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End of the Year Celebration

This year we hosted a virtual celebration on June 5, 2020 which was a huge success.

AWARDS

Interprofessional Champion Award
Anthony Cunningham (GWUH Pharmacy)

Non-Medicine Attending of the Year
Bruce Abell, MD (Surgery)

Clinic Attending of the Year
Jillian Catalanotti, MD (Internal Medicine)

Attending of the Year
Courtney Paul, MD (Hospitalist)

VA Attending of the Year
Rahul Khosla, MD (Pulmonary)

Fellow of the Year
Kevin Fu, MD (Renal)

Jorge Rios Resident of the Year
Mohammad Shirazi, MD
(Chief Resident 2020-21)

VA Resident of the Year
Ghazal Kango, MD
(Chief Resident 2020-21)

"ICU" Resident of the Year
Linda Yue, MD

Intern of the Year
Gavin Truong, MD

Preliminary Intern of the Year
Christopher Lawrence, MD

Annual Susan Hasselquist Award
*Presented to a 2nd year resident who
exemplifies compassionate care combined
with clinical and diagnostic excellence*
Matthew Taglieri, DO

Gordon Moshman, MD ('78) Primary Care
Resident Award
Caroline Bockus, MD

Congratulations to All!

From the Chairman

If there was one thing that Covid-19 has made very clear it is that all "men" are not created equal when it comes to illness. Those who are socio-economically disadvantaged are not only more likely to become positive, but once the virus attacks, they are more likely to get seriously ill and die. This virus discriminates. If you have a risk factor you are 6 times more likely to be hospitalized and 12 times more likely to die.

The reasons for this are not biologic but mainly societal. Living in conditions that cause people to be in close contact with others plays a role, as we saw in New York City. Higher incidence of diabetes from poor diets and obesity, respiratory diseases because of increase smoking, cardiovascular disease for a variety of reasons, all are risk factors. There are many more. Who knows how much less immunity people have when they eat a poor diet lacking in fruits and vegetables?

But when it comes to valuing people as human beings, shouldn't it be a "no brainer" that all "men" are created equal and we shouldn't discriminate? Many are touting the recent Supreme Court decision that ruled 6-3, in what is being called a landmark decision, that LGBTQ employees are protected by civil rights laws against employer discrimination. In a stroke of genius, Roberts assigned Gorsuch to write the opinion. Gorsuch, who was Trump's first nominee (filling the Scalia vacancy), is lucky he cannot be fired. If he were attorney general, he would be packing his bags. Too bad Scalia is not around to hear this verdict. Alito leveled one of the gravest insults one conservative can place on another when he accused his colleague of legislating from the bench. OMG!

However, it is not Gorsuch who surprises me, it is the other three amigos: Thomas, Alito and Kavanaugh. Isn't it time to stop discriminating against people based on ANYTHING? Was this really such a hard decision? Why should a woman being married to a woman be treated any differently than if she was married to a man?

Groundbreaking, really? Have not these three read the Declaration of Independence if they are such staunch conservatives? All "Men" are Created Equal; stop there. Why does it matter if you are gay or straight, male or female, brown, black, or white when it comes to having rights? You can find anything to discriminate against as we have seen throughout history. Our Founding Slaveholders said one thing but of course did another. In 1950, you would be fired if you worked for the government and it was discovered that you were gay, and now in 2020 it took two conservative judges to say "enough". This really took 70 years to get right?

Although I say two conservative judges vote affirmatively, it is possible that Roberts voted in the majority so he could appoint Gorsuch and not Ginsburg to write the opinion. Ginsburg would have blasted the three little men. Roberts might have wanted to keep the opinion watered down. Time will tell. In any event, if you want to discriminate become a virus, not a Supreme Court Justice. A virus has no moral compass, then again....

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.

