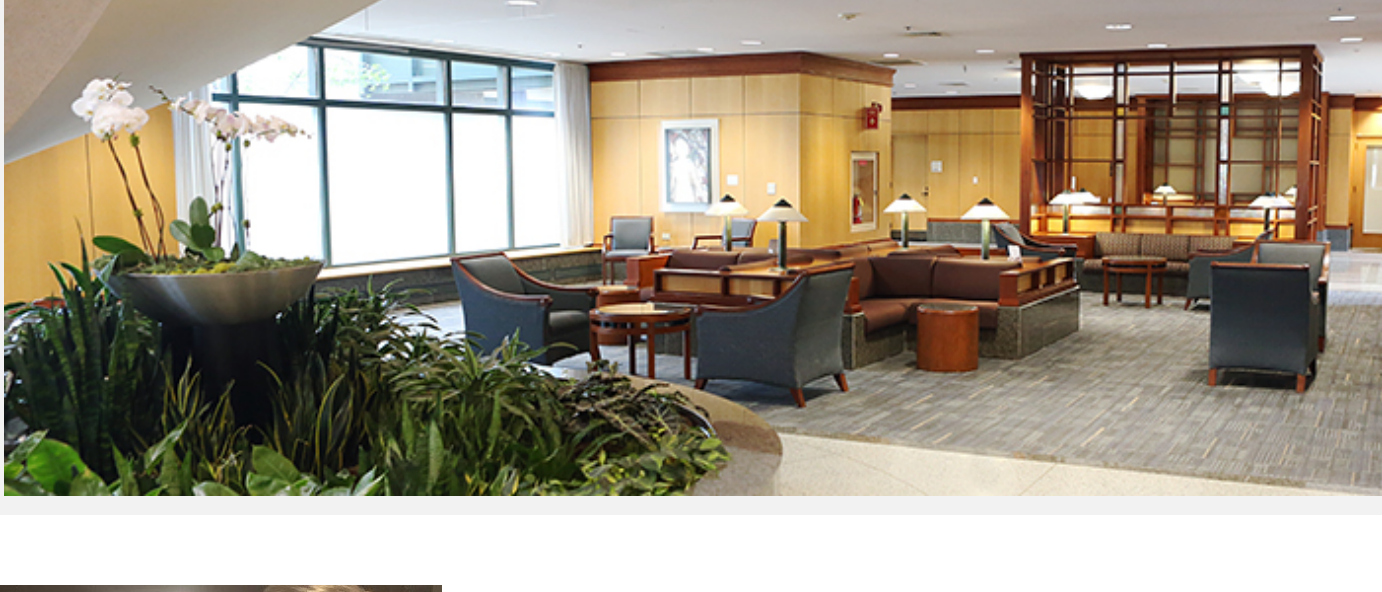






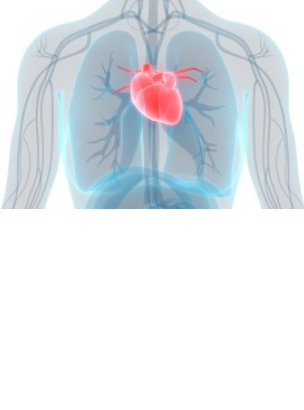
Jill Pritchett Retires after 42 Years of Service

Jill Pritchett, Executive Assistant for the Department of Medicine, has retired effective December 31, 2022.

Jill joined UH in 1980 taking a position in the Department of Medicine before transitioning to supporting the Chief of Staff. She returned to the Department of Medicine and has supported 3 Chairs during her tenure. We all thank Jill for all of her contributions over the years. We wish her much happiness and joy as she looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and family.

Maryann Bolden, Executive Assistant for the Department of Dermatology will begin supporting Dr. Salata in addition to continuing in her role supporting Dr. Cooper, the Chair of Dermatology.

Thank you and Congratulations, Jill!



