multidisciplinary team of hematologists, vascular surgeons, interventional radiologists, and specialized nurses focused on improving the standards of care and quality of life of persons with inherited blood disorders, with a particular emphasis on hemostasis, thrombosis, and sickle cell disease. Leveraging state-of-the-art technologies and evidence-based practices, the division offers advanced diagnostic capabilities, minimally invasive procedures, and personalized treatment plans tailored to each patient's unique needs in the following clinical programs. The Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) of Central Pennsylvania was established in 1973 and is now one of approximately 149 HTCs across the country. The Division's HTC provides comprehensive care to 573 patients residing in 29 counties in South Central Pennsylvania and beyond. Care for persons with blood clotting disorders is provided in a separate Thrombosis Clinic, which focuses on the diagnosis and management of patients with venous thrombosis and those with premature or unexplained arterial disease. Penn State Health's comprehensive sickle cell anemia program offers diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing management for adults with sickle cell disease. The expert team provides preventive care and therapy for nearly 100 affected individuals and treats both ongoing symptoms and acute complications, with the goal of helping patients manage life with sickle cell disease. The Division also houses the CAP/CLIA-certified Special Hematology Laboratory, which is the core laboratory responsible for the development and implementation of new hemostasis tests and participates in clinical/ translational research of hemophilia and related inherited bleeding disorders.

Additional activities with the Division include multiple clinical trials for Hemophilia, including a gene therapy trial for Hemophilia A. Educational and training opportunities include a separate two-year accredited Hematology fellowship with a third research year focused on hemostasis and thrombosis. Funding opportunities are available to develop a regional center of excellence in Hemostasis and Thrombosis in conjunction with Laboratory Medicine, in partnership with the Institute of Personalized Medicine for genetic testing of inheritable bleeding and clotting disorders.

Education and prevention are also key priorities. The division provides community outreach programs and resources to raise awareness about blood and vascular health, emphasizing early detection and lifestyle modifications to reduce risk factors. A top priority is implementing leading-edge clinical research and educational programs to improve the standards of care and quality of life of persons with inherited blood disorders.

ROLE OF THE CHIEF, DIVISION OF BLOOD AND VASCULAR DISORDERS

Reporting dually to [Dawood Darbar, MD](#), Chair of the Department of Medicine and [Monika Joshi, MD, MRCP](#), Deputy Director of PSCI Clinical Operations, the Chief will have considerable autonomy in advancing an overarching strategy for the division. The division currently includes four faculty members, with resources in place to recruit additional faculty to expand clinical and research programs focused on non-malignant bleeding and clotting disorders and Sickle Cell Disease. Active recruitment efforts are underway. The division also includes three advanced practice providers and an advanced practice manager. With responsibility for the overall management of the Division, the Chief will directly oversee its financial and human resources, delivery of the highest quality of care, promotion of basic and clinical research, and the continuing education of its faculty.

In a highly collaborative and collegial environment, the Chief will develop a strong working relationship with stakeholders across the health campus – including the Medical College, the Cancer Institute, and the Children’s Hospital to ensure the delivery of excellent care for all patients with inheritable and acquired non-malignant blood and vascular disorders as well as state-of-the-art training for residents and fellows. As a spokesperson for the Division at the local, regional, and national level, the Chief will represent Penn State Health, the only locally based academic medical center in central Pennsylvania, as a key leader in interactions with specialists throughout the state.

The Chief is eligible for an exceptional support package that includes appointment to a named Hematology professorship and access to significant resources from 340B Program income from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to the Hemophilia Treatment Center.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE CHIEF, DIVISION OF BLOOD AND VASCULAR DISORDERS

The Chief will join Penn State Health at a pivotal time of significant growth. The ideal candidate will be entrepreneurial, with a proven ability to build and lead through transformative change, by addressing the following opportunities and challenges:

Develop, lead, and implement an ambitious vision for the Division, driving excellence in education, research, and clinical care

The Division of Blood and Vascular Disorders is positioned for a promising future, supported by exceptional teaching and research facilities, dynamic leadership, and the financial resources to achieve these goals. In collaboration with the Chair of the Department of Medicine and the Cancer Center Director, the Chief will create and implement a strategic vision that includes expansion into additional non-malignant vascular disorders.

The Chief will conduct a multi-faceted assessment to evaluate the Division's current operational and administrative functioning to determine appropriate adjustments as needed to strengthen performance and increase communication between and among the Division, the PSCI, the Department of Medicine, and other PSCOM departments.

