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Department of Medicine Leadership

Dr. Iesha Galloway-Gilliam has been appointed Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine. She will start in this new role on October 10, 2022. Dr. Galloway-Gilliam is a highly qualified and experienced leader who will be an important and effective ambassador of the Department of Medicine.

As Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine, Dr. Galloway-Gilliam will assist in departmental leadership in clinical, faculty and fiscal affairs. She will be involved in making critical decisions and contributions to the creation and implementation of the Chair’s vision and strategic plan.

Additional Department of Medicine Leadership structure:
Dr. Martin Stillman, Director of Provider Wellness and Retention
Dr. Mark Linzer, Director of Education, Mentorship and Scholarship
Dr. Rosemary Quirk, Director of Internal Medicine Residency Program
Drs. Brian Muthyala, Allyson Hart, Matthew Young, Directors for Health Equity & Social Justice

Medical Staff Leadership Announcements

Dr. Mark Sprengle is serving as the Senior Medical Director of Critical Care at Hennepin Healthcare, effective September 23, 2022. Dr. Sprengle’s operational partnership is with Sara Rose, the Senior Patient Care Director, and will report to the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Sprengle has been a staff physician at Hennepin Healthcare since 2003 and is board certified by the American Board of Specialties in Critical Care Medicine and Pulmonary Diseases. Dr. Sprengle has served as the Division Director of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care in the Department of Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare since 2011 and will continue to serve in this role in addition to the Senior Medical Director role. He has held numerous committee positions across the organization, including Medical Staff Credentials Committee, Medical Executive Committee, and Medical Staff Quality Committee.

Dr. Adam Kolb is serving as the Senior Medical Director of the Medical/Surgical units at Hennepin Healthcare, effective September 26, 2022. Dr. Kolb’s operational partnership will be with Lindsay Van Dyke, the Director of Medical/Surgical, and will report to the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Kolb has been a staff physician at Hennepin Healthcare since 2014 and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kolb has served as the Medical Director of CaRe/CMIC since 2019. He has been involved in several quality improvement initiatives, including leadership of the Venous Thromboembolism Committee and membership on the Multidisciplinary Rounds Problem Solving Committee and Sepsis Quality Committee. Dr. Kolb’s enthusiasm and talent in leading multidisciplinary teams through robust problem solving has led to significant improvements in the quality of patient care during his years of leadership.
Staff Updates This Quarter

Department of Medicine New Staff:
Dr. Rawad Nasr, Rheumatology Division, October 17, 2022
Dr. Andrea Nelson, Nephrology Division, October 17, 2022
Megan Jorgenson, Department of Medicine Practice Manager, October 3, 2022
Dr. Ayesha Mehfooz, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes Division, October 3, 2022
Charlotte Alvarez, LAc, Integrative Health and Wellness Division, September 19, 2022
Dr. Yuri Hanada, Gastroenterology Division, September 19, 2022
Dr. Kurt Hessen, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Division, September 19, 2022
Brooke Rogers, PA, General Internal Medicine Division, September 6, 2022
Susan Johnson, NP, General Internal Medicine Division, August 15, 2022.
Dr. Janell Stewart, Infectious Diseases Division, August 1, 2022
Briana Tschaekofske, Medical Office Coordinator, August 1, 2022.
Dr. Caroline Davis, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division, July 18, 2022
Dr. Rebecca Nahum, Hospital Medicine Division, July 18, 2022
Dr. Daniel Parsons Moss, Hospital Medicine Division, July 18, 2022

Department of Medicine Staff Departures:
Dr. Karim Saab, Hematology/Medical Oncology Division, October 21, 2022
Dr. Appesh Mohandas, Cardiology Division, October 14, 2022
Dr. Joshua Lackner, General Internal Medicine Division, September 16, 2022

Department of Medicine Staff Retirements:
Dr. Ellen Coffey, General Internal Medicine Division, September 1, 2022
Leigh Hamersten, Medical Office Coordinator, September 16, 2022

