



Faculty Recognition Ceremony 2020-2022

The UHMC Faculty Recognition Celebration ceremony was held last month in the Ford Auditorium at the Allen Memorial Medical Library.

Full-time faculty receiving promotion, new faculty, emeritus-emerita appointments, and appointments to an endowed professorship were honored. All awards and appointments were made between July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2022.

Forty-three New Faculty were added to the Department of Medicine at UHMC. Additional DOM faculty honors included:

Faculty Promotions
David Canaday, Linda Cummings, Mirela Dobro, Mohamed Draz, Farshad Forouzandeh, Michael Freeman, Jorge Garcia, Eiran Gorodetski, Judith Mackall, Marina Magrey, Helen Moirnova, Alberto Montero, Lalitha Nayak, Ellen Sabik, Jayakumar Sahadevan, Puneet Seth, Mrganka Singh, Varja Yalamanchali, Benjamin Young, and David Zidar

Emeritus-Emerita Appointments
David Clark Aron, Ali D. Askari, Robert Cameron, Ismail Dreshaj, Michael M. Lederman, Charles J. Malemud, and Paula Silverman.

Initial Appointment to an Endowed Professorship
Lia Lugio - John L. Caughey, Jr. MD Professorship
Judith Mackall - Moll Designated Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine
Marina Magrey - Roland W. Moskowitz, MD Professorship in Rheumatic Diseases
Aaron Proweller - Lawrence J. Kantor, MD Designated Professorship in Cardiovascular Teaching, Care and Research



Diabetes and Obesity Center Bronze Sponsor for JDRF Gala

The Diabetes and Obesity Center was a bronze sponsor for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Northern Ohio and Michigan Chapter gala in Cleveland, OH on April 30th, 2022.

The event was held at the Intercontinental Hotel and children with type 1 diabetes led the program sharing their daily life and accomplishments with type 1 diabetes. The team had an amazing time dancing the night away and connecting with the type 1 diabetes community.

The event raised over \$350,000 for type 1 diabetes research, JDRF-funded research includes novel diabetes therapies and technologies, a pathway to prevention, and a cure.



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.

[View the Brochure](#)

Register for the event here >

Awards - Appointments - Publications



Keith B. Armitage, MD named Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine

Dr. Armitage is a consummate physician and educator. He will also continue in his Vice Chair role in Education and the Medicine Residency Director role which he has done for 29 years.



Amanda Lathia has become the Interim Division Chief of Geriatrics and Palliative Care

Dr. Lathia graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2006. She completed an internal medicine fellowship at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and a geriatric medicine fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. While working at the Cleveland Clinic from 2010 through 2019 in the section of geriatrics, she brought a strong, energetic, and innovative approach to geriatric practice and education through her role as geriatric medicine discipline leader for 1st through 5th year students at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. Through a Geriatric Academic Career Award from the government in 2010-2015, she developed and researched an educational program for medical students on levels and transfers of care. She also completed research on acupuncture for shoulder pain, falls in older adults, and cognitive impairment in older adults with heart failure.

She joined University Hospitals Division of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care in September of 2019. She has brought compassion and skill in her individualized and holistic approach to older adults in the outpatient, inpatient, post-acute and long term care settings through her roles as medical director of Foley Elder Health and medical director of Judson senior living communities and Judson Hospice. She continues to work as a mentor, role model, and teacher as the program director for the geriatric medicine fellowship.

Dr. Lathia has continued her leadership on the state level as a board member of the Ohio Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and chair of the membership committee. She has presented nationally at the pre-conference board review sessions at the annual meeting of the American Geriatrics Society in 2021 and 2022. In addition, she was awarded the Dr. Arnold L. Heller Memorial award from Menorah Park in December of 2021 for excellence in the fields of geriatric medicine and gerontology. Finally, she moonlights in her spare time as a mom, taekwondo participant, and mentor for her two children. Dr. Lathia is well respected by her colleagues and enjoys the reputation of being an innovative, empathetic and skilled physician, teacher, and friend.



Dr. Federico Perez was recently selected as one of the new Associate Editors for Clinical Infectious Diseases (CID).

This journal, the flagship clinical and scientific publication in Infectious Diseases, receives many strong applications. Dr. Perez's interest and accomplishments stood out among this very qualified group. His knowledge of antimicrobial resistance as it applies to clinical care and emerging infectious diseases will be very valuable to the clinical and academic community.

This is a very noteworthy accomplishment for Dr. Perez and reflects well on our VA, our ID Section and Division, Medical Service, our Department and our School.

