

Clinical Mission Updates

The Division of General Internal Medicine is getting ready to launch the innovative **Hospital Medicine Clinical Scholars Program** for academic year 2017-2018. The program, founded by Arthur Evans, MD, is the first of its kind in the US. It is an intensive faculty development program to foster academic success and personal growth that focuses on five foundational skills: teaching, clinical epidemiology, quality improvement, diagnostic bedside ultrasound, and leadership. We welcome the 1st class (Class of 2018): Kimberly Bloom-Feshbach, MD (Internal Medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital); Justin Choi, MD (Internal Medicine residency at Yale New Haven Hospital); Jigar Contractor, MD (Internal Medicine residency at Weill Cornell Medicine); Annie Kim, MD (Internal Medicine residency at NYU Langone Medical Center); and Dhruv Khullar, MD (Internal Medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital). This extraordinary opportunity is designed to help jumpstart careers of Internal Medicine physician graduates with leadership aspirations. For more information contact gimrecruitment@med.cornell.edu.

The innovative **Diagnostic Bedside Ultrasound Training program** developed by Gregory Mints, MD and Tanping Wong, MD, is the first of its kind for the Department of Medicine. It is being offered to hospitalist faculty, residents, and interns. The hands-on training program is expected to expand in academic year 2017-2018.

Research Mission Updates

Dr. Lisa Kern has been appointed to **Associate Director for Research for Division of General Internal Medicine**, effective May 2017. Dr. Kern received her Bachelor of Arts and Medical Doctor degrees from Harvard Medical School and her MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. She joined the Division of General Internal Medicine in July 2016 as Associate Professor of Medicine and has an active extramurally funded research program studying healthcare fragmentation. She is a distinguished scientist, teacher, and mentor.

Newly Awarded Grants: Dr. Kern was recently awarded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, an R01 grant in the amount of \$2,923,072 for her project on, *Healthcare Fragmentation and Cardiovascular Outcomes*. The project period for this grant is from May 2017 through April 2021.

Education Mission Updates

Ernie Esquivel, MD represented the Division of General Internal Medicine at a faculty development program at Stanford University designed to help attendees improve their own teaching and prepare them to assist other faculty at Weill Cornell to enhance their teaching ability. Dr. Esquivel will offer the "Effective



Clinical Teaching" course for Weill Cornell faculty; it covers key topics that comprise a framework for examining teaching and consists of seven two-hour interactive sessions. The seminars will involve role-playing and certain parts will be videotaped for the benefit of participants. If you are interested please contact [Dr. Ernie Esquivel](#).

Dr. Ernie Esquivel's abstract on "Lessons Learned by Medical Students in Systems-Based Practice" was one of four oral abstract presentations at the recently concluded Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

The new and improved **Primary Care Clerkship** is now live—the first group of medical students to rotate through the revamped version of this core clerkship started on April 3rd. One major change to the clerkship is the addition of new small "tutor group" teaching sessions, where students present cases to each other from their clinical experience on this rotation, allowing opportunities to build upon their presentation skills and for the entire group to practice developing differential diagnoses. For more information about the clerkship contact [Dr. Brian Eiss](#) or [Dr. Pamela Eliach](#).

The Internal Medicine Residency Program introduced a new role, **Ambulatory Chief Resident (ACR)** for academic year 2017-2018. We welcome Peggy Leung, MD as the first internist to hold the ACR role.

The office of Curriculum and Educational Development recently approved a new **Area of Concentration (AOC) - Patient-Centered Care and Health Equity**, which falls under the population sciences and clinical and operations research pathways. The new AOC will help prepare medical students to become future clinicians, researchers, educators, and advocates who wish to advance patient-centered care and health equity across a variety of disciplines. The new AOC's leaders are Monika Safford, MD, Fred Pelzman, MD, Oliver Fein, MD, Joseph Shin, MD, and Arta Habili, MA, all of GIM. For more information please contact [Eliis Keidong](#), AOC and Medical Student Research Coordinator.

Affinity Group Updates

Medical Ethics Affinity Group project on Promoting Synergies between Hospital Medicine and Medical Ethics: A Pilot Study to Transform the Bedside Teaching of Clinical Ethics was approved by the Clinical Study Evaluation Committee (CSEC) and is currently being reviewed by the IRB. They hope to begin the study later this year. For more information please contact Ethics Affinity Group leader [Matt McCarthy, MD](#).

Quality Improvement Affinity Group leaders Jennifer (Ara) Lee, MD and Amanda Carmel, MD are in discussion with Dr. Lia Logio to investigate iBook/iUniversity for a Quality Improvement Affinity Group project and learning tool. For more information please contact [Jennifer Lee](#).

Transitions of Care Affinity Team had its first meeting in March 2017. Turnout was excellent and several ongoing projects were discussed including one examining patterns of outpatient care before and after

hospitalization. A second meeting is being planned, details to be shared soon. For more information contact [Dr. Jennifer Chester](#).

Evidence Based Medicine Affinity Group is developing a manuscript on receiver operator characteristics (ROC) curves including Dr. Gordon Guyatt. The team also is exploring a potential collaboration with NYU to reanalyze data from a paper on mortality and in-hospital transitions of care, published in JAMA. For more information please contact Affinity Group leader [Dr. Amiran Baduashvili](#).

