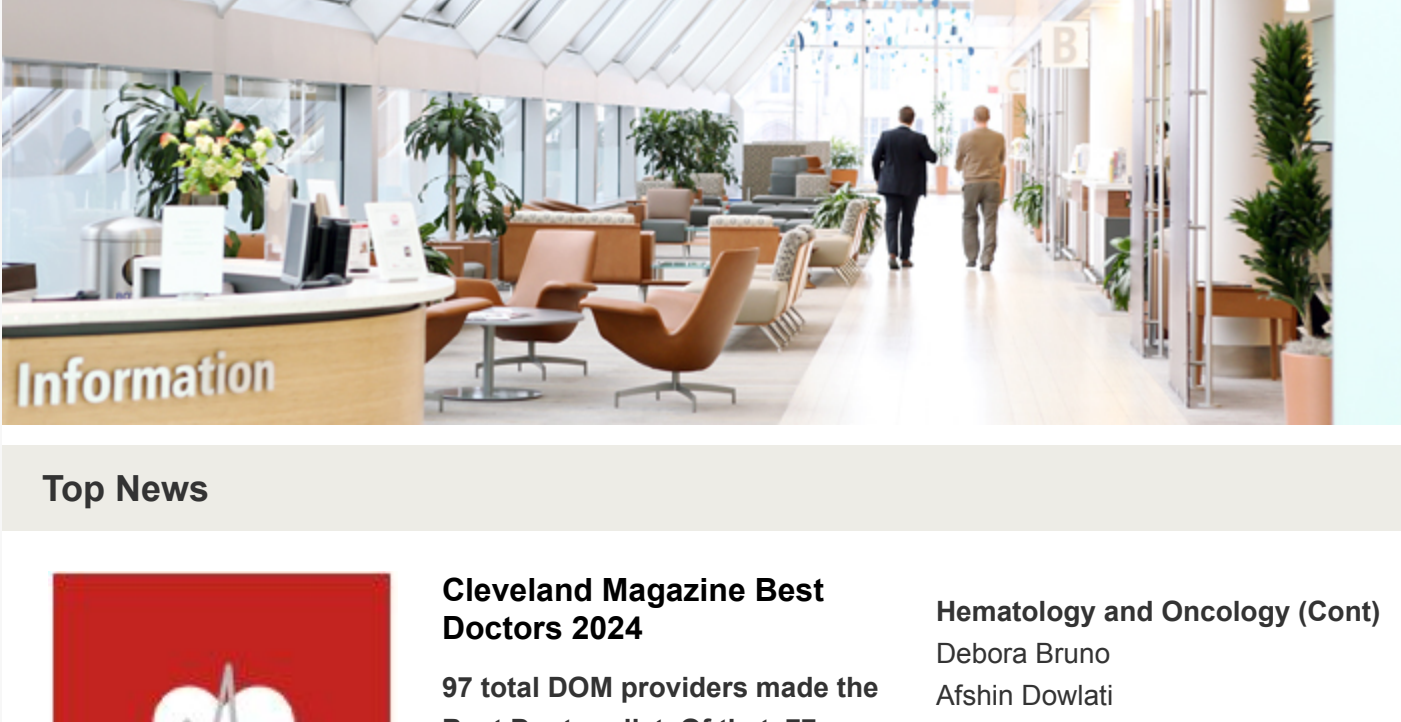




Top News



BEST DOCTORS

Cleveland Magazine Best Doctors 2024

97 total DOM providers made the Best Doctors list. Of that, 77 are full-time faculty and 20 are community based physicians.

Cardiology

John Coletta
Chantal ElAmm
Heather Gornik
Eiran Gorodeski
Claire Sullivan
Mehdi Shishehbor
Daniel Simon
William Wolf
Michael Zacharias

Interventional Cardiology

Michael Cunningham
Stephan Filby
Jun Li
Anene Ukaigwe
Tarek Hamdad

Vascular Medicine

Heather Gornik
Teresa Carman

Endocrinology

Baha Arafah
Brian Butch
Margarita Barreiro
Revital Gorodeski Baskin
Valerie Hadam
Betul Hatipoglu

Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Ashley Faulx
Amritabh Chak
John Dumot
Brooke Glessing
Jeffrey Katz
Amy Hosmer
Eric Shapiro
Sapna Thomas
Seth Solari

Geriatrics and Palliative Care

Amanda Lathia
Rab Razzak

Hematology and Oncology

Evi Stavrou
Charles Nock
Richard Chang
Brenda Cooper
Molly Gallogly
Lalitha Nayak
Alvin Schmaier
Timothy O'Brien
Koen van Besien
David Bajor
Pedro Barata