Research News



Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day

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 (Kulas and Zoom)

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

Read more about Research Day >



Researchers identify a new treatment for metabolic syndrome

Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals team identifies receptor that shows how appetite and body weight are regulated

Metabolic syndrome increases a person's risk for diabetes, heart disease, and stroke, and includes conditions such as obesity, high blood pressure and high blood sugar. In a recent mouse-model study, published in [Cell Metabolism](#), researchers at [Case Western Reserve University](#), University Hospitals (UH) and Harrington Discovery Institute at UH, have furthered their progress to develop a drug to treat metabolic syndrome by identifying a receptor that controls appetite and body weight.

"In 2016, our lab discovered a hormone called asprosin, which stimulates appetite and increases blood glucose levels by acting on the hypothalamus and the liver," explained [Atul Chopra](#), senior author on the study, associate professor at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and investigator at the Harrington Discovery Institute. "Individuals that have low blood asprosin levels don't feel hunger like others do and have lower glucose and insulin levels."

Read the full article >

Education News



Barbara Bonfiglio Retires after 48 Years

Barbara Jean Bonfiglio retired from the Department of Medicine on Monday, May 2 after 48 years of dedicated service.

Barb started in the Department on April 23, 1974 and worked in the Department in various capacities over the years. She has maintained relationships with our past faculty, fellows and residents over the years. Its incredible the amount of people Barb has touched in this time.

Barb has had many roles & responsibilities over 48 years, but none more important than Xerox queen. Also work mom, psychiatrist, letter-writer extraordinaire, telephone operator, historian, verification guru and, most important, Grand Rounds organizer.

We celebrated Barb on Wednesday, April 20th with a reception in the Department of Medicine for all to visit. We will continue her celebration at the Annual Spring Dinner on May 26th.

We wishing Barb all the best during her retirement years and thank her deeply for all the love and support she has given to each one of us!



Medical School Graduation

Please remember to congratulate the CWRU medical school class of 2022!

Graduation is this Sunday morning, May 15th at Severance Hall with a follow-up reception at 12:45 PM on the BRB patio across from Wolstein Research Building.

Thank you for all of your mentoring, teaching and advising for the class of 2022.

Here is a list of the states where our Internal Medicine future colleagues matched. We also noted the matches for the past 2 years.

STATE	2022	2021	2020
CALIFORNIA	8	7	12
COLORADO	1		
CONNECTICUT	1	3	1
FLORIDA	1		2
GEORGIA	1	2	
HAWAII		1	
ILLINOIS			3
IOWA		1	1
KENTUCKY			1
MARYLAND	1		2
MASSACHUSETTS	4	5	7
MICHIGAN	2	4	3
MISSOURI	1	1	
NEW YORK	2	5	5
NEVADA			1
NORTH CAROLINA			1
OHIO	7	12	4
OREGON	1	1	1
PENNSYLVANIA	3	1	5
RHODE ISLAND		1	1
TENNESSEE		1	2
TEXAS	1		1
UTAH		1	
VIRGINIA		2	
VERMONT		1	
WASHINGTON		1	
WISCONSIN	1		
TOTAL	33	49	53



This photo was taken at the AAIM/APDIM 2019 Conference with our Chief Residents and Deena Segal, obviously after the end of the day!

This was the last in-person meeting until April 2022- where this photo was printed in the program for conference attendees. Yes, our chiefs and Deena have gone national!

Upcoming Events

Department of Medicine Research Day

May 13 - Noon to 3 PM
[Register Here](#)
[Research Day Website - More info](#)

Medicine Grand Rounds - ANNUAL ASKARI LECTURE

May 17 - Silba Raychaudhuri, MD, FACP, FACP
Professor, Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Chief of Rheumatology
Program Director, Rheumatology
VA Northern California Health Care System
"T Cell Target Therapies for Autoimmune Diseases"

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Medicine Grand Rounds

May 24
Celina Cunanan, MSN, APRN-CNM, FACNM
Interim Executive Director, Office of Community Impact, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
UH System Chief and Division Director of Nurse-Midwifery, Mac House

And
Patrick Runnels, MD, MBA
Chief Medical Officer, Population/Behavioral Health
Director, Public and Community Psychiatry
"TBD"

Medicine Grand Rounds

May 31 - Edgar Lerma, MD, FACP
Nephrology
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine
Associates in Nephrology, SC
"Approaches to Prevent and Treat Chronic Hyperkalemia"

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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Marjorie Greenfield, MD
"Career Development and Academic Promotion"

Kevin Murray, DO
"Why Integrate Point of Care Ultrasound into Hospital Medicine?"

Jeffrey Katz, MD
"GEM, STRIDE, Treat-to-Target, TDM, and Other Advances in IBD Care"

Theresa Fisher, MD
"The Obstetric Stress Test: Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes and Future Health"

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