Department of Medicine Transitions:
Dr. Ronald Schut stepped down from his role as Vice Chair of Fiscal Affairs, September 1, 2022
Joseph Strangfeld, PA-C, stepped down from his role of Senior Medical Director of Medical/Surgical Units, September, 2022
Chad Hood accepted the position of Senior Director, Provider Services on August 24, 2022

Interventional Pain Clinic

Catherine Earl-Torniainen, PA-C, was appointed Medical Co-Director of the Interventional Pain Clinic in January, 2022. The Hennepin Healthcare Interventional Pain Clinic team goal is for patients to experience an improved quality of life while managing chronic painful conditions. Over time, patients will become empowered to live their fullest life by being part of their own solution.

Patients attending Interventional Pain Clinic will have the opportunity to partner with their provider in addressing their pain management. The Interventional Pain Clinic model includes two new staff nurse practitioners who take on the majority of medication management; two interventional/procedural physicians, and one integrative medicine physician. Patients will be offered the opportunity to participate in multi-modal pain management methods that have evidence in improved quality of life.

These approaches may include interventional procedures; pharmacotherapies including possible buprenorphine products, medical marijuana, and traditional prescription medications; integrative pain methods of mindfulness and meditation; referrals within the Hennepin Healthcare system for physical touch therapies including acupuncture, pool therapy, physical therapy; amongst others. No referrals for patients in anticipation of opioids as singular method of pain management.

Patients may expect a full diagnostic evaluation including review of previous evaluations and diagnostic tests, as well as an intake interview including components of mental health, chemical health, and physical health. Patients will undergo physical examination and possible imaging studies, as well as laboratory work.

Once established in clinic, patients can expect to be treated with dignity and respect, and to participate in protocols including regular office visits, regular urine drug screens, random pill counts and expectations for in person follow-ups.
Acknowledgements, and Recognition

Drs. Anne Becker, Heidi Erickson, David Flemig, Selome Gezahegn, and Janell Stewart were all accepted into the University of Minnesota Medical School’s Foundations of Leadership Excellence Program. This is a competitive program for junior faculty with leadership potential. Beginning in October, they will participate in a year-long leadership development program with a learning network of faculty across departments and teaching institutions including Hennepin Healthcare, Regions Hospital, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, and University of Minnesota Medical Center. This is a great opportunity for them and for all of us to have this level of leadership potential recognized by our peers across the community.

Dr. Caitlin Eccles-Radtke and the infection control team were awarded a 2022 Hennepin Healthcare Employee Excellence Award on September 7, 2022. Dr. Mariam Anwar was elected to the American College of Physicians (ACP) Fellowship on September 1, 2022.

Dr. Brooke McDonald, (G3), was recognized by the Hennepin Healthcare Clinical Documentation Integrity team as a Provider of the Month in the July Clinical Documentation Integrity newsletter. Drs. Kacia Lee and William Sinnett have new roles as Assessment and Coaching Experts (ACE), working with University of Minnesota students who are doing their clinical rotations at Hennepin Healthcare as of July 1, 2022.

Charles Bolles Bolles-Rogers Award

Dr. Ellen Coffey has been awarded the prestigious Charles Bolles Bolles-Rogers Award. This highly regarded award from the Twin Cities Medical Society Foundation recognizes physicians who have made significant contributions and achievements in the medical profession. Dr. Coffey’s exemplary service and dedication to our patients and their families, her impactful teaching and clinical expertise that she has shared with our trainees and other health care professionals, and her deeply collegial way of being present for and supporting all of us make Dr. Coffey an ideal recipient of this tremendous honor.

The Charles Bolles Bolles-Rogers Award arrives at the conclusion of Dr. Ellen Coffey’s 30 years of contributions in our General Internal Medicine Division, where she embodied the highest ideals of being a physician, an educator, and a leader with remarkable commitment to our mission and our patients. She retired on September 1, 2022.

