



State of the Department Address

The Chair of the Department of Medicine, Robert A. Salata, MD, FACP, FIDSA, delivered the State of the Department address on Tuesday, April 20th via Zoom to an audience of UH, VA, and CWRU full time faculty members, APPs, and administrators. The event was recorded and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

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2021 Master Clinician Educator Award

Each year, the Department of Medicine recognizes outstanding clinicians and teachers with the designation of Master Clinician Educator. These physicians are considered the Department's "Hall of Fame", those who distinguish themselves with an unusual depth of knowledge in their field, a proven ability to provide compassionate and effective care to their patients. They possess a willingness to acquire and share new knowledge, outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, a commitment to professionalism, and a proven record of accomplishment for teaching and inspiring students, residents or fellows.

In selecting recipients for this designation, the Committee considers such factors as recognition by peers, teaching talent and ability to foster innovation in clinical care delivery. Master Clinician Educators are often emulated by medical students, residents and fellows who find these clinicians to be emblematic of the reasons why they chose medical careers.

This year saw the most nominations ever received for this award since its inception (38 nominations received). The winners receive a \$1,000 gift, a plaque of distinction, and recognition at this year's Spring Dinner.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 Master Clinician Educator Award:

Gregory Cooper, MD
Debra Leizman, MD
Federico Perez, MD

These three physicians join the ranks of those considered the "Best of the Best" of the Department of Medicine. Congratulations on a job well done!

[Read more about the MCE and other DOM awards >](#)



Dr. Robin Jump Honored with AMDA 2021 Service Award

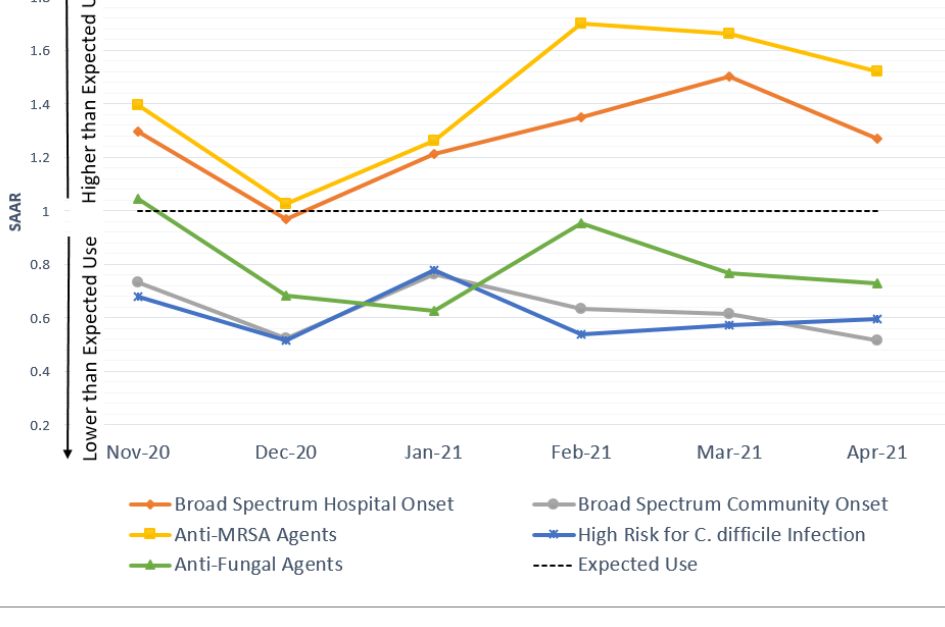
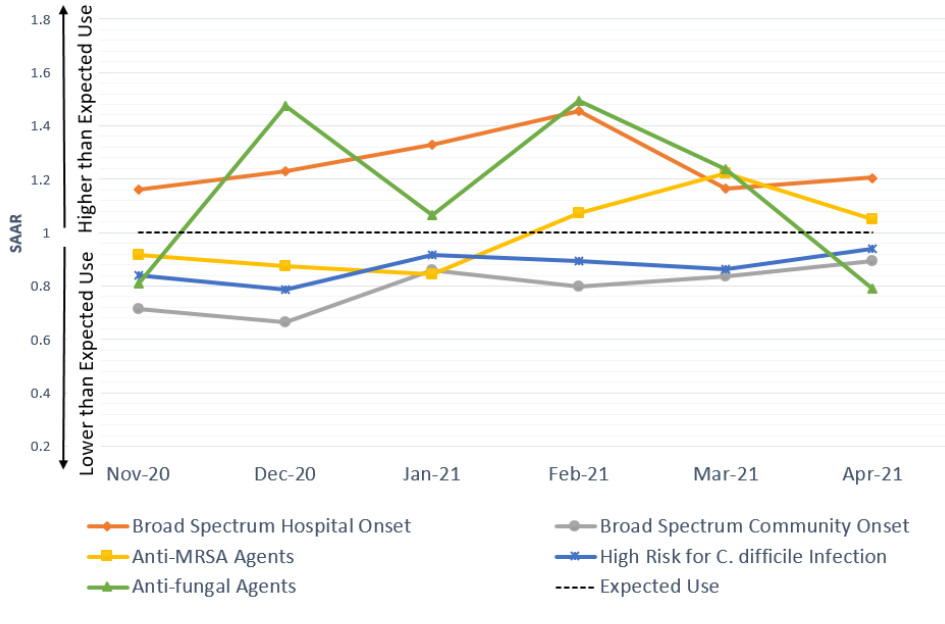
Dr. Jump received the AMDA Service Award for 2021. This award recognizes volunteer service that goes above and beyond in supporting members, the clinical community, patients and families served in the post-acute and long-term care setting. This award acknowledges Dr. Jump's tireless work as a member of AMDA's COVID-19 Task Force in developing timely, actionable, and evidence-based guidance for clinicians responding to the COVID-19 crisis in nursing homes and other PALTC settings. The work by Dr. Jump and other Task Force members was of the highest quality and often available to AMDA members before federal or state agencies had responses.