Build and strengthen transdisciplinary and community collaborations and relationships

The incoming Chief will partner with senior leadership, faculty, staff, and external partners in elevating standards of care for all patients with blood and vascular disorders. The Chief will champion innovative opportunities that harness the Division's strengths, driving advancements in the field of non-malignant hematology that will not only improve outcomes but also set new benchmarks for excellence. Serving as an advocate for the Division both internally and externally, the Chief plays a critical role in shaping a forward-thinking Division focused on broadening its impact across Pennsylvania and beyond, thereby establishing Penn State Health as a leader in inherited and acquired non-malignant blood and vascular disorders.

Ensure operational effectiveness in providing clinical care

The Chief will oversee the evaluation of current clinical operations within the Division and ensure the implementation of the changes required to improve patient access and staffing patterns. Working in concert with medical center leadership and clinic administration, the Chief will advocate for the resources required to achieve efficient clinical operations and to ensure quality improvement, patient safety, and risk management initiatives are successfully deployed. Above all else, the Chief will oversee the implementation of strategies and interventions designed to increase outpatient volume while also identifying pathways to improving patient access.

Recruit, mentor, and retain faculty

The Chief will recruit and retain highly qualified faculty in support of its tripartite mission. To achieve this goal, the Chief will nurture the ongoing professional development of faculty and staff, offering real-time face-to-face support and mentorship while also ensuring operational and staffing efficiencies that enable appropriate time and effort across all three domains. Above all else, the Chief will develop a cohesive team among the Division's faculty, building an "esprit de corps" culture that champions an atmosphere of community and collaboration while setting clear expectations and accountability to established measures.

Expand resources and enhance research productivity within the Division

The field of non-malignant hematology is evolving rapidly, with advancements in genetics, personalized medicine, and targeted therapies. Building upon the Division's current research activity and through the addition of new strategic hires, the Chief will lead the significant expansion of research productivity across basic, translational, and clinical research. In support of this effort, the Chief will ensure access to an

efficient and effective infrastructure to support grant submission as well as the evolution of new research programs. The Chief will apply an entrepreneurial approach toward developing funding sources, fostering collaboration across other divisions and departments, institutes, and University Park in the development of synergistic relationships and interdisciplinary research.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The ideal candidate will bring the following skills, qualities, and experience, which are considered critical to success:

- M.D., DO, or equivalent degree +/-Ph.D. from an accredited institution;
- BC/BE in Internal Medicine;
- Fellowship trained, BC/BE in Hematology;
- Minimum 5 years of Hematology leadership experience, particularly in an academic healthcare environment;
- Professor eligible, tenure track ranking commensurate with experience;
- A national reputation in hematology; a distinguished record of scholarly research activity, teaching, and clinical care;
- A track record of partnering with a breadth of stakeholders to develop, inspire, communicate, and operationalize a shared vision and strategic plan;
- Ability to develop a strong leadership team and to delegate authority to streamline policies, processes, and procedures within a complex, evolving, and dynamic environment;
- A physician-scientist with demonstrated success in obtaining extramural funding;
- The ability to work effectively within a highly matrixed interdisciplinary environment for education, research, and clinical care;
- Understanding of the value of medical education and of the recent and emerging trends in undergraduate and graduate medical education including hematology and fellowship programs;
- Strong ability to collaborate and build trust with a diverse group of stakeholders within large and complex organizations;
- Success leading or supporting faculty recruitment, retention, and development efforts that enhance academic excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion; and
- Strong acumen and judgment in managing financial resources and the ability to develop and implement budgets effectively, aligning resources with strategic priorities.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Penn State Health has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist the Search Committee in its identification and review of candidates. Applications, inquiries, and nominations may be submitted online:

<https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/penn-state-health-milton-s-hershey-medical-center/division-chief-blood-and-vascular>

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*Appendix I***Penn State College of Medicine**

The first class of 40 students was enrolled in 1967 and received M.D. degrees in 1971. Today, PSCOM has an enrollment of approximately 580 medical students, more than half of whom are women, and 25 percent are students of color. An additional 193 students are currently pursuing graduate degrees. Another 560 medical and surgical residents and fellows are part of the learning community on the Hershey campus. The PSCOM building houses faculty offices, classrooms, and research space, and is interconnected on multiple levels with the Medical Center. Faculty members (more than 900) have generated increasing levels of extramural research support, currently totaling approximately \$100 million annually. NIH funding represents approximately 50 percent of total extramural research support. The institution received a prestigious NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) in 2011 (recently renewed for four years). PSCOM and Medical Center faculty and physicians continue to integrate the latest biomedical knowledge and technology with compassionate care of patients while educating the next generation of scientists and physicians.

