What is the Fund For Medicine?

- Launched in 1991, the Fund For Medicine supports endeavors in the Weill Department of Medicine that truly make a difference in delivering outstanding patient care, the education of physician-scientists, and the development of groundbreaking research.

- Our physicians receive patients from all walks of life from the multicultural communities of New York City, as well as from the Nation and around-the-world. The cross-section of diseases seen in the Weill Department of Medicine is like none other in the world and covers the full spectrum.

- Many of our patients face life-threatening diseases, from cancers and heart disease, to kidney disease, infectious diseases, and more. The Weill Department of Medicine is on the leading edge for life-saving therapies and treatments.

- We are also providing much more than “hope” in underserved areas, in countries such as Brazil, Tanzania, and Haiti. Some of our top physician-scientists travel to these areas, having built critical patient care and research centers. And up-and-coming physician-scientists apply to our department in large numbers seeking the unparalleled training experience we offer.
2015 was a year of extraordinary growth across the Weill Department of Medicine’s tripartite mission of patient care, research, and education.

As our physician-scientists have been focused on unraveling seminal discoveries in the laboratory, our clinical enterprise grew by 8.6% and total research funding reached $79 million. At the same time, our superb faculty have continued to provide high quality patient care, while training a talented cadre of trainees. It was also another banner year in newly recruited leadership: David E. Cohen, MD, is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology; Geoffrey Stuart Pitt, MD, PhD, is Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute; and Thomas A. McGrath, MBA, is Chief Administrative Officer of the Weill Department of Medicine. Dr. Safford, who had joined us on the cusp of 2015, has swiftly consolidated our new Division of General Internal Medicine into a thriving hub for clinical care and research.

Other recent highlights have included a ribbon cutting for the Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (directed by Dr. David Artis); the unveiling of a newly remodeled facility for the Comprehensive Weight Loss Center (directed by Dr. Louis Aronne); a newly launched program in the Division of Public Health Programs (Dr. Ann Beeder, Chief) for the treatment of substance abuse in adolescents and young adults; and, of special note, The Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine Residency Program at Weill Cornell Medicine and NewYork-Presbyterian (Dr. Lia Logio, Director) was named an Apple Distinguished Program for seamlessly integrating Apple’s iPad into the curriculum. The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments.

Now, more than ever, we reconfirm our commitment to providing all of the patients we serve – from all corners of the world – with the highest quality care attainable. And, as we carry out our missions in patient care and research, I am certain that our physicians and scientists in training will uphold our department’s “tradition of excellence” for many years to come.

The department’s remarkable advances over the past year could not have been accomplished without the unwavering dedication, expertise, and camaraderie of our faculty, fellows, residents, and staff. I invite you to use this annual report publication as a resource for further information about their activities and honors. Thank you for visiting the Weill Department of Medicine.

Sincerely,

Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.
Sanford I. Weill Chairman
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine
Weill Cornell Medical College
Physician-in-Chief
NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center
Interim Dean, Weill Cornell Medical College
Interim Provost for Medical Affairs, Cornell University

"For more than a century, our department has been forging new horizons in medicine. 2015 marked a special moment on our historical timeline. We celebrated the quarter-of-a-century mark for the Fund For Medicine (FFM), a fundraising endeavor that has helped to support many critical projects in the department from groundbreaking laboratory research, to clinical care efforts in underserved areas of the world, to innovative programs in education."

Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi
Leadership and Vice Chairs

Augustine M.K. Choi, MD
Sanford I. Weill Chairman
Interim Dean, Weill Cornell Medical College

Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi is the Sanford I. Weill Chairman of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine and the Physician-in-Chief at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Before joining NYP/WC, Dr. Choi was the Parker B. Francis Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He received his MD from the University of Louisville in 1984 and completed his Internal Medicine residency in 1987 at Duke. He then pursued his Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine fellowship at Johns Hopkins from 1987-1990, and was a faculty member in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins from 1990-1998 and at Yale from 1998-2000. Dr. Choi served as Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh from 2000 to 2007 and then moved to Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 2007. He has a longstanding commitment to the training of postdoctoral fellows, and physician-scientists in lung diseases. Dr. Choi’s research interest has focused on the regulation and function of stress response genes in response to oxidative stress. He has extensively examined the molecular regulation/signaling pathways and function of heme oxygenase-1 and gaseous molecule carbon monoxide in a variety of in vitro and in vivo models of lung and vascular diseases. He is currently examining whether inhaled carbon monoxide can be an effective therapy in human disease. Dr. Choi also has interest in genomic approaches in identifying candidate genes important in the pathogenesis of lung diseases, in particular ARDS/sepsis and emphysema. His laboratory has also recently focused on the role of autophagy in acute and chronic lung diseases. Dr. Choi has authored more than 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts and serves as the Associate Editor of the American Journal of Respiratory Cellular and Molecular Biology. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. A recipient of the 2010 ATS Recognition Award for Scientific Accomplishments, Dr. Choi is currently funded by numerous NIH R01 grants and has two program project grants. As of June 1, 2016, Dr. Choi was appointed to Interim Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College.

Orli Etingin, MD
Interim Deputy Chair, Weill Department of Medicine
Vice Chair for Faculty

Dr. Orli Etingin is the founder and Medical Director of the Iris Cantor Women’s Health Center at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, a multidisciplinary group practice sponsored by the Departments of Dermatology, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Radiology, Surgery and Urology. She is the Lisa and Sanford B. Ehrenkrantz Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and serves as Vice Chair for Faculty with the Weill Department of Medicine. Dr. Etingin’s clinical expertise is in internal medicine and coagulation disorders, such as blood clotting in pregnancy. Dr. Etingin received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. After receiving her MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, she completed residency training in Internal Medicine, subspecialty training in Hematology-Oncology and a Chief Residency at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center. As the recipient of an NIH Clinical Investigator Award from 1987 to 1992, she conducted basic scientific research on thrombosis in vascular cells, leading to numerous publications in the journals Cell, Biochemistry, and Journal of Clinical Investigation. Dr. Etingin is listed in Who’s Who, Castle Connolly’s Best Doctors Guides and US News Top Doctors. She was the associate editor of the Textbook of Women’s Health, a comprehensive manual for physicians in the field. A frequently invited speaker at women’s health symposia, she has served as Moderator of the annual Women’s Health Symposium at New York Presbyterian Hospital since 1998 and as Moderator of the annual Women and the Brain Conference since 2006. Dr. Etingin is a member of the American Medical Women’s Association and the American Medical Association. She is the editor of two nationally distributed newsletters, Women’s Health Advisor and Food & Fitness Advisor, and a contributor to Everyday Health.
John Leonard, MD
Interim Deputy Chair, Weill Department of Medicine
Vice Chair for Clinical Research
Associate Dean of Clinical Research

Dr. John P. Leonard is the Vice Chair of Clinical Research in the Weill Department of Medicine, a role in which he is advancing the broad mission of the department, as well as the parent institutions of Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. He is also the Associate Dean of Clinical Research at WCMC. He serves as Chief of the Lymphoma Service and as Associate Director for Clinical Research of the Weill Cornell Cancer Center. The Richard T. Silver Distinguished Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Dr. Leonard is an innovative, internationally recognized clinical investigator in the field of hematological malignancies. He is a pioneer in the development of novel therapeutics in lymphoma, and is one of the leaders of the national lymphoma clinical trials effort as leader of the Lymphoma Committee for the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, which is part of the National Clinical Trials Network of the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Leonard has spearheaded many innovative initiatives in the Weill Department of Medicine to facilitate cutting-edge patient-oriented research.

Steven M. Lipkin, MD, PhD
Vice Chair for Basic and Translational Research

Dr. Steven Lipkin, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, is Vice Chair for Basic and Translational Research working with departmental and divisional leadership to enhance and foster the research activities of our faculty and trainees. A nationally and internationally regarded leader in the field of adult genetics, he was elected as a Member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation. His research focuses on genetic testing for hereditary cancer disorders, including the Lynch Syndrome, Familial Adenomatous Polyposis, and Hereditary Pancreatic Cancer, among others. He is an authority on cancer genetic syndromes, with a particular emphasis on hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes, and authored MAPP-MMR, a bioinformatic program that is used to interpret whether Lynch syndrome missense variants are deleterious mutations or benign polymorphisms. Dr. Lipkin has more than 60 published papers in the top peer-reviewed journals and is the author of The Genome Generation: Tales from the frontlines of Genetic Medicine, recently published in 2016 by Beacon Press. Dr. Lipkin has practiced at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College since 2009. He trained in Internal Medicine at Duke University and in Medical Genetics at the National Human Genome Research Institute, where he performed post-doctoral work in the laboratory of Francis Collins, now Director of the NIH.
Lia Logio, MD
Herbert J. and Ann L. Siegel Distinguished Professor of Medicine
Vice Chair for Education
Vice Chair for Faculty Development
Assistant Dean of Faculty Development
Director, Internal Medicine Residency Training Program

Dr. Lia Logio joined the Weill Department of Medicine in 2010 as the Vice Chair for Education and Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. She received her MD from The Johns Hopkins University and completed residency training in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center. She has received numerous regional and national teaching awards and is well known in the medical education academic community. She has served as a Content Contributor to the Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program (MKSAP) through the American College of Physicians. She was one of 20 program directors awarded the prestigious Educational Innovations Project (EIP) from the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the Residency Review Commission in Internal Medicine (RRC-IM). She has been invited to speak to the Institute of Medicine and National Institute of Health. A general internist by training, Dr. Logio has a track record of interprofessional collaboration, including authorship of on-line modules on the core concepts of patient safety for healthcare providers. She has a national reputation in innovative curriculum in graduate medical education and faculty development around leadership. She spearheaded the digital curriculum available to residents on their iPads, which led to being designated as an Apple Distinguished Education Program for her creative work. As an Assistant Dean of Faculty Development, she serves as the Director of the Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) at Weill Cornell Medical College for junior faculty and coordinates important offerings to help faculty thrive in their roles. Dr. Logio is the co-recipient of the 2016 Clinical Care Innovation Challenge Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Robert S. Brown, Jr., MD, MPH
Gladys and Roland Harriman Professor of Medicine
Vice Chair, Transitions of Care, Department of Medicine
Clinical Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Dr. Robert Brown, MPH serves as Gladys and Roland Harriman Professor of Medicine, Vice Chair of Transitions of Care for the Weill Department of Medicine, and as Clinical Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Dr. Brown is also the Director of the Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Additionally, he holds the title of Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. Dr. Brown received his BA from Harvard College, MD from New York University, and MPH from the Graduate School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley. He completed his internship in medicine at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, and his fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of California, San Francisco. An internationally recognized expert in liver disease and liver transplantation, he has co-authored more than 150 peer-reviewed articles mostly dedicated to viral hepatitis and liver transplantation. He has been an Associate Editor for *Liver Transplantation* and *Gastroenterology and Hepatology News* and published a book, *Common Liver Diseases and Transplantation: An Algorithmic Approach to Work-up and Management*. Dr. Brown is the recipient of a Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Transplant Physicians, the Senior Attending Teacher Award from Columbia University Medical Center, and the American Liver Foundation New York Chapter’s Physician of the Year.
**David Berlin, MD**  
Vice Chair for the New York Presbyterian Health Care System  

Dr. David Berlin is the Vice Chair for the New York Presbyterian Health Care System in the Weill Department of Medicine. In this role, he is responsible for fostering integration of clinical and academic missions between the Departments of Medicine of the NYP System Hospitals affiliated with Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Berlin is also Medical Director of Critical Care Services and the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the NYP-Weill Cornell Campus. He is dedicated to improving the care of critically ill patients throughout the NYP System and also active in the education of medical students and post-graduate physicians. His research interests include cardio-pulmonary physiology as well as the treatment of acute respiratory failure. After receiving his MD from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1996, Dr. Berlin completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine.

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**Susana R. Morales, MD**  
Vice Chair for Diversity  

Dr. Susana Morales is the Vice Chair for Diversity in the Weill Department of Medicine. An Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Dr. Morales joined the Weill Cornell Medicine faculty in 1998 and currently serves as the Associate Director of the Housestaff Training Program in Internal Medicine. She obtained her MD from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of New York. In the Division of General Medicine at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Dr. Morales had served as Assistant Division Director for Education and Training. She has served as a member of the governing Council of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and on the Advisory Boards of the Commonwealth Fund’s “Bettering the Health of Minority Americans” program and the National Hispanic Medical Association. She is also a board member of both the United Hospital Fund and the Latino Commission on AIDS and has served on the NYS Council on Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Morales’s honors include: J. James Smith Memorial Award (presented annually by the Weill Cornell house staff); National Medical Fellowships Community Service Award; and “Senior List,” selected by four graduating Weill Cornell Medical College classes. In 2013, she received the Pioneers in Diversity/Bruce Laine Ballard MD Award for Excellence in Mentoring, presented by the Office of Faculty Diversity in Medicine and Science, Weill Cornell Medical College. In 2015, she received the prestigious Elnora M. Rhodes SGIM Service Award - given to an individual for outstanding service to SGIM and its mission of promoting patient care, research, education and community service in the field of primary care internal medicine.

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**Jennifer Lee, MD**  
Vice Chair for Quality and Patient Safety  

Dr. Jennifer Lee serves as Vice Chair for Quality and Patient Safety in the Weill Department of Medicine. An Associate Professor of Medicine and a hospitalist in the Division of General Internal Medicine, Dr. Lee fosters collaborative efforts to ensure high quality, high value care delivery for patients in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Previously, she had served as the Quality and Patient Safety (QPS) Officer for the department, working collaboratively with the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital’s Division of Quality and Patient Safety, Weill Cornell Medicine Physician Organization QPS, and Weill Department of Medicine. She designed and co-chairs the Quality Improvement/Patient Safety (QIPS) committee and spearheaded the launch of the Quality Improvement Poster sessions, which highlights WDM faculty and resident QI projects. Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Lee earned her MD degree from the State University of New York Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and completed her combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Her research interests include reducing readmissions and improving multidisciplinary patient care and care transitions. Dr. Lee’s work has been published in the *Journal of Hospital Medicine and Academic Medicine* and she co-authored a white paper on the role of the hospitalist in care transitions with the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians.
Judy Tung, MD
Vice Chair, Weill Department of Medicine
Chair of the Department of Medicine at NYP/Lower Manhattan Hospital

Dr. Judy Tung is the Chair of the Department of Medicine at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital. She is also Section Chief of Ambulatory Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Tung obtained her MD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in 1997 and completed her Internal Medicine residency training at the University of California, San Francisco. She served for one year as a Chief Resident in Primary Care Internal Medicine at New York University before joining the faculty at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Tung served as the Director of Weill Cornell Internal Medicine Associates (WCIMA) and as Interim Chief of the Division of Internal Medicine from 2009 to 2015. She has also held other leadership positions at Weill Cornell, including Director of the Primary Care Residency, Associate Director of the Internal Medicine Residency, and Associate Chair of Educational Affairs. Dr. Tung has received a J. James Smith Teacher of the Year Award, a Primary Care Teaching Excellence Award, and she is on the Dean’s list for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Tung has spoken nationally on innovative models of primary care, including the Hospital Medical Home and the ambulatory teaching practice. She is a champion for faculty development and co-teaches the Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP).

