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A Message from the Chair, Steve Abramson

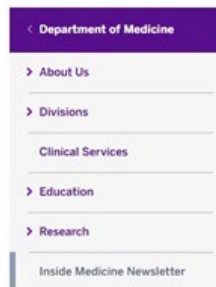
Connection

This Newsletter celebrates the remarkable accomplishments of our Department of Medicine community, highlighting significant milestones such as Bruce Cronstein's illustrious career and retirement, as well as the many dedicated faculty members promoted to Associate Professor and Professor in the past academic year. These achievements are a testament to their hard work, talent, and commitment. Beyond the individual successes, the Newsletter stories underscore a common theme, namely, the vital importance of *Connection*. From the camaraderie evident at Winterfest to initiatives like the "Big 100 Read" and the shadowing experiences for medical students, who engage for the first time with physicians and patients in our clinics, connection is a recurring theme. And of course, that special connection with an individual patient is wonderfully reflected in Andy Qiao's student essay on "*being present for our patients*." Together, this issue of the Newsletter reflects a culture of achievement, compassion, and purpose woven throughout. In this complex, fractured, and increasingly divisive world, we are privileged in medicine to share a deep commitment to the care of others, a common culture that uniquely positions us to achieve both individual and collective fulfillment through *Connection*.

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Resilience

January 2025

Bellevue Appoints New Chief Medical Officer; Honoring Our Residents' Next Steps in Medicine; Staff Milestone Celebration Event; Innovations in Medicine featuring Nikhil Kumbha, MD, MS; Announcements from the Humanistic Medicine Program; Building a Culture of Appreciation Through Employee Recognition



Happy Holidays

December 2024

The 20th Anniversary of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Clinical Innovation; Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship Dinner; Department of Medicine Annual Holiday Party; Innovations in Medicine featuring Tyler D. Webster, MD; Honoring Bruce N. Cronstein, MD; Fluoridation; Patient Experience Book Club to Host "Big 100 Read"; CME Highlight featuring the 4th Annual Critical Care Cardiology Symposium

Department of Medicine Annual Recognition Reception

Celebrating Excellence: Honoring Faculty Achievements



Chair Steven B. Abramson, MD, addresses the Department of Medicine faculty at the milestone celebration

On January 29, the Department of Medicine gathered at the Kimmel Pavilion for its Annual Recognition Reception, celebrating the faculty members who achieved key academic milestones over the past year. The event honored those newly appointed or promoted to Associate Professor and Professor of Medicine, as well as recipients of endowed professorships and tenure awards.

The evening commenced with a warm welcome from Steven B. Abramson, MD, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Executive Vice President, and Vice Dean for Education, Faculty, and Academic Affairs at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. In his remarks, Dr. Abramson commended the honorees for their dedication to advancing medical education, research, and patient care. "These appointments and promotions are not just professional achievements; they are reflections of a career dedicated to excellence in medicine," he stated.

Among the distinguished faculty recognized, Dan G. Halpern, MD, was named the Klinsky Family Associate Professor of Cardiology, and Harmony R. Reynolds, MD, was appointed the Joel E. and Joan L. Smilow Professor of Cardiology. Additionally, Chiara Giannarelli, MD, PhD, Michal L. Melamed, MD, and Josef Coresh, MD, PhD, were awarded tenure in recognition of their exceptional contributions to research and academic leadership.

The Department also acknowledged faculty celebrating milestone anniversaries, including Glenn I. Fishman, MD, Director of the Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology and Vice Chair of Research in the

Department of Medicine, for 24 years of service, and Mark B. Pochapin, MD, Director of the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology and Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Medicine, for 13 years of leadership and dedication.

In addition to celebrating individual achievements, the event underscored the department's commitment to fostering a culture of recognition and academic excellence. Attendees reflected on the collective impact of their peers, reinforcing the exceptionalism and collaborative spirit that define the Department of Medicine.

Congratulations to all honorees on their well-deserved recognition!



