

# General Internal Medicine NEWSLETTER

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## Education Mission Updates

The Division of General Internal Medicine has established a **Health Equity Research Training Fellowship**. This is a two-year fellowship led by [Martin Shapiro, MD](#) and sponsored from the Weill Cornell Diversity Center of Excellence, awarded by HRSA, which includes a mentored research training experience coupled with a weekly fellows' seminar. Fellows are expected to complete a rigorous curriculum in clinical epidemiology and health services research and will obtain a Master of Science degree from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. Recruitment is underway for the inaugural fellow. For more information, click [here](#).

The **Primary Care Clerkship** leadership would like to thank all preceptors for their commitment to teaching and mentoring students as we head into the New Year. In 2019, the team is excited to collaborate with several clinician educators from Emergency Medicine on a new pilot experience in telemedicine where students will interview standardized patients with common primary care complaints using telemedicine technology.

Hospital Medicine Point-of-Care Ultrasonography (POCUS) leadership is proud to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> national Society of Hospital Medicine/CHEST approved **HM-POCUS 5-day course** on February 11-15, 2019. Students who complete this class will have the opportunity to participate in a longitudinal curriculum for continued training and portfolio completion. For course information, click [here](#). The team is also proud to introduce the first **Hospital Medicine POCUS Fellowship**, click [here](#) to learn more.

## Cornell Center for Health Equity

**Monika Safford, MD** and **Avery August's, PhD** vision as the Co-Directors of the Center for Health Equity is to bring together bi-campus experts to collaborate on how to achieve health equity. This is in alignment with President Pollack's vision to integrate the Cornell rural and urban campuses and create opportunities in learning, innovation, and public engagement for faculty, staff, and students. To read the President's Visioning Committee report, click [here](#).

The Center is proud to announce that it has reached **70 academic, affiliate, community and student/trainee members**. Click [here](#) to become a Center member or to view a list of current members.

The NYC Community Engagement Core, led by **Erica Phillips, MD** is establishing strong collaborations with colleagues from the Meyer Cancer Center and the NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

**Susana Morales, MD** and the Weill Cornell Diversity Center of Excellence team are working on the Diversity Mentoring Cascade program, an initiative aimed at expanding support to underrepresented medical student. The program will launch January

2019 and meet quarterly. Are you interested in serving as a mentor? Email [Benedict Harvey](#), Diversity Programs Specialist.

**The Weill Cornell Diversity Center of Excellence**, with support of many departments, will be hosting the annual NewYork-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Diversity Welcome Back event for residency applicants. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the reception on January 19, 2019 from 6-7pm in Archbold Commons, next to Weill Auditorium. Please RSVP by January 9<sup>th</sup> [here](#).

The Cornell Center for Health Equity introduced its monthly **Health Equity Seminar Series** in November 2018. This forum aims to update Center members on their work and provide an opportunity to obtain multi-disciplinary input on works in progress. Share your early ideas, design dilemmas, methodologic innovations, addressing reviewer concerns, and more on topics related to health equity research. Each session will be simulcast via webinar for remote participants at both NYC and Ithaca campuses.

## Primary Care Innovation (PCI) Program

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Primary Care Innovation Symposium** will be held, February 28, 2019 at 8am in Belfer Research Building, 302-ABCD, in partnership with the New York Chapter American College of Physicians. The daylong symposium will consist of oral presentations, workshops, abstracts, and more. The **Keynote Speaker** will be **Parag Mehta, MD** Primary Care Physician, Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, Chief Medical Information Officer at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.



## Quality Improvement Academy

Quality University-Department of Medicine, a program led by **Jennifer Inhae Lee, MD** is now **Quality Improvement Academy!** Starting with the Class of 2019, applications are being accepted across all departments at Weill Cornell Medicine. The program has also partnered with NYP Nursing and will continue to have participation from nursing to further our mission to achieve and maintain Magnet recognition.

The current Class of 2018 includes physician faculty from the Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine in addition to three nurses from CT surgery, Surgery, and Oncology. Mark your calendars for **Medicine Grand Rounds on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am** and **Poster Session at Griffis Faculty Club from 5-7pm**.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Tang, MD** and **Renuka Gupta, MD** for publishing their manuscript on antibiotic stewardship, entitled, "Impact of Hospitalist-Led Interdisciplinary Antimicrobial Stewardship Interventions at an Academic Medical Center" in Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety.