Joseph Cooke, MD
Vice Chair, Weill Department of Medicine
Chairman of the Department of Medicine at NYP/Queens

Dr. Joseph Cooke serves as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens. He had previously served in many roles at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell (NYP/WC) for some 30 years. Before joining NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens, Dr. Cooke, an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Public Health, was our department’s Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Chairman of the General Faculty Council, and Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer for the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and critical care medicine, Dr. Cooke is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. He earned an undergraduate degree in Biology with honors from New York University and obtained his M.D. from SUNY Downstate. He and Dr. Vlad Kvetan founded and co-chaired the Critical Care Leadership Network of GNYHA (2006-2009). He continues to serve on the Medical Advisory Board for the New York Organ Donation Network, and has previously served on the Institute of Medicine’s sub-committee on organ donation after cardiac death. In addition to earning numerous teaching awards at Weill Cornell, Dr. Cooke has been honored with the NYPH Physician of the Year Award, the New York Weill Cornell Center Alumni Council Award for Outstanding Service, and the Lorraine Tredge Award from HHC for leadership in quality and patient safety. At the 2008 HRSA National Learning Congress, he was named one of 11 national champions for his work in organ donation for NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell.
David E. Cohen, MD
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Dr. David Cohen received his MD from Harvard Medical School and his doctorate from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. He completed internal medicine residency training and clinical and research fellowships in gastroenterology and hepatology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he had been on the faculty of Harvard's graduate program in biological and biomedical sciences. Previously, he served as an Associate Professor of Medicine and of Biochemistry in Marion Bessin Liver Research Center at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He has received several grants from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for his research on liver diseases. In 2012, he received a MERIT award from the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council to study regulation of lipid and glucose metabolism in the liver by the StarD2 protein. His research has been published in *Science Signaling*, *Nature Structural Biology*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *Journal of Lipid Research*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Hepatology*, *Gene*, *FASEB Journal*, *FEBS Letters*, *Biochemical Journal*, and *Biochemistry*. He has authored numerous book chapters. His honors include: American Liver Foundation Research Prize, an American Liver Foundation Liver Scholar Award, an International HDL Research Award, and a Hirschl Career Scientist Award. He was also an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the American Gastroenterological Association, and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Interurban Clinical Club. As of July 2016, he became the editor-in-chief of *Hepatology*, the premier journal in the field of hepatology, published by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

Fernando J. Martinez, MD
Chief, Division of Pulmonology and Critical Care Medicine

It was recently announced that Dr. Fernando J. Martinez has been appointed as Chief of the Division of Pulmonology and Critical Care Medicine in the Weill Department of Medicine. During 2016, he will replace the current Interim Chief, Dr. Michael Niederman. The Gladys and Roland Harriman Professor in Medicine, Dr. Martinez is a premiere translational researcher in chronic lung disease. Recognized nationally and internationally, he is known for his seminal studies in the phenotypic and functional classification as well as clinical interventions in COPD and interstitial lung disease. Dr. Martinez received his MD at the University of Florida and completed his Internal Medicine residency at Beth Israel Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He completed a Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at Boston University prior to joining the University of Michigan Medical Center as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in 1991. He rose to the rank of Professor of Medicine at University of Michigan and served as Associate Chief of Clinical Research at University of Michigan Medical Center. He was the Medical Director of Pulmonary Diagnostic Services and Pulmonary Director of the Cough/Dyspnea Clinic at the University of Michigan Medical Center and University of Michigan Health System, and also served as Associate Director of the Bronchoscopy Service, Medical Director of Lung Transplantation, and Medical Director of Pulmonary Rehabilitation at University of Michigan Medical Center. Dr. Martinez has received robust funding from the NHLBI/NIH for the past two decades and has served as principal investigator on numerous NIH grants.
Geoffrey Stuart Pitt, MD, PhD
Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute

Dr. Geoffrey Stuart Pitt has been appointed to Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Pitt joins the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology as the Ida and Theo Rossi Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Weill Department of Medicine. As Director of the CVRI, he will lead and direct the basic and translational research program focused on cardiovascular diseases and cardiovascular sciences at WCM. A nationally and internationally recognized authority on calcium signaling and ion channels, he received his MD and PhD from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed both internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship training at Stanford University Hospital and a postdoctoral fellowship at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Pitt served at Columbia University as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine and as the Esther Aboodi Assistant Professor of Medicine. He subsequently joined Duke University in 2007, where he served as the Director of the Ion Channel Research Unit, the Associate Director and Interim Director of the Cardiovascular Research Center, the Vice Chief of Basic Science, and the Co-Director of the Mandel Cardiovascular Center. An elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American, he serves as associate editor of the Journal of Clinical Investigation on the Journal of General Physiology’s Editorial Advisory Board.

Monika Safford, MD
Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine

Recruited from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine (UAB), Dr. Monika Safford is a leading scholar in the field of internal medicine. Dr. Safford obtained her MD from the Weill Cornell University Medical College and completed residency training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She previously served at UAB School of Medicine as the Inaugural Endowed Professor of Diabetes Prevention and Outcomes Research, Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education, Associate Director of the Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education, and Co-Director of UAB’s T32 Health Services and Comparative Effectiveness Research Training Program. An active principal investigator with ongoing support from the National Institutes of Health, PCORI, and industrial sources, and more than 260 papers published in the top tier journals, she is an expert in diabetes, cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention, and health disparities. She has received multiple awards for Research Excellence from UAB Department of Medicine, including the UAB Department of Medicine Max Cooper Award for Excellence in Research. She has trained and mentored numerous medical students, graduate students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty members. From 1997 to 2003, Dr. Safford was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-NJ Medical School, and she has worked at the Birmingham Veterans Administration Medical Center in Alabama (2003 to 2007). She has chaired national meetings for the Society of General Internal Medicine and the American Diabetes Association, for which she serves on a steering committee for an ISTEP medical education initiative and was a Co-Chair of the ISTEP Writing Committee. Dr. Safford’s honors include the American Association of Medical Colleges Learning Health System Research Pioneer Award (2013-14) and a Gold Honor Society Humanism Program faculty mentor appointment (2012).
Thomas A. McGrath, MBA
Chief Administrative Officer
Weill Department of Medicine

Thomas A. McGrath, MBA, has been appointed to Chief Administrative Officer for the Weill Department of Medicine. In this role, Mr. McGrath will direct administrative and business activities within the department, including finance, accounting, research administration, clinical operations, capital planning, ITS, academic appointments, and education. Before joining Weill Cornell, Mr. McGrath served as Chief Operating Officer at the University of Miami Health System, Director of Finance and Administration for the Department of Medicine at Stanford University, and Vice President and UCH Officer of the Comer Children’s Hospital at The University of Chicago. He holds a BA and an MBA from the University of Illinois.

Jane E. Salmon, MD
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

Dr. Jane Salmon is the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at Weill Cornell Medicine. She is the Collette Kean Research Chair and Director of the Lupus and Antiphospholipid Center of Excellence at Hospital for Special Surgery. Dr. Salmon received her MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed her residency training at The New York Hospital and subspecialty training in rheumatology at Hospital for Special Surgery. Dr. Salmon is an internationally recognized scientist whose research focuses on mechanisms of organ injury in autoimmune disease. Her basic and clinical studies have expanded understanding of pregnancy complications and cardiovascular disease in patients with lupus. Groundbreaking laboratory discoveries about causes of pregnancy loss and preeclampsia, and subsequent observational studies in women with lupus, have allowed her to identify new targets to reduce damage and improve outcomes in patients with autoimmune illness. In recognition of her contributions, she was awarded the Carol Nachman Prize in Rheumatology (premier international award recognizing innovative research in rheumatology), the Virginia Kneeland Frantz ’22 Distinguished Women in Medicine Award from the Columbia P&S Alumni Association, the Evelyn V. Hess Award from the Lupus Foundation of America, and election to the American Association of Physicians. Dr. Salmon has held leadership roles in the American College of Rheumatology, the Rheumatology Research Foundation, and the Alliance of Lupus Research. As one of the first Hospital for Special Surgery staff members to hold a senior leadership position at Weill Cornell Medicine, she is positioned to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions in biomedical research, patient care and education.
Honors & Awards

Research Awards

The Department of Medicine Annual Investigators Award
This award is presented annually to members of the Weill Department of Medicine below the rank of professor who perform on outstanding levels in the areas of clinical and/or basic biomedical research. Supported by the Michael Wolk Foundation.

Winner
Lukas Dow, PhD
Topic: Inducible in vivo genome editing with CRISPR/Cas9
Division: Belfer Research Laboratory Hematology and Medical Oncology

Runners-Up
James E. Ip, MD
Topic: Unifying Mechanism of Sustained Idiopathic Atrial and Ventricular Annular Tachycardia
Division: Cardiology

Michael Satlin, MD
Topic: Colonization with ESBL-Producing Enterobacteriaceae and Subsequent Risk of Bacteremia in Patients Undergoing Hematopoietic Division: Infectious Diseases

The David E. Rogers Memorial Research Award
This award was established in 1995 to encourage medical residents to continue their investigative research in internal medicine. Four finalists are chosen to present their research at Medical Grand Rounds. The award was founded and is chaired by Holly S. Andersen, MD, Director of Education and Outreach at The Ronald O. Perelman Heart Institute (and Associate Attending Physician at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College) and is funded by the Holly Andersen Heart Foundation.

Winner
Chrystal Landry, MD
Topic: Increased Bone Marrow Plasma Cells at Diagnosis Predicts Overall Mortality in Al Amyloidosis Patients Undergoing Risk-Adapted Stem Cell Transplantation
Division: Cardiology

Runner-Up
Richard Wang, MD
Topic: In-Hospital and One-Year Post-Hospitalization Mortality for Medical Inpatients in Tanzania
Division: Infectious Disease

Finalists
Yulian Khagi, MD
Topic: Anti-Prostate-Specific Antigen J591 Plus Low Dose Il2 as Novel Immunotherapy in Patients with Recurrent Prostate Cancer
Division: Hematology and Medical Oncology

Aleksey Novikov, MD
Topic: Mucosal Response to Ustekinumab in Crohn’s Disease
Division: Hematology and Medical Oncology

The Department of Medicine Annual Fellow Research Award
Initiated in 2002, the Fellow Award in Research is presented annually to fellows within the Weill Department of Medicine who have presented outstanding research.

Winner
Bishoy Morris Faltas, MD
Topic: Clonal Evolution of Platinum-Resistant Metastatic Urothelial Cancer
Division: Hematology and Medical Oncology

Finalists
Flonza Isa, MD
Topic: A Novel Biomarker for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis
Division: Infectious Disease

Sunnie Kim, MD
Topic: CUB Domain-Containing Protein 1 (CDCP1) Promotes Metastatic Phenotype in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma
Division: Hematology and Medical Oncology
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Clinical Scholars

The Clinical Scholar Endowment is designed to provide outstanding junior faculty members in the Department of Medicine with financial support early in their careers. Support is provided specifically to help young physicians balance patient care with research and teaching. The awards allow junior faculty to make a commitment to academic medicine and, as a result, support promising new talent.

Dr. Eleni Andreopoulu
Madeline and Stephen Anbinder Clinical Scholar in Hematology/Oncology

Dr. Leandro Cerchietti
Raymond and Beverly Sackler Research Scholar

Dr. Jennifer Downs (as of 2016)
Friedman Research Scholar

Dr. James E. Ip
Bruce B. Lerman Clinical Scholar

Dr. Robert J. Kaner
James P. Smith M.D. Scholar
Dr. Maria G. Karas (as of 2016)
Michael Wolk Heart Foundation Clinical Scholar in Cardiology

Dr. Laura Kirkman
William Randolph Hearst Foundation Clinical Scholar in Microbiology & Infectious Diseases

Dr. Sonal Kumar (as of 2016)
Anne and Ken Estabrook Clinical Scholar in Gastroenterology

Dr. Veronica M. LoFaso
Roland Balay Clinical Scholar

Dr. Peter Martin
Charles, Lillian, and Betty Neuwirth Clinical Scholar in Oncology

Dr. Margaret L. McNairy
Bonnie Johnson Sacerdote Clinical Scholar

Dr. Sonal Mehta
Joachim Silbermann Family Clinical Scholar in Geriatrics

Dr. Allyson J. Ocean
Anne Moore M.D. Clinical Scholar in Hematology-Oncology

Dr. Karin-Elizabeth Ouchida
Joachim Silbermann Family Clinical Scholar in Geriatrics

Dr. Sharda D. Ramsaroop
Joachim Silbermann Family Clinical Scholar in Geriatrics

Dr. Selin Somersan-Karakaya
Nan and Stephen Swid Research Scholar

Dr. Amir Soumekh (as of 2016)
Linda Horowitz Cancer Research Foundation Clinical Scholar in Gastroenterology

Teaching Awards

Class of 1952 Resident Physician Prize
Dr. Bryant Webb

The House Staff Teaching Award
Dr. Jaime Fineman
Dr. Josh Smith

The Leonard Tow Humanism Award
Dr. Susan Ball

The Senior List
Dr. David Berlin
Dr. Pamela Charney
Dr. Todd Cutler
Dr. Ernie Esquivel
Dr. Yoon Kang
Dr. Matthew McCarthy
Dr. Anthony Ogedegbe

First Year Teaching Award
Dr. Robert Kim

Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award of Alpha Omega Alpha
Dr. Lawrence Levin

Neal Flomenbaum, MD, Prize for Excellence in Emergency Medicine
Named in honor of Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, Professor of Clinical Medicine and Physician-in-Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The prize includes $50,000 and is awarded annually to a faculty member who has shown dedication and innovation in the field of emergency medicine practice, education, and research. This is an endowed gift made possible by Weill Cornell Overseer Herbert J. Siegel and his wife, Jeanne Siegel.
Dr. Michael E. Stern

