Message from the Chair

Hard to believe it is June already and the end of the academic year is here. I would like to thank our 5 terrific chief residents (Drs. Cecelia E.W. Nicol, Ramsey Kalil, Benjamin Langan Gordon, Lauren Balkan, and Youmna Abdelghany) for all of their hard work and leadership. We wish them well as they go forward. Similarly, we have an amazing cadre of 42 senior residents and 4 junior residents in the medical research track who will all graduate this month. We wish them well as they continue to pursue their careers and improve everything we do in Medicine. We are very proud of all of them.

I would also like to take the time to recognize two of our outstanding faculty members who are retiring: 1. Bob Burakoff, M.D. has made outstanding contributions in all aspects of gastroenterology throughout his career with great impact on our training programs over the last 5 years; and 2. Bob Meyer, M.D. whose 25 years here in the Division of General Internal Medicine have transformed patient care and training in both the ambulatory and in-patient arenas through leadership, education and example. We wish them both well and I can’t thank them enough for everything they have done. We will miss them.

Also, thank you to Debbie Dimanche who is leaving us after 10 years as the Division Administrator of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Finally, next week we welcome our new 45 interns to campus for orientation before they start the following week. Please take the time to welcome them to our campus.

All the best to everyone for the summer months!

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Anthony Hollenberg, M.D.
Sanford I. Weill Chair
Physician-Scientists in the Weill Department of Medicine Inducted into ASCI and AAP

The WDOM congratulates four of its physician-scientists who have recently been inducted into top-tier medical societies: Dr. Longman and Dr. Schwartz (ASCI); Dr. Fins and Dr. Rafii (AAP). Read more

WDOM Congratulates Dr. Jean Pape on Election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

GHESKIO founder and the Howard and Carol Holtzmann Professor in Clinical Medicine, Dr. Jean Pape has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Read more

Dr. Joseph J. Fins Honored at Wesleyan’s 190th Commencement: Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Dr. Joseph J. Fins, Chief, Division of Medical Ethics, WDOM, was honored at Wesleyan’s 190th Commencement as an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Read more

WDOM Faculty Honored with Teaching Awards at Commencement 2022

The WDOM congratulates its faculty who received teaching awards at the Weill Cornell Medicine Class of 2022 commencement ceremony held on May 19, 2022. Read more

Dr. Desai Receives Ritu Banga Healthcare Disparities Research Award at Weill Cornell’s Celebration of Diversity Event

The award recognizes the tremendous research conducted by WCM investigators to improve the health of underrepresented minorities and/or to reduce health disparities. Read more

Fund for the Future (FFF) Awards Announced: Advancing Research Careers of Junior Faculty

The Weill Department of Medicine has announced five winners who will receive Fund for the Future (FFF) awards. Read more
Dr. Roboz and Patient Delia Ephron Interviewed on CBS News Sunday Morning: Leukemia, Loss, and Love

Interviewed by Dr. Jonathan LaPook of CBS News’s Sunday Morning, Dr. Gail Roboz’s patient, Delia Ephron, shared her experiences after learning she had leukemia in 2017. Read more

News Flashes

• Congratulations to WDOM faculty who recently received a promotion:
  Doron Betel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computational Biomedicine in Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology
  Parag Goyal, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine (secondary appointment: Division of Cardiology)
  Jessica M. Pena, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Cardiology
  Matthew Spector Simon, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases
  Joe Qiao Zhou, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Regenerative Medicine in Medicine, Division of Regenerative Medicine

• The WDOM congratulates Dr. David Artis on receiving the 2022 ICIS-BioLegend William E. Paul Award. Dr. Artis received the prestigious award along with Dr. Wanjun Chen for their “combined contributions to unraveling the exciting and important biology of cytokines,” and it was noted that Dr. Artis’ research “has pushed the boundaries of conventional approaches to immune defenses, and elucidated the important role of cytokines in host defenses at the barrier surfaces of the gut, skin, and lungs.” Dr. Artis is the Michael Kors Professor of Immunology, Director of the Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and Director of the Friedman Center for Nutrition and Inflammation.

• WDOM congratulates Dr. Ashley Beecy, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, and Dr. Trent Collier, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, who will be serving as fellows in the Wolk Healthcare Leadership Fellowship.

• The WDOM congratulates Dr. Lisa Kern, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, on receiving a Demonstration Projects Program Cycle 2 Award for her project, Improving How People Living with Dementia are Selected for Care Coordination: Pragmatic Clinical Trial Embedded in an Accountable Care Organization. This award is given by the NIA Impact Collaboratory as part of its IMPACT Demonstration Projects Program.
Research Paper Highlights

Cardiology


Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism


Saunders KH, Igel L, Aronne LJ. Telemedicine could be the solution to scaling obesity treatment. Obesity (Silver Spring). 2022 Mar;30(3):573-574. doi: 10.1002/oby.23391. PMID: 35195365. [Comprehensive Weight Control Center]

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