

Clinical Mission Updates

The **Integrative Health and Wellbeing Program** opens its doors to patients at the David H. Koch Center, (436 East 69th Street). The physicians and other care providers use a holistic and evidence-based approach to empower individuals to take control of their health. For more information click [here](#).

Parag Goyal, MD is leading a newly established program for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF). The HFpEF Program at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center is the first and only subspecialty program in all of New York dedicated to this unique subtype of heart failure. The HFpEF Program is located at Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Avenue, 8th floor. The program initiative was featured on the Weill Department of Medicine website. To read more click [here](#).



Research Mission Updates

Parag Goyal, MD will be collaborating with University of Alabama at Birmingham on “Outcomes Research in Heart Failure among Americans (Patterns of Comorbidity among Medicare Beneficiaries Hospitalized for Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction).”

Parag Goyal, MD will be collaborating with Brigham and Women’s Hospital on clinical trial “Influenza Vaccine to Effectively Stop Cardio Thoracic Events and Decompensated heart failure (INVESTED).”

Erica Phillips, MD has received the Dean’s Diversity and Healthcare Disparity Research Award for her project on “Reducing Breast Cancer Recurrence among Black Women: The Breast cancer Weight Loss for Life Study (BWELL).”

Laura Pinheiro, PhD has received the Dean’s Diversity and Healthcare Disparity Research Award for her project on “Evaluating a Model to Improve Comorbidity Management for Minority Cancer Patients.”

Laura Pinheiro, PhD has received the Department of Medicine Pre-Career Award for her project on “Determining Diabetes Care Management during Cancer Care.”

Peter Kennel, MD a resident under mentor **Parag Goyal, MD** received the Dean’s Diversity and Healthcare Disparity Research Resident Award for his project on “Does Polypharmacy Contribute to Socioeconomic Disparities in Heart Failure?”

Justin Kingery, MD was awarded a Cornell Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) KL2 Career Development Award.

Education Mission Updates

Susana Morales, MD has been awarded “Weill Cornell Disparities Center of Excellence” by the Health Resources & Services Administration. This is a four-year grant in the amount of \$2,719,201. The team is in the process of recruiting health equity fellows.

Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholars Program welcomes its 2nd class (Class of 2019): **Rebecca Berger, MD, Shira Sachs, MD, David Scales, MD, and Brett Fischer, MD**. This extraordinary opportunity is designed to help jumpstart the careers of Internal Medicine physician graduates with leadership aspirations. For more information contact gimrecruitment@med.cornell.edu.

Amiran Baduashvili, MD is now the Associate Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program.

The **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education** visit was completed in Ithaca and while formal accreditation is pending, recruitment is being planned for this upcoming year pending final accreditation. For more information contact [Byron Demopoulos](#).

The **Primary Care Clerkship** is delighted to announce that the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2017-2018 is **Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Hurley, DO**, one of the outstanding clinical educators at Cornell Health in Ithaca, NY. She works with 2 to 3 clerkship students each block who rotate at the Ithaca campus. In academic year 2018-2019, the Primary Care Clerkship leadership will continue to add to our group of clinical preceptors and has already undertaken work to improve the didactic curriculum through new and innovative interactive sessions on primary care topics. For more information about the clerkship, please contact [Brian Eiss](#).

Tanping Wong, MD and **Gregory Mints, MD** are launching the Hospital Medicine Point-of-Care Ultrasonography course the week of July 30th, 2018. The five-day course will give you the skills to confidently integrate POCUS into your everyday practice. Learn through hands on scanning, image interpretation, case discussions, and evidence review. The course covers applications in cardiac, pulmonary and pleural, renal, GU, abdominal, biliary, vascular, and musculoskeletal sonography. The course will be held in Weill Greenberg Center, 1305 York Avenue, 10th floor. To learn more about the course or to register visit hmpocus.weill.cornell.edu.



Affinity Group Updates

Medical Ethics Affinity Group led by **Matthew McCarthy, MD** recently completed their year-long study of ethical issues on GIM house staff rounds. Dr. Matthew McCarthy will present the results at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities annual meeting in Anaheim, California on October 19, 2018.