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM)
Dr. Jeremiah A. Barondess
Dr. Lewis C. Cantley
Dr. R. Gordon Douglas, Jr. (Emeritus)
Dr. Joseph J. Fins
Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher
Dr. Antonio M. Gotto, Jr.
Dr. Gary A. Koretzky
Dr. Ralph L. Nachman
Dr. Carl F. Nathan
Dr. Jean W. Pape
Dr. Andrew I. Schafer
Dr. David J. Skorton

Association of American Physicians
Dr. Jeremiah A. Barondess (Emeritus)
Dr. Jose Baselga (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Carl P. Blobel (HSS)
Dr. Mary E. Charlson
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Dr. Roy M. Gulick
Dr. Katherine A. Hajjar (secondary appt)
Dr. Barbara L. Hempstead
Dr. Jules Hirsch (Rockefeller Affiliate)
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Dr. Mary Jeanne Kreek
( Rockefeller Affiliate)
Dr. Aaron J. Marcus (VA NY Harbor Healthcare System Affiliate)*
Dr. Paul A. Marks (MSKCC Affiliate)
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Dr. Eric G. Pamer (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Cam Patterson
Dr. Marcus M. Reidenberg
Dr. Neal Rosen (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Jane E. Salmon (HSS Affiliate)
Dr. Charles L. Sawyers (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Andrew I. Schafer
Dr. David A. Scheinberg (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Manikkam Suthanthiran
Dr. Marcel van den Brink (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Thomas J. Walsh
Dr. Babette B. Weksler (Emeritus)
Dr. Marc E. Weksler (Emeritus)
Dr. Shahin Rafii
Dr. Marcus M. Reidenberg

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Dr. James J.-D. Hsieh (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Katherine C. Hsu (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Lionel B. Ivashkiv
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Dr. Gary Koretzky
Dr. Ione A. Kourides (Voluntary)
Dr. Ola C. Landgren (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Jeffrey C. Laurence
Dr. John P. Leonard
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Dr. Alessandra B. Pernis (HSS Affiliate)
Dr. David N. Posnett
Dr. Shahin Rafii

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The American Society for Clinical Investigation
Dr. Jose Baselga (MSKCC Affiliate)
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Dr. Kyu Y. Rhee
Dr. Arleen B. Rifkind
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Dr. Marc E. Weksler (Emeritus)
Dr. Jedd Wolchok (MSKCC Affiliate)
Dr. Alastair J. J. Wood (Courtesy)
Castle Connolly Top Doctors

(This list is based on an online search of Castle Connolly America’s Top Doctors for calendar year 2015. It does not reflect Castle Connolly metro listings. This list includes physicians who hold titles in the Weill Department of Medicine.)

Cardiac Electrophysiology
Dr. Jim Cheung
Dr. Bruce Lerman
Dr. Steven M. Markowitz

Cardiovascular Disease
Dr. Olakunle Akinboboye (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Holly Andersen
Dr. James A. Blake
Dr. David Blumenthal
Dr. Robert D. Campagna
Dr. Richard Devereux
Dr. Timothy C. Dutta
Dr. Kenneth W. Franklin
Dr. Richard M. Fuchs
Dr. Harvey Goldberg
Dr. Evelyn Horn
Dr. John T. Hsueh (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Lawrence Inra
Dr. Mazen O. Kamen
Dr. Todd C. Kerwin (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Paul Kligfield
Dr. Karla M. Kurrelmeyer (Texas Methodist)
Dr. John Mahmarian (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Bassem M. Masri
Dr. Ellen Mellow
Dr. David H. Miller
Dr. Richard L. Mueller
Dr. Sherif F. Nagueh (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Martin R. Post
Dr. Craig M. Pratt (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Shuja Qadir (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Miguel A. Quinones (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Howard S. Rubin (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Allison Spatz
Dr. Theodore Tyberg
Dr. Michael J. Wolk

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
Dr. Richard Bockman
Dr. David Brillon
Dr. Dale J. Hamilton (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Barry J. Klyde
Dr. Andrew J. Martorella
Dr. Steven Petak (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Richard Robbins (Texas Methodist)
Joseph M. Tibaldi (NYP/Queens)

Family Medicine
Dr. Thomas G. Molnar (NYP/Queens)

Gastroenterology
Dr. Bincy P. Abraham (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Paul M. Basuk
Dr. Karl T. Bednarek
Dr. Robert S. Brown, Jr.
Dr. Michael C. Cantor
Dr. Bradley A. Connor
Dr. Robert B. Cooper
Dr. Gulchin A. Ergun (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Howard Goldin
Dr. Michel Kahaleh
Dr. Bart A. Kummer
Dr. Arnon Lambroza
Dr. James D. Lax
Dr. Daniel L. Lorber (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Franklin Marsh, Jr.
Dr. Paul Miskowitz
Dr. Jerry Nagler
Dr. Michel e. Nussbaum (NYP/Queens)
Dr. James A. Rand (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Michal Moshe Rubin (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Ellen Scherl
Dr. Michael J. Schmerin
Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman
Dr. Meyer N. Solny
Dr. Arnold L. Weg
Dr. Gil Weitzman

Geriatric Medicine
Dr. Ronald D. Adelman
Dr. Mark Lachs
Dr. Cynthia X. Pan (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Bharath Raman
Dr. Eugenia L. Siegler

Hematology
Dr. Maria De Sancho
Dr. John Leonard
Dr. Ruben Nieszvizky
Dr. Gail Roboz
Dr. Andrew Schafer
Dr. Koen W. Van Besien
Dr. David J. Wolf

Immunology & Allergy
Dr. Clifford W. Bassett
Dr. Daniel A. Burton
Dr. Michael J. Chandler
Dr. Gillian Shepherd

Infectious Disease
Dr. Barry Brause
Dr. Ashley L. Drews (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Victor N. Fainstein (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Marshall J. Glesby
Dr. David L. Helfgott
Dr. Jonathan L. Jacobs
Dr. Chester W. Lerner
Dr. Henry W. Murray
Dr. Howard E. Rosenberg
Dr. David S. Rubin
Dr. Sorana Segal-Maurer
Dr. Paul Smith
Dr. Rosemary Soave
Dr. Ole Vielemeyer

Internal Medicine
Dr. Monica Altmann
Dr. Louis J. Aronne
Dr. Christopher Barley
Dr. Thomas L. Baxter III (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Allan E. Beyda
Dr. Richard Cohen
Medical Oncology
Dr. Himisha Beltran
Dr. Jenny Chang (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Morton Coleman
Dr. Engracio P. Cortes (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Julian A. Decker
Dr. Mitchell Gaynor
Dr. Robert Gelfand
Dr. Edward Gelmann
Dr. Ana Molina
Dr. Anne Moore
Dr. David Nanus
Dr. Mark Pasmanter
Dr. Bonnie S. Reichman
Dr. Joseph Ruggiero
Dr. Scott Tagawa
Dr. Linda Vahebat

Nephrology
Dr. Phyllis August
Dr. Jon Blumenfeld
Dr. Stephen T. Brennan (Texas Methodist)
Dr. James Chevalier
Dr. Marilyn Galler (NYP/Queens)
Dr. Robert Matalon
Dr. Stuart Saal
Dr. John C. Wang

Pulmonary Disease
Dr. Lester W. Blair (NYP/LMH)
Dr. Brian D. Gelbman
Dr. Ana C. Krieger
Dr. Daniel Libby
Dr. Abraham Sanders
Dr. Sidney K. Stein
Dr. Dana Zappetti

Rheumatology
(Hospital for Special Surgery)
Dr. Juliet B. Aizer
Dr. Dalit Ashany
Dr. Anne R. Bass
Dr. Stephen J. Di Martino
Dr. Doruk Erkan
Dr. Theodore Fields
Dr. Allan Gibofsky
Dr. Susan Goodman
Dr. C. Ronald MacKenzie
Dr. Joseph A. Markenson
Dr. Edward Parrish
Dr. Linda Russell
Dr. Jane e. Salmon
Dr. Lisa R. Sammaritano
Dr. Sergio Schwartzman
Dr. Sandra L. Sessoms (Texas Methodist)
Dr. Robert Spiera
Dr. Richard Stern
Dr. Hendricks H. Whitman III
Dr. Arthur M. F. Yee

(All honors, awards, and titles contained in this section reflect calendar year 2015, except where noted.)
The Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology is a leader in cardiovascular research, education and clinical care. The division’s mission is to remain at the forefront of scientific and technological developments that are revolutionizing cardiology and to translate these findings to the clinical bedside. Our internationally renowned programs investigate the basic mechanisms of cardiovascular disease, including the genetics of heart disease, the cellular signals and transcription factors responsible for cardiac development, the transformation and homing of stem cells for myocardial regeneration and the delineation of the molecular bases for cardiac arrhythmias. Strategies are continually implemented to enhance physical space, expand comprehensive clinical programs and continue our history of cutting-edge research. The Division continues to develop and deliver cutting-edge therapies for heart disease and to advance clinical investigation. Expert faculty provide mentoring, training and supervision to medical students, internal medicine residents and fellows in cardiology, preparing them as tomorrow's leaders. The faculty also provide a host of weekly conferences for internal and external colleagues.

From basic science, investigating the mechanisms of arrhythmias and large population-based studies of new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, to a vast array of cardiovascular conditions and diseases, the focus is on improving patient care. This involves a majority of our faculty and almost all of cardiology fellows-in-training, as well as postdoctoral trainees and graduate and medical students, thus creating a rich intellectual milieu in which trainees develop into experienced investigators.

Clinical services achieve superior outcomes in all areas, from cutting-edge interventional and imaging laboratories, to outpatient consultative and ongoing care. Patient care covers all types of heart and vascular diseases, including, but not limited to, arrhythmias, coronary and peripheral arterial disease, valve disease, the Marfan syndrome and inherited heart diseases, as well as heart failure and transplantation cardiology. To allow immediate treatment of patients presenting in the early stages of a heart attack, there exists 24-hour, in-hospital coverage of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Telemetry and Step-Down Unit and the interventional laboratory.

2015 saw continued growth in all areas of cardiology research. Dr. Jonathan Weinsaft’s cardiac MRI team launched a five-year NIH-funded study to determine ways to use advanced imaging techniques to guide treatment options for patients with coronary artery disease (CAD). On the electrophysiology front, the PRAETORIAN study, led by Dr. Jim Cheung, compares two kinds of implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) systems, which automatically detect dangerous arrhythmias and can provide a life-saving “shock” (cardioversion or defibrillation). Traditional ICD systems are attached directly to the heart by a wire or “lead” that passes through a vein in the chest, while the subcutaneous ICD is implanted under the skin and does not touch the heart directly. The Cath Lab continued to lead the way in testing safer treatments for valve disorders, launching the COAPT Trial under Dr. S. Chiu Wong for patients at high risk for surgery for mitral valve replacement. The PEAC team continues with leadership from Dr. James M. Horowitz, Assistant Professor of Medicine, along with Dr. Ronald S. Winokur from Interventional Radiology.
After a national search, Dr. Geoffrey Stuart Pitt was recruited to Weill Cornell and appointed to Director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute (CRVI). Dr. Pitt has joined the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology as the Ida and Theo Rossi Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Weill Department of Medicine. As Director of the CRVI, he will lead and direct the basic and translational research program focused on cardiovascular diseases and cardiovascular sciences at WCM.

Dr. Cam Patterson, Professor of Medicine, received the prestigious 2015 Distinguished Scientist Award from the American College of Cardiology (ACC) which was presented to him at the College’s 64th Annual Scientific Session.

Dr. Lerman, Division Chief, continues to serve on the editorial boards of Circulation, Heart Rhythm, The Journal of Cardiac Electrophysiology, Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology and The Journal of Innovations in Cardiac Rhythm Management. Dr. Steven Markowitz serves on the Electrophysiology Committee, American College of Cardiology, and on the editorial boards of HeartRhythm and Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology.

During 2015, the division recruited James Lo, MD, PhD and Jiwon Kim, MD. Dr. Lo is working with the Metabolic Research Institute, and was appointed to Assistant Professor of Medicine (jointly, Division of Cardiology and Weill Cornell Metabolic Health Center). Dr. Lo’s primary focus will be to develop a research program focused on understanding the molecular link between cardiometabolic and inflammatory diseases: the ultimate goal is to develop novel therapies directed against obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Kim will bring outstanding skill to the division’s non-invasive imaging team.

Cardiology Fellowships

- Cardiology: 3-year program that prepares highly qualified candidates for careers in investigative and clinical cardiology (Erica C. Jones, MD, Program Director)
- Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology (CCEP): 2-year training fellowship for intensive clinical training in mapping and ablation of complex arrhythmias (Jim W. Cheung, MD Program Director)
- Interventional Cardiology: 2-year advanced training fellowship in percutaneous coronary interventions utilizing all currently available technologies (Robert Minutello, MD, Program Director)
- Advanced Heart Failure and transplant Cardiology: 1-year training program in the management of the advanced congestive heart failure patient population (Irina Sobol, MD, Program Director)
Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluative Sciences Research

The Division of Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluative Sciences Research draws upon the talents and experience of a multidisciplinary group of faculty based at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University-Ithaca, and other institutions.

Faculty members are experts in qualitative and quantitative research methodology, health services research, clinical epidemiology, medical informatics, decision sciences, health disparities research, community-based participatory research, clinimetrics, outcomes research, behavioral science, and health education. They work together in a series of activities designed to encourage, and systematically support, the development of new research initiatives within, and outside, the division. Additionally, the division leads in the training of junior investigators; to date, T32 trainees in the division have received more than $100 million in peer-reviewed funding. All of our fellows are active in research; and all 6 fellows having submitted abstracts for the 2016 NRSA Annual Trainees Research Conference. Fellows also presented at the Infectious Diseases Society of America annual conference, American Urological Association, American Society of Andrology Patient-Reported Outcomes in Surgery Conference American College of Rheumatology.

The division has a strong track record with the NIH and an ongoing commitment to fostering a new generation of investigators via T32 grants and other opportunities. As leaders in population health research, the division plays a unique role at WCMC through its contributions to behavioral, health disparities, and population health, and has enrolled more than 3,000 patients in investigator studies. The division provides national leadership in “bending the cost curve” by implementing innovative and evaluative strategies for population management. Related areas of investigation include studies to improve clinical outcomes, behavioral science research, research on complex patients with a significant burden of comorbidity, and comparative effectiveness. In order to stimulate and support new clinical, health services, and outcomes research within and outside the Weill Department of Medicine, the division houses consultative services to investigators; e.g., informatics and data management support and graduate training programs in clinical epidemiology and research methodology.