UHCMC Antimicrobial Use – November 2020 to April 2021

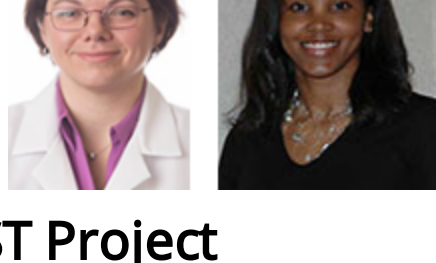
The Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio (SAAR) value compares the observed antimicrobial use rate to the predicted antimicrobial use rate, for a given hospital location and antimicrobial category. The predicted rate is determined by nationally aggregated data provided by the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), and it is risk-adjusted based on a facility's characteristics to facilitate more accurate comparisons to hospitals similar to UHCMC.

Note that the SAAR is not a definitive measure of appropriate antimicrobial use, however, tracking its value can indicate areas which warrant further investigation. Also, note that data are not available for all hospital units. These particular charts evaluate antimicrobial use in the MICU (Seidman 7), and in the following hospital wards: Lakeside 20, Lakeside 40, Lakeside 55, Lakeside 60, Lerner Tower 8, and Lerner Tower 9.

- UHCMC Antimicrobial Stewardship Team: Leila Hojat, MD & Courtney Tumbush, PharmD, BCPS



Research News



VAST Project

Dr. Robin Jump and her Co-PI, Dr. Charlesnika Evans from the Hines VA were recently awarded an HSR & D Merit Award entitled:

"Dissemination and Implementation of a Videoconference Antimicrobial Stewardship Team (VAST)".

This project will implement a Videoconference Antimicrobial Stewardship Team (VAST) approach to 6 to 10 VAMCs. The team will test the hypothesis that quarterly reports that quantify facility-level antibiotic use will enhance the efficacy of VASTs to support antimicrobial stewardship. This work will directly increase access to antimicrobial stewardship consultation at rural VA facilities, which are often underserved by infectious disease expertise.

New Barrett's esophagus monitoring method could aid in easier and more precise prognoses

Researchers find that a single esophageal brushing, combined with massively parallel sequencing, can identify Barrett's esophagus patients with disease progression to precancerous cells or carcinoma.

A new technique for sampling and testing cells from Barrett's esophagus (BE) patients could result in earlier and easier identification of patients whose disease has progressed toward cancer or whose disease is at high risk of progressing toward cancer, according to a collaborative study by investigators at Case Western Reserve University and Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center (JHKCC).

[Read the full article >](#)



TBTC Study 31/A5349 Main Results Published

The results of a landmark international trial conducted by the CDC Tuberculosis Trials Consortium and the NIH AIDS Clinical Trials Group establishing the safety and efficacy of a new 4 month regimen including a rifapentine, a longer acting and more potent rifamycin, plus moxifloxacin that will allow shortening the duration of anti-TB treatment from 6 to 4 months for most adolescents and adults with drug-susceptible pulmonary TB, were published in the May 6, 2021 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33951360/>).

Tuberculosis is a major global public health threat. For the past 40 years, standard anti-TB therapy has required 6 months of treatment to achieve reliable cure. Shorter treatment regimens have the potential to increase completion of therapy, improve patient quality of life, reduce treatment costs, and decrease the development of drug resistance.

The Uganda-CWRU Research Collaboration TB Trials Consortium site at Mulago Hospital led by Dr. John L. Johnson of the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine and colleagues Prof. Harriet Mayanja Kizza and Moses Joloba of Makerere University enrolled 539 patients in this pivotal phase 3 trial and was the highest enrolling trial site worldwide. Dr. Johnson was a member of the study protocol team.