Hematology and Oncology (Cont)

Debra Bruno
Afshin Dowlati
Jorge Garcia
Melinda Hsu
Melissa Lumish
Amit Mahipal
Prateek Mendiratta
Bahar Mofakhar
Alberto Montero
J. Eva Seifridge

Infectious Disease

Keith Armitage
Barbara Gripshover
Praveen Gundelly
Robert Salata

Internal Medicine

Amy Hise
Maika Barnett
Roy Buchinsky
Daniel Fleksher
Alan Hirsch
Kristen Kaelber
Debra Leizman
Jill Miller
Sheila Rice
Suzana Sarac-Leonard
Scott Yasinow
Eric Yasinow
Paula Parker-Deuley
James Covello
Erin Bader
Gregory Greene

Nephrology

Mirela Dobre
Nissreen Elfadawy
Arksarapuk Jittirat
Andrew Lazar
Lavinia Negrea
Aparna Padiyar
Mahboob Rahman
Arash Rashidi

Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine

Rana Hejal
Jihane Fareess
Frank Jacono
Connor McNamara
Maroun Matta
Robert Schilz
Benjamin Young
Sally Ibrahim
Susheel Patil
Kingman Strohl
Eric Yeh
Kenneth Remy

Rheumatology

David Blumenthal
Marina Magrey
Donna Sexton-Cicero



2024 Inamori Ethics Prize Awardee - Dr. Anthony Fauci

CWRU Inamori Center - Inamori Ethics Prize Ceremony and Symposium

Join the Center Thursday, Sept. 19, as they recognize the contributions and ethical leadership of physician, immunologist and infectious disease expert **Dr. Anthony Fauci** by awarding him the **2024 Inamori Ethics Prize**.

Case Western Reserve University and the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence annually honor one individual whose actions and influence have greatly improved the condition of humankind.

Thursday, Sept. 19
Maltz Performing Arts Center, Silver Hall
1855 Ansel Road
Cleveland, OH 44106

Academic Symposium:

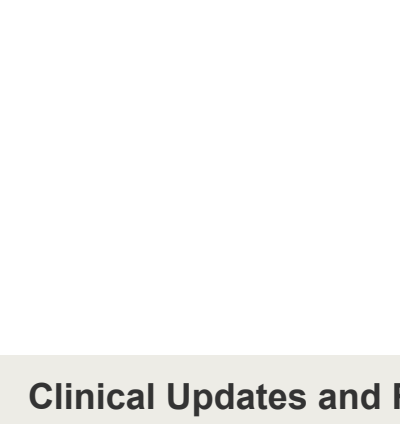
Addressing Moral Imperatives in Public Health, Locally and Globally
12:30–2 p.m.

[Info and Registration for the Symposium »](#)

Inamori Ethics Prize Ceremony and Recipient Lecture:

PEPFAR: A Moral Imperative
6–7 p.m.

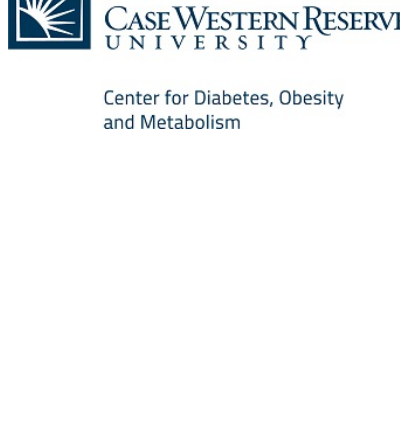
[Info and Registration for the Ceremony»](#)



Department of Medicine 2023 Annual Report

The 2023 Department of Medicine Annual Report is now available. Click below to view an electronic version (PDF) of the annual report.

[DOM Annual Report \(PDF\) »](#)



Medicine Quality Summit - Returning Later This Year

Save the Date! (December 7, 2024)

The Medicine Quality Summit will be returning later this year. It will be held on **December 7th, 2024 in the Tinkham-Veale University Center Grand Ballroom**. The tentative schedule starts at 7:30 AM (with a light breakfast available at 7:00 AM) and goes until Noon.

The Summit is free but will require registration. There will be a keynote speaker followed content specific breakout sessions. The Summit will conclude with a round-table panel discussion.

CME will be available! This will include: CME, CRME, and MOC

Stay tuned for more info and registration links soon!

Clinical Updates and Research News



Leveraging Love for Resilient Care - University Hospitals Diabetes and Metabolic Care Center Video

The University Hospitals Diabetes and Metabolic Care Center isn't just a treatment center, it's a story of resilience in action.