Under the auspices of the SCALE grants, expansion continues in the area of community-based research with Dr. Erica Phillips-Caesar. SCALE partnered with several faith-based and community-based organizations in Harlem and the South Bronx that have become critical partners in the division’s research initiatives on health disparities.

Our faculty continue to publish top tier research papers exploring the relationship between social network characteristics and weight loss in minority adults and the use of small change eating and physical activity behavioral strategies for weight loss.

Mary E. Charlson, MD
Chief, Division of Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluative Sciences Research
Executive Director, Center for Integrative Medicine

William T. Foley
Distinguished Professor of Medicine
Professor of Medicine
Weill Cornell Medical College
Attending Physician
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

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<td>A 2-year training program (T32 AHRQ Fellowship Program) that trains post-residency physicians to conduct methodologically rigorous health services research in a multidisciplinary environment.</td>
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The education mission is alive and well with tremendous growth in our training environment. We continue to articulate our mission as follows:

- To cultivate extraordinary physicians who consistently demonstrate their unwavering dedication to each individual patient in front of them
- To encourage thinking anew about medicine in its science, its art, and its delivery
- To create a lifetime academic home for our medical community members

**Faculty Development:**
The Weill Department of Medicine continues to invest in the faculty to promote their academic success. Fifteen individuals from the department participated this year in the WCMC Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP), representing nine of the divisions. The LAMP series is led by Dr. Lia Logio and Dr. Judy Tung. We continued to support other faculty to participate in national faculty development programs, including the AAMC Minority Faculty Development Program, the AAMC Mid-career Women Faculty Program, and the AAIM Executive Leadership Program. Dr. Lia Logio was appointed as an Assistant Dean of Faculty Development and continues to develop and offer interactive workshops to help our faculty succeed in their various roles.

In the area of bedside ultrasound, a week-long course has been developed and offered three times this year to help faculty feel adept at using this tool to enhance the physical exam, diagnostic accuracy, and implementing treatments quickly. The hospital medicine faculty have been instrumental in leading this charge together with the residency program leaders.

Drs. Lia Logio and Howard Goldin have continued their series of Basic Science for the Practicing Physicians with the course on Obesity and Metabolism (Spring 2016).

**Fellowships:**
Home to twelve subspecialty fellowships, the Department continues to attract the best and brightest young physicians into its programs. The fellowship programs are cultivating time and mentors in academic investigation with great success. A number of accolades have been granted to their scientific products including the Glorney-Raisbeck fellowship awarded to Dr. Parag Goyal, an outgoing cardiology fellow, to fund an additional year of support for his study on important outcomes of patients with heart failure. Dr. David Brillon will step down as fellowship director for Endocrinology and Metabolism with Dr. Aaron Schulman stepping into the role. Dr. Carl Crawford will also shift into the fellowship director role for the Gastroenterology program. The obesity fellowship continues to grow (currently not accredited by ACGME) but will likely grow into an accredited program in the next few years. Our obesity program continues to be the model program for the rest of the country.

**Residency:**
The NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Internal Medicine Residency Program continues its long-standing commitment to training extraordinary physicians and academic scholars. The residency program places a strong emphasis on critical thinking about medicine as well as maximizing time at the bedside. In the era of duty hours, the program has been innovative in how to deliver the highest quality education and most up to date information. This year much of the curriculum shifted to a digital playground available on iPads where residents find a treasure trove of multimedia, evidence-based, cutting edge information to enhance their learning, all completely searchable. iPads as portable devices also augment the bedside discussions with patients where imaging and labs can be shared and explained. Additional conferences round out the education with the newest additions including a morbidity and mortality (M & M) conference on diagnostic error, value in practice to reinforce high value care, and the always popular senior seminar series where our PGY3s dazzle us with their expertise on a favorite subject.
The core research curriculum continues to grow, now reaching 100% of the PGY2 residents. By the end of the two week course, every resident is well equipped with a mentor, a project, and a written map to produce scholarship in an area of interest. Dr. Stephen Wilson provides hands on mentoring as well as the core content on research methodologies. The number of abstracts, presentations, and manuscripts from resident projects continues to soar.

**Medical Students:**
Medical student teaching is coordinated by Drs. Ernie Esquivel and Shelene Stiner (clerkship), Dr. David Berlin (critical care clerkship) and Dr. Dana Zappetti (subinternship). The third year medicine clerkship continues to be a top rated clerkship with authentic patient care responsibilities for the students. The fourth year subinternship and our advanced hospital medicine rotation remains favorites for fourth year students, where they can immerse themselves in the myriad flavors of inpatient internal medicine. We continue to host our students from Weill Cornell-Qatar to spend time as subinterns and on electives during their fourth year.

**Education Highlights from 2015 include:**
- Apple Distinguished Education Award designation as innovators and leaders in education; the only GME program to be awarded this designation (at time of this publication). Use of iPads with iBooks and iTunesU platform with multimedia, searchable educational materials have created high engagement in learning across the residency program.
- Launch of the four chief resident model with tremendous advantages for the program. Each chief served as a firm leader for a quarter of the residents, creating a much stronger cohesion within the residency community, residents feeling more supported and connected to the whole.
- Success of the new critical care clerkship for medical students under the direction of Dr. David Berlin co-hosted by the Department of Anesthesiology.
- Continued strong recruitment of top medical students into internal medicine with 24 matching in top programs, 6 choosing to stay at Weill Cornell for residency.
Research Publications & National Presentation Highlights

We continue to have many of our residents participate in research activities leading to national presentations and publications. A new initiative for both residents and fellows seeking a better understanding of how to do research includes a core curriculum of didactics with hands-on mentoring to provide a real taste of science and inquiry.

Education Publications:

Education Presentations:

Gudi K, Rajwani K, Lief L, Friedman O, Jalali C. A Longitudinal Simulation Curriculum: Using X+Y to Create a Novel and Universal Educational Experience for all Interns. Poster presented at Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) Spring Conference; 2016 April 17-21; Las Vegas, NV.


Resident Scholarship:


Down, C. The Risk of Cardiovascular Disease and Death Over 10 Years in HIV/HCV Co-Infected Patients With and Without Steatosis. Poster to be presented at the 8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Vancouver, Canada. 19-22 July 2015.


Dr. Rahul Sharma is the newly appointed Chief of the Division of Emergency Medicine and Emergency Physician-In-Chief for NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He succeeds Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, who previously led the division providing decades of distinguished service, and who now serves as Chief of Emergency Medical Services. Dr. Sharma is bringing outstanding clinical, research, and teaching acumen to the division. Under his leadership, the division is expanding efforts to improve throughput, quality, and safety measures to continue to improve the outstanding patient care provided. In addition, Dr. Sharma has placed great emphasis on increasing the robustness of research and academic contributions, expanding the breadth and depth of research while also providing the highest level of clinical care by emergency medicine faculty.

Dr. Sharma previously served as Executive Vice Chief of Emergency Medicine at NYP/Weill Cornell, and prior to joining NYP/Weill Cornell, was the Medical Director and Associate Chief of Service of the emergency department at NYU Langone Medical Center. At NYU Langone, he led critical rebuilding efforts after Superstorm Sandy. He is the recipient of two national teaching awards, including the Emergency Medicine Residents’ Association National Excellence in Teaching Award and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) National Faculty Teaching Award. He sits on two American College of Emergency Physicians national committees and serves as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Known for his groundbreaking work on operational improvement, patient flow, and leadership development, Dr. Sharma is leading the division with a major focus on best practices that will allow physicians to spend more time with patients and thus enhance the patient-provider relationship. There are currently 60 Weill Cornell faculty members in the division who, during 2015, treated over 110,000 Emergency Department patients at the 68th Street and NYP-Lower Manhattan Hospital campuses.

Research is growing in the Division of Emergency Medicine with a research infrastructure led by Dr. Sunday Clark. In addition to research contributing to the scientific literature in the areas of Emergency/Critical Care, Geriatric Emergency Medicine, Global and International Health, Graduate Medical Education, and Wilderness Medicine, the division is expanding clinical and translational research focused on the use of technology and innovation (e.g. telehealth) as part of the clinical care model.

The NYP/Weill Cornell ED is officially designated as a 911 receiving hospital, a NYS level I trauma center, a stroke center, a spinal cord injury center, and a psychiatric emergency receiving center. It is also the burn center for the City of New York, a chest pain center, and maintains one of the largest hospital-based ambulance services in the northeast that provides basic, advanced, and critical pediatric and adult pre-hospital care.
As part of a world-class academic medical center, the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism is dedicated to excellence in providing quality care to patients with endocrine and metabolic disorders; conducting promising research to advance the frontiers of endocrinology and diabetes; and training of highly motivated and dedicated physicians to become successful clinicians and physician-scientists. Division Chief, Dr. Imperato-McGinley serves as the Principal Investigator of the Weill Cornell NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) promoting translation of research from bed to bedside and to the community to improve public health.

Established in 1997, the Diabetes Center in Endocrinology provides the highest standard of care for patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus. It offers a multidisciplinary team approach for diabetes care with comprehensive case management and the development of an individualized treatment plan. An expert team is composed of diabetologists, certified diabetes educators, and registered dieticians who are experienced in intensive diabetes management, including insulin pump therapy. The Center also has extensive experience in the management of gestational diabetes in patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus. The Diabetes Center receives federal funding to support ongoing clinical research.

The division’s areas of expertise in clinical care also include: general endocrinology; reproductive endocrinology, including the treatment of menstrual irregularities, hirsutism, and menopause; thyroid disease, with particular emphasis on thyroid cancer; disorders of calcium metabolism; and osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. Should surgery be necessary for the treatment of an endocrine disorder, we also have an endocrine surgeon on-site.

The subspecialty program in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism is designed to provide the training and experience necessary to acquire all competencies critical to becoming an expert in this field. This comprehensive program fulfills the needs of trainees anticipating a clinical and/or basic endocrine research career in academia; those expecting to function as clinician-educators; and those interested in pursuing the clinical practice of endocrinology.

The division conducts promising state-of-the-art research to generate new knowledge and improve understanding with the ultimate goal of applying the latest scientific and medical advances for the prevention, detection, and treatment of patients with endocrine diseases. Major areas of research include: Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC), for which Dr. Imperato-McGinley serves as the Principal Investigator of Weill Cornell Medical College’s $49 million NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA); Molecular Genetics of Male Sexual Differentiation and Development, a study defining the genetic defects of subjects with inherited conditions affecting male sexual differentiation, particularly subjects with 5α-reductase-2 deficiency; Molecular Genetics of 21 Hydroxylase Deficiency, a study to identify inherited genetic defects in the 21-hydroxylase enzyme in humans which result in genital ambiguity (genotype-phenotype relationships of this condition also being studied); The Epidemiology of Diabetes Intervention and Complications Trial (EDIC), a continuation of the multicenter Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) evaluating the effect of intensive glucose control on both microvascular and macrovascular complications of diabetes; The Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes (ACCORD) trial, a multicenter study of the effects of intensive versus conventional glucose, blood pressure and lipid treatment on cardiovascular disease in 10,000 individuals with type II diabetes mellitus; Molecular
Basis of Sex Steroid Hormone Interaction in Prostate Diseases, a study focusing on androgen-estrogen interaction in the prostate and the development of specific estrogen analogs with fewer side effects for the hormonal therapy of prostate cancer; The Effects and Mechanisms of Dietary Fat in Prostate Development and Pathogenesis to facilitate development of strategies for prostate cancer prevention; and Chinese Herbal Medicine and Phytochemicals in Prostate Cancer studies to determine their effects in the treatment of prostate cancer in animal models, elucidating mechanisms of action, with the ultimate goal of proceeding to clinical trials in patients with advanced prostate cancer. In addition to a specific Chinese herbal formula, phytochemicals derived from Chinese herbs, such as genistein and camptothecin analogs, are also being evaluated.

Our division includes the Center for Weight Management and Metabolic Clinical Research directed by Louis J. Aronne, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine and the Sanford I. Weill Professor of Metabolic Research. Dr. Aronne provides state-of-the art patient care and leads numerous clinical trials for the management of obesity and metabolic disease. The center also mentors Master’s students from the Institute for Human Nutrition, Columbia University, and WCMC medical students pursuing research experience. In 2015, the center was remodeled and an official unveiling of the state-of-the-art facilities was held in their offices at 1165 York Avenue.

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Fellowship

Aaron Schulman, MD
Program Director
Stephanie Fish, MD
Associate Program Director
Richard S. Bockman, MD, PhD
Associate Program Director

The Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism fellowship is a joint program with NewYork-Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS). It is a 2-year training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
Dr. Robert S. Brown, Jr. has recently completed his distinguished service as the Interim Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and will serve as Clinical Chief of the Division, while continuing to direct the rapidly growing liver transplant program. Dr. David E. Cohen has been appointed as the new Chief for this division, having been recruited from Harvard Medical School at Brigham and Women’s Hospital (please see Leadership section for biography). A member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and the Interurban Clinical Club, Dr. Cohen is focused on the molecular regulation of hepatic lipid and glucose metabolism. With robust funding from the NIH, The Cohen Laboratory investigates the molecular regulation of nutrient metabolism and energy homeostasis by membrane lipids and has elucidated the pathogenic roles of lipid-binding START domain proteins in insulin resistance and obesity.

The Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology provides outstanding and compassionate patient care, offering first-rate clinical services in a wide range of subspecialty areas, including hepatology, inflammatory bowel disease, gastrointestinal reflux disease, advanced endoscopic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, functional bowel disorders, gastrointestinal infections and gastrointestinal cancer prevention and treatment. A pancreas program, the first ever at NYP/WC, is also in service. Numerous research projects and clinical trials are underway for the prevention and treatment of viral and alcoholic hepatitis, fatty liver, obesity, gastrointestinal cancers, Barrett’s esophagus, inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatic lesions, and other gastrointestinal diseases.

