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Pictured above: Adriana Quinones-Camacho, MD, chief of medicine at Tisch Hospital, and Katherine Hochman, MD, director of the Division of Hospital Medicine

Stumbling Blocks

A message from the chair, Steve Abramson

This issue of the Newsletter highlights the appointment of Dr. Adriana Quinones-Camacho as the new Chief of Medicine at Tisch Hospital, which was accompanied by

the promotions of Drs. Bosworth and Francois to key leadership positions at NYU Langone Health. Like all leaders, these individuals will confront challenges unexpected and new. The challenges ahead brought to mind a brief, but well-known biblical prohibition, "*It is forbidden to place a stumbling block before the blind.*" What is the relevance of this ancient admonition? It has, in fact, been understood as a directive against allowing a person to proceed unaware of an obstacle or difficulty standing in the way of their progress and success. By extension, these few words further promote the concept that we should work positively to enable others' efforts, not only by not *placing stumbling blocks* in their path, but by *removing* them. I believe that is what makes our department exceptional, the support we provide to each other's success based on a shared commitment to the three missions of care, education and research. So as we go forward into the New Year, I ask that we each remember the significance of the stumbling block.

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Meet Adriana Quinones-Camacho, MD, Chief of Medicine at Tisch Hospital

Dr. Adriana Quinones-Camacho's career at NYU Langone has been full of "firsts." She was the first member of Tisch Hospital's inpatient cardiology service, and helped to build the service from the ground up. During the initial surge, she was the medical director of KP12—the first dedicated Covid-19 unit at NYU Langone—and was instrumental in facilitating its transformation, as well as establishing a process to triage and manage patients. And most recently, she became the first woman to be appointed Chief of Medicine at Tisch Hospital, following Brian Bosworth, MD, who was named chief medical officer for our Manhattan main campus.

In this edited interview, Dr. Quinones-Camacho reflects on how her journey in medicine has evolved and what she's most excited for in her new role.

Tell us a little about how your career at NYU began.

During my cardiology fellowship, I had talked to Ed Katz, the section chief for cardiology, who was envisioning starting an inpatient, consultative cardiology team, with the initial goal of hiring three people to split the service. And then Superstorm Sandy happened and things changed—I ended up being the only person they hired. So I was lucky to be able to work with Ed as we were building the service from the ground up and transforming the way that we were taking care of cardiac patients. That was a great experience for me, to be part of the growth of the dedicated inpatient cardiology service.

Did you feel early on that you were also moving toward administration?

When I finished training, my goal was to be a clinician, because I really enjoy

taking care of patients. The experience of building the cardiology service is what sparked my interest in more administrative and operational roles. I found I wanted to learn more, not just within cardiology, but about the hospital as a whole.

In 2016, I had the opportunity to join the Comprehensive Transfer Center as a medical director, which was expanding at that time. That was another great way to learn the administrative, operational aspects of the hospital, still with a very clinical lens. And I got to be sort of the air traffic controller through the Transfer Center, which was a lot of fun. Those two early opportunities are where my interest really started to grow.

You also played a major role last year during the initial COVID surge.

I became medical director for Kimmel 12 in March 2019. A year later as the COVID surge began, it was transformed into the first COVID unit at NYU Langone. It was, as everybody here knows, a very uncertain and scary time. But I thought it was a good opportunity to help not just the institution, but the city.

As medical director, I felt like my role was figuring out how to keep everybody organized. Our teams were focused on taking care of the patients, and I was focused on how to keep everybody going in the right direction and how to manage all of these rapidly moving pieces. I think we came up with good systems, the best we could at that point. And then as the COVID unit grew and slowly took over the hospital, we were able to share best practices and adjust our approach, which I think made us successful.

Between Sandy and COVID, my appreciation for NYU really grew, to see what we can do when we all come together.

Can you give us a sense of the evolution of Tisch over the years?

It has been incredible—it's almost unrecognizable compared to when I started here. In retrospect, Tisch was almost like a community hospital at that point, with a lot of private practices and voluntary faculty. Fast forward to 11 years later, and it's a completely different structure and model. The way we've transformed the Tisch-Kimmel campus in the last decade is really exciting because now we're the top program in so many subspecialties, and we've also grown so many sub-specialties and highly specialized centers.

