

Affinity Group Updates

Medical Ethics Affinity Group plans to begin the trial for their recently funded project in "A Pilot Study to Improve the Bedside Teaching of Clinical Ethics: A Novel Collaboration between Hospital Medicine and Medical Ethics," in the coming weeks. For more information please contact [Dr. Matthew William McCarthy](#).

Evidence Based Medicine Affinity Group paper on ROC is being finalized for submission to JAMA. The group in collaboration with NYU/VA system is planning a new project that has to do with re-analyzing data regarding patient handoffs among residents and patient mortality. For more information please contact Affinity Group leader [Dr. Amiran Baduashvili](#).

Cornell Center for Health Equity (CCHEq)

The center is preparing Community Advisory Board meetings for both the New York City campus on September 19th and Ithaca campus on September 28th. For more information please contact [Rosio Ramos](#).

Primary Care Innovation (PCI)

The Primary Care Innovation (PCI) program is planning its 1st Primary Care Innovations Symposium on September 12th. The symposium will feature keynote speaker, Asaf Bitton, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, who will deliver "The Future of Primary Care" talk. The call for abstracts for the symposium was very successful with a total of 39 abstracts submissions from collaborators in the Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, Radiology, and Psychiatry as well as NYP, MSKCC and Hunter College, many of which will be featured as posters during the symposium. For more information about upcoming events please visit our [website](#).

The Primary Care Innovation Program is also proud to announce the 2017-2018 seed grant recipients:

Matthew William McCarthy, MD, General Internal Medicine, \$30,000 for his study on "A Pilot Study to Improve the Bedside Teaching of Clinical Ethics: A Novel Collaboration between Hospital Medicine and Medical Ethics". This award will help support the work of the Medical Ethics Affinity Group, led by Dr. Matthew McCarthy."

Iris Navarro-Millan, MD, General Internal Medicine, \$35,000 for her study on "Quality of Care and Characteristics of Middle-Aged Hispanics Disabled with Arthritis."

Megan Johnson Shen, PhD, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, \$35,000 for her study on "Using a web-based platform (Patient Activated Learning System) to improve knowledge of and confidence in completing advance directives and managing distress among racial/ethnic minority patients."

Patient Activated Learning System (PALS)

The PALS website is now live. Visit www.palsforhealth.com to search featured articles on *Chlorthalidone*, a drug used to treat high blood pressure. PALS is a novel patient education platform being developed at Weill Cornell by our division in collaboration with the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Currently the team is working on release 1.1 which will launch at the end of August.

Honors & Awards

Dr. Pamela Charney was inducted from the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Todd Cutler was awarded Hospitalist of the Year.

Dr. Laura Gingras was awarded for Excellence in Teaching at WCIMA.

Dr. B. Robert Meyer was awarded the Lifetime Educational Service Award from Weill Cornell earlier this summer.

Publications

Ashita Batavia, MD, [Diagnosis of HIV- Associated Oral Lesions in Relation to Early versus Delayed Antiretroviral Therapy: Results from the CIPRA HT001 Trial](#)

Pamela Charney, MD and **Ashita Batavia, MD**, [Insurance Enrollment at a Student-Run Free Clinic after the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#)

Amanda Carmel, MD, [Rapid Primary Follow-up from the ED to Reduce Avoidable Hospital Admissions](#)

Ezra Gabbay, MD, [Amazing and Fantastic Infection Control: The Case of Dialyzer Reuse](#)

Matthew McCarthy, MD, [Teaching Clinical Ethics at the Bedside: Osler and the Essential Role of the Hospitalist](#)

Matthew McCarthy, MD, [Translational Development and Application of \(1→3\)-B-D-Glucan for Diagnosis and Therapeutic Monitoring of Invasive Mycoses](#)

Matthew McCarthy, MD, [Drug Development Challenges and Strategies to Address Emerging and Resistant Fungal Pathogens](#)

Matthew McCarthy, MD, [Drugs Currently Under Investigation for the Treatment of Invasive Candidiasis](#)

Matthew McCarthy, MD, [Combination Therapy for the Treatment of Pulmonary Mold Infections](#)

Congratulations

Alexi Archambault, MPH, Research Data Analyst, has enrolled in the PhD program in Epidemiology at the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at NYU School of Medicine. She will continue working as a Research Data Analyst on a part-time basis.

Michael Artin, BA, Research Assistant, will begin medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. His last day was August 11, 2017. We thank him for his support on Dr. Peterson's research program.

Elaine Gee, MD, welcomed baby boy Emmett Cai on August 22, 2017!

Shannel Grant, BA, has transitioned to a new position as a Research Manager effective August 1, 2017.

Savira Kochhar, MS, has been promoted to Research Program Manager effective August 21, 2017.

Vladimir Murenko, BA, has been selected as a STAR Performer in the Weill Department of Medicine. This is in recognition for his exceptional service, thoughtfulness towards others, and projection of an excellent role model. We are proud to have him on our team!



Academic

Kimberly Bloom-Feshbach, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Ruijin Chen, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Justin Choi, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Christos Christolias, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Jigar Contractor, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Michael Gao, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Parag Goyal, MD, Assistant Professor

Leeyen Hsu, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Dhruv Khullar, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Aram Kim, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Jared Kirzner, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Dustin Lee, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Peggy Leung, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Parimal Patel, MD, Instructor in Medicine

Nekee Pandya, MD, Assistant Professor

Laura Pinheiro, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health Services Research in Medicine

Juliet Wilson, NP, Nurse Practitioner

Navin Yadlapalli, MD, Assistant Professor

Non-Academic

Kunal Gupta, MD, Research Assistant

Geyanne Liu, BS, PALS Content Developer

Krishna Mehta, BS, Research Assistant

Evgeniya Reshetnyak, PhD, Senior Research Data Analyst