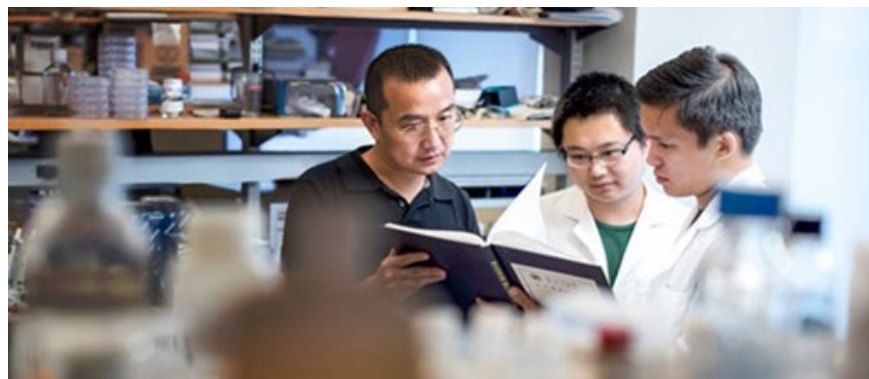
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Medicine Career Exploration Shadowing Opportunities

Enhancing First-Year Medical Student Education Through Clinical Shadowing



Adjusting to the rigors of medical school is no small task. This year, the first-year students at NYU Grossman School of Medicine had a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between classroom learning and clinical practice by shadowing faculty members across our department. These shadowing experiences not only enriched their education but also provided invaluable exposure to the art and science of medicine.

Among these experiences, one student shared their enthusiasm after shadowing Emily N. Hoffman, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of the Infectious Disease Fellowship Program, stating: "The shadowing experience with Dr. Hoffman was phenomenal. She was incredibly patient and willing to walk me through each patient, emphasizing teaching points, her thought process, and the flow of the field in general. I am extremely grateful."

This past summer, 72 faculty members from all divisions generously opened their practices to these first-year students. In total, 67 students participated, accumulating nearly 300 hours of shadowing experience. The feedback from the Dean's office has been overwhelmingly positive, with many students citing this

program as a highlight of their first-year experience. For instance, one student who shadowed Sean P. Heffron, MD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine (Cardiology), remarked: "Dr. Heffron was welcoming and enthusiastic about his specialty. In our conversations outside of the appointments I shadowed, he shared with me the journey that brought him to his field, briefed me on the patients he was going to see, and explained the pathophysiology behind the conditions he treats."

The shadowing program has also been rewarding for faculty. Jonathan Samuels, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine (Rheumatology), Director of Clinical Initiatives, Director of the Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Program, and Site Director of the Fellowship Program for the NYU Langone Orthopedic Center, who hosted five students since July, reflected: "The NYU Grossman School medical students are very smart and a real pleasure to have in the office, as they often add meaningful input to the discussion with the patient in the exam room. I have truly enjoyed the discussions with them about pathophysiology, differential diagnoses, and management decisions. A welcome addition is that students get a better sense of the pace of outpatient medicine (and the Epic in basket grind!) in specialties like rheumatology, which are quite different than inpatient services and the hospital clinics."

This initiative has proven instrumental in helping our future physicians connect with clinical practice and explore potential career paths within internal medicine. With the three-year medical school curriculum accelerating the timeline for career decisions, early exposure to our specialties is critical for sparking interest and guiding these students in their journeys.

We are deeply grateful to all the faculty members who generously participated in this program. By engaging with our exceptional medical students early in their training, you have made a meaningful impact on their education and their future careers. Thank you for your dedication to teaching and mentoring the next generation of physicians at NYU Grossman School of Medicine!



David T. Stern, MD, PhD

Chief of Medicine Service at the Margaret Cochran Corbin VA Medical Center

Dr. Paul R. Esserman Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine

Director, Masters in Health Professions Education (MHPE) Program

Senior Advisor, Farber Bedside Scholars, Education for Educators and Health Equity Programs

Vice Chair, Education and Faculty Affairs, Department of Medicine

Winterfest 2025

Celebrating Excellence in Medical Education



Residents and guests gather to celebrate achievements and milestones

The Department of Medicine proudly hosted Winterfest 2025 on January 24, at the Tribeca Rooftop, bringing together residency program leadership, residents, and esteemed guests for an evening of celebration and recognition.

Hosted by Steven B. Abramson, MD; Margaret Horlick, MD, Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and Transition to Residency Advantage Coach; the Associate Program Directors; and Chief Residents, the annual event honors the recipients of the 2024 Teacher of the Year Awards, who have exemplified exceptional dedication to medical education and mentorship. All enjoyed an unforgettable night of fellowship, music, and reflection on the achievements that continue to define the Department of Medicine.