The division houses the Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health, the Center for Liver Disease, the Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, and The Jill Roberts Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Established two years ago with a generous gift to Weill Cornell Medicine from longtime benefactor Jill Roberts, the Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease is a premier leader in its field (Director, Dr. David Artis). A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to officially open the doors of this premier institute and its now permanent laboratories. The Institute is utilizing a multidisciplinary approach to drive and then translate discoveries into new preventative and treatment strategies for IBD, a group of chronic inflammatory conditions of the intestine that affects an estimated 3.5 million people worldwide. Major advances have already been made describing the molecular underpinnings of IBD, exploring how host genetics, the immune system, the microbiota and pathways that control inflammation influence the disease’s development and progression. The Institute welcomed a new recruit, Dr. Iliyan Iliev from Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, who is investigating the fungi that colonize the intestine and how it operates in both healthy and unhealthy intestines – findings that researchers hope they can ultimately leverage into new therapeutic targets. It was a banner year for the Institute with multiple publications in the top tier journals including Science, Nature, and Nature Medicine.

The close collaboration between researchers at the Roberts Institute and clinicians at the Jill Roberts Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Director, Dr. Ellen Scherl) at Weill Cornell Medicine and NewYork-Presbyterian is ultimately enabling the best in personalized treatments for IBD patients. The Jill Roberts Center is actively involved in research studies, including on moderate to severely active Crohn’s Disease and ulcerative colitis, eating patterns and disease activity in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), health care maintenance in patients with IBD.
Created in 2014, a major referral center for pancreatico-biliary disease continues to thrive. Dr. Michel Kahaleh is directing this new center in conjunction with Dr. Michael Lieberman, Department of Surgery. The Endoscopic Bariatric Program has also been a success, since its recent launch under the direction of Dr. Reem Sharaiha, and along with Dr. Louis Aronne, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. The program provides the full spectrum of novel technologies related to endoscopic treatment of obesity. The advanced endoscopy group continues to expand a state-of-the-art roster of procedures: endoscopic suturing, confocal endomicroscopy for early detection of GI cancers, photodynamic therapy and radiofrequency ablation for pancreatico-biliary cancers, endoscopic drainage of pseudocysts, endoscopic necrosectomy and EUS-guided ERCP, and POEM (treatment of esophageal achalasia).

Under Dr. Brown’s direction, The Center for Liver Disease combines the Liver Transplantation program and Hepatitis C program within the division, as well as the Liver Transplant Surgery Division of the Department of Surgery. This interdepartmental program has laid the foundation for an active comprehensive hepatology program at Weill Cornell Medical College with clinical trials in Hepatitis B and C, fatty liver disease, and alcoholic hepatitis.

Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman is the Director of the Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health, which provides a wide breadth of expertise including endoscopic ultrasound, capsule endoscopy, colorectal genetics, colon cancer prevention, endoscopic treatment of Barrett’s esophagus, and esophageal motility. The center is one of a few in the nation that is utilizing the recently FDA-approved colon capsule that provides a noninvasive means of imaging the colon with a wireless capsule.

Dr. Andrew Dannenberg, Associate Director of Cancer Prevention at the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center, and his team have been investigating validation of a blood-based signature of fatty tissue inflammation in the breast (with a grant from The Prevent Cancer Foundation). The ultimate goal of this project is the development of a blood test to identify women who are at increased risk of developing breast cancer and hopefully elucidate the role of obesity in many cancers.

Dr. Steven Lipkin, a nationally and internationally recognized human geneticist at Weill Cornell, continues to work on biobanking initiatives and studies to identify genetic links to IBD and GI Cancers.

New recruits have joined the division and are assisting with expansion of research and clinical programs. Dr. Meira Abramowitz, Assistant Professor of Medicine, joined the Jill Roberts Center and focuses her research on transition of IBD patients from the pediatric practice and IBD issues in pregnancy. Dr. Catherine Lucero, Assistant Professor of Medicine, joined the Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation after completing her fellowship at NYP/WC; she will focus on advanced liver disease and liver cancer seeing patients at 1305 York and an outreach office on Elizabeth Street. Dr. Wallace Wang, Assistant Professor of Medicine, will aid in our expansion of our efforts at the Lower Manhattan Hospital. Fluent in Mandarin and trained in advanced endoscopy, he will provide the full spectrum of GI care to the population of lower Manhattan.

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship
Carl Crawford, MD
Program Director
A 3-year program that focuses on specialized rotations and research, including opportunities to participate in clinical research (e.g., hepatology, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer screening, endoscopic ultrasound, the microbiota of the GI tract, Endoscopic imaging techniques). We continue to recruit top candidates nationally and our fellows are pursuing academic careers in hepatology, advanced endoscopy, IBD, as well as gastroenterology.
The recent launch of the Division of General Internal Medicine has ushered in a new era in primary care medicine for the Weill Department of Medicine. Under the leadership of Dr. Monika Safford, this Division now unifies the sections of Ambulatory Medicine, previously known as Weill Cornell Internal Medicine Associates (WCIMA), and Hospital Medicine, bringing together more than 300 employed and voluntary faculty. Recruited from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine (UAB), Dr. Safford (please see Leadership section for biography) joined the Department in January 2016. At UAB, she served as the Inaugural Endowed Professor of Diabetes Prevention and Outcomes Research, Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education, Co-Director of the Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education, and Co-Director of UAB’s T32 Health Services and Comparative Effectiveness Research Training Program. An expert in diabetes, cardiovascular epidemiology and prevention, as well as health disparities, Dr. Safford is the author of more than 300 peer-reviewed papers, receives ongoing support from the National Institutes of Health and other sources and has chaired several national meetings throughout her professional career.

The tripartite mission of the Division of General Internal Medicine is focused on providing compassionate, comprehensive, coordinated and state of the art patient-centered care to every patient through evidence-based practice; educating of the next generation of internal medicine physicians; and optimizing the overall health and well-being of patients and communities via collaborative research. The division’s multidisciplinary faculty is deeply committed to excellence and advancement in patient care via its hospital medicine and ambulatory care programs, resident and medical student education, and cutting edge research.

Judy Tung, MD previously served with distinction as the Chief of WCIMA in the Weill Department of Medicine. She is now the Section Chief of Ambulatory Medicine in Division of GIM and has also been appointed to Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital (NYP/LMH). A leading expert in internal medicine and primary care, Dr. Tung also specializes in women’s health. Under her leadership, the division’s Ambulatory Medicine program includes more than 50 academic full time members who provide high quality and comprehensive primary care for a diverse group of adult patients representing a cross section of the ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity that is New York City. This program, established as the Division of Ambulatory Medicine in 1968, has a long and distinguished history. During recent years, ambulatory practices have expanded to various locations in the New York City area, including the Upper East Side, Lower Manhattan, and Long Island City, Queens.

Ambulatory services provided to patients include preventive health care, treatment of acute and chronic illness, and the coordination of care for those with medical complexity. Regardless of their insurance plan type, patients seen in the ambulatory practices are cared for by a cadre of outstanding health care providers that includes faculty attendings, nurse practitioners, and resident physicians. This site also serves as the primary hub for general medicine ambulatory education for the Internal Medicine Residency training program.

Arthur Evans, MD, MPH previously served with distinction as the Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine in the Weill Department of Medicine. He is now Section Chief of Hospital Medicine in the Division of GIM. Under the leadership of Dr. Evans, the Hospital Medicine program has grown rapidly since its inception in 2009. The program includes over 60 exceptional faculty members from around the country. All faculty are board certified in internal medicine and many have additional training and subspecialty expertise, including infectious disease, emergency medicine, nephrology, critical care, medical informatics, pain management, quality improvement, and clinical research. On any given day, the faculty provides care for over 200 inpatients at both the East and Lower Manhattan NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell campuses. Physicians are responsible for the General Medicine Housestaff Service, the Medicine Consult Service, the Medicine-Orthopedics Trauma Service, and they oversee the Medicine-Physician Assistants Service.
The Division of General Internal Medicine’s patient-centered research program focuses on optimizing the health and functioning of people living with chronic diseases (e.g., diabetes and obesity); cardiovascular disease prevention; health disparities and the care of vulnerable populations, both in the US and abroad; and clinical epidemiology with a focus on informing population health management. This research program is funded by the NIH and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and includes the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) ancillary study which focuses on coronary heart disease endpoints and psychosocial determinants of health. This national cohort study of over 30,000 black and white community-dwelling Americans has served as the platform for numerous studies elucidating subpopulations at risk for cardiovascular disease outcomes.

The division’s research also includes several community-based trials that test interventions intended to improve health outcomes in disadvantaged populations, such as Project VIVA funded by NIDA, a partnership of researchers and community members carried out interventions for increasing acceptance of influenza vaccination in disadvantaged urban neighborhoods, focusing on hard-to-reach populations; and Small Changes and Lasting Effects (SCALE), a community based weight loss intervention seeking to achieve weight loss (at 12 months) in Black and/or Latino adults in Harlem and the South Bronx (funded by NHLBI as part of the ORBIT obesity initiative).

Among the many awards our faculty receive throughout the year, Dr. Oliver Fein received the 2015 Award for Excellence from the American Public Health Association. This award recognizes Dr. Fein’s lifetime of achievement as an advocate for health reform and greater community access.

Dr. Susana Morales, who has worked tirelessly for decades promoting outstanding patient care for all patient populations, received the prestigious 2015 Elnora M. Rhodes Society of General Internal Medicine Service Award. Dr. Morales is widely known for her superb patient care, academic scholarship, devotion to teaching, and pioneering work in health disparities.
The mission of the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine is to improve the quality of life for older people and their support networks through the integration of high-quality clinical care, teaching of geriatric and palliative medicine, and advancing knowledge through scientific research.

An ever-increasing number of geriatric outpatients, with an average age over 80 and many vibrant centenarians, are seen by interdisciplinary care teams that include geriatricians, a geropsychiatrist, geriatric nurse practitioners, and a geriatric social worker at The Irving Sherwood Wright Center on Aging. The Center continues to excel in patient satisfaction scores within the Ambulatory Care Network of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. For elderly patients who are too frail to come to the Wright Center, comprehensive services are provided in the home through the EGL House Call Program.

Eight board-certified physicians in palliative medicine, along with an interdisciplinary team of nurse practitioners and social workers, see adults of all ages in both inpatient and outpatient settings. In addition to the rotations in palliative medicine via our geriatric fellows, the division trains palliative medicine fellows through a joint program with Columbia Presbyterian and hosts rotating fellows from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The Palliative Care Champions Program trains nurses and social workers throughout NYP/Weill Cornell. Recent grants are assisting in developing curricula that focuses on the palliative care issues of geriatric patients and on integrating palliative care into pulmonary critical care education.

Dr. Eugenia Siegler, Mason Adams Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Medical Director of Geriatrics Inpatient Services, has established the “HIV and Aging Program,” in partnership with the WCM Center for Special Studies. Dr. Siegler leads a primary physician team and collaborates with the CSS social work, nurse and tech teams. Patients are seen at both the 525 E. 68th Street CSS clinical office and CSS Chelsea. The program has paved the way for various research studies, including studies conducted in collaboration with Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE).

The NIA-funded Roybal Center, directed by Dr. M. Cary Reid, Irving Sherwood Wright Associate Professor in Geriatrics, investigates pain in later life and the role of palliative care in pain and symptom relief. Through community-based partnerships, the center continues to seek tools to improve pain interventions, including telehealth applications and to support group training sessions.

The Cornell Center for Research on End-of-Life Care, co-directed by Dr. Holly Prigerson, Irving Sherwood Wright Professor in Geriatrics, Professor of Sociology in Medicine, is home to numerous NIH-funded research projects focused on factors that promote informed decision-making and the receipt of value-consistent – and more humane – care of patients confronting death. Evidence derived from these studies will inform the development of interventions to reduce suffering in seriously ill patients. Dr. Megan Shen, Assistant Professor of Psychology in Medicine, has joined the Center and her research examines the cultural, religious and social influences on communication between patients, family members and providers, and evaluates interventions designed to improve communication as well as patients’ decision-making, end-of-life care and psychosocial outcomes. Her work also focuses on addressing health disparities in end-of-life care.
Drs. Prigerson and Reid are co-PIs on the recently awarded 5-year T32 grant from the NIH. The T32 will fund a postdoctoral research training program to prepare highly qualified MDs and PhDs for successful careers in aging research. The program is unique in its emphasis on Behavioral Geriatrics, a scientific discipline that integrates social and behavioral approaches with biomedical and clinical approaches to study clinically significant issues in geriatric medicine, with an ultimate aim to improve the lives of older people and their families. This approach removes the artificial silos that “biomedical/clinical” and “social/behavioral” scientists have traditionally operated in, and capitalizes on a growing momentum to operationalize interdisciplinary aging research across the participating campuses.

The division remains steadfastly dedicated to the prevention of elder abuse, exemplified by its NYC Elder Abuse Center. A project of the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, NYCEAC is a leader in developing innovative and effective responses to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation through an unprecedented level of collaboration and coordination between government, non-profit agencies, and financial institutions. Headed by Division Co-Chief, Dr. Lachs, The Irene F. and I. Roy Psaty Distinguished Professor of Clinical Medicine, and by Risa Breckman, LCSW, Assistant Professor of Gerontological Social Work in Medicine, NYCEAC provides a streamlined and rapid response to elder abuse cases in Manhattan and Brooklyn through its multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) and case consultations. Through its wide-reaching educational trainings, social media vehicles and weekly blogs, NYCEAC further engages professionals around pertinent issues confronting the elder justice field and conducts research to develop innovative practices and policies to enhance their abilities to meet the many needs of older victims.

Medical residents receive intensive training in both geriatrics and palliative medicine. Residents often lack the opportunity to work with older adults who are not acutely ill, or to learn about the types of community-based services available that keep them well. We provide training to each PGY-2 resident assigned to a 4-week geriatric rotation with inpatient and outpatient modules. During the systems-based practice (outpatient) module, residents visit a PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) site; make hospice and geriatrics house calls; accompany geriatric care managers on client visits; visit a nursing home, an independent living site, and other levels of senior housing; see an elder abuse shelter; and assist with the division’s transitional care clinic and the Wright Center’s walk-in patients. They also present one of their own WCIMA patients in the weekly geriatrics team meeting. An oral exam/debriefing enables the residents to integrate their experiences within the context of their inpatient and outpatient responsibilities. For medical interns, increased exposure to palliative care is gained through a 12-hour educational series; this academic year, each medical intern rotated on the Palliative Care Consultation service for one week. WCM (and WCM Qatar/CUMC) medical students rotate on a 7-week Primary Care Clerkship rotation throughout the year, working alongside faculty members at the outpatient clinic and with the EGL House Call team, and can elect to spend an additional 2-4 weeks with either geriatric or palliative medicine health care providers. The division is also host to the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) / Adelman Summer Scholarship program, where selected students spend 8-12 weeks immersed in clinical, didactic and aging-related activities to expand and deepen their understanding of the aging population. Scholars conduct ongoing research across disciplines with universal focus on aging, and present their work to WCM community as well as at American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting.

