



Dr. Chantal ElAmm Named Associate Chief Medical Officer for UH Cleveland Medical Center

A Message for UH Cleveland Medical Center Caregivers from Philip K. Chang, MD, Chief Medical Officer, UH Cleveland Medical Center

We are pleased to announce Chantal ElAmm, MD, as Associate Chief Medical Officer for UH Cleveland Medical Center and our Academic Market. In this role, Dr. ElAmm will partner closely with entity and department leaders and staff to integrate patient care service and delivery across all aspects of patient experience.

Dr. ElAmm will help coordinate performance improvement and resource management to improve patient flow-related activities for inpatient and outpatient services. She will also collaborate with the nursing staff, allied staff, and other administrative professionals to deliver outstanding patient care to UH Cleveland Medical Center patients.

Dr. ElAmm completed medical school at the American University of Beirut, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine here at UH. She earned a Cardiology Fellowship at Methodist DeBakey and University of Texas Medical Branch and received advanced training in Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

After returning to UH in 2011 as a member of the Cardiology Division staff, Dr. ElAmm established and served as Program Director for the accredited Heart Failure and Transplantation Fellowship. She also started our multidisciplinary Cardio-Obstetrics Clinic in 2015 and directed the opening of the Heart Failure Intensive Care Unit in 2017.



Recognizing the Rock Stars of COVID-19 Media

Not once during the pandemic was one of our leaders unavailable for a media interview. Written by: Jepson, Macie | UH Intranet

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, University Hospitals has been a trusted source of credible information for our community and even the nation. Our physicians recognized the importance of helping people make the best decisions about their health and wellbeing beyond caring for patients at the bedside.

While many of our experts stepped up to make themselves available to news reporters covering the pandemic, a small number stand out for the time they dedicated to educate and inform.

"We truly appreciate the dedication that our experts have shown during the pandemic by making themselves available for interviews at all hours of the day. They provide invaluable information to the community about the ever-evolving decisions concerning COVID, testing, vaccinations, and safety measures," said George Stamatis, senior media relations strategist at UH.

Our (Medicine) Rock Stars are:

Keith Armitage, MD, Medical Director, UH Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine & Global Health: **Total Stories: 358**

Robert Salata, MD, Physician-in-Chief, University Hospitals: **Total Stories: 270**

Elie Saade, MD, Director, Infection Control and Prevention, UH Cleveland Medical Center: **Total Stories: 77**

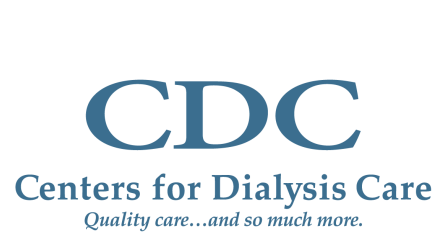
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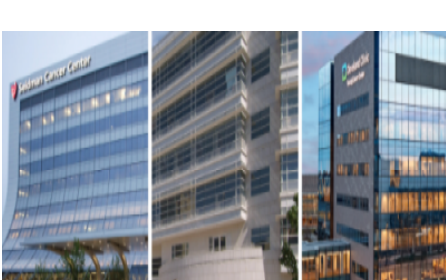
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Northeast Ohio Renal Research Innovation Award

The Centers for Dialysis Care, the Leonard C. Rosenberg Foundation and University Hospitals are pleased to announce the Northeast Ohio Renal Research Innovation Award. This grant award program will support innovative clinical research projects with potential to improve the diagnosis, evaluation and management of patients with kidney disease through the full spectrum of their disease course. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2021. For further details, please contact Frank.Balish@UHhospitals.org.



Great Lakes Breast Cancer Symposium

October 25-26, 2021 | Virtual

Members of the community are invited to the [Great Lakes Breast Cancer Symposium](#)—hosted virtually by the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center—Oct. 25–26. This annual symposium highlights ongoing basic, translational, clinical and population studies addressing the biological mechanisms, management and prevention of breast cancer. Researchers from participating institutions will share their work with the goal of developing cross-institutional collaborations.

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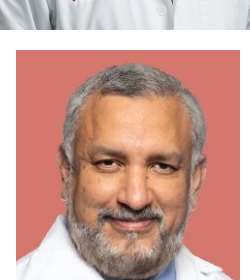
Awards



Robert Salata, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine, has been awarded the John H. Hord Professorship in Medicine. Since its establishment in 1950, the Professorship has been held by every fully appointed Chair of the Department of Medicine: including Drs. Wearn, Ebert, Weisberger, Carpenter, Mahmoud, and Walsh.



Dr. Henry Boom, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine, has been awarded the Scott R. Inkley MD Chair in General Internal Medicine. The chair's purpose is to support the academic mission of the Division of Infectious Diseases.



Dr. Mahboob Rahman, Chief of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, was recently awarded the Peter B. DeOreo, MD Endowed Chair in Nephrology and Dialysis. The chair's purpose is to support clinical research in nephrology and dialysis, development of new therapies with kidney disease, and training residents and physicians in nephrology therapies, dialysis and transplant.



The **Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)** acknowledged AGAIN! the Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC **Section of Infectious Diseases** and Pharmacy Service on its renewal as an **Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence (AS CoE)**. Renewal of this 2-year designation is a special recognition of and honor conferred upon institutions that demonstrate excellence by integrating best practices in the challenging areas related to antimicrobial stewardship.

