



Introducing Dr. Marina Magrey - Incoming Chief of the Division of Rheumatology

Dr. Magrey is a Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Director of Arthritis Clinic at MetroHealth (MH) System, Cleveland, OH. She received her MD from the University of Kashmir, India. She joined the faculty after completing an internal medicine residency and fellowship in rheumatology at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Magrey's scholarship focuses on the management of spondyloarthritis (SpA) and metabolic bone disease to improve outcomes in patients with SpA. She directs the MetroHealth spondyloarthritis research center which is one of the largest centers in the country. She serves on the American College of Rheumatology's (ACR) guideline subcommittee and has worked with colleagues to develop guidelines on the treatment of psoriatic arthritis and glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis. She has served as PI of multiple grants including from NIH and many international collaborative projects with 37 publications.

Nationally, Dr. Magrey is considered a thought leader in spondyloarthritis and is an invited member of ASAS (Assessment in Spondyloarthritis International Society), SPARTAN (Spondyloarthritis Research and Treatment Network), and GRAPPA (Group for Research and Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis) which are study groups of international experts in spondyloarthritis. She also Co-Chairs ACR's abstract subcommittee for axial spondyloarthritis. She serves as a consultant in clinical research to the pharmaceutical industry and is consulted regarding the rational design of randomized controlled trials, analysis of their results, and presentation of novel products for approval to FDA.

Additionally, she enjoys teaching and is the rheumatology fellowship director training the next generation rheumatologist. She serves on the education committee of SPARTAN and on the steering committee of Medscape CME and education, spondyloarthritis section. She also serves on the Board of Cleveland Society of rheumatology.

She has earned several honors and is consistently rated as the best doctor in the country. Along with being a great clinician and researcher, Dr. Magrey strongly believes in giving back to her community. She has started the Salam Free Clinic, the first free clinic ever opened in the historically disadvantaged Hough neighborhood of Cleveland. Beyond her work, Marina loves her family, especially her two sons. In her free time, she loves to go on walks, watch the news, or watch the newest shows on Netflix.

Dr. Magrey will begin her new role at UH in early July.

RESEARCH DAY



Department of Medicine Research Day

The 11th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day was held on Friday, May 21, 2021 via Zoom. Research Day gives our young investigators - fellows, residents, post-doc researchers and graduate students - the chance to showcase their wide variety of innovative and investigative activities within the basic science, clinical, translational and quality research realms. The winners of the poster sessions are listed below. A big thank you to all of the faculty, staff, and trainees that attended the event to pay tribute and support the Department's research activities.

Research Day 2021 Winners

Resident
Tamara Alhobayb, MD, Sarah Alharfi, MD, Gregory Cooper, MD
ANTI-CD20 Monoclonal Antibodies Associated Colitis: Analysis of the Food and Drug Administration Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)
Claire Irons, MD, Asim Syed, MD, Robert Gilleson, MD, Rana Hejal, MD, Jihane Faress, MD
Long-term pulmonary complications among COVID-19 survivors
Mariam Rana, MD, Sadeer Al-Kindi, MD
Prevalence and manifestations of diagnosed fibromuscular dysplasia by sex and race: Analysis of >4500 FMD cases in the United States
Pallavi Sharma, MD, Layla Sankari, MD, Carol Gifford, RN, Pamela Kunkle
Paving the Path to Zero: Terminating Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABS)
Sumana Vardhan, MD, Adaku Idika, MD, Shaniece Walker, MD
Evaluating confidence in peripheral intravenous line placement and effect of simulation-based training among internal medicine trainees at Case Western University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Fellow
David Nguyen, MD, Christopher Bethel, Magdalena Taracila, Khalid Dousse, MD
Durlobactam, a Diazabicyclooctane β -lactamase Inhibitor, has Activity Against BlaC and Peptidoglycan Transpeptidases of Mycobacterium tuberculosis: A Novel Approach to Therapeutics for Tuberculosis?
Dionysios Watson, MD, PhD, Defne Bayik, PhD
Horizontal mitochondrial transfer from the tumor microenvironment to glioblastoma increases tumorigenicity

