

Jay S. Schachne MD, FACC was born in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from New York Medical College in 1980. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Danbury Hospital and his cardiology fellowship at Brown University.

Dr. Schachne practiced cardiology in Fall River, Massachusetts for 37 years and was Chief of Cardiology of Southcoast Hospitals Group. After retiring from practice in 2022, he created cardiology clinics at Clinica Esperanza and Rhode Island Free Clinic in Providence serving mostly immigrant Spanish speaking patients from Central America.

In addition, Dr. Schachne teaches cardiology and doctoring at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the cardiology section for Bryant University's Physician Assistant Studies program. He finds purpose in teaching future practitioners to become competent, caring, health care providers. Caring for patients is a sacred trust, and he is honored to help students achieve the necessary skills to become great Physician Assistants.

Twenty-four years ago, after the brutal death of a friend's daughter, Dr. Schachne founded the Katie Brown Educational Program (KBEP) to prevent teen dating violence. Relationship violence is a medical and social ill of epidemic proportions, and since its founding, KBEP has given over 115,000 Rhode Island and Massachusetts students the skills to recognize and prevent relationship violence.

Dr. Schachne is a Trustee at Southcoast Health and enjoys the challenge of addressing healthcare issues at the community level while always keeping the individual patient as a priority.

He lives in Portsmouth, Rhode Island with his wife of 46 years, Andrea. They have three incredible children and a wonderful daughter-in-law. Their youngest daughter, Elana, was in the second graduating class of the Bryant Physician Assistant Studies program. This year, Dr. Schachne welcomed his first grandchild, Abraham Thomas Schachne.