Cardiovascular Medicine 2022: A year of Outstanding Accomplishments

2022 a Banner Year for Growth in Clinical Programs

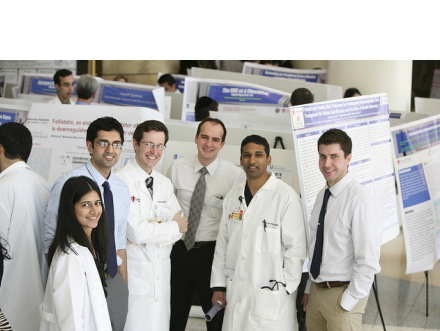
The Division and Institute were once again recognized within the top 50 heart programs, by US News and World Report. Given the numerous acknowledged flaws of this ranking process, the very fact that we are in the top echelons is a testament to our national reputation.

Clinical programs in interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, Advanced Heart Failure, vascular and complex cardiovascular intervention continue to see exceptional growth. The Left atrial Appendage Program under the guidance of **Dr. Steve Filby** and **Dr. Arruda**, has established itself as a leading-edge program doing the most procedures in the Midwest, with high quality and a time and resource saving same day discharge process, that is enviable for the novel tools it uses such as novel dual energy CT and Cardiac MRI. The scale and quality of Structural program under the direction of **Dr. Attizani** is recognized internationally with a steady stream of trainees from around the world.

The Mitraclip program will see 60 completed procedures this year (the highest we have done), ranking number 20 nationally, outcompeting our neighbors including the Mayo Clinic and UPMC. This success is truly a multidisciplinary effort, with contributions from our imaging colleagues (echo/CT/MRI) and our extraordinary CT surgery members.

The Center for Advanced Heart and Vascular Care (CAHVC) that houses our advanced imaging and Structural Programs is an incredible venue for patients and families that routinely receives the highest patient satisfaction scores. Our joint Advanced Cardiac MR and CT program with Radiology, under the direction of **Dr. Rashid Gupta** with support from our MRI/CT technicians and Nurses, does world class work every day, with numerous research initiatives using cutting edge techniques.

Read more about Cardiology's Research and Education Accomplishments >



Save the Date - DOM Research Day

The Department of Medicine's Thirteenth Annual Research Day will be held on Friday, May 12th with talks and lunch starting at noon.

We are pleased to announce that our annual research day event will be held on Friday, May 12th, 2023. Mark your calendars and save the date!

This year's event will feature plenary talks from researchers across all divisions, as well as poster sessions and networking opportunities. We hope that you will join us for what promises to be an exciting and informative afternoon.

Further details about the event, including the schedule and registration information, will be sent out in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Collaborative Science Pilot Awards

Deadline extended to January 20, 2023

Since the new affiliation agreement between the CWRU SOM and UH enacted in 2020, there has been the formation of research working groups between the SOM Basic Science and UH Clinical Chairs.

The collaboration areas include: 1) Infection, Immune Response, Immunotherapy; 2) Cancer; 3) Brain Health; 4) Genetics, Genomics, Genetic Therapeutics; and 5) Health Services Research. These groups have been formed for the purpose of stimulating collaborative research ideas and are chaired by leaders in the basic sciences and clinical departments.

Much progress has occurred and the next step is to provide the opportunity for each group to submit pilot collaborative science grant proposals. Awards will be for \$25,000 to \$50,000 each and will be funded by the SOM and UH. If substantial progress is accomplished and milestones are achieved, an additional year of funding will be considered.

Get the Submission Instructions/RFA Here >



Faculty Senior Level Promotion Deadlines

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective January 1, 2024

- Declaration form due January 31, 2023 ([Form](#))
- Packet due February 28, 2023 ([Guidelines](#))

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2024

- Declaration form due May 1, 2023 ([Form](#))
- Packet due June 2, 2023 ([Guidelines](#))

Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2024

- Declaration form due March 31, 2023 ([Form](#))
- Packet due April 28, 2023 ([Guidelines](#))

Awards - Appointments - Publications



Dr. Sanford "Sandy" Markowitz elected fellow for 2022 class of National Academy of Inventors

Case Western Reserve University researchers **Sanford "Sandy" Markowitz** and **Dustin Tyler** have been elected fellows of The National Academy of Inventors (NAI). The honor highlights the overall career and impact individual inventors have had in their field and society.