Graduate Student / Post-Doc
Derek Wong, BS, Nand Roy, PhD, Keman Zhang, PhD, Paolo Calmi, MD
Novel BAFF Ligand-Based CAR-T Cell Therapy for B Cell Malignancies
Elton Tong, Kenneth Kalkasingh, Asha Thomas, PhD, Vinesh Vinayachandran, PhD
Understanding the Role of Neutrophils in the Relationship between Tumors and Tumor-Associated Thrombosis

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Dr. Robert Salata Honored as a Crain's 2021 Notables in Health Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested the health care sector in ways we've never seen before, but industry professionals have risen to the occasion in a variety of areas. Teams and individuals ensured that life-saving transplant services continued despite the pandemic. Civic officials and boards helped to save lives through their services for citizens and the spread of information. These, and more, are among Crain's Cleveland Business' Notables in Health Care.

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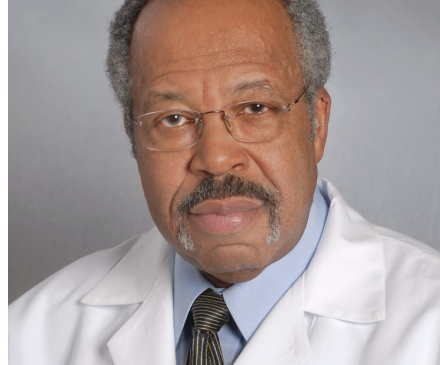
Dr. George Yendewa Receives ACTG Minority HIV Investigator Mentoring Program (MHIMP) Award

Dr. George Yendewa, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine was awarded the AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG)'s Minority HIV Mentoring Program Award (MHIMP) for the period 2021 to 2023. The MHIMP provides mentored opportunities for HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and tuberculosis research for investigators from racial backgrounds that are underrepresented in biomedical research.

Dr. Yendewa's application was distinguished by his involvement with the ACTG as a member on the Hepatitis Transformative Science Group (Hep TSG) as well as his work with the Case AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU) as principal investigator (PI) of two Hep TSG protocols (A5394 & A5379), the ACTG Do-IT protocol, and the A5404 study.

The criteria included the candidate's education and HIV/AIDS research and/or clinical experience; the strength of the institution's mentoring program; and the extent to which the institution demonstrates the commitment and ability to mentor minority investigators and provide health services to rural or medically underserved populations. The panel was impressed with the strong mentoring plan and mentorship team led by Dr. Robert Salata (Chairman, Department of Medicine) and Dr. Donald Anthony (Departments Medicine & Pathology), with additional mentoring support from Dr. Jeffrey Jacobson (PI, Case ACTU) and Dr. Henry Boom (ID Division Chief and Director, Tuberculosis Research Unit). The ACTG felt that Dr. Yendewa would benefit from this program.

Research News



Final results of SPRINT study confirm controlling blood-pressure critically important in preventing heart disease and stroke

Follow-up data from the landmark SPRINT study of the effect of high blood-pressure on cardiovascular disease have confirmed that aggressive blood-pressure management—lowering systolic blood-pressure to less than 120 mm Hg—dramatically reduces the risk of heart disease, stroke and death from these diseases, as well as death from all causes, compared to lowering systolic blood-pressure to less than 140 mm Hg. Systolic blood-pressure (SBP) is the upper number in the blood-pressure measurement, 140/90, for example.

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Case Comprehensive Cancer Center and other top U.S. cancer centers call for urgent action to get cancer-preventing HPV vaccination back on track

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Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, a partnership of Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic, has joined with 71 other National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer centers and partner organizations to issue a joint statement urging the nation's physicians, parents and young adults to get the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination back on track. Dramatic drops in annual well visits and immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic have caused a significant vaccination gap and lag in vital preventive services among U.S. children and adolescents—especially for the HPV vaccine.