New recruits include Dr. Cynthia Lien, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, and Dr. Megan Shen (PhD), Assistant Professor of Psychology in Medicine. Dr. Lien completed her Internal Medicine Residency and Chief Residency at Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, and her 2-year Geriatrics Fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Shen received her Master’s and PhD degrees from Baylor University and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

**Geriatrics Fellowship**

Karin Ouchida, MD  
Program Director  

Sonal Mehta, MD  
Associate Program Director  

This Division houses both a Geriatrics Fellowship and, jointly with Columbia University Medical College, a Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship. Based in internal medicine and family medicine programs, the program includes many rotations, teaching opportunities, and a variety of quality improvement and clinical research initiatives in geriatrics and palliative care medicine.
Hematology and Medical Oncology

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The Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology has 65 full-time faculty members (43 clinical researchers and 22 full-time scientists) who provide world-class patient care, as well as teaching and research, among six clinical services at five practice locations. The six clinical services are: Solid Tumor Oncology, Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma, Stem Cell Transplant and Nonmalignant Hematology. The five sites of operation are: NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Main Campus (third floor), Weill Greenberg Ambulatory Care Building (Solid Tumor Oncology), Oxford Building (Myeloma), the Woman’s Health Center at 425 East 61st Street (Breast Cancer) and NewYork-Presbyterian’s Lower Manhattan Hospital. Each of the Division’s disease-specific programs works closely with faculty in the corresponding surgical and radiation oncology departments, divisions, or programs to provide patients with a talented and dedicated multidisciplinary team.

The Cancer Program at NYP/Weill Cornell is consistently ranked as the number one cancer research program at an academic medical center in the New York metropolitan area by U.S. News and World Report and ranks number 20 in the country for clinical care. The division’s clinical program has grown in volume annually each year. In fiscal year 2015, there were approximately 94,000 total patient encounters, compared with 69,000 in FY11, a 36% increase.

Each service contains disease-specific programs for research and clinical care. The Solid Tumor Service has active clinical and research programs in Breast Oncology (including the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Clinic), Gastrointestinal Oncology, Genitourinary Oncology and Thoracic Oncology, with developing programs and expertise in Head and Neck Oncology, and Endocrine Oncology. The Hematological Malignancies Program encompasses the Leukemia, Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, and Stem Cell Transplant Services and the Richard T. Silver Myeloproliferative Neoplasm (MPN) Center. Within the Hematological Malignancies Program, there are several disease-specific specialty programs, including the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Research Center, the Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia Program and the Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Clinical Research Consortium.

The division is one of the largest groups of clinical investigators at the College, conducting basic and translational research. In 2015, the division received more than $18 million dollars for cancer and blood disease research, funding more than 120 active research projects. The clinical research programs enrolled over 500 people in more than 100 different therapeutic phase I, II and III clinical trials.

Under Dr. Evi Giannakakou’s leadership, a major emphasis has been placed on translational (bench-to-bedside) research, which originates in the Belfer Institute of Hematology and Oncology (Meyer Building) and in the Belfer Research Building. The laboratory research faculty are integrally involved in the translational components of numerous clinical trials, working hand-in-hand with clinical researchers and using cutting-edge technology to address oncologic questions that impact patient care and outcomes.

A major focus is on understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying individual patient sensitivity and resistance to chemotherapy or targeted treatment, with initiatives in the areas of circulating tumor cells in solid tumors, epigenetic modification therapeutic strategies in lymphoma, and minimal residual disease assessment in acute leukemia. These efforts have the potential to not only uncover specific aspects of fundamental cancer biology, but to lead to the development of novel biomarkers that can be used to tailor treatment to the individual. There is a close working relationship with the Englander Institute of Precision Medicine to that end.

The Division continues to maintain a central role in the growth of the Meyer Cancer Center, working with its director, Lewis Cantley, Ph.D., Professor of Cancer Biology, to recruit basic science and translational researchers, and to work towards designation as an official National Cancer Institute matrix cancer center.

The Richard T. Silver, M.D. Center for Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN) appointed a scientific director, Dr. Joseph Scandura, to build critical infrastructure. Dr. Scandura has since established $900,000 of new grants to study neoplastic myeloid biology. The Center is also establishing a new clinical informatics platform, biorepository and web presence. The Silver MPN Center provides ongoing, coordinated care for patients with MPNs and related non-
hematologic complications of these diseases through our collaboration with prominent Weill Cornell Medicine specialists, including cardiologists, dermatologists and rheumatologists who treat MPN complications.

The Weill Cornell Clinical and Translational Leukemia Program, led by Dr. Gail Roboz, offers a wide variety of novel investigator-initiated, cooperative group, and industry-sponsored clinical trials in acute leukemia and myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). The clinical care team runs one of the largest in-patient leukemia services in the country. Recognized internationally for her work in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and MDS, Dr. Roboz leads cutting edge collaborations with WCM scientists on leukemia stem cells (with Monica Guzman, Ph.D.), minimal residual disease (with Duane Hassan, Ph.D.) and others.

The Myeloma Center continues lead in drug development, clinical trials, biology scholarship and translational research. Through collaboration with the laboratories of Drs. Monica Guzman and Selina Chen-Kiang, groundbreaking research is being conducted in the areas of myeloma stem cells and manipulations of the cell cycle. The clinical team has launched four new protocols employing the latest form of immunotherapies.

Under the leadership of Dr. Koen van Besien, the Bone Marrow Transplantation program performed 170 autologous and allogeneic transplants during the past calendar year. This program continues to open innovative studies attracting patients nationally and internationally.

Researchers in the Lymphoma Program have developed a road map for discovery and clinical translation in lymphoma, contributing 29 abstracts at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology. High-impact clinical trials are advancing therapy for various disease subtypes (e.g. diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma and mantle cell lymphoma). Under the leadership of Dr. John Leonard, the Lymphoma Program continues to strategically expand and grow, with the addition of three new clinician investigators.

The Non-Malignant Hematology Program, led by Service Chief Dr. Maria De Sancho, is dedicated to delivering the most advanced treatments for people with all types of blood disorders. Weill Cornell has been a pioneer in therapies for thrombosis, hemophilia, and thalassemia for over 50 years. In 2015, the Non-Malignant Hematology Program offered access to state-of-the-art diagnostic testing, the latest drug therapies, and innovative treatment methods. It also received a grant from Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb for the transition of care
for patients with venous thromboembolism – a multicenter collaboration with 14 other U.S. Hemostasis and Thrombosis Centers under the umbrella of the American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network (ATHN).

Led by Dr. Anne Moore, The Breast Center’s breast oncology program is dedicated to delivering the most advanced treatment and comprehensive care for patients with all stages of breast cancer and those at increased risk for developing breast cancer. It has the premier distinction of being named an accredited Breast Center by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a national consortium dedicated to improving the quality of care for breast cancer patients. In 2015, the triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) and survivorship programs experienced great growth. This included piloting a technological integration with survivorship care planning and hosting an annual survivorship symposium that connected survivors with one another and foremost experts on breast cancer research, diet, exercise and coping with fear of cancer recurrence. Also, a triple negative breast cancer registry, biobank, and patient derived xenografts (PDX) to evaluate tumor behavior have been established.

The Division’s Thoracic Oncology Program expanded with a new recruit, Dr. Ashish Saxena, who is working with Dr. Ronald Scheff. The program has expanded its use of immunotherapies, targeted therapies, and other biological agents to treat lung cancer.

The Gastrointestinal (GI) Oncology Program, led by Dr. Manish A. Shah, has continued to expand. The group offers expertise across the spectrum of cancers in GI oncology, including esophageal and gastric cancer, pancreatic cancer, hepatobiliary cancers and colorectal cancers. Dr. Joseph Ruggiero was appointed as Associate Editor for the American Society of Clinical Oncology SEP, 5th Edition. Dr. Shah was appointed as Chair-Elect for the ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, and he was awarded a nearly $1 million grant from the STARR Cancer Consortium to study the role of the gastric microbiome in gastric cancer development.

The Genitourinary Oncology Program led by Dr. Scott Tagawa has reached milestones in translational science with high-impact publications in collaboration with the Institute for Precision Medicine and through a partnership with the Prostate Cancer Stand Up To Cancer Dream Team. As a Department of Defense-funded member of the Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium, the Genitourinary Oncology Program completed enrollment of a critical trial in neuroendocrine prostate cancer that is leveraging genomic discoveries. The international, randomized, multicenter study of taxane chemotherapy for prostate cancer (with Weill Cornell’s role as central biomarker laboratory) was highlighted as an oral presentation at the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) scientific meeting.

Dr. Francine Garrett-Bakelman, Instructor in Medicine, was invited by NASA to speak on “Medical Genomics” delivering a talk at the Universities Space Research Association, Lunar and Planetary Institute, in Houston, Texas. Dr. Lewis C. Cantley received the prestigious 2016 Wolf Prize in Medicine in recognition of his groundbreaking discovery of the enzyme (PI3K) and the signaling pathway that it controls. Dr. Peter Martin, Assistant Professor of Medicine, is serving as Weill Cornell’s site Principal Investigator for an $11 million grant given by the National Cancer Institute to The Mayo Clinic. The research Dr. Martin is leading at Weill Cornell for this multi-institutional effort addresses the current and long-term unmet healthcare needs of people with non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL). Dr. Jia Ruan, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine (Lymphoma Program), was awarded a 2016 Top 10 Clinical Research Achievement Award from the Clinical Research Forum. The award is in recognition of breakthrough research demonstrating the efficacy of an innovative combination therapy for treating mantle cell lymphoma (The New England Journal of Medicine).

New recruits included Drs. Sarah Rutherford (lymphoma), Michael Samuel (leukemia), John Allan (chronic lymphocytic leukemia) and Ashish Saxena (lung and thoracic cancers).
The Division of Infectious Diseases provides expertise in research, clinical care, and education and training. Internationally recognized physician-scientists conduct cutting-edge basic laboratory, translational, patient-oriented, and epidemiologic research in infectious diseases in New York City and abroad at sites in Brazil, Haiti, India, and Tanzania. Current research areas include bacterial infections (including multidrug-resistant organisms), food- and water-borne pathogens, fungi, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, hospital-acquired infections, human papillomavirus (HPV), parasitic infections (Babesia, malaria), transplant/oncology infectious diseases, tuberculosis, and other viral infections (adenovirus, influenza, parainfluenza, rhinovirus).

With mosquito-borne illnesses prominent in the news these days, our Weill Cornell Travel Clinic (WCTC) launched an educational effort in response to the public’s questions. We developed a new brochure with educational information available on a wide variety of travel related illnesses, including Chikungunya, Dengue, malaria, West Nile virus, and Zika virus. The WCTC remains a critical resource for travelers; offers daytime and evening hours; and sees both adults and children (above the age of 6). Whether traveling for pleasure, work, or embarking on a humanitarian mission, it is vital to make a “first stop” with a travel medicine expert prior to leaving. The Division of Infectious Diseases has been home to the WCTC since it was co-founded in 1980 by Dr. Henry W. Murray, the Arthur R. Ashe Jr. Professor of Medicine. A roster of highly experienced physicians (including Dr. Murray), and under the leadership of Medical Director, Dr. Ole Vielemeyer, work at the clinic managing a broad range of destinations for international travelers. WCTCM is located on the 4th floor of the Weill Greenberg Building, 1305 York Avenue.

The Rhee Lab (Director: Dr. Kyu Rhee) continues its highly innovative work on Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTb) using novel mass spectrometry-based metabolomic approaches. The Golightly Lab (Director: Dr. Linnie Golightly) is working on the pathogenesis of cerebral malaria, as well as a novel noninvasive, cell phone-based device to diagnose and determine the severity of malaria; and clinical testing of the device is planned in Ghana. The Walsh Lab (Director: Dr. Tom Walsh) investigates fungal pathogens and develops and tests newer antifungal strategies and treatments in laboratory experiments and animal models.

Dr. Marshall Glesby heads the HIV Clinical Trials Unit with co-investigators Drs. Leah Burke, Roy Gulick, Kristen Marks, Mary Vogler, and Timothy Wilkin. The unit conducts research in the treatment and prevention of HIV, the treatment of hepatitis C (HCV) infection, and the assessment and treatment of human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

Dr. Catherine Small, Associate Director of the Transplant/Oncology Infectious Diseases Service, along with co-investigators Drs. Samantha Jacobs, Michael Satlin, Rosemary Soave, and Tom Walsh is leading clinical research in patients who have undergone organ transplantation or have cancer and develop infections.
Drs. David Calfee and Matthew Simon serve as the Hospital Epidemiologists for NYPH and led efforts for the critical response to the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa, as well as day-to-day strategies to decrease hospital-acquired infections.

The Center for Special Studies (CSS), the HIV primary care service, continues to grow the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) program for at-risk HIV-negative individuals, supported in part by a Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) Community Engagement Award (Directors: Drs. Lawrence Siegel and Cecilia Yoon). At the Lower Manhattan Hospital location, inpatient and outpatient services for infectious diseases and hospital epidemiology are thriving with the support of Drs. Claire Brown and Chester Lerner.

GHESKIO (Groupe Haitien d’Etude du Sarcome de Kaposi et des Infections Opportunistes (Director: Dr. Jean Pape) conducts NIH-sponsored research with adult and pediatric HIV treatment networks. A cholera treatment center, 35-bed TB hospital, and maternal child health center recently were added to the facilities.

The Tanzania Training Program (Director: Dr. Daniel Fitzgerald; Mwanza) trains health professionals in the design, implementation, and measurement of innovative health interventions. Dr. Jennifer Downs conducts research on schistosomiasis and HIV co-infection, and Dr. Robert Peck provides clinical care and conducts research in non-infectious diseases in HIV-infected individuals, such as hypertension. Dr. Jyoti Mathad continues to study pregnant women with HIV infection with exposure to tuberculosis in India.

An NIH-sponsored T32 research training grant, “Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases” (Principal Investigator: Dr. Roy Gulick), continues our training of infectious diseases physician-scientists through 2019. This grant supports our fellows to conduct basic, translational, clinical and epidemiologic research projects. Currently, fellows are studying drug-resistant bacterial infections, HIV/AIDS care disparities, and tuberculosis.