This year's honorees of the 2024 Teacher of the Year Awards— Daniel Sartori, MD, Neil M. Shapiro, MD, Nilima Shet, MD, and Jordan W. Talan, MD, MHPE —were celebrated for their remarkable contributions to teaching and shaping the next generation of physicians. Their unwavering commitment to excellence and passion for education have left a lasting impact on their residents, colleagues, and the entire Internal Medicine Residency Training Program.

Congratulations to this year's Teacher of the Year Award recipients and thank you to everyone who made Winterfest 2025 a resounding success.



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Celebrating the Legacy of Bruce N. Cronstein, MD



(L-R) Steven B. Abramson, MD; Jill P. Buyon, MD; Bruce N. Cronstein, MD; Judith S. Hochman, MD; Miriam A. Bredella, MD, MBA

On Thursday, January 23, the Department of Medicine gathered in the Kimmel Pavilion to honor the remarkable career of Bruce N. Cronstein, MD, who is retiring after decades of dedication to medical science, education, and patient care. The event, held in the seventh-floor conference room, brought together colleagues, mentees, and friends to celebrate Dr. Cronstein's profound impact on NYU Langone Health and the broader medical community.

Dr. Cronstein, the Dr. Paul R. Esserman Professor of Medicine, has been a cornerstone of innovation and leadership, holding esteemed roles across the Departments of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, and Pathology. His tenure as Director of the Division of Translational Medicine from 2014 to 2021 and as leader of the Program in Collaborative Research within the Clinical and Translational Science Institute exemplifies his commitment to advancing precision and translational medicine through groundbreaking collaborations.

The event featured heartfelt words of appreciation from esteemed colleagues who highlighted Dr. Cronstein's extraordinary career and impact. Steven B. Abramson, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine, said, "Dr. Cronstein has profoundly impacted the NYU Langone scientific community as a scientist, leader, and mentor. His legacy will continue to influence the field and inspire the next generation of physician-scientists." Judith S. Hochman, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences, also recognized his influence, adding, "Dr. Cronstein's contributions to translational medicine have been extraordinary. His dedication to mentorship and scientific discovery has not only shaped our institution but has advanced the entire field of rheumatology and immunology." Their reflections, along with those of Jill P. Buyon, MD, Director of the Division of Rheumatology, and Miriam A. Bredella, MD, MBA, Director of Clinical and Translational Science Institute and Associate Dean of Translational Science, underscored the profound respect and admiration Dr. Cronstein has earned from colleagues, mentees, and the broader medical community.

As the department bids farewell to Dr. Cronstein in his professional capacity, his unparalleled contributions to science, mentorship, and leadership will remain a source of inspiration. We wish him the very best in his retirement and look forward to seeing the continued impact of his work on medicine for years to come.



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Innovations in Medicine:

Conversations with Our Expert Faculty



Lawrence Phillips, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
 Assistant Clinical Director, Strategic Affairs, Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology
 Associate Director, Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program
 Director, Nuclear Cardiology Laboratory
 Medical Director, Outpatient Clinical Cardiology, FGP

We spotlight Lawrence M. Phillips, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine; Director of Nuclear Cardiology; and Medical Director of Outpatient Cardiology in the Department of Medicine at NYU Langone Health. In addition, he is the Senior Associate Program Director of the Training Program in Cardiovascular Diseases. During his time on the department faculty, Dr. Phillips has served as the New York Governor of the American College of Physicians and on December 31 completed a term as the President of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. Dr. Phillips shared insights and views on the importance of becoming involved in medical societies as a key part of your medical career.

Congratulations on completing your term as President of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC). Can you explain what ASNC is and how you became involved?

Thank you! This past year has been incredibly insightful, offering the opportunity to collaborate with nuclear cardiology experts from around the world. ASNC is a global specialty organization, in fact, the largest medical society focusing on nuclear cardiology. ASNC's membership includes over 5,700 members, including physicians, technologists, scientists, and trainees. My involvement began during my cardiology fellowship when I was selected to participate in ASNC's Leadership Development Program - a 3-year program that provided leadership training and a comprehensive understanding of the inner-workings of medical societies. Over the past 16 years, I have served on committees, organized both local and national meetings, and advocated for a number of health policy initiatives.