This award is named after Charles Bolles Bolles-Rogers who lived in the Minneapolis area for 37 years and was especially interested in the health and hospital needs of the city. He served on the (former) St. Barnabas Hospital Board of Trustees and was president of that board for many years.

American College of Physicians (ACP) Minnesota Chapter Fall Meeting

The American College of Physicians (ACP) Minnesota Chapter Meeting will be held on October 28, 2022, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com. Dr. David Hilden, the Minnesota Chapter Governor, will be overseeing an educational meeting with participation for Hennepin Healthcare physicians and residents. This year’s meeting is exciting in that we have two Hennepin Healthcare Department of Medicine faculty award recipients.

Dr. Ellen Coffey was selected as the Chapter Laureate Award winner for 2022. This is the most prestigious award given to one exceptional internal medicine physician each year and represents the highest ideals of what the chapter recognizes. Dr. Coffey will join a distinguished group of Minnesota physicians dating back many decades.

Dr. Haylee Veazey was selected for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award for her work on transgender health care. The Chapter began giving this award just last year and so to be named in only its second year is, an honor and testament to her incredible work.
Congratulations to the Department of Medicine 2022 Top Doctors from the Minnesota Monthly Magazine survey published in the September/October 2022 issue, selected by their peers of 10,000 licensed doctors in the 11-county metro area based on a list provided by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice.

Gavin Bart, MD, Addiction Medicine  
Brian Grahan, MD, Addiction Medicine  
Kathleen Heaney, MD, Addiction Medicine  
JoAn Laes, MD, Addiction Medicine  
Charles Reznikoff, MD, Addiction Medicine  
Woubeshet Ayenew, MD, Cardiology  
Michelle Carlson, MD, Cardiology  
Gautam Shroff, MD, Cardiology  
Mengistu Simegn, MD, Cardiology  
Laura LaFave, MD, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes  
Robert Matlock, MD, Gastroenterology  
Mariam Anwar, MD, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine  
Lawrence Kerzner, MD, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine  
Thomas Klemond, MD, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine  
Samuel Maiser, MD, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine  
Daniel Hoody, MD, Hospital Medicine  
Brian Muthyala, MD, Hospital Medicine  
Shirlee Xie, MD, Hospital Medicine  
Matthew Young, MD, Hospital Medicine  
Jason Baker, MD, Infectious Diseases  
Caitlin Eccles-Radtke, MD, Infectious Diseases  
Megan Shaughnessy, MD, Infectious Diseases  
Nicholas Vogenthaler, MD, Infectious Diseases  
Carla Schultz, MD, General Internal Medicine  
Allyson Hart, MD, Nephrology  
Satya Bommakanti, MD, Hematology/Medical Oncology  
Natarajan Raman, MD, Hematology/Medical Oncology  
Douglas Rausch, MD, Hematology/Medical Oncology  
Joshua Dorn, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care  
Heidi Erickson, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care  
James Leatherman, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care  
William Marinelli, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care  
Matthew Prekker, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care  
John Sweet, MD, Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care

Note that the Mpls StPaul Magazine Top Doctors and Rising Stars were listed in the past issue of the IM Newsletter.

Currently, three of our Internal Medicine faculty, Drs. Max Fraden, Paul Johnson, and Patrick O’Connor are working clinically at the Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospital on the reservation. Rotations vary in length from 1-2 weeks and both outpatient and inpatient roles are available. Specialists are welcome to join the academic collaboration as well, but the work involves practicing general medicine on the wards or in clinic. Life expectancy on the Rosebud reservation is among the lowest in the United States, physician shortages are chronic, and the Indian Health Service remains significantly underfunded - a basic violation of treaty rights. HCMC sits on Dakota land and due to genocide, forced migration, and colonial settlement, many Dakota from Minnesota were forcibly resettled to neighboring South Dakota. If you are at all interested in joining this work (even just potentially, for down the road), please reach out to Drs. Fraden, Johnson, and O’Connor, to set up a time to meet and discuss the opportunity. One note: this is a department level initiative, and we do not have an institutional contract to do this work. Practically speaking, what this means is that providers interested in working on the reservation will need to independently contract with a public benefit company (ARC Health) - either during PTO or by reducing their FTE at Hennepin Healthcare. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.
Presentations, Posters and Podcasts


Dr. Kathleen Heaney presented “Moral injury,” at the Minnesota EMS Medical Directors Association meeting in Alexandria Minnesota on September 9, 2022.