Dr. Laura Kirkman was awarded the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Clinical Scholar Award in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases for a second term. Dr. Robert N. Peck, Assistant Professor of Medicine, successfully competed for a K01 award, entitled “Hypertension in HIV-Infected Tanzanians: Time Course and Pathogenesis.” Dr. Thomas J. Walsh received the David C. White Research and Mentoring Award at the 115th American Society of Microbiology Meeting. This honor was conferred in conjunction with his giving the David C. White lecture: “Meeting the Challenges of Emerging Pathogens through Interdisciplinary Research and Mentoring.” His nomination described him as a “towering figure in medical mycology” and noted his groundbreaking contributions to translational research.

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Infectious Diseases Fellowship

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Program Director

A 3-year training program that includes individualized training through clinical rotations, didactic course work, mentored research, and faculty guidance to develop the next generation of infectious diseases physician-scientists.
Led by Dr. Joseph J. Fins, the Division of Medical Ethics pursues a tripartite mission of medical education, ethics consultation, scholarship and research. The Division teaches medical students, house staff, and attending staff. We provide ethics education throughout the pre-clinical years focusing on professionalism, the history of medical ethics, methods of ethics consultation and ethical issues across the life span. We also consider ethical and regulatory issues in clinical research, so that students appreciate their responsibilities as clinicians and investigators.

With our NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital colleagues in Patient Services Administration, the Ethics Consultation Service performed 323 ethics consults in 2015, at both the NYPH-WCMC campus and Lower Manhattan Hospital affording wise counsel to patients, families, and staff regarding the ethical challenges confronted in patient care. Our case consult volume makes us one of the most active Ethics Consultation Services in the United States.

In 2015 we finalized plans to initiate a clinical ethics fellowship in partnership with The Methodist Hospital in Houston. We will welcome Diego Asua de Real, M.D., Ph.D. as our inaugural fellow in the New York-Houston Ethics Consortium. We were also busy expanding medical ethics pedagogy within the new Weill Cornell Medical College curriculum.

With a grant from the Arnold Gold Foundation, Dr. Meltzer’s primary focus is on medical education and development of a novel curriculum that promotes empathic communication skills, and patient-centered decision-making for clinicians working with surrogate decision-makers. She has developed and implemented a case-based workshop for use in teaching both medical students and residents how to communicate with surrogates about end-of-life issues using OSCEs (Objective Standardized Clinical Experience) and trained actors. Cathleen Acres’ work on ethics case consultation continues. Dr. Inmaculada de Melo Martin, continues to explore questions of genetic identity. She is completing a new book, Rethinking Reprogenetics: Enhancing Ethical Analyses of Reprogenetic Technologies, to be published by Oxford University Press. Dr. Pablo Rodriguez del Pozo, Doha, Qatar, continues to explore cross-cultural issues and medical education; in addition he is working – together with Qatar University and the Institute of Human Rights in Madrid – on a research project about the rights of persons with disabilities in the Qatari legal system. Dr. Megan Wright, a 2016 graduate of Yale Law School and a sociologist, will continue her collaboration with Dr. Fins on ethical and legal issues attendant to severe brain injury.

Dr. Fins continues a fruitful collaboration with Dr. Nicholas D. Schiff, Jerold B. Katz Professor of Neurology and Neuroscience, as they co-direct the Consortium for the Advanced Study of Brain Injury at Weill Cornell and Rockefeller University. CASBI’s goal is to elucidate mechanisms of recovery and develop public policy to meet the needs of these patients and families. Dr. Fins book, Rights Come to Mind: Brain Injury, Ethics, and the Struggle for Consciousness (Cambridge University Press), was published in 2015 to critical acclaim. His research focus continues to address society’s obligations to patients with disorders of consciousness, informed by emerging work in neuroscience and a disability rights perspective. Since 2015, Dr. Fins has also been teaching at Yale Law as the Solomon Center Distinguished Scholar in Medicine, Bioethics and the Law. Dr. Fins’ recent lectureships and prizes include: The David Kopf Lecture on Neuroethics (Society for Neuroscience Presidential Lecture); The Edmund Pellegrino Lecture (School of Medicine, University of Missouri); The Kim-Frank Visiting Writer Lecturer (Wesleyan University); and The Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics (The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine).
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The Division of Nephrology and Hypertension is fully committed to a tri-partite mission of patient care, research, and education. A combination of resources has ensured our success, including continuous NIH funding, clinical immunogenetics laboratory, self-supported hypertension clinical practice, and medical school as well as hospital support.

Our clinical excellence is the product of making patients our highest priority, while effectively translating bench discoveries to the bedside and applying evidence from clinical trials into compassionate clinical practice. We provide compassionate, comprehensive, state-of-the-art care to each patient afflicted with kidney disease and/or high blood pressure. We have self-organizing teams for each critical area of nephrology: transplantation medicine, dialysis, apheresis, hypertension, clinical nephrology (e.g., diabetes and metabolic renal disease), cancer nephrology, critical care nephrology, acute kidney injury and cardio-renal syndromes, nephropathology and obstetrics nephrology. Scope of service includes renal consultation services, in-patient renal medicine service, dialysis therapy, and kidney and pancreas transplantation services.

The division has pioneered clinical advances and is nationally recognized for its excellence. The kidney disease program has been consistently rated in the top 5 by US News & World Report (last 3 years ranked at 3), and often is the highest ranked program among the subspecialties at NYPH. The kidney transplantation program at WCM is a significant contributor to NYPH’s transplantation program being ranked number 1 in the U.S. for the last ten years, and its translational research component is helping to transform care for transplant recipients. More than 200 kidney transplants are performed annually at our center with excellent patient and graft survival rates. The adult (18+) one-year patient survival of 475 transplants performed during 01/01/2012 to 06/30/2014 was 98.21%, and the adult one-year survival rate with a functioning graft performed during the same period was 95.38% (Data Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients). The first kidney transplant in the New York tri-state region was performed at our center in October 1963; more than 4,000 kidney transplants have been performed since the center’s inception. Through the years, several innovations in transplantation have been introduced: blood type (ABO) incompatible kidney transplants; positive cross-match transplants; minimizing the amount of drugs patients need for successful transplantation; development of treatment protocols to reduce serious post-transplant complications (i.e., infection and malignancy); and, significantly, the development of noninvasive molecular assays for assessing transplant status and reducing the need for an invasive biopsy procedure.

The hypertension program is one of a kind in the US, and has discovered and implemented clinical therapies that are personalized for the individual patient, moving away from a one-size-fits-all approach. The Hypertension faculty pursues research, including pregnancy-induced hypertension, the mind-body link in hypertension, and personalized drug therapy for hypertension control. Internationally acclaimed, our Hypertension Consultative practice continues to thrive under the direction of Dr. Phyllis August, Ralph A. Baer Professor of Research in Medicine, and with unique expertise provided by Dr. Mark S. Pecker, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Dr. Samuel J. Mann, Professor of Clinical Medicine, and Ms. RoseMerie Marion, Nurse Practitioner. In the upcoming academic year, we are joined by Dr. Line Malha who was trained by Dr. August.

Dr. Mary Choi’s fundamental studies should not only yield key insights into mechanisms underpinning kidney injury, but also will help to identify novel therapeutic targets for the prevention of progression of kidney injury. The multifunctional cytokine transforming growth factor beta (TGF-beta) is considered a major player in kidney disease and health, and Dr. Choi’s seminal studies have led to the cloning and characterization of the cell surface receptors for TGF-β1; delineation of key intracellular mediators of TGF-β signals; and resolution of glomerular endothelial cell proliferation and differentiation. Her original contributions have resulted in a greater understanding of the molecular mechanism of tissue injury, inflammation, and fibrosis as they pertain to the pathogenesis of chronic kidney disease. Her laboratory has successfully resolved mechanisms by which TGF-β1 elicits key cytoprotectants, such as heme oxygenase-1, and carbon monoxide and protection from oxidative stress and kidney injury via activation of autophagy. Dr. Choi’s research has been supported continuously by highly competitive NIH awards, and she is a PI, Co-PI, and Co-Investigator on multiple NIH grants.
The division is committed to the education and training of the next generation of renal and hypertension specialists. Our fellowship program was highly competitive for the four available nephrology fellowship slots for the class of 2016 to 2018; the selected four included Internal Medicine residents from the Baylor University Medical Center Program, Montefiore Medical Center, Texas Tech, and University of Oklahoma. Our success in recruiting high quality candidates is notable in light of the fact that 93 of 158 (58.9%) nephrology fellowship programs and 190 of 466 (40.8%) fellowship positions have gone unfilled nationwide. A one-year academic fellowship is also available in Transplant Medicine at our center and graduates of the program function as transplant physicians at WCM and at UCSF, University of Michigan, and Northwestern, to name a few. Additionally, there is a one-year fellowship in Hypertension with a focus on hypertension and nephrology disorders in pregnancy.

A highly productive, NIH-funded world-renowned research Laboratory of Immunogenetics and Transplantation is directed by Division Chief, Dr. Manikkam Suthanthiran. The division has pioneered the development of gene expression profiling for the noninvasive diagnosis and prognostication of acute rejection of renal allografts, and it has contributed to several landmark studies in organ transplantation such as elucidation of the genetic signature of rejection and tolerance. Research in the laboratory have been NIH funded continuously for 30-plus years with recent NIH awards that include a R03 (PI: T. Muthukumar) and a K23 (PI: J.R. Lee), as well as a Department of Defense (Subcontract PI: M. Suthanthiran). Dr. Choi and her colleagues have made major contributions to the area of transforming growth factor beta signaling and autophagy through NIH-sponsored research studies.

During the past year, Dr. Suthanthiran presented at the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Kidney Week on “Urinary Biomarkers for Predicting Rejection” delivering two lectures for the 42nd Renal Disease & Electrolyte Disorders Course on “Monitoring the Allograft in the 21st Century” and “Graft Tolerance in Our Time?”. Dr. August gave two lectures at the ASN Kidney Week on “Postpartum Hypertension” and “Hypertension in Pregnancy: Research Directions in Pregnancy and Kidney Disease.” Dr. Choi spoke at the 12th Congress of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine on “Lung-Kidney injury Cross-Talk.” Drs. Dadhania and Muthukumar gave presentations at the 13th Banff Conference on Allograft Pathology on “Banff Workshop on Histocompatibility Survey” and “What’s New in Non-Invasive Biomarkers: Urine,” respectively.

Dr. Dadhania was elected as a Member of the Kidney Paired Donation Workgroup and as Co-Chair of the American Society of Transplant Kidney Pancreas Community of Practice. Dr. August serves as the Program Director of New York Society of Nephrology.
The Division of Public Health Programs delivers integrated multidisciplinary care aimed at increasing the quality and experience of care for patients with trauma and addiction. Three outpatient programs provide medical, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment to a variety of patients with substance use problems including alcohol, marijuana, nicotine, cocaine, heroin, and prescription medication. On-site medical, psychiatric, trauma treatment and social services promote and accelerate patients’ progress toward recovery. Consultation services are available for expert evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and referral for patients with substance use disorders being treated at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital.

Outpatient Treatment Programs include: The Midtown Center for Treatment and Research, The Headstrong Project, and the Vincent P. Dole Institute for Treatment and Research.

The Midtown Center for Treatment and Research is located at 56 West 45 Street, 9th Floor, NYC, 10031. It is an outpatient structured drug treatment program providing multidisciplinary alcohol and drug treatment with integrated psychiatric and social services. Available services include outpatient suboxone detoxification and maintenance for opiate dependency (prescription pain medication and heroin), trauma treatment (EMDR and CBT), psychiatric care, DUI program, anger management, and other services. Patients are carefully evaluated and collaborate on an individualized treatment plan, including groups, individual treatment, urine and other toxicology, psychiatric evaluation and care when needed. Patients needing primary and specialty medical care have access to CIMA and comprehensive subspecialty care including HCV, HIV, cardiology, pulmonary, nutritional, and other services.

The Midtown Treatment Center applied for, and was issued, an additional location license to operate an outpatient drug treatment program within another departmental program at the Center for Special Studies on West 23rd Street. Existing staff is deployed to the Chelsea clinic to offer on-site drug and alcohol treatment at the HIV/AIDS Program. This includes screening and assessment, individual and group therapy. Clients from West 23rd Street are also able to attend any of the services at the West 45th Street site.

The Headstrong Project is located at 409 East 60th Street, 3rd Floor, NYC, 10065. It is a PTSD program for combat veterans. It has attracted national recognition for its highly effective evidence-based treatment, provided free and confidential for returning Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans living in the NYC and Tri-State Area. The treatment is individually tailored and designed for each veteran in support of The Headstrong Project’s motto: “Hidden Wounds Can Be Healed.” On September 29, 2014, members of the division were on hand to ring the bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in recognition of The Headstrong Project. The ringing of the NYSE opening bell helped to raise awareness and support for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who suffer from PTSD. The Headstrong Project was recently selected by Morgan Stanley as one of nine recipients to receive the Morgan Stanley Strategy Challenge. The “Challenge” will assist the Headstrong Program in NYC to replicate its model of treatment for PTSD in post-9/11 veterans who live in other cities throughout the United States. Morgan Stanley’s Strategy Challenge unites top-performing employees from across its firm for an 8-week pro bono consulting project that helps nonprofit partners to achieve their potential and amplify impact.

The Vincent P. Dole Institute for Treatment and Research is located at 503 East 70th Street, NYC, 10021. It is part of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital’s Ambulatory Care Network. Both the Midtown Center and the Vincent P. Dole Institute serve as sites for the study of the prevention and treatment of dependency diseases, as well as outreach, evaluation, and treatment of patients.
with hepatitis C. Research studies are underway on the integrated care model, epidemiology and treatment of hepatitis C infection in drug users and understanding immunity in opioid users.

Additionally, The Employee Assistance Program Consortium (EAPC), serves the approximately 36,000 employees of Weill Cornell Medical College, Rockefeller University, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Hospital for Special Surgery, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The program provides free and confidential evaluation, crisis intervention, and referrals for a wide range of problems affecting employees. The EAP also offers free group sessions on topics such as stress reduction, caring for elderly parents, and a variety of mental health topics.

The overall mission of the Division of Public Health Programs is to provide innovative, patient centered integrated treatment to underserved and vulnerable people. Clinical care includes the treatment of PTSD in returning Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans, healthcare workforce mental health treatment and referral, medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid users and alcohol and substance use treatment. Faculty provide education and conduct research on topics related to substance use issues, including studying the integrated care model, epidemiology and treatment of Hepatitis C infection in drug users, understanding immunity in opioid users and other topics.