You mention ASNC's Leadership Development Program. What is the value of formalized leadership development in your opinion?

Formalized leadership development is crucial for physician professional growth. We all need to put aside time for these experiences, rather than trying to multi-task through an online training module alone. I have participated in three structured leadership programs during my career: One through ASNC as mentioned, another with the American College of Physicians (ACP) and a third here at the Advanced Interdisciplinary Leadership Development Program (AILDP) of the NYU Langone Academy. These programs push you out of your comfort zone and expose you to areas of leadership you might never experience otherwise. For example, leadership programs in medical societies often focus on health policy advocacy, a critical skill for our profession that most of us are underexposed to in traditional medical education.

Considering your experience advocating with the ACP and ASNC (among other groups), why do you recommend physicians prioritize learning about health policy?

Since my residency, I have had mentors who encouraged me to learn about health policy and amplify physicians' voices in conversations with policymakers. Over the years, I have visited Capitol Hill more than 20 times, supported by the ACP, American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, and ASNC. What has always stood out is the impact that physicians can make by sharing our knowledge of science and medicine and by providing context that resonates with policymakers. By highlighting patient stories, we are uniquely qualified to bring health policy to human and relatable levels.

What motivated you to take on leadership roles in national or international medical organizations?

I believe all physicians should engage with the medical societies representing their specialty. The question should not be whether or not to be a member, but rather how involved you want to be. At a minimum, joining your medical society and getting involved will give you a tremendous feeling of community with your peers around the world. For me, pursuing leadership roles is about making a meaningful impact, moving the needle even a little bit, on the practice and science of medicine. For instance, during my ASNC presidency, one of my goals was to increase access to hands-on, case-based learning for nuclear cardiology. Traditionally, this has been challenging due to the proprietary nature of imaging software and the range of vendors used across different institutions. However, after a year of effort by many people, ASNC is now beta-testing a cloud-based, case-based platform that allows clinicians to work through real-world teaching cases using workflows and software similar to what they use on a daily basis. This has the potential when completed to enable nuclear cardiologists and trainees around the world to standardize their imaging interpretation skills, engage in quality improvement, and stay updated and educated on new technologies.

In your experience, what impact can physicians have when leading or participating in organizations like the ACP and ASNC?

In addition to the impacts, you can have on education and advocacy, another key part of leadership roles in medical societies is mentorship. My early involvement in ACP was supported by long-time faculty member, Dr. Anthony Grieco, who I met as a resident and continues to mentor me to this day. In ASNC, I was mentored by our former Director of Nuclear Cardiology, Dr. Jennifer Mieres. Her teachings and guidance have been key to my development. My goal has been to pass on the valuable education and opportunities I have been given by my mentors, including these two giants and others. Medical societies make these networking and mentorship opportunities accessible, easily found by attending meetings and joining committees.

With your leadership roles over the years in the ACP and ASNC and at NYU Langone Health, how do you manage these responsibilities while maintaining excellence in patient care and education?

It's important to fully understand the time commitment that goes into taking on a leadership role in a medical society, especially travel time for national and international groups. These decisions should not be made in isolation. Every time I considered taking on an external leadership role, I have had a discussion

with our Director of the Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology, Dr. Glenn Fishman, to evaluate the potential impact that the role could have on my responsibilities here at NYU Langone Health. Thanks to his support and our fantastic team of faculty and staff in nuclear cardiology and outpatient cardiology, I have been able to serve in these roles without compromising patient care or education.

What advice would you give to physicians aspiring to take on leadership positions in national or international medical organizations?

Every medical organization offers multiple pathways for getting involved. In many groups, all it takes is expressing interest. There are both local and national committees to join as well as opportunities to participate in many educational activities. Most medical societies offer dedicated trainee committees and leadership development programs to increase the involvement of medical students, residents, and fellows. I also encourage trainees to speak to faculty members in the Department of Medicine who are involved in medical societies. Here, we are very fortunate to have faculty involved in leadership throughout many medical societies who are eager to support and guide you in your involvement. Getting involved now in your medical society will be a source of professional satisfaction for you throughout your career.