Dr. Vicki Morrison was an invited participant for the Association of Community Cancer Centers - FDA mini-symposium “Acute Myeloid Leukemia Treatment in the Community Oncology Setting” in August 2022.

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner presented, “Why do some scam victims continue to give money but appear perfectly fine? What is APS Missing? The biology of financial vulnerability” in a workshop at the National Adult Protective Service Association (NAPSA), in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 31, 2022.


Brian Imdieke, and Dr. Deepti Pandita presented, “A best practice documentation template for 2021 E/M changes – are we achieving “patients over paperwork?” in a poster session at Epic’s Annual User Group Meeting, at the Epic Corporation in Verona, Wisconsin on August 22, 2022.

Dr. Matthew Prekker presented, “Transfusion medicine and coagulopathies,” and “Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation” at the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) CHEST Critical Care Medicine Board Review, as a virtual conference on August 12-15, 2022.

Dr. Mark Linzer presented, “MN-LHS Minnesota Learning Health System K12” at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Program Director’s Meeting, virtually on August 10, 2022.

Dr. Meghan Walsh was a participant in, “Keeping your communities, employees safe from gun violence” episode of the HealthLeaders Podcast on July 7, 2022.

Dr. Vicki Morrison was a faculty participant at the ECCO/AACR/EORTC/ESMO Workshop, Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop on June 17-23, 2022.

Dr. Lucas Zellmer presented, “Management of Type 2 diabetes in a free clinic population: Initial findings of a quality improvement intervention” at the 2022 WPHA-WALHDAB Annual Public Health Conference at the Wisconsin Dells on May 24-26, 2022.

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Medicine Grand Rounds

This academic year the Department of Medicine will continue to present Medicine Grand Rounds virtually on Thursdays at 12:00-1:00pm. Medicine Grand Rounds will offer CME for this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To claim CME, physicians will need to complete a short survey following each accredited program available via a QR code at the end of the program.

Guest speakers who have presented at Medicine Grand Round in September include:

Thursday, September 22, 2022, David Gustafson, PhD, Director Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies Organization, University of Wisconsin Madison, “A smart phone app to prevent relapse in substance use disorder.”
Office of Education, Mentorship and Scholarship (OEMS)

From Dr. Mark Linzer, M. Thomas Stillman Endowed Chair and Director of Education, Mentorship and Scholarship; Director, Office of Professional Worklife

For questions, support or if you have exciting scholarship announcements, news, or information you’d like to share, please contact Renee Marrero at renee.marrero@hcmed.org or 612-325-5466. We look forward to hearing from you!

Department of Medicine Research Conferences

We are excited for our next virtual research conference on October 27, 2022, 5:00-6:00 pm. Dr. Megan Shaughnessy will be reporting on her study “Parasitic Infections in Immunocompromised Patients at Hennepin Healthcare Systems,” which was the first project funded by the recently created Department of Medicine Seed Grants!

If you can join this program, please contact renee.marrero@hcmed.org for an invitation with the Microsoft Teams link.

New Cycle of Seed Grants

There was a tremendous response to the Request for Proposals for the 2nd round of DOM Seed Grants! This program is a great stepping stone for faculty newer to research as well as a way to provide more research opportunities for trainees to collaborate on these seed grant projects. Decisions will be made in early October and will be announced in the next IM Newsletter!

2023/2024 University of Minnesota Promotion Cycle

The 2023/2024 University of Minnesota Department of Medicine promotion process is around the corner! Those faculty interested in submitting their dossier for promotion in 2023 should reach out to their Division Director. In November, the Department of Medicine’s Leadership Team will review the nominations from Division Directors to make selections on who can proceed with the promotion process in the 2023/2024 cycle.