Evidence Based Medicine Affinity Group led by **Amiran Baduashvili, MD** had a letter to editor accepted to JAMA.

Cornell Center for Health Equity (CCHEq)

The center is pleased to announce its first awarded pilot research projects: "Evaluating the Reach Medical model of care on improving health outcomes for people who inject drugs in Ithaca, New York" led by **Czarina Behrends, PhD** and **Bruce R. Schackman, PhD** and "Understanding the barriers to care for Blacks with symptomatic arthritis" led by **Susan Goodman, MD** and **Iris Navarro-Millan, MD**. These novel and innovation community-partnered research projects in health/healthcare disparities are one year projects, expected to lead to extramurally funded grants. Visit our website, centerforhealthequity.cornell.edu for more information.

Patient Activated Learning System (PALS)

The team is working on developing content for hypertension. For more information, please visit www.palsforhealth.com. We always welcome feedback!

Primary Care Innovation (PCI) Program

The **Primary Care Innovation** program is pleased to invite submission of one-year project applications from faculty, residents and medical students. Proposals are due August 31, 2018 at 1pm. For more information please email GIMIPCI@med.cornell.edu.

Madeline Sterling, MD, was recently featured on the Primary Care Innovation website. To read her interview with Dr. Pelzman, click [here](#). To learn more about the PCI program visit careinnovation.weill.cornell.edu or contact [Fred Pelzman](#).

Honors & Awards

Margaret McNairy, MD study on "Community Cohort HIV Care Dramatically Improves Outcomes of Adolescent Girls in Haiti" has been selected as one of the finalists for the 2018 Lila and Benedict Wallis, MD Prize for Women's Health Research.

Margaret McNairy, MD has been approved for reappointment as the Bonnie Johnson Sacerdote Clinical Scholar in Women's Health effective June 1, 2018.

Margaret McNairy, MD received the Cornell President's Council for Women Leadership Grant related to gender issues in global health.

Madeline Sterling, MD was selected to present research and participate in the 2018 Saunders-Watkins Leadership Workshop in Health Disparities and Implementation Research for Early-Stage Investigators, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and The Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science (CTRIS), held in Bethesda, Maryland.

Madeline Sterling, MD is the recipient of Academy Health's 2018 Alice S. Hersh Scholarship for Health Services Research Trainees. Four awards are given per year; the award covers travel expenses to

attend the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Ernie Esquivel, MD was awarded the Richard A. Herrmann, M.D. Teaching Award at the 2018 Convocation.

Drs. Andrea Card, Brian Eiss, Tanping Wong and **Joseph Shin** were awarded at the resident graduation dinner.

Diversity Award Ceremony

Dr. Mary Charlson, the William T. Foley Distinguished Professor of Medicine, received the Laurie H. Glimcher, MD Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women.



Anthony Ogedegbe, MD, an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, was awarded the Bruce Laine Ballard, MD Award for Excellence in Mentorship. **Erica Phillips, MD** and **Laura Pinheiro, PhD**, were recognized with the inaugural Dean's Diversity and Healthcare Disparity Research Awards. The awards provide one-year research funding to investigators whose work seeks to improve the health of underrepresented minorities and achieve health equity for people locally and globally. To read more about the Diversity Award Ceremony, click [here](#).

Publications

Ramin Asgary, MD "[Sociocultural challenges of family planning initiatives for displaced populations in conflict situations and humanitarian settings](#)"

Ramin Asgary, MD "[Cancer Screening in the Homeless Population](#)"
Parag Goyal, MD publication on "[Domain Management Approach to Heart Failure in the Geriatric Patient: Present and Future](#)" was top-tier in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology

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Dhruv Khullar, MD "[Do academic medical centers disproportionately benefit the sickest patients?](#)"

Dhruv Khullar, MD "[Innovations to cut US healthcare prices](#)"

Matthew McCarthy, MD had several publications for this period. For a complete list of these publications click [here](#)

Laura Pinheiro, PhD "[Symptom and function profiles of men with localized prostate cancer](#)"

Laura Pinheiro, PhD "[Investigating the prognostic ability of health-related quality of life on survival: a prospective cohort study of adults with lung cancer](#)"