What are the biggest challenges—and what are you most excited about—in your new position?

I want to make sure that I understand the department and the hospital the best I can to make sure we continue on the same trajectory...

[Click to continue reading the full interview](#)

THE ADVISOR IS IN

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Epic Elevate: Making Small Changes in the EHR Add Up to Big Differences

Most physicians are still using only a fraction of the EHR's capabilities that can enable them to become more efficient users. Making small changes in the tools you use and how you practice will save time and get you through your workdays quicker.

Find the Right Diagnoses, Medications and Orders By Typing Less

When searching for meds and orders, stop typing their full names. Instead type the first few letters to home in on your search result quicker. In the diagnosis field, try typing "pri hyperpa" instead of primary hyperparathyroidism. For medications type the first 3 letters of the name and dose. Ex: Type AMO 500 instead of amoxicillin. Your search will match on both the correct medication and dose!

Build Quick Buttons to Access Your Most Common Documentation Templates

Do you use the same few templates to start most of your notes? Rather than going to the Notes tab and then summoning your .phrase, save clicks by creating buttons to start your notes. Check out [this short video](#) to show you how to set these buttons up.

Manage your Results with a Single Click

Many In-Basket messages require a similar response – “stable labs, continue medications, follow up in *** months.” Creating a quick action for common responses will allow you to handle the message by inserting preconfigured text, sending it to the patient in MyChart or routing it to a staff member, all in a single click! These videos will show you the power of using Result Notes to accomplish this:

[It's Possible: Result Notes](#)

[It's Possible: Quick Actions-Result Notes](#)

Remove Unnecessary Links in Notes

The goal of a progress note is to record your thought process so you and other members of the care team know what is going on with a patient. While notes are also used to support billing claims, the latest changes to the [CMS Guidelines](#) focus on the level of medical decision making. Filling your note with pages of labs and imaging results isn't helpful clinically. And from the billing perspective, the same “show your work” credit is given if you use a link to pull in a lab test or if a note reads “CMP reviewed, notable for increase in Creatinine from 1.5 to 2.0”. We can all agree that the latter is more meaningful and shows a higher degree of medical decision making as it documents review of two lab tests over time! Combine this change with [Dragon](#) to document more quickly and make your notes an effective memory and communication tool!

Build Custom Order Panels

Stop placing your orders individually for common workups. Build a panel instead! It only takes a few seconds but will save you time for years to come. [Learn How](#)

Set Up Your Epic Schedule on Your Microsoft Outlook Calendar

There is no need to work off of two calendars. See a more comprehensive view of your day by [enabling Epic-Outlook Integration](#). Toggle this feature on and see all your meetings and patient care activities side by side in Microsoft Outlook.

Easily Send Lab Requisition to Patients via MyChart

Because of the rise in telemedicine, more patients are getting their labs drawn at local labs rather than at our practices. Now you can easily send patients their lab requisitions via MyChart so that they can get their labs drawn at their convenience. [Learn How](#)

Liked these tips? There are so many more to learn....

Sign up [HERE](#) to schedule an Epic Elevate 1:1 Virtual Provider Personalization Sessions with one of our Physician Informaticists or join the new [Efficiency Hour Webinars](#) hosted by Epic.



History Quiz: Retractions

Several years ago, we published a piece on retractions. Since that time SARS-CoV-2 has dramatically changed the landscape. Here, we feature the original article, in quiz form.

- Which journal has had the most retractions in recent years?
- Which researcher has had the most retractions?
- What retracted article has been cited the most times by other

Chiefs' Clinical Inquiry Corner

Chief residents of the NYU Langone Internal Medicine Residency give quick-and-easy, evidence-based answers to interesting questions posed by house staff, both in their clinics and on the wards.

[Read more on *Clinical Correlations*](#)

researchers as legitimate
following its retraction?