Dr. Betul Hatipoglu, a leading endocrinologist, built the center from the ground up, and spearheads the center's unwavering dedication to improving patient care.

Dr. Hatipoglu fosters a collaborative environment where top experts work together. This teamwork translates into a fresh approach to patient care, prioritizing education and a holistic approach to health.

The center's commitment to progress extends to research as well. By focusing on population health and local impacts of our healthcare system, the center drives patient outcomes by better understanding the environment they're in.

The University Hospitals Diabetes and Metabolic Care Center's story is more than just medicine. It's a testament to the power of resilience, collaboration, and its lasting impact on the field of endocrinology and diabetes care.

[View the video by ADATV here »](#)



Nominations Open for 12th Annual International Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine

Harrington Discovery Institute and the American Society for Clinical Investigation seek nominations to recognize an outstanding achievement by a physician-scientist

National and international nominations are being sought for the **2025 Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine**, which honors a physician-scientist who has moved science forward with achievements notable for innovation, creativity and the potential for clinical application.

The Harrington Prize, which carries a \$20,000 honorarium, is a collaboration between Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio and the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), one of the nation's oldest and most respected medical honor societies. Harrington Discovery Institute is a nonprofit institute dedicated to helping physician-scientists accelerate promising discoveries into medicines for unmet needs.

[Learn More »](#)



FRAME Program

Department of Medicine faculty members **Dr. Khalid Dousa** (Infectious Diseases), **Dr. Uri Macavinta** (Hospitalist Medicine), and **Dr. Jaime Tomko** (Hospitalist Medicine) have all been accepted to the School of Medicine's **FRAME** (Faculty Reaching for Academic Medical Excellence) career development program at the CWRU School of Medicine for AY 2024-2025.

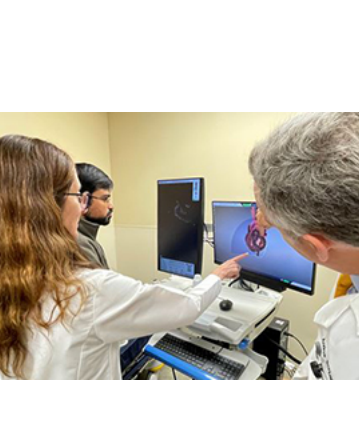
The **FRAME** program is focused on equipping young faculty members with the skills necessary to achieve success along their chosen career trajectory. We look forward to many great things from these faculty members!!



Dr. Stiefel Selected for ATS / IDSA Guideline Panel

Department of Medicine faculty member **Dr. Usha Stiefel** has been selected to participate in the **ATS / IDSA's (American Thoracic Society / Infectious Diseases Society of America) Guideline Panel on the Diagnosis and Management of Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (HAP/VAP)**.

This role will complement very well with our Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence that **Dr. Stiefel** also leads.



Dr. Magrey Invited by MedScape to Recap Treatment of Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis

Evolving Treatment of Nonradiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis

Nonradiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) shares many characteristics with radiographic disease and responds to the same treatments, yet it has fewer FDA-approved options.

As **Dr. Marina Magrey**, from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, in Cleveland, Ohio, explains, the TNF inhibitor certolizumab has been approved on the basis of results from the C-axSpA study.

Similarly, the IL-17 inhibitors secukinumab and ixekizumab are also options, and the results of the COAST-X and PREVENT studies show them to be safe and efficacious.

In closing, **Dr. Magrey** outlines the SELECT-AXIS 2 study showing benefit from the JAK inhibitor upadacitinib for nr-axSpA, with no additional safety signals.



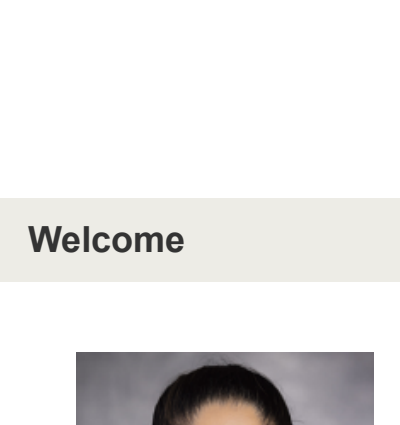
Coffee Kudos

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 UH/MC.