Markowitz, a Distinguished University Professor, is the Ingalls Professor of Cancer Genetics at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. He was part of the team that sequenced the first complete cancer coding genome. His groundbreaking medical research also has transformed human understanding of the genetics of gastrointestinal cancers. In addition, he helped create the first commercial DNA-based stool test for colon cancer.

Read more >



Dr. Leizman Recognized for Her Exceptional Contribution to UHMP's Press Ganey Award

UHPS has been recognized by Press Ganey as a 2022 Human Experience Pinnacle of Excellence Award® winner.

This is in no small part due to **Dr. Debra Leizman's** performance as a top performer on the designated survey measures for a 3-year period, most notably for the 100% in Rate the Provider, Recommend the Provider's Office, and the Physician Communication domains this year alone for 143 of her patients.

This prestigious award is a reflection of her remarkable work and unwavering commitment to our patients.

Celebrating the achievements of outstanding institutions

The HX Pinnacle of Excellence Award® is given to the three top-performing organizations in each category on the basis of extraordinary achievement. The award recognizes clients who have maintained consistently high levels of excellence over three years in patient experience, employee engagement, physician engagement, or clinical quality performance.

Read more about the Press Ganey Award >



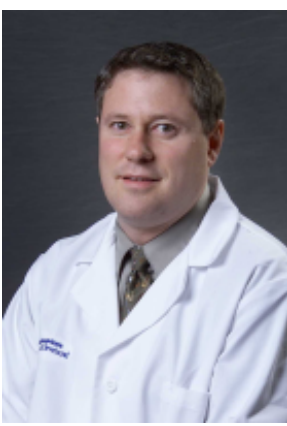
UH Cleveland Medical Center Offers Innovative Treatment for COPD and Emphysema

Zephyr Lung Valve is the first FDA-Approved Device to Help COPD and Emphysema Patients Breathe Easier without Major Surgery

Led by Medical Director of Bronchoscopy **Benjamin Young, MD**, UH has created a program to use a new lung valve treatment for patients with severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and emphysema.

The FDA recently approved the Zephyr Endobronchial Valve treatment under their "Breakthrough Devices" status. It is the first minimally invasive procedure to help emphysema sufferers without major surgery.

Read more >



UH Cleveland Medical Center first in Ohio to receive GI Genius™ artificial intelligence endoscopy modules through Medtronic Health Equity Assistance Program supporting colorectal cancer screening in medically underserved communities

Already first in state with a fully integrated AI endoscopy unit, UH Cleveland Medical Center will receive additional modules awarded through Medtronic program seeking to improve colon cancer screening and prevention

"This AI module directly impacts our ability to improve colon cancer screening and prevention and offers a technology that will likely reduce health care disparities in our community," said **Gerard Isenberg, MD, MBA**, Chief Medical Quality Officer for the UH Digestive Health Institute. "Studies have shown that AI-assisted colonoscopy can increase polyp detection rates, and every 1 percent increase in adenoma detection rate reduces the risk of interval colorectal cancer by 3 percent. There is currently no other technology that accomplishes that rate of success."

Read more >



Dr. Arash Rashidi will serve as the President of the American Society of Onco-Nephrology

Effective January 1, 2023, Dr. Rashidi will serve as President of the Society.

The Society's mission is to promote research, clinical activities, and education related to onconephrology.

More specifically, the primary objectives of the society shall be to further the investigation of onco-nephrology and reach a better understanding of the basic mechanisms involved as follows:

1. By informal group discussion of material that is of cross disciplinary interest as it pertains to care of patients with kidney disease and cancer.
2. By exchange of ideas pertaining to clinical experiences and experimental research.
3. By consideration of problems encountered in onco-nephrology research.
4. By the promotion of good fellowship and mutual trust among members of this organization.
5. By fostering education and identifying gaps in knowledge as it pertains to onco-nephrology

Congratulations Dr. Rashidi!