Education News



House Staff Highlights

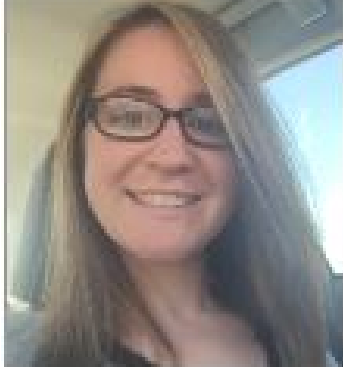
Laura DeLong joined our administrative staff on March 29 as a Program Coordinator, coming to us from the Division of Geriatrics.

2021 Match was very successful via virtual interviews. We matched a diverse group of residents including 13 Case students over all our tracks.

May is a very fun month for the Residents:

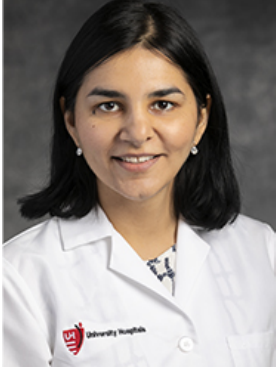
- May 12 – Bronson Day- annual tradition from Dr. Bronson who would take the interns to the Indians home opener baseball game each year. This tradition continues but not a home opener game, as it is still snowing in April. They have a day off, attend an afternoon game, and have time to spend with peers and chief residents.
- May 21- Bronson Day#2- this is for last years interns who were unable to attend Bronson day due to COVID restrictions. They will attend a night game this year, and be able to have celebrated in the tradition.
- May 25- Annual Spring Picnic- to celebrate our outgoing 2020-2021 Chief Residents at the Metro Park picnic site from 4-7pm. Some will have to go back to work, and others can continue celebrating.
- May 27- This is a fun, busy day. We will start the day off with our Annual Housetaff Photo outside the steps of the BRB building. We have made it a tradition have this photo the morning of our Annual Spring Dinner. Our Annual Spring Dinner will take place in the evening and will be limited with in person attendance due to COVID guidelines. We will recognize our graduating seniors at The Cleveland Skating Club. We will have a zoom link available for those to watch in the evening. It will be recorded for those to watch later.

Welcome to the Department



Laura DeLong

Academic Residency Program Coordinator, Department of Medicine



Naemat Sandhu, MD

Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Disease
University Hospitals Digestive Health Institute



Paul Dhillon, MBA, CHAA

Administrator, Division of Clinical and Molecular Endocrinology and the Division of Rheumatology



Nicholas Galloway, RN

RN Clinical Coordinator Diabetes
Lead, Division of Clinical and Molecular Endocrinology



Jillian Fetzner, CNP

Division of Clinical and Molecular Endocrinology

Upcoming Events

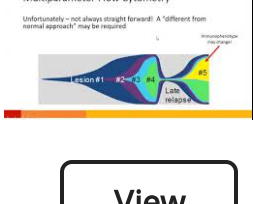
May 21 - 11th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day

Noon - 2:20 PM
Presented virtually via Zoom.
[Showcasing the wide range of research in the department.](#)
[More info...](#)

Recurring Events (Zoom information sent out weekly)

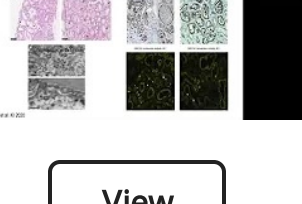
Tuesdays @ Noon - Medicine Grand Rounds Seminar Series (September - May)
Wednesdays @ Noon - VA M&M Conference
Fridays @ Noon - UH M&M Conference

Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



Benjamin Tomlinson, MD

"Bad to the Last Drop: How Tools for Assessing Residual Disease are Changing the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia"



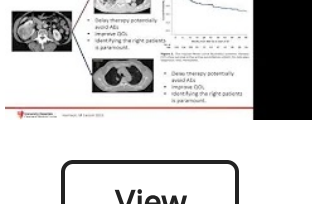
Daniel Brennan, MD

"Transplantation in the Time of COVID"



Ian J. Neeland, MD, FAHA

"Cardiovascular and Metabolic Heterogeneity of Obesity: Clinical Challenges and Implications for Management"



Prateek Mendiratta, MD

"Metastatic Renal Cell Cancer-An embarrassment of riches yet how do we choose?"

Upcoming Medicine Grand Rounds

(Zoom link sent out weekly)

May 18 - Naff Lecture - Helen W. Boucher, MD, FACP, FIDSA

Chief, Division of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases
Director, Levy Center for Integrated Management of Antimicrobial Resistance (CIMAR)
Director, Heart Transplant and Ventricular Assist Device Infectious Diseases Program
Tufts Medical Center
"Antimicrobial Resistance: The Silent Pandemic"

May 25 - Attila Nemeth, MD

VAMC Hospitalist
Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC
"Racism in Medical Education: Reflections on the Past and a Call to Action for the Future"

June 8 - Kimberly Manning, MD, FACP, FAAP

Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Program Director, Transitional Year
Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency
Medical Student Society Advisor, Semmelweis Society
Emory University School of Medicine
"From Bystander to Upstander: From Advocacy to Action"