Here are the Coffee Kudos nominees for the 12 weeks of April through June 2024

Here are the honorees for the students' coffee kudos recognitions for May-July 2024:

- El Hussain Shamsa
- Sarah Redmond
- Chanawee Hiranpattasilp
- Talal Almas
- Neha Gupta
- Imran Nanin
- Khushbu Patel
- Steven Reehl
- Julia Weiner
- Sanjay Baljapalli
- Nelly Bougebrayel



A Simulator on the Scene

Cardiology fellows, Sonographers can practice testing with new echo simulator

Written by: Sheppard, CJ

he cardiology fellow had just begun his rotation in performing and reading echocardiograms at UH Cleveland Medical Center when a new simulator arrived.

Now Tasveer Khawaja, MD, won't only learn on live cardiac patients. He can step into the room housing the new echo simulator and practice with the latest 3D technology. The \$92,000 investment by UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute will be available 24/7 to its many cardiology fellows and cardiac sonographers training to perform transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiograms.

"One of the biggest challenges of learning transesophageal echocardiography is understanding the relative relationships of anatomical structures in 3D," says Dr. Khawaja. "The simulator allows you to see echocardiogram-derived images and gross anatomy side-by-side. This is a huge benefit and has helped me understand imaging planes and how to optimize the TEEs I perform."

Echocardiograms can aid in diagnosing a wide range of conditions, including mitral regurgitation, aortic stenosis, cardiac tamponade and endocarditis. The simulator contains all possible pathologies and explains diagnostics, so the user can read through the results even if an experienced physician isn't at the side.

"You select the diagnosis you want to assess, and the simulator gives you a live feed, so you know if you're finding what is expected," says Andres Schuster, MD, the system medical director of adult echocardiography at UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute who was recently selected as Teacher of the Year by the cardiology fellows. "This is a really cool technology. I wish it was available when I was learning echocardiography."

Senior staff cardiologist Ellen Sabik, MD, demonstrates for Dr. Khawaja how the images reveal the structure of the heart, allowing the user to slice through the heart and see 3D images. The echo equipment also assesses direction and speed of blood flow through the heart to determine whether it is functioning properly. The simulator allows the user to record a session for later review.

"We can learn a lot about physiology through this noninvasive testing," Dr. Sabik says. "And we use echocardiograms to guide procedures like TAVR and MitraClip. We can use this simulation technology to learn how to better guide the interventionalists in doing these various procedures."

Welcome



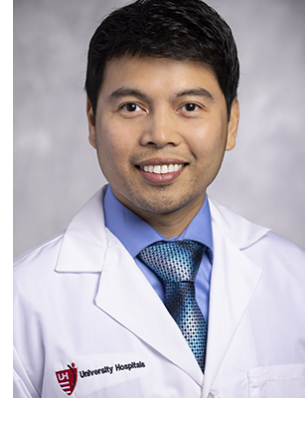
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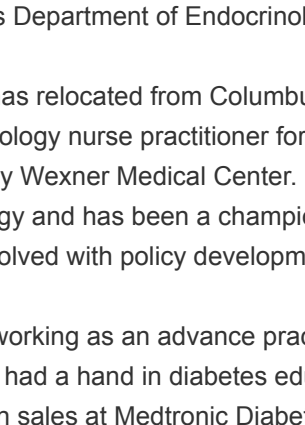
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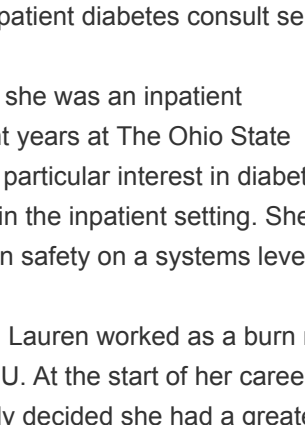
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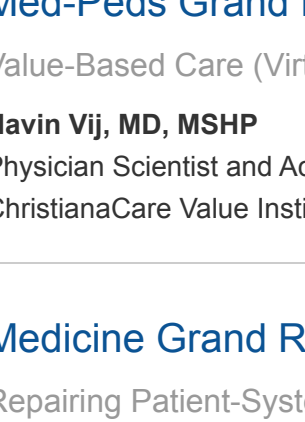
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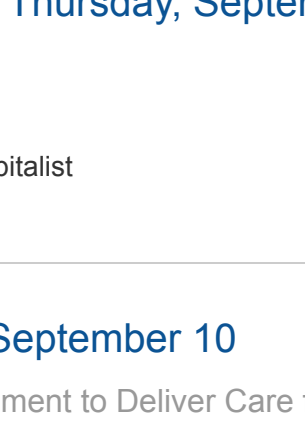
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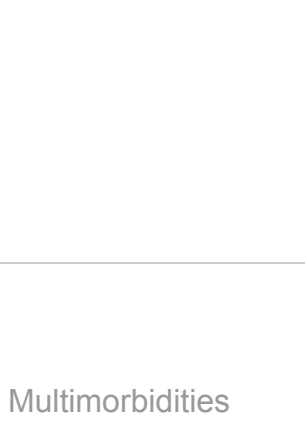
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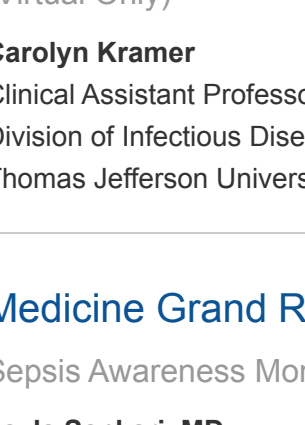
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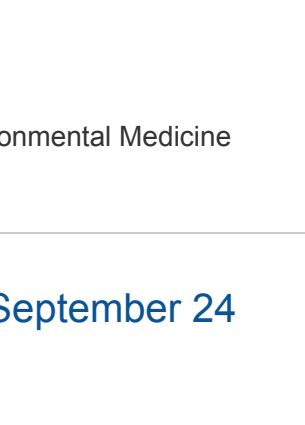
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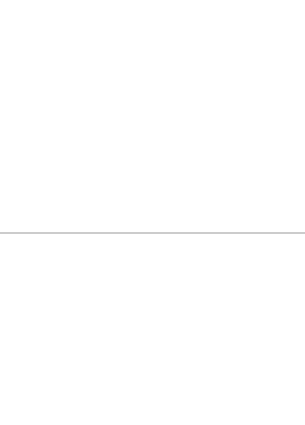
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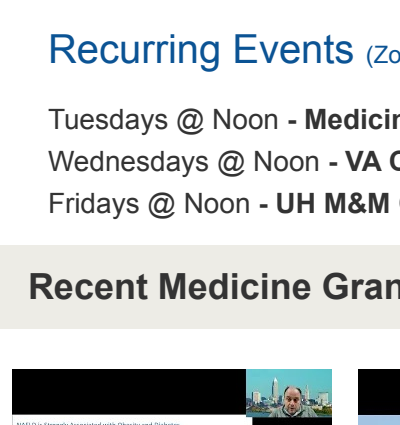
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Emmanuel Rolliuqui, MD