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Education News



House Staff - Spring Dinner

The DOM Residency annual awards and graduation dinner was held at the Cleveland Skating Club on May 27, 2021. In-person attendance was limited to graduating residents and a few faculty members. Over 80 family members, faculty and residents were able to participate via Zoom.

Awards

- **Ambulatory Excellence:** Aleona Zukek (VA), Nicole Chahine (DMC)
- **Faculty Teacher of the Year:** Varun Sundaram (Inpatient), Crystal Lantz (Outpatient)
- **Resident Clerkship Teaching Award:** Shikil Kharotia, Haikoo Shah
- **Faculty Clerkship Teaching Award and APD Plaque:** Arsalan Derakhshan
- **Ramy Masroujeh Intern Teaching Award:** Abdulaziz Alonazi
- **Agre Award:** Sadeer Al-Kindi
- **Norman Gordon Award:** Gavirella Pora
- **Peter Morgan Award:** Matt Mirsky, Laura Hmiel
- **Willard Bernbaum Award:** Ian Pan, Marshall Kirsch
- **Harold C. Klein Award:** Jeries Kort
- **Charles C. Carpenter Award:** Patrick Kramer
- **Special award for mentorship and leadership during COVID-19:** Rana Hejal

[Congratulations Class of 2021!](#)

House Staff - Bronson Day 2021



Visiting Medical Students

Now that the pandemic seems to be easing, we are resuming many activities that were restricted last year including hosting visiting medical students. The national medical student education leadership recommended for this academic year that students limit themselves to a single away rotation. We are not limiting rotations at UHMMC for students but will respect individual medical school student mandates.

Our 4th year student electives are first offered to Case Western Reserve School of Medicine students and then any remaining elective slots are offered to visiting students from accredited LCME or COCA (osteopathic) schools. International students with a physician sponsor from our department will also be considered for electives if spots are available and the student's credentials are appropriate.

Student credentials are appropriate. The AAMC-VSLO (VSLO) portal which is a central platform for students to upload qualifying documentation such as immunizations, criminal background check, school transcripts, letters of support or other pertinent data. Additionally every school that sends a student for an elective must have an official affiliation agreement with University Hospitals that is signed off by our legal team and leadership. This document often goes back and forth a few times between legal departments often taking weeks to months to finalize. Fortunately, affiliation agreements are considered evergreen and will automatically renew unless one of the parties involved gives notice to terminate the agreement. Once we have an agreement from a school, we are good to go for future students from that school. A student may not begin a rotation until the affiliation agreement is in place.

All of this information is found on the UH medical student webpage or our Department of Medicine webpage. Cindy Neczpor is our Department of Medicine medical student coordinator. Erin Zawolowycz is the visiting student coordinator for the hospital and she is in charge of the VSLO system. Deb Leizman is the Director of Medical student education for the Department of Medicine and for the hospital. All of us are happy to help facilitate visiting student electives in the Department of Medicine.

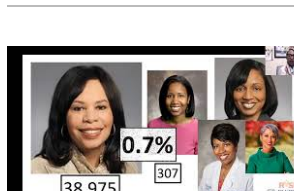
[UH Med Student Webpage >](#)

Upcoming Events

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



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Kimberly Manning, MD, FACP, FAAP

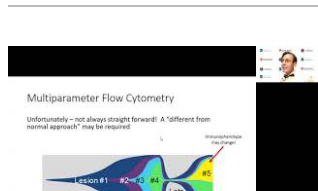
"From Bystander to Upstander: From Advocacy to Action"



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Helen W. Boucher, MD, FACP, FIDSA

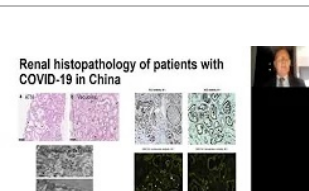
Dr. Naff Lecture "Antimicrobial Resistance: The Silent Pandemic"



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Benjamin Tomlinson, MD

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



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Daniel Brennan, MD

"Transplantation in the Time of COVID"

Upcoming Medicine Grand Rounds

(Zoom link sent out weekly)

Grand Rounds will resume next Fall (September)