PSCOM has a tradition of excellence in education that is scientifically and clinically rigorous with a deep foundation in scholarship and humanistic care. It was the first medical school in the country with a Department of Humanities and also a Department of Family and Community Medicine, and the medical school is broadly known as a pipeline for educating and training family physicians. Benefiting from the resources at University Park, a Regional Campus of PSCOM was established seven years ago. The evolution of the campus growth was part of a larger vision to build a community-connected medical campus for PSCOM in collaboration with Mount Nittany Health. As of July 2017, a new full medical school curriculum that integrates basic sciences and clinical study is in place to prepare students for the ongoing practice of evidence-based medicine in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.

Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

The Medical Center is the centerpiece of Penn State Health, a growing multi-hospital health system serving patients and communities across 29 counties in central Pennsylvania. Currently licensed for 634 beds, it is located on the main campus in Hershey and is a full-service, quaternary care hospital with all major services represented in both pediatric and adult medicine. In FY 2017, there were nearly 29,000 admissions, more than 1.1 million outpatient clinic visits, approximately 75,000 emergency room visits, and more than 33,000 surgical procedures. Penn State Health shares an integrated strategic plan and operations with Penn State College of Medicine, the University's medical school

In addition to the Medical Center, the system includes Penn State Children's Hospital and Penn State Cancer Institute based in Hershey, Pennsylvania; Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, Pennsylvania; and more than 1,400 physicians and direct care providers at 108 medical office locations.

Additionally, the system jointly operates various healthcare providers, including Penn State Health Rehabilitation Hospital, Hershey Outpatient Surgery Center, Hershey Endoscopy Center, Horizon Home Healthcare, and Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute.

U.S. News & World Report has recognized Hershey Medical Center as one of the best hospitals for 2017-18 in gastroenterology and GI surgery and orthopedics. The Medical Center was also recognized as “high performing” in six additional specialties: cancer, geriatrics, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, pulmonology, and urology. It was also listed as “high performing” in eight of nine adult procedures and conditions.

Penn State Medical Group

Penn State Medical Group (PSMG) is comprised of approximately 1,400 physicians and advanced practice clinicians, who care for adults and children in all medical specialties and subspecialties. It includes Penn State faculty physicians as well as employed non-faculty community-based providers.

Medical Group physicians and advanced practice clinicians provide care at MSHMC and Penn State Health affiliates, centers, institutes, and clinics. These practices account for more than 1.1 million outpatient visits a year. The 63 ambulatory practice sites are located in State College and in locations throughout central Pennsylvania.

PSMG is committed to providing safe, high-quality patient care with oversight through the MSHMC Quality Committee. The Medical Group has had Medical Directors of Quality and an established infrastructure embedding Quality Physician Leaders in the clinical departments to engage and support faculty in quality, safety, and performance improvement.

Penn State Health

Penn State Health, the health enterprise, was formed to provide a formal management structure to manage the Medical Center's relationships with other healthcare providers throughout Pennsylvania, including joint ventures and other collaborative agreements. In support of the strategic vision, the health system has partnered with other hospitals and healthcare systems to assist them in bringing high-quality clinical services to their local market. Penn State Health continues to seek new opportunities for outreach and partnership in patient care, research, and education.

Penn State Health's objective is to provide a range of fully integrated patient care services for the people of central Pennsylvania and beyond. These services will extend from the prevention of illness and maintenance of health through primary medical care to the highly sophisticated patient care expected at the nation's premier academic medical centers.

Penn State Health is committed to the education of medical and nursing students, basic science graduate

students, medical residents and fellows, other students in healthcare-related professions, and practicing health professionals. Penn State Health seeks to enroll students of exceptional quality, and their education will be based on the present and future health needs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation. Special recognition is given to the education of primary care providers.

Penn State Health strives to be a national leader in pursuing scientific investigation and developing programs to advance medical and scientific knowledge, which will ultimately contribute to the health of the public, the practice of medicine, and the education of health professionals.

Penn State Health provides community outreach services to the public through health education, patient care, community activities, and research applications. The health system endeavors to provide health education to the public. In turn, community support for Penn State Health's research missions fosters clinical applications that positively impact patient care.

Penn State Health and Highmark Health

The Penn State Health and Highmark Health strategic partnership is focused on improving access, quality, and affordability of health care close to home for people across south central Pennsylvania while creating new opportunities for medical education and research. At the heart of the partnership are plans for a collective investment by Penn State Health and Highmark Health of more than \$1 billion toward the development of a high-value, community-based healthcare network designed to keep care local and enhance collaboration with community physicians. Through this partnership will come the development of advanced population health management capabilities, analytics, and care models to more effectively manage chronic conditions, enhance health and wellness, improve outcomes, and lower the total cost of care for patients, members, and the community. In addition, there will be an intent focus on the exploration and development of innovative, patient-focused co-branded healthcare insurance products and expansion of support for PSCOM through funding for medical and health sciences education, and advanced research. The partnership will reinforce the role of the MSHMC and Penn State Children's Hospital as the premier destinations for advanced care in the region for adults and children, with the goal of ensuring no patient needs to leave the region for complex care.