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Division of Geriatrics & Palliative Care



Lauren Chrzanowski, FNP, BC-ADM, CDCES

Lauren Chrzanowski, FNP, BC-ADM, CDCES, is thrilled to join University Hospitals Department of Endocrinology on the inpatient diabetes consult service.

Lauren has relocated from Columbus, OH where she was an inpatient endocrinology nurse practitioner for the past eight years at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Lauren has a particular interest in diabetes technology and has been a champion for its use in the inpatient setting. She has been involved with policy development and insulin safety on a systems level.

Prior to working as an advance practice provider, Lauren worked as a burn nurse and also had a hand in diabetes education at OSU. At the start of her career she worked in sales at Medtronic Diabetes, but quickly decided she had a greater interest in the clinical realm.

Lauren is an avid equestrian and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, two sons (age 5 and 7) and two dogs. They are all excited to explore the amazing metro parks that the Cleveland area has to offer.

Upcoming Events

Med-Peds Grand Rounds - Thursday, September 5

Value-Based Care (Virtual Only)

Navin Vij, MD, MSHP

Physician Scientist and Academic Hospitalist
ChristianaCare Value Institute

Medicine Grand Rounds - September 10

Repairing Patient-System Engagement to Deliver Care for Chronic Multimorbidities

Trygve Dolber, MD

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine, CWRU School of Medicine
Associate Director, Population Behavioral Health
Department of Psychiatry, University Hospitals

Medicine Grand Rounds - September 17

Managing Infections in Patients with Opioid Use Disorder - Xylazine-Associated Wounds (Virtual Only)

Carolyn Kramer

Clinical Assistant Professor
Division of Infectious Diseases & Environmental Medicine
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Medicine Grand Rounds - September 24

Sepsis Awareness Month

Layla Sankari, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine, CWRU School of Medicine
Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine
Department of Medicine, University Hospitals

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

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Pierre M. Gholam, MD, AGAF, FAASLD

"MASH: The Ultimate Case for Multidisciplinary Care"

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Nami Azar, MD, MBA, FAIUM

"Reimbursement - How to Balance the Business Side with Patient Care"

[View »](#)

Rick A. Nishimura, MD, MACC, MACP

"Valvular Heart Disease: A New Paradigm 2024"

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George C. Tsokos, MD

"Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: From Bedside to Bench and Back"

Social:

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