The Digital Pulse

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The Book Report

Celebrating The Patient Experience Book Club's "Big 100 Read"

The Department of Medicine is proud to celebrate a significant milestone in the Patient Experience Book Club— "Big 100 Read." Founded in 2012 by Katherine Hochman, MD, MBA, Director of the Division of Hospital Medicine and Associate Chair of Quality of Care in the Department of Medicine, the club has spent over a decade fostering empathy, engagement, and a deeper understanding of the patient experience through literature. Now, with its 100th book, the club is marking the occasion with a special reading of *The Last Lecture: Lessons in Living* by Randy Pausch.

An international bestseller, *The Last Lecture* is a profound reflection on life, death, and the pursuit of dreams. Written by Pausch, a computer scientist, after his diagnosis of terminal cancer, the book offers powerful lessons on resilience, legacy, and the importance of living with purpose. The book's themes resonated deeply with the NYU Langone Health community, sparking discussions on parenting, mentorship, and the role of healthcare providers in a patient's journey.

"This book reminds us why we do what we do," Dr. Hochman said during the session. "As healthcare providers, we are not just treating conditions—we are helping people live meaningful lives. Randy's words challenge us to reflect on our purpose and the impact we have on those around us."

The "Big 100 Read" event brought together faculty and staff from across the institution for a series of discussions led by Dr. Hochman. Participants explored how Pausch's insights could be applied in their professional and personal lives, reflecting on themes of teaching, materialism, and the profound impact of caregivers. Notable attendees included Robert I. Grossman, MD, Chief Executive Officer and Dean; Fritz François, MD, MSc, Executive Vice President and Vice Dean, and Chief of Hospital Operations; and Brian P. Bosworth, MD, Chief Medical Officer.

"The Patient Experience Book Club has established a community for people to reflect on the individuals we care for in such a meaningful and personal way. By using literature as a foil in which we can frame the challenges and struggles we as health care providers face each day, the Patient Experience Book Club provides a forum and outlet that is truly needed," said Dr. Bosworth.

The "Big 100 Read" is the first large-scale book discussion hosted by the club since 2017, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi drew over 700 participants. This year's event invited the entire NYU Langone Health community to participate in-person and online, fostering connection and conversation across departments. Dr. Hochman and longtime book club members Dilshad Marolia, Director of Hospitals Regulatory and Policy Management, and Roger Smith, a credentials manager in the Insurance Department, facilitated in-person discussions, ensuring meaningful dialogue and engagement.

The Patient Experience Book Club, supported in part by The Auxiliary of NYU Langone Health, continues to be a vital space for exploring the human side of medicine. Dr. Hochman encourages everyone to join in and, above all, "Never. Stop. Reading!"

Join a "Big 100 Read" Discussion

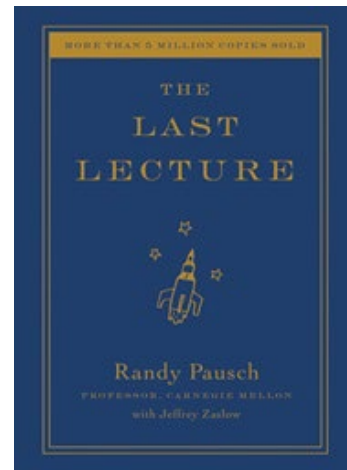
Register [here](#) to join any of the discussions below. In-person space is limited, so be sure to RSVP!

Final In-Person Discussion

- Wednesday, February 12 at 12pm at Tisch Hospital - Science Building; Ground Floor; G 19 CR

Virtual Discussions

- Thursday, February 13, at 1pm
- Tuesday, February 18, at 12pm
- Thursday, February 20, at 1pm



Patient Experience Book Club's the "Big 100 Read" in-person session

Featured Student Essay

Written by: Andy Qiao

The first time that I met Mr. T, was four days before his birthday. He was an elderly gentleman who had come into the hospital after falling at his assisted living facility. A work-up soon revealed a multidrug-resistant UTI complicated by bacteremia, and he became quite ill before starting an intensive course of antibiotics. I had just started my rotation at Tisch when he first arrived, and over the course of several days, I got to know him as the kind man who would happily greet me each morning, patiently answering my questions about his pain and other symptoms before reminding me of his upcoming birthday. Gradually, he began to feel like my patient, someone whose health was the reason for everything that I was doing.