Highmark Health has joined Penn State Health as a minority member, with three seats on the 15-member Board of Directors, and one seat on the MSHMC Board of Directors.

LOCATION

Hershey and Central Pennsylvania

Hershey is a thriving suburban town of approximately 20,000, in a metropolitan area of approximately 400,000 in one of the fastest growing regions of the state. Surrounded by diverse communities such as Harrisburg, Lebanon, and Lancaster, and less than 95 miles from Philadelphia and Baltimore, it provides

residents and visitors with employment, cultural, and recreational opportunities that are attractive to people of all backgrounds. Central Pennsylvania's second largest industry, Hershey Foods Corporation, is also headquartered in Hershey.

In earlier years, Hershey was a small settlement known as Derry Church. After Milton Snavely Hershey founded his chocolate factory and began building the community, the town was renamed Hershey. The saga of Milton Hershey is one of failure, success, and philanthropy. He grew up a poor farm boy, became a millionaire from his caramel candy business and subsequent chocolate empire, and devoted his personal fortune to the welfare of needy children. His legacy includes two corporations, a model community and The Milton S. Hershey School, which cares for and educates about 1,800 disadvantaged children. The public school system serving Hershey is overseen by Derry Township and is of excellent quality.

Residents of Hershey have the opportunity to enjoy the numerous attractions that draw hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to Hershey Park, Hershey Museum and Theater, Hershey Gardens and Arboretum, and ZooAmerica for a wide variety of professional athletic, cultural, and entertainment exhibitions. The Hershey Symphony, an amateur orchestra initially started by the Medical Center, is one of several fine orchestras in Central Pennsylvania.

Tourism is another major industry, and Hershey Entertainment and Resort Company provides recreational and employment opportunities. The Giant Center is the home of the Hershey Bears hockey team and is host to the Ice Capades and many top-name entertainers. Hershey is also home to the Antique Automobile Museum & Association.

The Hershey Educational and Cultural Center conducts various adult and children's classes, concerts, and other programs. The Hershey Community Theatre, with an interior design that is a direct reflection of Milton Hershey's love of Venice, was cleverly designed to simulate a Byzantine castle, complete with balconies on windowed towers. This grand theater hosts some of the most popular Broadway plays and musical shows ever performed.

In addition to the many attractions in the Hershey community, the surrounding area has a wealth of employment opportunities, cultural experiences, and historical and family entertainment. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's state capital, located twelve miles away, is the location of the State Museum of Pennsylvania; the Harrisburg Symphony; Senators baseball team at Riverside Stadium; State Library of Pennsylvania; The Museum of Scientific Discovery; Pennsylvania State Archives; and City Island, which hosts year-round attractions and extensive special events for all ages. Harrisburg is also home to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Central Pennsylvania Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Nearby Lancaster County, a historical location for a number of Native American tribes, is home to the Lancaster Senior Games for individuals age 55 and above, the American Music Theatre, and also has tours of authentic Amish farm life. The Heritage Center of Lancaster County, with unique artifacts from the 18th

and 19th centuries, depicts the culture of the area and the historic walking tour with guides dressed in colonial attire. In addition, Spooky Nook Sports, the largest indoor sports facility in the U.S. is home to USA Field Hockey, our national Olympic team.

Lebanon is a city of 25,000 people located between Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Reading. With many historic buildings from the 1800s, the city provides history and charm. Lebanon has also been listed as one of the least stressful cities in the US and one with a low unemployment rate. With access to major highways, Lebanon is an attractive place to live and visit.

Gettysburg, 49 miles from Hershey, is the home of the Gettysburg Black History Museum and the Gettysburg National Military Park with monuments and cannons along miles of winding roadway silently marking the site of this decisive Civil War battle. The Eisenhower National Historic Site, located near the battlefield, was once the presidential retreat and retirement farm of our 34th president.

The communities are served by the Harrisburg International Airport, which offers flights to many major hubs and cities. Amtrak provides convenient train access to Philadelphia and New York City and thence nationally. By car, Hershey lies less than two hours from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C., and three hours from New York City and Pittsburgh.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hersheypa.com>.

Additional information can be found at <http://hmc.pennstatehealth.org>; <http://med.psu.edu>; and <http://www.psu.edu>.