Over the past few years, we have seen an exciting increase in faculty interested in pursuing academic promotion, in large part due to the creation of the Clinician Track at the University of Minnesota Medical School in 2018. This year is no exception! Because of this, some interested and eligible candidates may be asked to defer seeking promotion until the 2024/2025 cycle.

An important step in promotion is confirming the track you are on is the best fit, either Academic or Clinician Track. If a switch to the Clinician Track is needed, it is a fairly straightforward process. Please give some thought to which track you wish to be on that best describes your career path, and we will help you be on it. Please contact Renee Marrero renee.marrero@hcmed.org or Dr. Mark Linzer mark.linzer@hcmed.org with any questions on promotion or tracks changes.

Research Excellence Award

Dr. Andrew Busch was recently awarded the 2021 Department Research Excellence Award, which is a high honor, well-deserved, for we have the good fortune to have many outstanding researchers in our department. We are thankful to be able to recognize Dr. Busch’s contributions and excellence amongst his peers.

Dr. Busch has a had a stellar track record of scholarship, mentoring, funding and leadership. He is an investigator or primary mentor on five ongoing NIH grants, including being PI of an ongoing R01 from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and PI/Co-PI on four recent clinical trial grants. He has over 70 peer reviewed journal publications, several in high profile journals. He is involved in numerous projects to improve health equity for African American men, and for people who are incarcerated, experiencing homelessness, or living with serious mental illness. Dr. Busch has changed the world in lasting and meaningful ways, and we know that many more years of exciting and important scholarship are ahead for him.

The announcement of the 2022 Research Excellence Award winner will be sent soon. Due to the pandemic, the University of Minnesota did not hold a Department of Medicine Fall Faculty Recognition Reception in 2021, so the awards for both 2021 and 2022 (TBD) will be announced at the University of Minnesota Department of Medicine Fall Faculty Recognition Reception ceremony at the Campus Club on Thursday, November 10, 2022. If you are able, please consider attending to recognize Dr. Busch alongside many other of our distinguished colleagues.

Research Scientist Track

In August, several new HHRI colleagues joined the Department of Medicine Research Scientist track which was recently launched in January 2021. The Research Scientist track is designed to provide an opportunity for HHRI academic track candidates (post-doc PhD and investigator PhD level researchers) to formally engage with and integrate within the Department of Medicine. The wonderful new group of inductees to the Research Scientist track are:

In Nephrology:
Grace Lyden, PhD
Jonathan Miller, PhD
Nicholas Wood, PhD
Nicholas S. Roetker, PhD, MS

In Clinical Pharmacology:
Lynn Andreade, PhD, working with Dr. Sandra Japuntich
Office of Education, Mentorship and Scholarship (OEMS)

University of Minnesota Resources and Opportunities
Below is a list of some of the various career development opportunities offered by the University of Minnesota Medical School as listed on the Faculty Development page of the Office of Faculty Affairs.

• Path to Publication Workshop (Academic Appointment Required) – held several times a year
• How to Make an Effective Ask: Negotiation Basics (recorded October 28, 2021) is available to all. Upcoming live sessions Thursday, October 13, 2022, 8:30-9:30am: [Link to RSVP] and Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 8:30-9:30am: [Link to RSVP]
• Ten Tips for Interviewers! Making the Most of Your Interview (recorded September 16, 2021) is available to all. Upcoming live sessions: Thursday, November 3, 2022, 8:30-9:30am. Live Zoom Webinar. [Link to RSVP] and Thursday December 15, 2022, 8:30-9:30am. Live Zoom Webinar. [Link to RSVP]
• Mid-Career Faculty in Academic Medicine (MCFAM) Interest Group (Academic Appointment Required) Events held quarterly at the Campus Club, next event November 8, 2022, 4:00-6:00pm.