Education Affinity Group is developing a manuscript on student reflections regarding their experiences with death and dying. For more information please contact Affinity Group leader [Dr. Ernie Esquivel](#).

Cornell Center for Health Equity (CCHEq)

The Center is moving forward with strong institutional support for a bi-campus Center. Several division members have collaborated to submit two large Center grants to support the initiative. The next step in the founding of the Center is a strategic planning retreat in Ithaca, NY on May 25th to discuss the structure and strategic plan for the Cornell Center for Health Equity with stakeholders from both campuses (Weill Cornell and Cornell University's Ithaca campus). Look for more about this Center at the May 24th Department of Medicine Grand Rounds.

Institute for Primary Care Innovation (IPCI)

The Primary Care Innovation 2017-2018 Seed Grants applications are due May 31st. Investigators are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the General Internal Medicine Research Work in Progress meetings to present their projects and get feedback prior to submitting their application. The IPCI will sponsor a Primary Care Symposium in fall 2017, at which the current awardees will present the results of their pilot studies, along with other innovations in research and education focused on primary care. For more information please contact gimipci@med.cornell.edu.

Patient Activated Learning System (PALS)

The PALS website is now live at palsforhealth.com (click [here](#) to browse the site). The PALS is a novel patient education platform being developed at Weill Cornell by our division in collaboration with the University of Alabama at Birmingham. It has been integrated in the Primary Care Clerkship as a pilot project to allow medical students to collaborate with general internal medicine physicians to develop patient friendly web-based educational material, a project led by [Dr. Fred Pelzman](#) and [Dr. Sanjai Sinha](#).

Honors & Awards

Drs. Arnab Ghosh and Anand Singh have both been accepted from a highly competitive applicant pool to join the NYP LEAD Academy. Reception is being held on June 15th from 5pm-7pm in the Griffis Faculty Club to celebrate the NYP LEAD Academicians.

Anthony Pho, NP, MPH, received a 5-year service award at the LGBT Health Workforce Conference held in April 2017 at the Belfer Research Building, Weill Cornell Medicine and CUNY Hunter College.

Dr. Sanjai Sinha won 1st Prize for best Quality University project, academic year 2017-2018.

Publications

Lisa Kern, MD, [Synthesis of Research on Patient-Centered Medical Homes Brings Systematic Differences into Relief](#)

Matthew William McCarthy, MD, [Diagnosis, Classification, and Therapeutic Interventions for Sinopulmonary Aspergillosis](#)

Matthew William McCarthy, MD, [Nucleic Acid Amplification Methodologies for the Detection of Pulmonary Mold Infections](#)

Matthew William McCarthy, MD, [Prophylactic Measures during Induction for Acute Myeloid Leukemia](#).

Monika Safford, MD had several publications published during March-May 2017. For a complete list of these publications, please click [here](#).

Announcements

Steve Corwin, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of NY-Presbyterian was featured on the NYP Infonet, introducing the **Integrative Health and Wellbeing** program, led by Drs. Chiti Parikh and Alka Gupta, and new guidelines for low back pain. To watch video, click [here](#)!

Quality University Department of Medicine (QU DOM) finalized its selection for the Class of 2018: Dr. Meredith Turetz, Dr. George Bao, Dr. Laura Gingras, Dr. Felicia Mendelsohn, and Dr. Ian Drexler. For more information please contact [Dr. Jennifer Lee](#) or [Savira Dargar](#). Congratulations to the first graduates from QU DOM Class of 2017 Drs. Sanjai Sinha, Stephanie Tang, Renuka Gupta, Naina Sinha, Jane Seeley, and Arun Jesudian for their outstanding contributions to quality and patient safety.

Dr. Renuka Gupta shared her personal experience with discrimination and how it has impacted and shaped her future experiences during the April **Schwartz Rounds** focused on the topic of *Discrimination We Encounter*. Schwartz Center Rounds are a multidisciplinary forum to discuss social and emotional issues that arise in caring for patients. Schwartz Center Rounds are held in 160 sites nationwide. The first Schwartz Rounds were held in Massachusetts General Hospital in 1997. The rounds were implemented at NYP in 2008. Because of the leadership of Drs. Swana De Gijssel and Magalie Bruneus, Schwartz Rounds recently started at NYP-Lower Manhattan Hospital. These rounds acknowledge staff needs, encourage team building, and provide training opportunity for residents, interns, med students, and allied health professionals. For more information about future rounds please contact [Richard Hawkins](#).

Dr. Collier and members of our Lower Manhattan site promoted the Department of Medicine and Weill Cornell Lower Manhattan site at the **Hudson River Games Health Fair** on May 13th.



Congratulations

Joseph Shin, MD, welcomes baby boy, Emet Shin, 7lb 14oz, born March 25, 2017.

Rebecca Chazanoff, MS, content developer for PALS, will begin medical school at St. George's University in Newcastle, England this summer. Rebecca thanks the Division for the opportunity, especially Dr. Safford for mentoring her in the journey to becoming a physician.

Rebecca can be reached at rchazano@sgu.edu.

Anthony Pho, NP, is leaving June 16th to begin his PhD at Columbia University. He is thankful for the mentorship that he has received from Drs. Tung and Pelzman.

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