

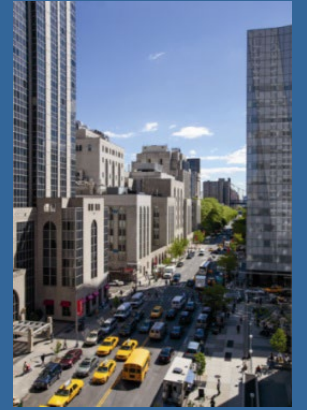


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Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine

What's New In Medicine

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What's New in Medicine, the 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 Interim Chair



It is a great pleasure and honor to begin my service as the Interim Chair of the Weill Department of Medicine. Over the last several years under the direction of Dr. Tony Hollenberg, the department forged numerous advances in clinical care, research, and education, as well as many diversity initiatives. We are greatly appreciative of Dr. Hollenberg for his leadership and lasting impact on us.

I am excited to work with all of the faculty, staff and trainees in my new role. As a member of the department as a trainee and faculty member for over 30 years, I am strongly committed to our collective success. We will make every effort to continue our progress in the many clinical, research and educational activities that are essential components of our mission. Personally, I look forward to interacting with those of you who I have not yet connected with and collaborating as we continue to tackle challenges and positively impact our field. In the coming months, I will be visiting with the various divisions of the WDOM, our trainees, and others among the diverse group that comprises our department. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have ideas or issues, and thank you for all of the important work that you do.

John P. Leonard, M.D.
Chair (Interim), Weill Department of Medicine

News



Led by Dr. Imperato-McGinley, the CTSC Receives \$61.9 Million Grant from NIH (NCATS)

This award is the largest federal grant ever given to Weill Cornell Medicine and represents 20 years of continuous funding for the CTSC under Dr. Imperato-McGinley's direction. [Read more](#)



New Automated Screening Tool for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Utilizes Electronic Medical Records

IPF, which causes progressive scarring of the lungs due to chronic lung inflammation, is usually fatal because it tends to be diagnosed late in the process when treatments are less effective.

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New Directors at the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center

Dr. Jedd Wolchok has been appointed as the Meyer Director of the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center and Dr. Taha Merghoub as Deputy Director. [Read more](#)



Dr. Glesby Appointed as WDOM's Vice Chair for Mentoring and Faculty Development

Dr. Glesby will develop innovative new efforts to enhance the professional growth of faculty at all levels, and focus on positioning faculty for promotion and play a critical role in the integration of faculty from our other campuses. [Read more](#)

Paige McMillan Appointed as WDOM's Chief Administrative Officer Effective October 10, 2022

Paige will direct administrative and business activities within the department, including finance, accounting, research administration, clinical operations, capital planning, academic appointments, and education. [Read more](#)



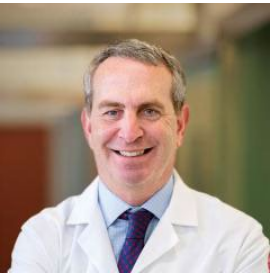
Dr. Sonnenberg and Colleagues Publish Key Finding in *Nature*: How Immune System Tolerates Friendly Gut Bacteria

Building upon his laboratory's many discoveries centered around ILC3s, Dr. Gregory Sonnenberg has published another breakthrough in *Nature* (September 7, 2022). [Read more](#)



Dr. Iliev Publishes Key Finding on Fungal Species in Tumors in *Cell*

The breakthrough research holds promise for developing diagnostic tests for the prediction of cancer progression and therapy. [Read more](#)



Dr. Hollenberg Presents Departmental Advances at Grand Rounds: Clinical Care, Research, Education

In his last presentation at Medicine Grand Rounds, Dr. Hollenberg provided a slideshow of the many advances within WDOM. Dr. Hollenberg stepped down as Chair of the WDOM as of September 30, 2022. [Read more](#)

News Flashes

- Congratulations to WDOM faculty who recently received a promotion:
Alicia Livia Alonso, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Molecular Biology Research in Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology
Ezra Gabbay, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine
John Richard Lee, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension
Kapil Kanayalal Rajwani, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Mirella Salvatore, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Public Health Programs
Alpana Shukla, M.B.,B.S., M.D., Associate Professor of Research in Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

- The WDOM congratulates **Dr. Michelle Loy** on being accepted into the 2022-2023 LAMP Program (Leadership in Academic Medicine Program) at Weill Cornell Medicine. [Dr. Loy](#), Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in Clinical Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, WDOM, is board certified in Integrative Medicine, Lifestyle Medicine, Medical Acupuncture, and Pediatrics. She presents to physicians, patients, and the community on topics from nutrition, botanical medicine, and cancer prevention to mental health, women's health, and more.
- **Dr. Joseph J. Fins**, The E. William Davis, Jr., M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics and Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics recently participated in a podcast, [Balancing Innovation and Ethics: Who is Protecting the Early Adopters?](#), for the Lighthouse Guild of NYC. Interviewed by Dr. Calvin Roberts, President and CEO of the Lighthouse Guild, Dr. Fins provided insights on the ethical issues of human experimentation with technology and what happens when implant technology becomes obsolete or when the sponsoring company stops supporting the technology. The Lighthouse Guild provides exceptional services that inspire people who are visually impaired to attain their goals.

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