



31st Annual Cleveland Review of Rheumatic Diseases

Comprehensive Review of Emerging and Controversial Topics in Rheumatology

Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, 2022
Tinkham Veale University Center, Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH

Presented by the Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, UH
Cleveland Medical Center in cooperation with the Cleveland Society of
Rheumatology

TARGET AUDIENCE
This Symposium provides a comprehensive, state-of-the-art review of the latest advances in diagnosis and management of rheumatic diseases. It will be of interest not only to rheumatologists, but also to primary care physicians, Rheumatology fellows and nurses. Allied health professionals will also benefit from this symposium.

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Helping His Home Country

UH infectious disease specialist brings his expertise back to his native Sierra Leone

Growing up in war-torn Sierra Leone, infectious diseases were so prevalent that **George Yendewa, MD**, did not even realize that people died of causes beyond malaria, tuberculosis and HIV.

Cancer? Heart disease? It seemed no one lived long enough to succumb to these maladies that beset people in wealthier nations. Life expectancy is only 55 years in this African country. In 1980, it was 40.

"The health care infrastructure is very, very fragile on the back of a poor economy," said **George Yendewa, MD, MPH & TM, FACP**, attending physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UH Cleveland Medical Center. "I remember being fascinated by infectious diseases. I wanted to study these diseases to help the most vulnerable populations – children, pregnant women, fishermen, the homeless or incarcerated."

To further his work, the Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine & Global Health has awarded **Dr. Yendewa** multiple \$30,000 grants over several years as a Roe Green Global Health Scholar.

A Key Mentor
The Sierra Leone native attended medical school in Prague and came to the United States for a Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University in New Orleans. While working on his internal medicine residency in New York, he became familiar with the ground-breaking works of **Robert Salata, MD**, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at University Hospitals and Program Director of the Roe Green Center for Global Health & Travel Medicine. In 2015, he was drawn to the Infectious Diseases fellowship at UH, which was known for a strong focus on global health, and the opportunities at Case Western Reserve University, including working in West Africa.

"I was really attracted to the chance to be mentored by **Dr. Salata**, and to the work this Midwestern university had been doing in Uganda for over 30 years," **Dr. Yendewa** said. "When I came on board it was such a natural fit. It became very clear that this is the field I wanted to work in."

"George is very bright, hardworking and passionate about global health," **Dr. Salata** said. "He is truly a rising star. His work is critically important and he is very dedicated to his country of birth."

[Read the full article](#) (UH Internal link)



Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day

The Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day is coming May 13th!

You are invited to attend and participate in the Annual Department of Medicine Research Day. The mission of Research Day is two-fold. First, is to recognize and showcase the wide range of research in the department by our young investigators at all levels of training. Second, is to provide an opportunity for departmental faculty to share ideas and knowledge while stimulating discussion about opportunities for collaboration.

This year, the plenary talks will be held both virtually and in-person from Kulas Auditorium (limited seating). A brief break will follow the talks and then poster presentations will take place virtually via Zoom breakout rooms.

Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 from Noon to 3 PM
Where: Hybrid

[REGISTER in advance \(Required for all\)](#)

[SUBMIT ABSTRACT \(for presenters\)](#)

Read more about Research Day >



2022 Master Clinician Educator Nominations

Please help us recognize outstanding faculty by nominating them for the Master Clinician-Educator award.

For more information about the award along with a list of previous awardees, [please go here](#).

Successful candidates should:

- Have been engaged in clinical practice for at least 7 years since completion of training
- Be on the full-time paid faculty
- Have the Department of Medicine as a home department (at any clinical site within the Department)
- Be an active practicing clinician providing patient care
- Be engaged in teaching students, residents or fellows as part of their clinical practice

In order to complete the nomination, you will need: the nominee's name, division, a brief description of their outstanding clinical care activities, and your name and email. Click below when you are ready to get started.

This award will be presented at the Department of Medicine Annual Spring Dinner.

Nomination Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2022 @ 11:59PM.

Click Here to Submit Your Nomination >

Awards - Appointments - Publications



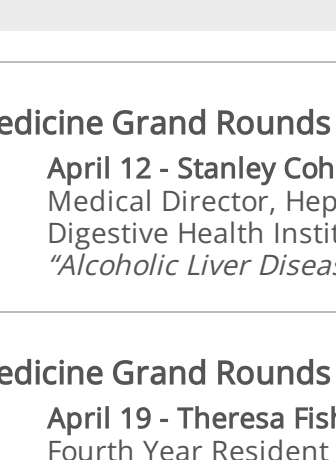
Daniel Simon appointed senior associate dean for academic affairs for University Hospitals

Stanton Gerson, dean and senior vice president for medical affairs at the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine, has appointed **Daniel Simon** senior associate dean for academic affairs for University Hospitals (UH).

Dr. Simon carries the title in addition to his roles at University Hospitals, where he is president of academic and external affairs and chief scientific officer.