Multiple UH Hospitals Receive Recognition with Accreditation from The American College of Cardiology

Programs have proven exceptional competency in treating patients with chest pain and heart attack symptoms

Multiple University Hospitals (UH) Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute locations across Northeast Ohio have received recognition demonstrating expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. This month, the sites were awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary PCI from The American College of Cardiology (ACC). This accreditation was given based on rigorous evaluation of the staffs ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack.

"It's our mission to bring the highest quality care and procedures closer to where our patients live," said **Mehdi Shishebor, DO, MPH, PhD**, President, UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute, and Angela and James Hambrick Chair in Innovation. "We want patients visiting any University Hospitals facility to receive the same, superior care. This accreditation shows the community that their hospital facility will provide first-class treatment, 24/7, any time they may need it."

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Education News

Coffee Kudos

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS for teaching the medical students.

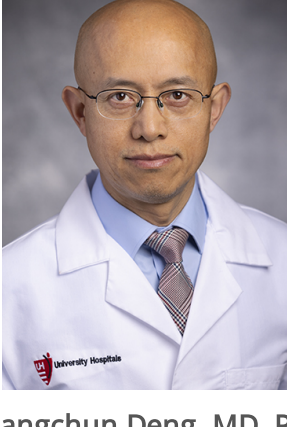
The Coffee Kudos Award is a quarterly resident teacher recognition award. The awards are given to the Internal Medicine residents who went above and beyond in their teaching of 3rd-year IM clerkship rotation students as selected by the 3rd-year CWRU Internal Medicine clerkship students on service at UHCMC.

Each award winner receives a personalized thank you note along with a package of yummy chocolate espresso beans since the coffee connection bar remains closed.

Here are the Coffee Kudos nominees (best clerkship teachers) from the CWRU medical students who rotated in October, November and December 2022.

- Jessica Asirvatham MD
- Jordan Johnson MD
- Hao-Tin Le MD
- Drew Miller MD
- Imran Nabin MD
- Thomas O'Neill MD
- Muna Okafor MD
- Samantha Patton MD
- Olivia Rizzo MD
- Romy Tabatabai MD
- Satyawart Upadhyay MD

Welcome to the Department



Changchun Deng, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Director of Lymphoma and CLL Program
Division of Benign & Malignant Hematology



Herbert Newton, MD, PhD
Professor of Medicine
Division of Solid Tumor Oncology



Basma Ricaurte, MD
Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds

January 17
"Special Topic"
Special Speaker

Medicine Grand Rounds

January 24
"Hyperammonemia -- Adults & Pediatrics"
Laura Konczal, MD
Pediatric Genetics, University Hospitals
Clinical Assistant Professor, CWRU School of Medicine
Clinical Instructor, CWRU School of Medicine

Medicine Grand Rounds

January 31
"The Great Panomics"
Robert A. Bonomo, MD
Associate Chief of Staff for Academic Affairs Cleveland VA Medical Center
Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine
Professor, Department of Pharmacology, School of Medicine
Professor, Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology, School of Medicine
Member, Cleveland Center for Membrane & Structural Biology, School of Medicine

Medicine Grand Rounds

February 7
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Recurring Events (Zoom information sent out weekly)

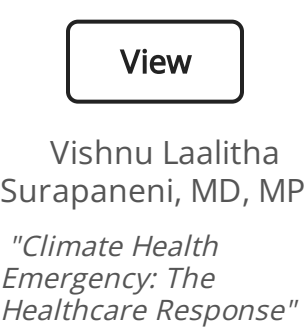
Tuesdays @ Noon - **Medicine Grand Rounds Seminar Series** (September - May)
Wednesdays @ Noon - **VA Conference**
Fridays @ Noon - **UH M&M Conference**

Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



View

Pierre Gholam, MD
"New Advances in HRS/AKI: Clinical Update and Expert Recommendations"



View

Vishnu Lalitha Surapaneni, MD, MPH
"Climate Change Emergency: The Healthcare Response"



View

Gregory L. Hall, MD
"Important Differences in the Clinical Care of African Americans"



View

Sat Bir S. Khalsa, PhD
"Insomnia Treatment with Behavioral and Mind Body Practices: The Science and Research Evidence"