In 2015, the division was awarded a new contract with NYC DOHMH to provide specialized drug and alcohol treatment to adolescents. The Experience Center uses existing staff as well as new staff members, including a creative arts therapists and an outdoor recreation facilitator, to engage youths in these more activity-based modalities.

On the heels of receiving the Morgan Stanley Strategy Challenge honor, the Headstrong Program was once again in the news during 2015. Gerard Ilaria, the program’s director, along with a former marine discussed post-traumatic stress disorder on the CUNY channel in New York. The show was such a success it moved to national distribution on PBS.
Dr. Michael Niederman has been appointed to Interim Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and continues to serve as Clinical Director for the division. The author of more than 300 peer-reviewed articles, he is a former Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Winthrop-University Hospital and has been a practicing pulmonologist since 1980. Under Dr. Niederman’s leadership, the division has expanded its clinical service to care for critically ill patients who are not located in the ICU via the development of a Pulmonary Outreach Service.

Dr. Niederman’s interests are in respiratory infections, with a focus on pneumonia in the critically ill. He is active in a number of international societies and serves on the editorial board of Chest, Intensive Care Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, and Critical Care. He has spoken widely at international and national conferences, including the 36th International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine where he discussed the prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP). He has been invited to be the Murray Kornfeld lecturer at the American College of Chest Physicians (fall of 2016).

The division employs advanced expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with all types of breathing or lung disorders, and all disorders related to sleep. Physicians of Weill Cornell Pulmonary Associates provide diagnostic and therapeutic services in a state-of-the-art medical facility. The division provides 24-hour, in-hospital coverage of the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) at Weill Cornell Medicine and at NYP/Lower Manhattan Hospital by both Pulmonary/Critical Care faculty and fellows. The Bronchoscopy Suite continues to thrive, offering state-of-the-art patient care including Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS), Navigation Bronchoscopy, and chest tube and pleurx catheter placement. The Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU), clinical care includes both daytime and expanded overnight services. The Pulmonary Inpatient Consult Service, continues to provide expert clinical care seven days a week. It upgrades continuity of care for patients who are transitioning from inpatient to outpatient management and has led to successful interdisciplinary collaborations with specialists throughout the institution. In 2015, the division received a designation from the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) as an NYH Center of Excellence. This is a joint designation with the Columbia campus as part of the PFF’s first-of-its-kind Cancer Center Network. New centers are selected based upon their provision of the highest quality patient care, an individualized approach to treatment, and best evidence-based recommendations.

The Pulmonary Procedure Service, under the direction of Dr. Ben-Gary Harvey, continues to embrace innovations in diagnostic and treatment services, such as “EBUS” (endo-bronchial ultrasound) for the diagnosing and staging of mediastinal masses, lymphadenopathy and lung cancer. This is in addition to traditional bronchoscopy and laryngoscopy services. The Pulmonary Function Laboratory, led by Dr. Abraham Sanders, remains a vital component of the division’s continuum of care via expert and timely diagnostic services.

The PEAC team (Pulmonary Embolism Advanced Care) provides treatment of pulmonary embolism via a joint venture between the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Dr. James M. Horowitz of the Division of Cardiology, and the Division of Interventional Radiology.

Led by Medical Director, Dr. Ana Krieger, and other experts, the Weill Cornell Center for Sleep Medicine (run jointly by the Weill Department of Medicine/Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Department of Neurology) provides evaluation and treatment for the full range of sleep problems. The team includes specialists in pulmonary medicine; neurology; internal medicine; ear, nose and throat (ENT); pediatrics; psychiatry; psychology; bariatric surgery; nutrition; and endocrinology. The center also carries out NIH-funded cutting-edge research projects.

Our faculty implements an outstanding, multifaceted educational program training students, residents, and fellows. The program includes intensive teaching rounds in the MICU, Bronchoscopy Suite, Outpatient Clinic, and a Pulmonary Consult Service, which are supplemented
by faculty-led weekly lectures, course teachings, and hosting of case conferences. Drs. Kapil Rajwani continues to work on simulation programs for providing ACLS (Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support) and the insertion of Central Venous Catheters training for the department’s residents-in-training. Fellowship Director, Dr. Dana Zappetti, has developed an expertise in pulmonary complications of bone marrow transplantation.

The division continues to host and moderate the William Briscoe Lung Club. At the Lung Club, fellows from the training programs throughout the area present their scientific work. Dr. Abraham Sanders hosts a monthly Clinical Joint Case Conference where affiliates present complicated pulmonary cases. Dr. Robert Kaner hosts a multidisciplinary conference on diagnosis and management of Interstitial Lung Disease: radiologists, pathologists, and pulmonologists meet to correlate clinical with pathologic diagnoses, making recommendations on patient management or possible enrollment in clinical trials.

Research in the division covers a wide breadth of investigation from sleep medicine to genetic medicine. Dr. Robert Kaner is actively involved in basic and clinical research programs in Interstitial Lung Disease. Dr. Ben-Gary Harvey is beginning a novel study of a new therapy for COPD. Dr. Niederman is starting clinical investigation protocols related to pneumonia in the ICU. Dr. Lindsay Lief is developing a program to better manage patients at the end of life. Dr. Edward Schenck hosts a multidisciplinary conference on diagnosis and management of Interstitial Lung Disease: radiologists, pathologists, and pulmonologists meet to correlate clinical with pathologic diagnoses, making recommendations on patient management or possible enrollment in clinical trials.

Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi continues to lead the CO community in the design and successful completion of Phase I and Phase II trials regarding the use of inhaled CO in humans, based upon his preclinical breakthrough discoveries. Among his laboratory’s critical findings over the past two decades, Dr. Choi’s studies have demonstrated that low dose inhaled CO exhibited potent anti-inflammatory effects in numerous preclinical models of human disease. Located at our hospital, Dr. David Berlin is coordinating the enrollment of ARDS patients into the study of CO as a disease modifier. Dr. Choi’s laboratory is also employing state-of-the-art techniques (e.g. genomic approaches) to identify candidate genes in the pathogenesis of lung diseases and is illuminating the role of autophagy in acute and chronic lung diseases.

Dr. Choi currently has multiple NIH RO1 grants and two program project grants.

Dr. Renat Shaykhiev recently joined the Choi Lab and is focused on airway epithelial stem cells, differentiation pathways and plasticity; epithelial-mesenchymal interactions, using 3D airway organoid models that mimic organization of human airways in the in vivo lung; epithelial-immune interactions and innate immunity in the lung; and pathogenesis of airway remodeling in human lung disease. The latter line of study uses patient-derived models of airway epithelial differentiation and remodeling to study the molecular and cellular mechanisms that underlie the early pathogenesis of airway remodeling in human lung diseases, such as COPD, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer.

Dr. Fernando Martinez is focused on COPD and the disease’s biological underpinnings as well as fibrosing lung disease. As a key participant in numerous NHLBI-sponsored COPD studies, he defined the role of lung volume reduction surgery, chronic macrolide therapy, statin therapy, and long-term oxygen therapy. He has also been involved in defining the immunological basis of acute exacerbations, the role of innovative small airways imaging methods, and the role of COPD endotypes. He has also refined the optimal approaches to diagnosing idiopathic interstitial pneumonias, defined the imaging and biochemical approaches to prognostication, and has investigated the role of various therapeutic approaches to IPF. More recently, he is studying the interaction between dysbiosis in the lung microbial community and disease progression.
Based at Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), the Division of Rheumatology is a national and international leader in clinical care of patients with autoimmune, inflammatory and musculoskeletal conditions, including those with some of the most complex of all medical diseases; research that has contributed to identification of novel therapeutic targets and new understanding of disease mechanisms; and innovative approaches to medical education and education research. The division has responsibility for all of the pre- and post-surgical medical care of more than 30,000 patients per year who undergo orthopaedic surgery procedures at HSS. The large volume of patients treated at HSS has enabled HSS clinicians and researchers to develop nearly 50 patient registries with an enrollment of more than 84,000 patients. Some of the registries involve storage of biologic samples that provide valuable research resources that are shared with collaborators nationally and internationally.

Achieving optimal outcomes for patients is the goal of our 25 active consultative rheumatology practitioners, treating disorders ranging from osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) to the most complex patients with lupus, vasculitis, systemic sclerosis or diagnostic dilemmas. A Practice Effectiveness Committee, co-led by Drs. Theodore Fields, Jessica Gordon and Senior Administrative Director Jessica Kovac, is implementing the transformation of the division’s clinical practice operations with the goal of establishing efficient and value-focused care across all practices. Dr. Steven Magid serves as Chief Medical Information Officer for HSS, overseeing implementation of a new medical information technology system in the hospital and office practices. Optimal preparation and post-operative management of patients undergoing orthopedic surgery at HSS is ensured under the leadership of Dr. Linda Russell, Director of Perioperative Medicine.

Rheumatology clinics at HSS represent an essential training component of our rheumatology fellowship programs. The adult rheumatology training program is directed by Drs. Anne Bass and Jessica Berman, and the pediatric rheumatology training program is directed by Dr. Alexa Adams. Fifteen adult and pediatric rheumatology fellows provide continuity of care for the patients seen in the clinics, with involvement of all rheumatology faculty members as supervisors and teachers. A weekly clinic for evaluation of new patients, and specialty clinics focused on inflammatory arthritis, lupus and antiphospholipid syndrome, vasculitis and systemic sclerosis provide rheumatology fellows and rotating internal medicine residents with a rich experience in evaluation and management of a full spectrum of rheumatic diseases. A primary care rheumatology clinic, directed by Dr. Hal Whitman and Dr. Dee Dee Wu (a graduate of the division’s rheumatology fellowship program), is focused on the evaluation of clinical problems typically encountered in the context of primary care medical practices. A rich learning environment is also provided in the multidisciplinary clinic conferences following Monday Inflammatory Arthritis Clinic and Friday Lupus Clinic, which involve discussion of patient management, guided by recent literature and enriched by attendance of representatives from other WCMC specialties. In addition to their continuity care of patients seen in the HSS clinics, each rheumatology trainee completes a basic or clinical research project under the supervision of one or more faculty members and with oversight by a mentoring committee. Trainees pursuing a research career are encouraged to apply for peer-reviewed research grant support, and those headed for careers in academic medicine often continue their research in a fourth fellowship year. This strong academic environment attracts the future leaders in academic rheumatology to its fellowship program.

The division has a long history of leading basic and translational research studies that have elucidated important mechanisms of autoimmune and inflammatory disease and have identified important therapeutic targets. It is also recognized for its strong, productive collaborations among bench scientists and clinicians. Dr. Ivashkiv, Chief Scientific Officer, is supported by several NIH research grants addressing epigenetic mechanisms relevant to regulation of inflammation in rheumatoid arthritis. Currently, Dr. Ivashkiv’s lab is making important observations on the epigenetic control of cytokine gene expression and osteoclast maturation. His lab has identified inhibitors of a protein called BET that alters transcription of cytokine genes regulated by the Jak-STAT pathway. These inhibitors may represent an attractive and novel therapeutic approach to inhibiting inflammatory disease and bone resorption. 2015 marked the year the Dr. Salmon’s 10-year investigation of pregnancy in patients with
SLE and APS came to fruition. Her group’s studies identified altered levels of angiogenic factors early in pregnancy in those patients who experience adverse pregnancy outcomes. Their findings may provide biomarkers that can be used to guide patient management and ultimately improve both fetal and maternal outcomes in patients at risk for complications. Dr. Mary Crow’s lab, in collaboration with Dr. Kyriakos A. Kirou, has contributed to the strong case supporting the hypothesis that type I interferon is a central mediator of disease in SLE. Their work has led to current trials in lupus patients of agents that block the type I interferon pathway.

Dr. Jane Salmon was recently appointed to Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at Weill Cornell Medicine. She has held leadership roles in the American College of Rheumatology, the Rheumatology Research Foundation, and the Alliance of Lupus Research. As one of the first Hospital for Special Surgery staff members to hold a senior leadership position at Weill Cornell Medicine, she is well-positioned to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions in biomedical research, patient care and education.

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The Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) rheumatology fellowship 3-year program combines a broad-based, in-depth clinical and research experience in order to deliver the highest quality academic training to rheumatology professionals.
The ICHC at 425 East 61st Street in Manhattan offers the most comprehensive array of healthcare services designed specifically for women and men in a single location in New York City. With more than 40,000 square feet of clinical space occupying four floors under one roof, women can access the finest prevention, screening, and treatment services in one convenient location. All of the Center’s physicians are full-time faculty members of Weill Cornell Medical College and attending physicians at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. A team of nurses, technicians and other healthcare professionals at the Center facilitate superb coordination.

The ICHC’s health services for men, for which Dr. Etingin had provided expertise and assistance during the development phase, has grown to encompass both men’s health and executive health testing. The contiguity of Women’s Health, Men’s Health, and the new Executive Physical Center, has enabled care for every type of patient. Located at 425 East 61st Street, the men’s health practice enhances the primary care network of Weill Cornell, delivering patient care that covers internal medicine, cardiology, endocrinology, hematology, and urology. It also houses the Department of Urology’s Institute for Bladder and Prostate Health.

Clinical research collaborations between Men’s and Women’s Health continue.

The upcoming 34th Annual Women’s Health Symposium will be held on October 19, 2016 at the Citigroup Executive Conference Center in midtown Manhattan. Entitled, “Heads Up,” the conference will cover concussions, repercussions, and the aging brain with WCM guest speakers Barry Kosofsky, MD, PhD, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Neurology, WCM, and Gregory Petsko, DPhil, Director of the Helen and Robert Appel Alzheimer’s Disease Research Institute.
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The Department’s clinical enterprise revenue increased by 8.6% over fiscal year 2015. Patient care activities, as measured in outpatient encounters remained steady at 276,715. Work RVUs remain relatively unchanged at 1,085,348. The increase in revenue is mainly attributed to growth in infusion activities ($6.7M) and improved collections per wRVU ($5.2M).

The Department’s research grants activity in 2015 equaled $44.9 million. Industry sponsored research increased by 40% in 2015 to $16.7 million.

Medical education mission activities, which encompasses medical student education, the internal medicine residency program, and our 10 fellowship education programs continued to be a priority for the Weill Department of Medicine during fiscal year 2015. The Department’s budget for these educational activities is approximately $13.9 million annually.

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