As senior associate dean for academic affairs for UH, **Dr. Simon** will coordinate academic scholarship of the faculty of medicine on the UH hospital campus. He will work closely with Gerson to update and synergize strategic efforts, education and research for faculty and trainees of the school across its campuses, and will support basic, translational and clinical research, including outreach efforts for population and community-facing research. **Drs. Simon** and Gerson also will work to address recruitment priorities and co-investments in coordinated initiatives.

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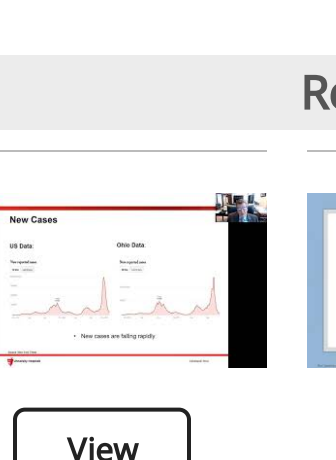
Reshmi Parameswaran, PhD Secures School of Medicine's Fifth Falk Catalyst Award

Funding to support development of cell therapy to treat B cell cancers.

A \$300,000 two-year grant from the Dr. Ralph and Marian Falk Medical Research Trust will allow researchers from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine to continue work on research for the treatment of B cell cancers—which includes Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), Chronic Lymphoblastic Leukemia (CLL), Multiple Myeloma (MM), Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL) and Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Reshmi Parameswaran, an assistant professor of the department of medicine at the School of Medicine and a member of Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, leads a research team working to develop, optimize, and evaluate BAFF-CAR NK cell therapy for the treatment of B cell cancers. Preliminary research indicates that BAFF CAR-NK cells provide better therapy treatment options by addressing and overcoming the current disadvantage of existing therapies.

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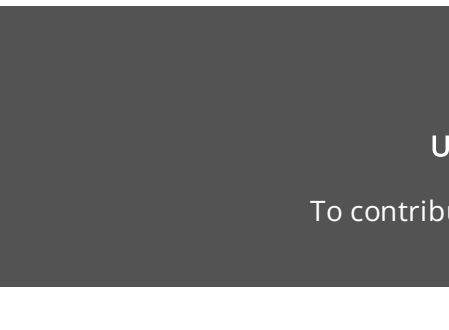


Dr. Attila Nemeth is the recent recipient of The ACES+ Opportunities Grant

This program is made possible by support from the President and the Provost of Case Western Reserve University. The program provides supplemental support for activities where funding is difficult to obtain through other sources.

This support will accelerate the faculty development programs called NACES (Navigating Academia for Clinician Educator Series) which is part of the Harvard Macy Educators Program that **Dr. Nemeth** is participating in currently.

Research News



Research links gut fungi to intestinal inflammation in Crohn's disease patients

Results of a new study by researchers at Case Western Reserve University represent a step toward improving our understanding of Crohn's disease and the factors that cause its intestinal inflammation.

Crohn's disease is a type of inflammatory bowel disease that can lead to chronic inflammation of the entire digestive tract. Symptoms include diarrhea, pain and cramping, fatigue, weight loss and more. There is no cure for Crohn's disease, but patients can alleviate symptoms with current treatment options.

New treatment options for Crohn's disease patients may be on the horizon thanks to the research linking a common fungal pathogen to inflammatory bowel disease

Read the full article >

Education News

2022 NRMP MATCH

We are very excited to announce the results or our match this year- we had an outstanding result- matching 10 in our top 100 and completing the match on a very competitive spot on our list.

As for the CWRU students, 28 matched in Internal Medicine, and as always the majority matched to highly competitive programs [Brigham (2), Penn, Hopkins, MGH, Columbia, Stanford (2), Yale (2), among others]. In all our programs in the Department of Medicine we matched nine CWRU students.

Click here to view the entire match >

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds
April 12 - Stanley Cohen, MD
Medical Director, Hepatology
Digestive Health Institute
"Alcoholic Liver Disease"

Medicine Grand Rounds
April 19 - Theresa Fisher, MD
Fourth Year Resident
Obstetrics and Gynecology, UHMC
"TBD"

Medicine Grand Rounds
April 26 - Jeffrey Katz, MD
Medical Director, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
Gastroenterology, University Hospitals
"GEM, STRIDE, Treat-to-Target, TDM and Other Advances in IBD Care"

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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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Robert Guerin, PhD "Beyond Ethical Analysis Or, Why You Really Want to Talk to An Ethicist"	Jessica DeCaro, MLIS "Learn to Navigate the New PubMed Database and Become an Expert Searcher"	Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD and Patrick Runnels, MD, MBA "Zero Harm" and "Workplace Resiliency"	Robert A. Salata, MD, FACP, FIDSA, Joan Zoltanski, MD, MBA, Princess Ogbogu, MD, Lalitha Nayak, MD, Richard Josephson, MS, MD, and Ellie Ragsdale, MD "COVID-19 Vaccine Contraindications & Adverse Reactions"

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