[Continue reading for the answers](#)

NEWS & AWARDS

NYU Langone Faculty Named to List of Highly Cited Researchers

The Web of Sciences List of Most Highly Cited Researchers recognizes the world's most influential researchers of the past decade, demonstrated by the production of multiple highly-cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and year in Web of Science. This year's highly cited researchers from the Department of Medicine are:

- **Edward A. Fisher, MD, PhD, MPH**, the Leon H. Charney Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Medicine, the Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology, professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Cell Biology, and Microbiology
- **Kathryn J. Moore, PhD**, the Jean and David Blechman Professor of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology, and professor, Department of Cell Biology
- **Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD**, the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Professor of Oncology, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Perlmutter Cancer Center
- **Kwok-Kin Wong, PhD**, the Anne Murnick Cogan and David H. Cogan Professor of Oncology, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Perlmutter Cancer Center

Department of Medicine Faculty Receive Educator Community Awards

The Rising Educator Award



Recognizes early-career faculty who serve as role models in education and who demonstrate leadership, commitment and achievement in the area of medical and/or biomedical education design and delivery.

Verity Schaye, MD, MHPE

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Assistant Director of Curricular Innovation, IIME
Director, Integrated Clinical Skills

UME Pre-Clerkship Educator of the Year



Recognizes outstanding leadership, commitment and engagement, and faculty who serve as role models for classroom-based medical school education.

Melissa Sum, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Content Director, Endocrine Module



Medical Education Collaboration

The Workplace-based Assessment
Project

From Medicine:

Colleen Gillespie, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Director, Division of Education Quality

National Leadership Roles & Recognition

Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology



Edward Fisher, MD, PhD, MPH, received the Pioneer Award in Cardiology from The Medical University of Graz (Austria) Heart Center for “unsurpassed contribution to cardiovascular science.” He also delivered the annual Willard J. and Priscilla F. Visek Lecture Lecture at the University of Illinois.



Kathryn Moore, PhD, has received the 2021 Distinguished Scientist in Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology from the American Heart Association, and was recognized during the Association’s Scientific Sessions 2021, held virtually November 13-15. This title recognizes Dr. Moore’s extraordinary contributions to cardiovascular research.

Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism



Debapriya Basu, PhD, research assistant professor and part of Dr. Ira Goldberg's lab, received the 2020-2021 Junior Faculty Research Award from the National Lipid Association (NLA). The NLA selected Dr. Basu because of her excellent research achievements in an area of science that promises to provide new knowledge in the physiology of lipoprotein metabolism. As first-place winner, Dr. Basu gave the Young Investigator presentation at the 2021 NLA Scientific Sessions.

Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology



Sophie Balzora, MD, received the 2021 Healio Disruptive Innovator Award in Health Equity, which is given to a physician who has made meaningful change to overcome the social determinants of health in gastroenterology. The awardee is seen as a model of how identifying and addressing social determinants of health can better patient care. [Learn more and watch a short video of Dr. Balzora.](#)



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, received the 2021 Healio Woman Disruptor of the Year Award, which is given to a woman in gastroenterology who has emerged as a leader and as an example to younger women of how a successful career can unfold. The awardee may have a career of positive disruption or more recent advancements

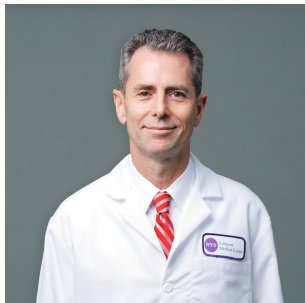
through which she has made a positive impact within the specialty. [Learn more and watch a short video of Dr. Shaukat.](#)



Seth Gross, MD, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Division of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care

NYU Langone Health's inpatient Palliative Care team was a Bronze Winner in the Tipping Point Challenge, a national competition focused on the submission of innovative initiatives that have made—or will make—positive, breakthrough change in the care of serious illness. The team included Arpit Arora, MD; Janelle L. Linton, MPH; Joseph L. Lowy, MD (pictured); Roisin L. McManus, RN, NP; Kaylin L. Milazzo, BCC; Christopher L. Oates, LCSW, MPA; and Megan E. Rau, MD, MPH. [Read about the Challenge and the team's initiative here.](#)



Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology



Elaine Shum, MD, received the Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award at the Third Annual EGFR Resisters Research Summit. The goal of the EGFR Resisters is to improve outcomes for people with EGFR+ (epidermal growth factor receptor) lung cancer by accelerating research.

Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine



Doreen Addrizzo-Harris, MD, is the President-Elect for the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST), and will assume the role of president in 2023. Dr. Addrizzo-Harris has been recognized as a Distinguished CHEST Educator each year since its inception since 2017 and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2019. She will serve as the sixth woman to lead the American College of Chest Physicians.



Kenneth Berger, MD, gave the 2021 Distinguished Scientist Honor Lecture in Cardiopulmonary Physiology at the CHEST 2021 Annual Meeting. This lecture, established in 1973, is awarded to a well-respected and published original investigator in pulmonary clinical physiology.



Shari Brosnahan, MD, has been elected to Guidelines Oversight Committee (GOC) for CHEST. The GOC aims to optimize patient care by generating the highest quality evidence-based guidelines, consensus statements, and hybrid documents to support clinical practice in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of chest disease.

Division of Rheumatology



Gregg Silverman, MD, has been named an **ACR Master by the American College of Rheumatology**, one of the highest honors the College bestows. The designation of Master is conferred on ACR members who have made outstanding contributions to the ACR and the field of rheumatology through scholarly achievement and/or service to their patients, students and profession. Dr. Silverman has also been named the **Mamdouha S. Bobst Professor of Internal Medicine** in recognition of his achievements as a physician scientist in the study of autoimmune disease.



Jose Scher, MD, received the 2021 ACR Henry Kunkel Early Career Investigator Award. The Henry Kunkel Early Career Investigator Award is awarded to an early career physician-scientist, who is within 12 years post rheumatology certifying examination eligibility, who has made

outstanding and promising independent contributions to basic, translational or clinical research in the field of rheumatology.

Featured Student Essay: "Death, the Maiden, and Her Medical Team"

Amy Bleasdale's essay, winner of the Anthony J. Grieco Clerkship Award For Outstanding Essay In Creative Arts, uses the lens of Schubert's *Der Tod und das Mädchen* to explore themes of suffering, surrender, and acceptance in the face of a grim prognosis.

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EVENTS & CME

Upcoming CME Activities

Controversial Topics in Sarcoidosis

March 4, 7:00am - 4:15pm

Course Directors: Rany Condos, MD; Randal Goldberg, MD; Kerry Hena, MD; Alex Reventovich, MD

Virtual Webinar ~ [Learn more](#)

NYU Langone Seminar in Advanced Rheumatology

March 17-19, 8:45am - 1:15pm

Course Directors: Steven Abramson, MD; Jill Buyon, MD; Bruce Cronstein, MD;

Michael Pillinger, MD

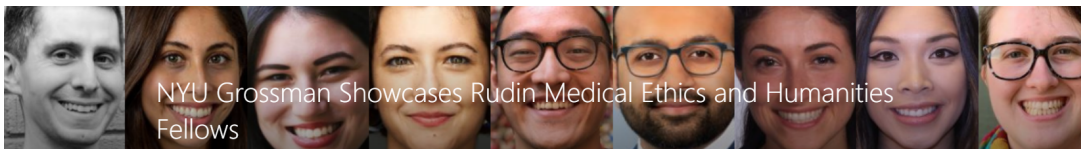
Virtual Webinar ~ [Learn more](#)



David Oshinsky, PhD (left), director of the Division of Medical Humanities, and medical students from the **History of Medicine club** take a hard-hat tour of the historic Ellis Island Hospital Complex.



A successful **New York Point-of-Care Ultrasound Course** was held October 28-29 at the NY SIM Center, with both NYU and guest faculty. Left to right: Eric Bondarsky, MD; Ricardo Franco-Sadud, MD (in the back); Marla Hymes; Benjamin Galen, MD; Deepak Pradhan, MD; Deborah Cooke, MS; Linda M. Kurian, MD; Michael Janjigian, MD; Harald Sauthoff, MD; Jared Honigman, DO



On Monday, October 25, 2021, nine Rudin Medical Ethics and Humanities Fellows—composed of medical students across all years and residents from a variety of specialties—gathered virtually with peers, faculty, family, and friends to present their research at the seventh annual **Rudin Fellowship Project Showcase**. [Learn more and watch the showcase.](#)

We welcome your announcements of awards, honors, publications,
presentations, new programs, and events. Email us at
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