After a few days, Mr. T was well enough to go home, a birthday discharge that was perhaps the best gift that the team could have given him. As I was leaving the hospital that day, I stopped by to say goodbye to Mr. T one last time. When I got there, he was deep in conversation with his daughter, who had made a great effort to take time off work to visit her father in the hospital. He proudly showed me the gifts that she had brought: a horse paperweight to celebrate his love of horses when he was a child in Guyana, a bottle of cologne in his favorite scent, and a picture frame engraved with a poem that his daughter had written for him. Seeing Mr. T with his daughter, I felt a deep sense of gratitude. It reminded me of why so many of us are drawn to medicine in the first place – the joy of celebrating alongside our patients, knowing that our work allows them to have more time to do what matters most: making memories with loved ones, pursuing passions, and living life as fully as possible.

My three weeks at Tisch came and went, and with that I was adjusting to life at Bellevue, getting used to new environments, teams, and workflows. One of my first patients was Ms. R, who had developed diarrhea after a meal of chicken and rice. What seemed like a simple case of food poisoning at first turned into concern for enteric fever, and a one-day stay in the ED soon stretched into a multi-day hospital course. As a team, we would methodically discuss Ms. R's plan daily, synthesizing numerous small pieces of data and debating how to optimize her antibiotics and fluids. Morning after morning, I was hopeful that we had begun to make a difference, yet Ms. R would continue to report a restless night of diarrhea and fevers.

A few days into her hospital stay, as I was finishing up my normal morning check-in with Ms. R, asking if there was anything else that I could help her with, she broke into silent tears, quietly sharing her frustration at still being ill and her wish to get better. After taking a moment to wipe away her tears, Ms. R sat quietly

in thought before whispering “Thank you. Thank you for being here every day.” In that moment, I realized that being a physician isn’t just about having the answers or the cures – it’s about being present for our patients, even when we can’t immediately alleviate their physical symptoms. As doctors, we can offer something essential: support. We can let patients know that they are not alone, that we are thinking of them, and that we are working tirelessly to help them on the road to recovery, however long or winding that path may be.

It wasn’t until I was actually on the wards that I understood what it truly meant to be a physician. While I’ve had the opportunity to learn so much clinical knowledge over the last few weeks, it has been the human connections that have made medicine so meaningful. The moments of recovery I’ve shared with patients, the difficult times I’ve tried to help them navigate, and the human stories I’ve had the privilege to hear – all of these have left a profound mark on me. It’s been an honor to care for Mr. T, Ms. R, and all the other patients that I’ve met during my medicine clerkship. I know I will carry their lessons with me throughout my career, and that is something I will forever cherish.

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Andy Qiao is a second-year medical student at NYU Grossman School of Medicine interested in pursuing a career in internal medicine or neurology. He graduated from Duke University in 2023 with a degree in biomedical engineering. In medical school, he has been involved in various student organizations, as well as population health and medical education research. He is excited to continue meeting new patients and developing his clinical skills throughout clerkship year. In his free time, he enjoys running, trying new restaurants, playing the violin, and exploring different neighborhoods in New York City.



CME Highlight

A Multidisciplinary Focus on Pancreatic Disease



Course directors Tamas A. Gonda, MD; Kristen Spencer, DO; and Christopher Wolfgang, MD, PhD; deliver opening remarks

The pancreas was the center of attention at the recent CME event, “Big Gut Seminars: Focus on Complex Pancreatic Disease,” held on January 10, at the Manhattan campus. The program was led by course directors Tamas A. Gonda, MD, Professor of Medicine; Kristen Spencer, DO, Associate Professor of Medicine; and Christopher Wolfgang, MD, PhD, S. Arthur Localio Professor of Surgery.

Featuring a multidisciplinary faculty and an interactive format, the course included a lightning round of short didactic presentations, discussion of emerging issues and controversies in clinical care, and

multidisciplinary panel discussion of challenging, complex patient cases related to pancreatitis, pancreatic cysts, other high-risk and pre-cancerous conditions, and pancreatic cancer. Special topics, such as advances in early detection biomarkers, minimally invasive therapies for premalignant and malignant diseases, personalized approaches to initial treatment of pancreatic cancer, and novel and emerging paradigms in advanced pancreatic cancer were highlighted. Keynote addresses included a gastroenterology lecture on the future of pancreatic cancer screening and an oncology lecture on cutting-edge care for elderly patients by guest faculty Marcia I. Canto, MD, MSH, of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Efrat Dotan, MD, from Penn Medicine / Lancaster General Hospital, respectively.