Additional Recorded Presentations (Available to All)
• An Insider’s Guide to NIH R Series Study Sections: Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask (Recorded June 17, 2020)
• Could Engagement in Social Media Advance Your Academic and Advocacy Mission (Recorded July 8, 2020)
• Writing effective letters of recommendation... for yourself and others! (Recorded November 18, 2021)
• Foundational Understandings of Gender Bias in Patient-Provider Relationships (Recorded October 8, 2020)
• Conceptual Basis of Mentoring (Recorded July 30, 2020)
• Menteeship**: The Responsibilities of a Protege (Recorded May 29, 2020)
• Facilitating Hybrid Meetings: Basics (Recorded January 12, 2022)
• Facilitating Hybrid Meetings: Beyond Basics (Recorded January 19, 2022)
• Incorporating Active Learning into an Online Environment. (Recorded September 9, 2020)
• Telehealth and Remote Education: Current Status and Future Directions (Recorded November 11, 2020)
• Welcome to Minnesota: Navigating MN Culture for Transplants. (Recorded October 28, 2022)
• Sleep and Circadian Strategies to Mitigate Burnout (Recorded April 22, 2021)
• Wellbeing Toolbox: Exploring Meditation through Metaphor (Recorded December 3, 2020)

Journal Publications/Electronic Publications


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**Published Abstracts**

**Talent Garden**

Over six weeks this summer, 34 members of the Department’s providers stepped up and volunteered to host 20 Talent Garden students. The Department’s volunteers acted quickly filling the shadowing spots to support this important institutional initiative. Dozens of talented high school students of color participated in this initiative spearheaded by Dr. Nneka Sederstrom’s office of Health Equity and Social Justice. The goal is to expose students to careers in medicine with the goal of building diversity in the people who serve our diverse communities. To quote one student, “The doctors and advanced providers were extremely kind, welcoming, knowledgeable and engaging.” The welcome they experienced in the Department of Medicine was evident from their daily feedback, “My shadow was great!” and “I learned so much!” were common responses. We will work with Dr. Sederstrom’s team to prepare for an even better experience in version 2.0 next summer. A huge thank you to all of you who participated.
Grants Awarded

**Dr. Ajay Israni** is PI on a new study: New Patient-Centered Metric for Transplant Center Report Cards (2022-2026), funded by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as well as a renewal for the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

**Dr. Anne Murray** (PI) received funding from National Institute of Health/National Institute on Aging/National Institute of Mental Health for the study: Sex-specific risk factors and trajectories of blood biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (2022-2025) as well as funding from Mayo Clinic for the TC Healthy Aging study.

**Dr. Jason Baker** (PI) and team recently received funding for the following studies:

- Immunologic Basis of Cardiac Disease after Severe COVID-19 study (**Dr. Jason Baker**, PI) funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the University of Minnesota.

- Optimization of a behavioral intervention to increase physical activity in older adults living with HIV funded by National Institutes of Health/ National Institute on Aging (9/1/2022-8/31/2027) with **Dr. Jason Baker** (Multiple Principal Investigator), **Dr. Andrew Busch** (Co-Investigator).

- Immunologic basis of cardiac disease after severe COVID-19 funded by National Institutes of Health/ National Institute on Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (7/1/2022 3/31/2026) with **Dr. Jason Baker** (Multiple Principal Investigator), **Dr. Anne Frosch** and **Dr. Kristina Burrack** (Co-Investigators).

**Dr. Gavin Bart** recently received funding for several studies:

- NorthStar Node of the Clinical Trials Network: Facebook Intervention for Preventing Opioid Relapse among American Indian Women funded by National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse.

- North Star Node of the Clinical Trials Network: Engaging African American Faith-Based Leaders in a Substance Use Learning Collaborative (LC) funded by National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse.

- Optimal Policies to Improve Methadone Maintenance Adherence Longterm (OPTIMMAL) PROV funded by National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse; New York University School of Medicine.

