



Department of Medicine 2021 Senior Faculty Promotion Awards

The Chair of the Department of Medicine, Robert A. Salata, MD, FACP, FIDSA, is pleased to announce the recent award of 12 Senior Promotions in the Department:

Associate Professor
Sabik, Ellen (Cardiology)
Nayak, Lalitha (Hematology / Oncology)
Young, Benjamin (Pulmonology)
Singh, Mriganka (Geriatrics / Palliative Care)
Forouzandeh, Farshad (Cardiology)
Papp Wallace, Krisztina (VAMC-Infectious Diseases)

Professor
Gorodeski, Eiran (Cardiology)
Garcia, Jorge (Hematology / Oncology)
Montero, Alberto (Hematology / Oncology)

Award of Tenure
Jump, Robin (VAMC-Infectious Diseases)
Papp Wallace, Krisztina (VAMC-Infectious Diseases)

Approved for Tenure Track
Rodríguez-Palacios, Alexander (Gastroenterology)

Congratulations to all and thank you for your commitment to excellence.



UH First in Northeast Ohio to Use New Technology for Lung Cancer Diagnosis

Robotic bronchoscopy could enable earlier and more accurate diagnosis for patients
A new innovation that holds promise to fight lung cancer is now in use at University Hospitals (UH) Cleveland Medical Center. Approximately 80 percent of lung cancer cases are discovered at an advanced stage, leading to fewer options for treatment and more deaths. Auris Health's Monarch™ Platform enables earlier and more accurate diagnosis of small and hard-to-reach nodules in the periphery of the lung by allowing a physician to view the inside of the lungs and obtain a tissue sample for biopsy. UH is among the first hospitals in the United States to utilize the platform, which was recently cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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Dr. Carla Harwell to be Honored as One of Crain's 2021 Women of Note

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When you meet Dr. Carla Harwell for the first time, it's as if you are meeting an old friend. Whether you are a colleague or a patient, she makes you feel comfortable - like you can tell her anything. That ability is her secret weapon. Yes, she can develop genuine relationships with her patients and quickly gain their trust. But perhaps more importantly, she is an accomplished physician who is committed to providing outstanding health care to an African-American population that seldom receives it.

Those qualities and accomplishments are among the many reasons Crain's Cleveland Business has selected Dr. Carla Harwell as a 2021 Woman of Note. "This award recognizes women who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to Northeast Ohio and have made a difference through their work, volunteer efforts, and personal goals," according to Crain's Women of Note website.

Working at the UH Otis Moss Jr. Community & Health Center as the Medical Director, Dr. Harwell has dedicated her time and clinical skills to the Fairfax community where she grew up. She is laser-focused on giving back. "I have made it my life's mission to provide the same quality health care that patients in wealthier communities receive," she said.
"Carla has unknowingly made herself indispensable to the Fairfax community by providing residents with health care that is affirming, relevant and meaningful," explained, Phillip Rowland-Seymour, Manager, UH Office of Community Impact, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Dr. Harwell routinely treats patients with health issues that disproportionately affect African-Americans, like high blood pressure and vascular disease. She also encourages her patients to get routine screenings that save lives.

As part of her community work during the unprecedented global pandemic, Carla has worked to inform Fairfax residents about safety of the COVID-19 vaccines. "There is a level of distrust the Black community has for the health care system that is difficult to overcome. That's why working in this community is important. My patients are more likely to listen to me because I look like them." Carla has spent the last 25 years caring for her Fairfax patient base.

In addition to meeting patients at the clinic, Carla extends her outreach to the community by partnering with area churches. There she can encourage preventive care to a significant portion of the community.

"Carla represents the best of what UH has to offer," said Celina Cunanan, Executive Director, Office of Community Impact, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (CEDI.) "She exemplifies UH's core value of showing a genuine concern for those in our community and treating them with respect and empathy. Carla is determined to address disparities in health care by caring for patients regardless of their ability to pay with skill and compassion. Recognizing her sincerity endears Carla to her patients, and they love her."

You are invited to join us in honoring Dr. Carla Harwell by attending The Women of Note awards ceremony on July 21 at 4pm. The event is virtual and free. Click [here](#) to register.

Recent Awards

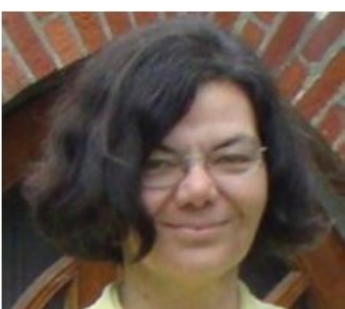


George Yendewa, MD has been selected for the 2021 Minority Faculty Career Development Award at UHMC. This support represents an institutional commitment to retain and promote exceptional talent.