Laura Pinheiro, PhD "[Financial Impact of Breast Cancer in Black Versus White Women](#)"

Mangala Rajan, MBA "[Agent Orange presumption policy leads to higher VA health care use](#)"

Monika Safford, MD had several publications for this period. For a complete list of these publications click [here](#)

Sanjai Sinha, MD "What to Expect That You're Not Expecting – A Pilot Video Education Intervention to Improve Patient Self-Efficacy Surrounding Discharge Medication Barriers"

Madeline Sterling, MD "[Sensory Impairments in Heart-Are We Missing the Basics? A Teachable Moment.](#)"

Madeline Sterling, MD "[N-terminal pro-B-type Natriuretic Peptide and Microsize Myocardial Infarction Risk in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke \(REGARDS\) Study](#)"

Madeline Sterling, MD "[Focusing on the Future of Cardiovascular Outcomes Research](#)"

Announcements

Peggy Leung, MD was named Site Director for Internal Medicine at our Long Island City practice, replacing **Ramin Asgary, MD**. We thank Dr. Asgary for his contributions.

Judy Tung, MD was featured in NewYork-Presbyterian Health Matters, *It Happened Here: Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell* story. To watch the video, read the story and view photos, click [here](#).

Renuka Gupta, MD was featured on NewYork-Presbyterian Health Matters, *Renuka Gupta: Standing up to Racism*. To read the article, click [here](#).



Margaret McNairy, MD study on *Epidemic of Early-Onset Hypertension in Haitian Slums* has been selected for the 2018 Young Investigator Award Competition and was selected as the top three finalists to present at Medicine Grand Rounds.

Chiti Parikh, MD was honored by David Weprin, New York State Assembly for her work in the Integrative Health and Wellbeing Program.

Anita Mesi, MBA, Division Administrator of General Internal Medicine, was featured on the Department of Medicine's website in reference to the launch of the General Internal Medicine Internship Program, click [here](#) to learn more.

Meditation Sessions offered by the NewYork-Presbyterian Wellness program are available to all GIM faculty and staff. Sessions take place Tuesdays from 12:30-1:00pm and 1:00-1:30pm in the Starr 560 conference room. Come and relax!



Arnab Ghosh, MD got married! Congratulations & wishing them lots of happiness!

Alka Gupta, MD got married! Congratulations & wishing them lots of happiness!

We wish best of luck in all future endeavors to **Christos Christolias, MD, Leeyen Hsu, MD, Jared Kirzner, MD, Dustin Lee, MD, and Anna Cornelius-Schecter, BA**.



Academic

Joseph Bailey, MD, Chief Resident

Rebecca Berger, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholar

Puja Chebrolu, MD, Instructor in Medicine, Global Health Fellow

Madison Dennis, MD, Chief Resident

Elijah Douglas, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Brett Fischer, MD, Instructor in Medicine, Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholar

Nisha Ver Halen, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Medicine

Michael Torres Lizardi, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Ugochi Nwosu, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Samyukta Mullangi, MD, Instructor in Healthcare Policy and Research and Instructor in Medicine

Melissa Rusli, MD, Ambulatory Chief Resident, WCIMA

Shira Sachs, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholar

David Scales, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholar

Shakeilla Shabazz, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Madeline Sterling, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Michael Wagner, MD, Chief Resident

Fangfei Zheng, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Non-Academic

Orysya Soroka, MS, Sr. Research Data Analyst

Geyanne Lui, BS, Research Assistant

Tina Dharamdasani, MS, Research Assistant

Harveen Kaur, MPH, Research Assistant

Sylvia Lee, BS, PALS Content/Administrative Assistant

Emily Herzlin, Mind Body Specialist

Justine Vickers, Massage Therapist

Irina Rimel, Acupuncturist

Nathaly Rodriguez, Patient Coordinator

Victoria Marie Cameron, Patient Coordinator

Jacqueline Yunga, Patient Coordinator

Adriana Rivera, Patient Coordinator

Grace Figuereo, Senior Medical Secretary

Tiffany Gerda, Senior Medical Secretary

Ivana Liang, Licensed Practical Nurse

Tiffany Ruiz, Medical Assistant

Mary Acosta, Medical Assistant