- New Mexico Clinical Trials Network: Clinical Research and Practice to Address Substance Use in Diverse, Rural and Underserved Populations (CTN 0096) PROV funded by National Institutes of Health; National Institute on Drug Abuse; University of New Mexico.

**Dr. Bryan Rock** recently received funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Tuberculosis Trials Consortium, Study 37-TBTC 0161R1.

**Dr. Jenell Stewart** (PI) received funding from the National Institutes of Health; National Institute of Mental Health for the study: Understanding STI and HIV Prevention Adherence Among Kenyan Women.

**Dr. Katherine Vickery** (PI) received funding for the Expanding the Diabetes Homelessness Medication Support (D-Homes) Program to Spanish speaking Hispanics study from National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Clinical Informatics

**Clinical Informatics Fellowship, Incoming Fellow**

**Dr. Yatin Riat**, Emergency Medicine trained provider.

**Clinical Informatics Fellowship Graduated Fellow**

**Dr. Matthew Kalina**, Lead Physician of Ambulatory Clinical Systems, Ridgeview Hospital, Waconia, Minnesota.

New QI (Quality Improvement) and CI (Clinical Informatics) rotation was launched in August 2022. This rotation is designed and executed by second year CI Fellow **Dr. Justine Mrosak**. It’s currently offered to IM and TY residents as part of their curriculum. Reach out to Dr. Mrosak justine.mrosak@hcmed.org with questions or if you would like to be included in this course in the future.
**Administrative Staff Recognition**

Congratulations on recognition of years of service in the Department of Medicine:

Laura Cebery in recognition of four years of administrative support in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine in the Department of Medicine on September 17, 2022.

Michelle Herbers in recognition of 33 years of service at HCMC, 8 of which she has been the Internal Medicine Residency Program Coordinator, Senior on September 11, 2022.

Roberta Russette in recognition of four year of service in the Divisions of Addiction Medicine, Clinical Pharmacology, and Hematology/Medical Oncology in the Department of Medicine on September 4, 2022.

Leigh Hamersten for 35 years of service at HCMC, 14 of which she provided administrative support in the Divisions of Endocrinology Metabolism & Diabetes, Infectious Diseases, Hematology/Medical Oncology, and Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine on August 20, 2022.

Belinda Rogers in recognition of 41 years of Operations Management and administrative support in the Department of Medicine on July 1, 2022.

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**Internal Medicine Intern Interviews**

The Internal Medicine residency will conduct virtual interviews again this year, per ACGME and APDIM recommendations. In order to remain competitive, we will continue to interview additional candidates (250 in all) and will use last year’s format. We will ask a limited number of faculty to conduct interviews, but are asking interviewers to conduct four interviews per session, from 1:00-3:00pm (1/2 hour each). Applicants will meet with one faculty member, one resident, and the Program Director during this time in round-robin fashion via Zoom using the waiting room feature. You may receive an email from Michelle Herbers regarding interview dates.

Thank you for your flexibility in these shifting times. As always, we appreciate the time and energy you dedicate to our internal medicine residency. Our success is a direct result of your efforts.

*The Medicine Education Team*

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**Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates**

**Medicine Grand Rounds** are scheduled every Thursday at noon virtual via Microsoft Teams from 12:00-1:00 pm. HCMC designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Watch your email for monthly and weekly details regarding upcoming programs.

**Thursday, October 27, 2022, 5:00-6:00pm**, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams, Hennepin Healthcare Department of Medicine Research Conference, Parasitic Infections in Immunocompromised Patients at Hennepin Healthcare Systems. Dr. Megan Shaughnessy, Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare. RSVP to Renee Marrero (renee.marrero@hcmed.org).

**Friday, October 28, 2022, 7:00am-6:00pm**, The American College of Physicians (ACP) Minnesota Chapter Meeting, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com

**Thursday, November 10, 2022, Faculty Recognition Reception**, University of Minnesota, Department of Medicine, 5:30-7:30pm, Refreshments and Hors D’oeuvres, 6:00pm – Program Begins, Campus Club – West Wing

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