The AS CoE is directed by Dr. Ukwen Akpoji, **Dr. Usha Stiefel** and others. The renewal application recognizes national leadership in implementing stewardship protocols, knowledge, and clinical expertise, as well as provide ongoing education of medical staff and setting high standards with Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center as leading examples from which the entire nation can learn.

It is very special that IDSA recognizes Louis Stokes Medical Center's high level of commitment and standards in stewardship and congratulates our VA again on remaining an IDSA Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence.



Dr. Robin Jump was honored at the End of Mission Event in Columbus on July 23rd, 2021. This is in recognition of the work done by her and others from around the state with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic and it's specific influence on nursing homes and similar settings across Ohio.

Dr. Jump was part of the Clinical Advisory Group to the Regional Rapid Response Assistance Program (R3AP). The program, pronounced RAP, is designed to help OHIO congregate care centers and protect older Ohioans through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

[Click here to find out more about R3AP >](#)

Research News



VA researchers awarded first place for their work presented at the International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH)

Drs. Dillon Bohic, Dionysios Watson and Evi Stavrou (Hematology Oncology) were recognized as first place winners for their work presented at the International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) addressing the role of activated neutrophils in proinflammatory states and scalable purification of bacteria EVs (extracellular vesicles) for the development of immunotherapy and biomarkers.

Dr. Stavrou also received significant recognition for the ClotChip Technology that she has pioneered here at our VA.

The work done in this field of research has ramifications across multiple disciplines and fields of therapy.



PREventing liver cancer Mortality through Imaging with Ultrasound vs. MRI (PREMIUM Study)

Please join in congratulating Drs. **Perica Davitkov**, **Yngve Falck-Ytter** and **Preet Kang** (Radiology) on their being selected as a major site in Cooperative Studies Program CSP2023. The study title is "PREventing liver cancer Mortality through Imaging with Ultrasound vs. MRI (PREMIUM Study)".

This CSP is a randomized controlled trial - one arm is screening for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) by ultrasound (US)+serum alpha fetoprotein (AFP) every 6 months (the current standard-of-care) vs. abbreviated MRI (aMRI)+AFP every 6 months among patients with cirrhosis who have a high risk of HCC (estimated annual HCC risk >2.5%).

This will be an 8 year study. The results of this CSP will significantly impact clinical practice.

Education News



Coffee Kudos Awards

The Coffee Kudos Awards are for the Internal Medicine resident selected by the 3rd year Internal Medicine clerkship students who went above and beyond teaching at UHCMC during the last rotation.

It is a resident-teacher recognition award and comes with a gift card to the Cleveland Coffee Company stand. If you have not done so yet, you should pick up your award from the Chief's' office in Lakeside.

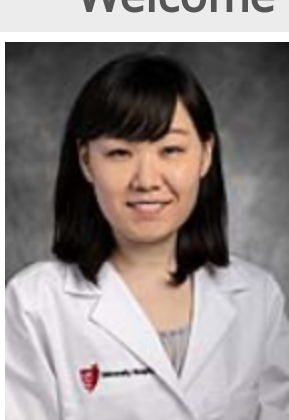
July/August Awardees

- Ricki Pad MD
- James Dugan MD
- Olivia Rizzo MD
- Sathya Areti MD

April – June Awardees

- Tony Dong MD
- Jessica Chippior MD
- Will Petro MD
- Marshall Kirsch MD
- Clare Kelly MD

Welcome to the Department



Yumiko Tsushima, MD
Division of Clinical and Molecular Endocrinology



Vu Nguyen, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Disease

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds (Special Med-Peds Seminar)

August 12 - Rose Lee, MD (Thursday @ Noon)
Assistant in Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases
Instructor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School
"New Diagnostics in Infectious Diseases"

Medicine Grand Rounds

Sept 14 - Mark Zullo, BSN, RN, CPHQ
Sr. Quality Improvement Nurse
Inst for Healthcare Quality & Innovation
- and -
Jessica Goldstein, MD
Emergency Medicine
"Sepsis"
(World Sepsis Day is Sept 13)

Medicine Grand Rounds

Sept 28 - Elham Yousef, MD, MSC, MBA, FACP, FHM (virtual only)
Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine, UH Cleveland Medical Center
Assistant Professor, CWRU School of Medicine
"Diagnostic Safety/Diagnostic Errors/Clinical Reasoning/Diagnostic Uncertainty"

Medicine Grand Rounds

Sept 28 - Jason Tucker, MD, PhD
Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC
Assistant Professor, CWRU School of Medicine
"COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibody update"

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

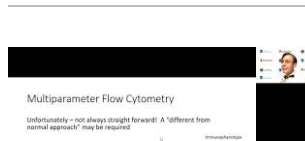
"From Bystander to Upstander: From Advocacy to Action"



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Helen W. Boucher, MD, FACP, FIDSA

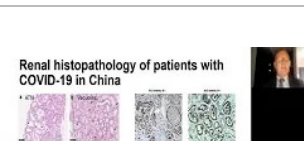
*"Dr. Naff Lecture
Antimicrobial Resistance: The Silent Pandemic"*



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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"

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