‘Tis the season to start thinking about what you want for the holidays. Here’s what our advisory board is wishing for this year.
“Thinking about the recent election, I think that my one and overriding wish would be for all Americans work on finding healing from the election, and work on finding the common ground that binds us all together as one. Despite the division of the election, I honestly believe that we all have much more in common that we have differences.”

Stephen H. Hanson, PA-C, a Bakersfield, Calif.-based plastic and reconstructive surgery physician assistant

(What is your wish for this year's holiday season? Share your thoughts below in the comments section or by tweeting us @PhysiciansPract.)
“Personally, I hope I can be with my family, enjoy each other, spend some down time together, and celebrate the holidays. I have some time allotted and very much looking forward to this quality time, as the kids are growing up too quickly and these cherished times will create good memories.

Professionally, I’m very excited about the results of the election and looking forward to being able to stay in private practice until I retire. I have a glimmer of hope the proposed changes in healthcare may make this a reality. As I still love what I do day in and out.”

James Legan, MD, a Great Falls, Mont.-based internist
“On my wish list: President Hillary Clinton! Sigh.”

Stephen Rockower, MD, a Rockville, Md.-based orthopedic surgeon
“I’d like to have a remodeled kitchen for Christmas. I also want to pursue my bee keeping passion by purchasing a Flow Hive system.”

*Elizabeth Seymour, MD, a Denton, Texas-based family medicine physician*
“I’m wishing for a better work-life balance. Maybe a 25th hour added to the day?!”

Mark Birmingham, MD, a Boulder, Colo.-based podiatric surgeon
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“I hope to spend time with my family over the holidays and enjoy a Caribbean cruise. My wish is that my practice cooperates and no major issues happen while I am gone. I wish for the start of 2017 to go well and that I can maintain my independence in my practice.”

Deborah Winiger, MD, a Vernon Hills, Ill.-based family medicine physician

(What is your wish for this year's holiday season? Share your thoughts below in the comments section or by tweeting us @PhysiciansPract.)
“My wish for the holiday season is that my standard poodles, Laverne & Shirley, don’t eat our entire Christmas banquet again as they did last year when we left them to go to church. To their credit, they did leave us with most of the vegetables, the cranberry sauce and my mother-in-law’s green onion jello.”

Mary Christ, MD, a Farmington, Ct.-based executive consultant
“I am wishing for a major revamp of maintenance of certification (MOC). Our state requires 50 hours of CME per year. If this is sufficient to maintain a license to practice, it should suffice for MOC as well. Alternatively, they could require additional hours of CME specific to the subspecialty. I know people who recently took their recertification exam, and the content does not reflect what clinicians see in their office every day.”

Melissa Young, MD, a Freehold, N.J.-based endocrinologist
“My real wish is that my practice continues to grow and my patients benefit from what I can offer them. My crazy wish is a tri-corder from Star Trek and a unicorn!”

Rebecca Fox, MD, a Loudon County, Va.-based pediatrician

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