“From screening and diagnosis to treatment options, pancreatic diseases are challenging conditions, requiring an integrated, multidisciplinary, and personalized approach to care. We were grateful for the participation of our exceptional keynote speakers and course faculty and very pleased to see gastroenterologists, oncologists, surgeons, and others coming together to attend this course focused on the full range of pancreatic disease,” said Dr. Gonda, Director of the Pancreatic Disease Program, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, in the Department of Medicine.

“It is our hope that this seminar will help clinicians of all disciplines to stay up to date on the latest innovations in screening, diagnosis, and treatment and, in turn, help elevate the care and support of their patients who have or are at risk for pancreatic disease,” added Dr. Spencer, Director of the Phase I Developmental Therapeutics Program, Perlmutter Cancer Center.



Upcoming Live CME Activities

News & Awards

Faculty Honors

Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology



Sunil Rao, MD, was appointed to Chair of the writing committee for the 2025 American Heart Association (AHA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), and Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions Guidelines for the Management of Acute Coronary Syndrome. He was also elected Co-Chair of the AHA/ACC Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines and to the Association of University Cardiologists.

Harmony R. Reynolds, MD, was inducted into the Association of



Harmony R. Reynolds, MD, was inducted into the Association of University Cardiologists (AUC). The AUC is an organization that is limited to an active membership of 175 academic cardiologists from the United States, elected by their peers. She will join her fellow colleagues, Glenn I. Fishman, MD, Judith S. Hochman, MD, and Edward A. Fisher, MD, MPH, PhD, as members of the organization.



Binita Shah, MD, has been named Chair of Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention Scientific Sessions.



Coen van Solingen, PhD, has received a Pilot Project Award from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, for his study entitled: *Testing the therapeutic potential of an inflammatory micropeptide concealed in a lncRNA*.

Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology



Renee L. Williams, MD, MHPE, was invited to give the Joanne AP Wilson Lectureship at Duke University Medical Center, February 2025.

Division of General Internal Medicine & Clinical Innovation



Michelle McMacken, MD, has been recognized by City & State New York as one of its [2025 Trailblazers in Healthcare](#). More info [here](#).

Division of Nephrology



Qandeel H. Soomro, MD, has received the NIH K23 award for her work "Deep phenotyping of autonomic dysfunction in CKD".

Promotions

Division of General Internal Medicine & Clinical Innovation



Kelly J. Crotty, MD, MPH, MHPE, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.



Jennifer L. Dong, MD, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine



Maria C. Crisanti, MD, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

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Upcoming Events & CME

CME: Updates in Endocrinology 2025

February 21, 7:15am – 5:20pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: 18th Annual Clinical Research Methodology Course

March 13, 9:00am – 12:20pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Advances in Home Mechanical Ventilation: From the Iron to Artificial Lung

March 14-15, 7:30am – 12:50pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: NYU Langone Seminar in Advanced Rheumatology

March 20-21, 7:00am – 6:00pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Ultrasound for Rheumatologists and Other Musculoskeletal Providers: Beginner and Intermediate Levels

March 22-23, 7:30am – 3:15pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Sarcoidosis: Navigating Complexities of Multidisciplinary Care

March 26, 8:00am – 5:15pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Big Gut Seminars: Focus on Complex Inflammatory Bowel Disease

March 28, 7:00am – 6:00pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: The 2nd Annual New York Sleep Conference: Cutting Edge Topics in Sleep Medicine

April 10-11, 7:00am – 6:00pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Venous Thrombosis Update 2025

April 11, 7:15am – 4:30pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Asthma, Airways and the Environment

April 24, 7:30am – 4:35pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: 5th Annual Cardiometabolic Risk in Inflammatory Conditions: Emerging Insights and Treatment of Inflammation in Cardiovascular Disease

April 25, 7:45am – 3:30pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Advanced Heart Failure Cases and Controversies 2025

May 9, 7:00am – 6:00pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

CME: Advancing LGBTQ+ Health in Practice: Updates from Content Experts and Simulation for Active Learning to Enhance LGBTQ+ Patient Care

May 30, 7:30am – 2:45pm

Details and registration link [here](#)

Select Publications

Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology

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