Department of Medicine July 2020 Grand Rounds

NEW WEBEX LINK

Join by phone +1-415-655-0001 Meeting number: 160 293 7989
or <https://mfa.webex.com/mfa/j.php?MTID=m888d29fea5823e8418cfc7e4b175d2c3>
Password: DOMGrandRounds

- July 2** "Brief COVID-19 Update"
Dr. Hana Akselrod and the Division of Infectious Diseases
Assistant Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 9** "Anticoagulation & COVID"
Dr. Emiliano Mugnaini
Assistant Professor of Medicine
DC VA
- July 16** "Risk Factors, Outcomes, and Treatments for Critically Ill Patients with COVID-19 in the United States"
Dr. David E. Leaf
Director of Clinical and Translational Research in Acute Kidney Injury
Brigham and Women's Hospital
- July 23** "Management of localized Prostate Cancer"
Dr. Jianqing Lin
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology and Oncology
GW MFA
- Dr. Sharad Goyal**
Professor of Radiology
GW MFA
- Dr. Michael Whalen**
Assistant Professor of Urology
GW MFA
- July 30** "Epigenetics and Transplantation"
Dr. Keith Melancon
Professor of Surgery
GW MFA

The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. GWUMC designates this continuing medical education activity on an hour-for-hour basis in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. (AMA).

Medicine Team Contacts

Need to find a Resident on an inpatient team?

Please use Tiger text to reach the appropriate physician. Go to gwu.medhub.com/paging; password: GWUPublicCall; Select Internal Medicine.

Alternatively

GWUH Defining Medicine Intranet: Go to Applications \ Inactive-Non-Production \ Directory Contact System

GWUH Citrix Portal—<https://gwportal.gwu-hospital.com/vpn/index.html>

MFA URL— <http://192.168.254.132/miTeamWebWA/Home> (Logon) - <http://192.168.254.132/miTeamWebAL/Home> (View Only)

If you have trouble with your MedHub account, please contact Anna Sufczynski at asufczynski@mfa.gwu.edu.

Cardiology Grand Rounds

Cardiology Grand Rounds are suspended until the fall



Resident Lecture Series July 2020 Noon Conferences

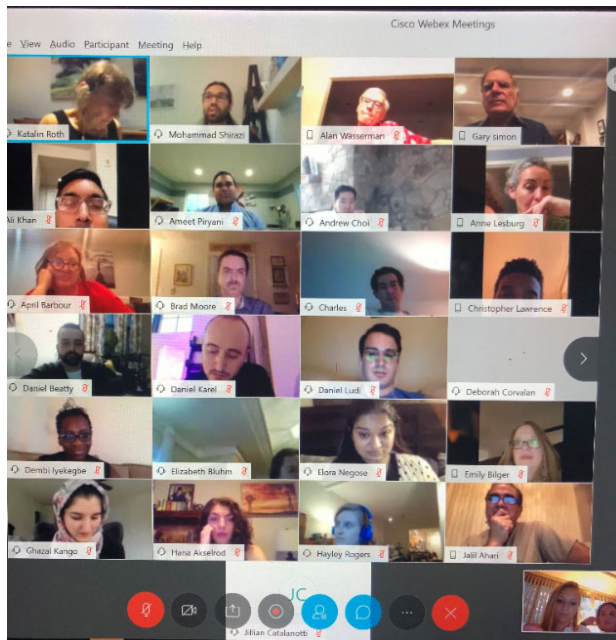
All Faculty Invited to Attend

In an effort to practice social distancing we will host Chairman's rounds, Patient Safety Conferences and Clinical Pathology Conferences via WebEx. All other resident conferences are currently suspended until further notice.

Join by phone +1-415-655-0001 Access code: 739 912 912 or <https://mfa.webex.com/mfa/j.php?MTID=m0a9fcb5540f4a6dc3ea0918af35b9b7d>
Meeting password: PeaceLoveCOVID.