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## Honors & Awards

**Oliver Fein, MD** was honored at the Medicare Rights Center for the excellent care he provides and his commitment to excellence in medical education. To read more, click [here](#).

**Joseph Shin, MD** was honored at the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest's Felix A. Fishman Awards Luncheon for his contributions to expanding justice. Each year one attorney and one non-attorney is honored for their work in collaborating with communities to advance social justice. To read more, click [here](#).

**Michael Cosiano, BA** a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student under the mentorship of **Madeline Sterling, MD** received the Best Research Abstract Award at the Society of General Internal Medicine's Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting on November 9, 2018 for his project, "The Association between Hearing Loss Severity and Physical Functioning among Adults with Heart Failure in the US."

## Publications

**Ramin Asgary, MD** [A Collaborative Multidisciplinary and Without-Walls Research Curriculum in Global Health](#)

**George Bao, MD** [The Safe Discharge](#)

**Justin Choi, MD** and **Matthew McCarthy, MD** [The Surviving Sepsis Controversy: A Call to Action for Hospital Medicine](#)

**Ezra Gabbay, MD** [Amazing and Fantastic Infection Control: The Case of Dialyzer Reuse](#)

**Parag Goyal, MD** [Association between Functional Impairment and Medication Burden in Adults with Heart Failure](#)

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

**Iris Navarro-Millan, MD** [Screening of Hyperlipidemia among Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis in the United States](#)

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

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

**Stephanie Tang, MD** and **Renuka Gupta, MD** [Impact of Hospitalist-Led Interdisciplinary Antimicrobial Stewardship Interventions at an Academic Medical Center](#)

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

## Announcements

We are proud to announce the new **GIM Grand Rounds** series (**CME ACCREDITED**)! The GIM Grand Rounds, led by **Fred Pelzman, MD** and **Jigar Contractor, MD** aims to achieve a higher standard of learning by developing faculty members into effective leaders in clinical excellence through evidence-based learning. The series will feature national, regional, and local experts of their field. Inaugural speaker, **Matthew McCarthy, MD** discussed his topic on, "Stumped: The Ethical Challenges of Being a Hospitalist."



**Swana De Gijzel, MD** and **Christina Hollingsworth, NP** received the National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award. The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare honors outstanding healthcare professionals who display extraordinary devotion and compassion in caring for patients and families. To read more, click [here](#).



**Renuka Gupta, MD** has been invited at Drexel University College of Medicine, Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, on October 10<sup>th</sup>; Staten Island University Hospital Grand Rounds, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and at Weill Department of Medicine Grand Rounds on January 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about "Wound of Racism – Physician Heal Thyself." To read more click [here](#).



**Geyanne Lui, BS** abstract on *Characteristics of Middle-Aged Individuals Disabled with Comorbid Rheumatoid Arthritis* was accepted for oral presentation at the Hospital for Special Surgery research retreat on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Matthew McCarthy, MD** was invited to give a lecture on, *A Novel Collaboration between Hospital Medicine and Medical Ethics* at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference in Anaheim, California on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Matthew McCarthy, MD** was invited at Medicine Grand Rounds to give a talk on, *Superbugs: The Race to Stop an Epidemic*, at Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, New York on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Amanda Ramsdell, MD** organized an informational session on December 3<sup>rd</sup> on the proposed **Public Charge** immigration rule. A panel of speakers from the NY Immigration Coalition discussed how this new rule would affect many patients and anyone going through the US immigration. The event was sponsored by Weill Department of Medicine, the Cornell Center for Health Equity and the Minority Housestaff Committee.

Our division is proud to announce that it has been selected by the Society of General Internal Medicine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to participate in the #ProudtobeGIM national campaign. The campaign is aimed at encouraging medical students and residents to pursue careers in general internal medicine. Mark your calendars for **ProudtobeGIM Week, February 26-28, 2019!**



Welcome to the Team!

### Academic

**Neha Sharma, DO**, Instructor in Medicine  
Adult Internal Medicine, Lower Manhattan Hospital

### Non-Academic

**Benedict Harvey, BS**, Diversity Programs Specialist  
**Daisy Torres-Baez, MS**, Diversity Programs Coordinator

Congratulations

**Peggy B.K. Leung, MD** was promoted to Assistant Professor of Medicine



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