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What's New in Medicine, the bimonthly newsletter of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine, provides the latest updates on the department's research breakthroughs, new faculty recruits, and honors and awards. *To submit information for consideration for future newsletters, please contact Suzanne Ross directly at suross@med.cornell.edu.*

Message from the Chair



It has been an exciting past few months in the Weill Department of Medicine. The Third Annual Weill Department of Medicine Research Retreat, held in October of 2018, was remarkably successful. There were a total of 10 talks and 66 posters presented at the event. I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Steve Lipkin, Dr. John Leonard, and Kristen Brady for organizing the day, and to Dr. Sekar Kathiresan for being the keynote speaker for the event.

Also, on Match Day, November 28, 2018, our talented senior residents matched broadly in many different subspecialties across the country. This outstanding match is indicative of the strength of our house staff program and of the faculty support that is present across the entire department.

It is with these accomplishments, and many others in mind, that I wish each of you the best for the holiday season and for the new year!

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Anthony Hollenberg, M.D.
Sanford I. Weill Chair

News



New Recruits Bring Breakthrough Research on HIV/AIDS to Weill Cornell

Drs. Douglas Nixon and Brad Jones will be expanding the division's already strong standing of more than 30 years in pioneering cutting-edge clinical trials for HIV/AIDS. [Read more](#)



New Faculty Recruit to the Jill Roberts Institute Will Explore How the Human Microbiota Regulates Health and Disease

Dr. Guo’s lab will use a combination of bioinformatics, bacterial genetics, metabolomics, and mouse models to identify the molecular mechanisms behind host-microbiome interaction. [Read more](#)



Dr. Faltas Awarded a Starr Cancer Consortium Grant for Bladder Cancer Study

Dr. Faltas's study, entitled “APOBEC mutagenesis in bladder cancer: mechanisms and therapeutic opportunities,” will receive \$840,000 over two years. [Read more](#)



Furthering Diversity at Weill Cornell: \$2.7 Million Grant from the HRSA Awarded

The monies will go to establish a Diversity Center of Excellence, which will operate under the auspices of the Cornell Center for Health Equity. [Read more](#)



Third Annual WDOM Research Retreat Draws Record Number of Attendees

The event served to foster and expand research activities and collaborations at Weill Cornell Medicine between established and emerging leaders in their respective fields. [Read more](#)



Dr. Adelman’s Training Program for Medical Students Featured in *The New York Times*

Medical students are afforded the opportunity of talking with seniors about all aspects of their lives, from physical and psychological challenges, to social activities and interpersonal relationships. [Read more](#)



Dr. Peña’s Medical Journey Featured in *STAT*

“My own path in medicine has been bolstered by HPREP and other programs like it at later stages of my training and career,” says Dr. Peña. [Read more](#)

Honors



Dr. Hollenberg Receives the 2018 Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship Award

The coveted award honors an established investigator who has made outstanding contributions to thyroid-related research over the course of many years. [Read more](#)



Dr. Walsh Delivers Opening Lecture for the 82nd Annual Southern California ASM Meeting

His lecture was entitled, “Advances in the Laboratory Diagnosis of Invasive Candidiasis & Their Therapeutic Implications.” [Read more](#)

News Flashes

Fellowship Matches Announced! 2018 has been an exciting year for residents training in the Weill Department of Medicine, and the Fellowship Program’s Match List has been posted. The WDOM congratulates all of the residents on another successful year and to those who will soon begin a new journey as fellows. [View the matches](#) (PDF)

ProudtobeGIM Award – Second Year in a Row! The Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and the American College of Physicians (ACP) announced the winners of the ProudtobeGIM Awardees for 2018-2019. There were 20 institutions on the awardees list and Weill Cornell Medicine won the honor for the second year in a row. The application had been spearheaded Dr. Judy Tung (Chair of Medicine, NYP/Lower Manhattan Hospital) and Dr. Madeline Sterling (a general internist and health services researcher); both are on the faculty of the Division of General Internal Medicine.

Extraordinary Advocacy! Dr. Joseph Shin, an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, and the Co-Medical Director of the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights, received the 2018 Felix A. Fishman Award for Extraordinary Advocacy in the field of medicine. He was honored with the award on November 12, 2018 at The House of the Association of the New York City Bar.

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