- June 29 - July 3** No Conferences
- July 6** Primary Care Case Conference
- July 7** "Rehabilitation Medicine"
Nicholas Caylor
Adjunct Instructor of Health, Human Function, and Rehabilitation Sciences
GWU
- July 8** "Culinary Medicine"
Dr. Timothy Harlan
Associate Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 10** "IBD"
Dr. Samuel Kallus
Assistant Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 13** Primary Care Case Conference
- July 14** Patient Safety Conference
Drs. Mary Ishola (PGY3) Charles Baron (PGY3)
- July 15** "Alcohol Withdrawal"
Dr. Karolyn Teufel
Assistant Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 17** "Neutropenic Fever"
Dr. Afsoon Roberts
Associate Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 21** "Arrhythmia"
Dr. Allen Solomon
Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 22** "Disaster Medicine"
Dr. Jeffrey Williams
Assistant Professor of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 24** Inpatient Case Conference
- July 27** Primary Care Case Conference
- July 28** Chairman's Rounds
- July 29** "Sepsis"
Dr. Katrina Hawkins
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine and of Medicine
GW MFA
- July 31** Inpatient Case Conferences

FAREWELL CLASS OF 2020!



Picture from our virtual End of year Celebration



GME Leadership??



Class of 2020 (Picture taken at the 2019 Holiday Party)

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Addition to the Department of Medicine

Kathryn Humes, MD joins the Division of Hospital Medicine at The George Washington University Hospital as an Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Humes received her Medical Degree at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in 2016 and completed her Residency at George Washington University in 2019. During her Residency, she served as the Resident Liaison for the Medical Executive Committee and Hospital Quality Council, both of which seek to improve the quality of care delivered to the patients of GW Hospital. She also served as president of the House Officer Council and Resident Quality Improvement Council, and was involved in several other hospital and internal medicine committees during her residency.

She has written a few op-ed pieces for various online publications and has presented research at several national meetings, including those for the American College of Physicians, Society of General Internal Medicine, American College of Gastroenterology, and Society of Hospital Medicine.

She is interested in quality improvement, hospital medicine, and health policy, and served as Chief Medical Resident at The George Washington University Hospital, FY20.

Faculty Departures

Please join us as we bid farewell to the following faculty members. We are very appreciative for all the hard work that they have done for us and they will be missed.

Jacob Elkon, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology & Oncology

Nicole Ehrhardt, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Mihir Patel, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine

Marc Phillipotts, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Rheumatology

White Coats for Black Lives

On June 5th, the employees of GW SMHS, GW Hospital, and GW MFA observed 10 minutes of silence in remembrance of George Floyd.



CONDOLENCES



Our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Robert Kaiser. Dr. Kaiser was a highly ethical and scholarly individual whose practice and teaching inspired learners to develop into true professionals, to hold ideals greater than their own self-interests. He brought enormous value to the GWU Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care Medicine.

Kudos & Congratulations

Kudos...to **Drs. Robert Jablonover** and **David Parenti**, on patient comment "there are no finer physicians anywhere".

Kudos...to **Dr. Saira Bilal** (Rheumatology) who received a nice note from patient praising her for being a "wonderful doctor" and for being accepted into the Master Teacher Leadership Development Program.

Kudos...to **Dr. Adam Kilian** (Rheumatology) for serving as a regional leader for the newly established COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance. <https://smhs.gwu.edu/news/adam-kilian-md-serves-regional-leader-covid-19-global-rheumatology-alliance>

Kudos...to **Dr. Christina Puchalski** (Palliative) on helping develop webinar "Interprofessional Spiritual Care in the Time of COVID-19". <http://globalpalliativecare.org/covid-19/uploads/briefing-notes/briefing-note-interprofessional-spiritual-care-in-the-time-of-covid-19.pdf>

Congratulations...to **Dr. Nisha Patel** (PGY2) on her article <https://jamanetwork.com/channels/health-forum/fullarticle/2766649>

Congratulations...**Dr. Mbuyi** (Rheumatology) on the abstract she presented at EULAR – you can read about it here: <https://smhs.gwu.edu/news/research-finds-patients-acute-gout-spend-longer-time-ed>

Congratulations...to **Dr. Eduardo Sotomayor** (Hem/Onc) for being elected as a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology of the National Cancer Institute.

Congratulations...to **Dr. Michael Knight** (general internal medicine) for being elected as Vice-Chair of the American Medical Association's (AMA's) Minority Affairs Section.

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