Dr. Varun Sundaram was very recently awarded his PhD degree from National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, UK. The title of his thesis is *Epidemiology, identification and outcomes of different heart failure phenotypes in real world* (short title: Population level sub-phenotyping of HFpEF).

Research News



Case Western Reserve researchers identify new approach to treat inflammatory disorders while preserving protection against opportunistic infections

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University have discovered a new technique to control inflammatory disorders that also maintains a patient's ability to fight off infections.

Principal investigator Carlos Subauste, professor of medicine and pathology at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and his team have identified the interaction of particular proteins as a therapeutic target to markedly reduce inflammation.

[Read the full article >](#)

Second Year Med-Peds Resident Tolupe Ifabiye, MD Awarded American Society of Hematology Research Grant

Dr. Ifabiye will be doing clinical research in patients with sickle cell disease to evaluate for changes in endothelial markers throughout the transition period from adolescent to young adults in hopes to identify new possible targets for improved treatments.

The ASH Minority Resident Hematology Award Program (MRHAP) offers a unique opportunity for first- and second-year medical residents to get exposure to the field of hematology through hands-on research guided by ASH research and career-development mentors.

[Read more about the award >](#)

Education News



Dual Med-Peds Chiefs

In 2021-2022, the Med-Peds program will be sharing chief resident duties between Dr. Rondinelli and Dr. Schapiro. The other half of their job will be working as teaching attendings in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at UH and Rainbow. In addition to supervising inpatient resident services, they will be seeing patients in both the Rainbow Women's and Children's Center in Midtown and the Douglas Moore Clinic, where they will be developing a patient panel of adolescents and young adults transitioning from pediatric to adult care.

Laura Schapiro, MD is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and completed residency in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Dr. Schapiro has interests in advocacy, patient safety, and health care transitions. Among her residency accomplishments was the development of a resident curriculum on advocacy and civic engagement.

Justin Rondinelli, MD is a graduate of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University and completed residency in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Dr. Rondinelli has interests in medical education and health care transitions. In residency he worked with Dr. Schapiro and colleagues to assess transition practice in the resident practice and across multiple pediatric subspecialties.

Welcome to the Department



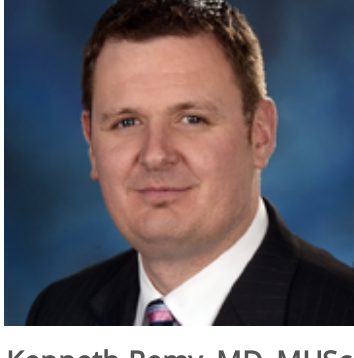
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Director, Adult Cystic Fibrosis
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Chief, Division of Rheumatology



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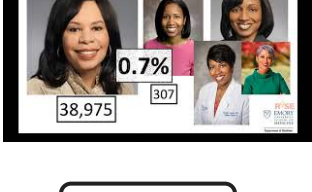


Yasolatha Chalicheemala, MD
Division of Nephrology and
Hypertension

Upcoming Events

Recurring Events (Zoom information sent out weekly)
Tuesdays @ Noon - **Medicine Grand Rounds Seminar Series** (September - May)
Wednesdays @ Noon - **VA M&M Conference**
Fridays @ Noon - **UH M&M Conference**

Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



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Kimberly Manning, MD, FACP, FAAP

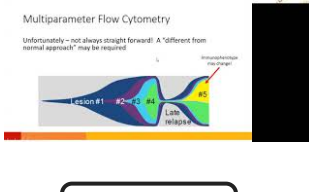
"From Bystander to Upstander: From Advocacy to Action"



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Helen W. Boucher, MD, FACP, FIDSA

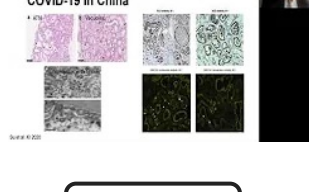
"Dr. Naff Lecture
Antimicrobial Resistance: The Silent Pandemic"



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Benjamin Tomlinson, MD

"How to the Last Drop:
Bad Tools for
Assessing Measurable Residual Disease are Changing the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia"



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Daniel Brennan, MD

"Transplantation in the Time of COVID"

(Grand Rounds will return in September)