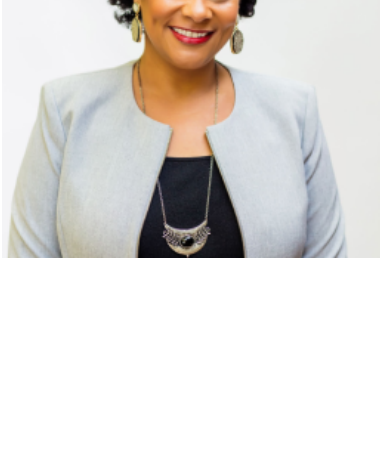




20th Annual Jack Berman Lecture Held

The 20th Annual Jack Berman Lecture was held this week virtually via Zoom. This year's speaker was Karen M. Winkfield, MD, PhD.

Dr. Winkfield is a radiation oncologist specializing in the treatment of hematologic and breast malignancies. As the executive director of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, she leverages her expertise as an implementation scientist to focus on improving health outcomes for underserved populations through community-engaged research and community-based initiatives; designed to improve access to healthcare including clinical trials. Dr. Winkfield obtained her MD and PhD degrees at Duke University and completed residency at Harvard. Her leadership roles have focused on developing bi-directional communication between researchers and the community to ensure equitable access to care regardless of race/ethnicity, geographic location, or socioeconomic status. She is a thought leader espousing the importance of workforce diversity to improve health equity. Dr. Winkfield was recently elected to ASCO Board as well as an appointment by President Biden to the National Cancer Advisory Board.

[View the lecture here.](#)

[Read More about the Berman Lecture Series >](#)



Center for Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism

CWRU Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism Center Kickoff Meeting

This cross-institutional, inter-disciplinary meeting is an opportunity to hear from National leaders in the field, learn about plans for the Center, and take part in workshops to design the future of the Center.

WHEN:
March 18th, 2022
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHERE:
Via Zoom
[Register here by March 14th.](#)
[Can't attend? Click HERE to stay in touch!](#)
[Get the flyer for the event here.](#)



DOM 2022 Team Science Challenge

Purpose
Team Science is an important means of advancing modern medical research. The awards from the Department of Medicine will provide support for developing a major research proposal. The recipient teams will be multidisciplinary, derived from at least two divisions of the Department of Medicine and/or a faculty member from the Department of Medicine and others from departments outside of medicine, and be multi PI. Grants will have an initial annual budget not to exceed \$25,000 direct costs each and be for up to one year in duration.

Eligibility
Co-Principal Investigators representing different disciplines are required. At least one of the Principal Investigators must be a member of the faculty of the Department of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. Post-doctoral fellows, residents, graduate students and research associates are not eligible to apply for these research grants, but may be an integral part of a proposal made by a faculty member.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2022

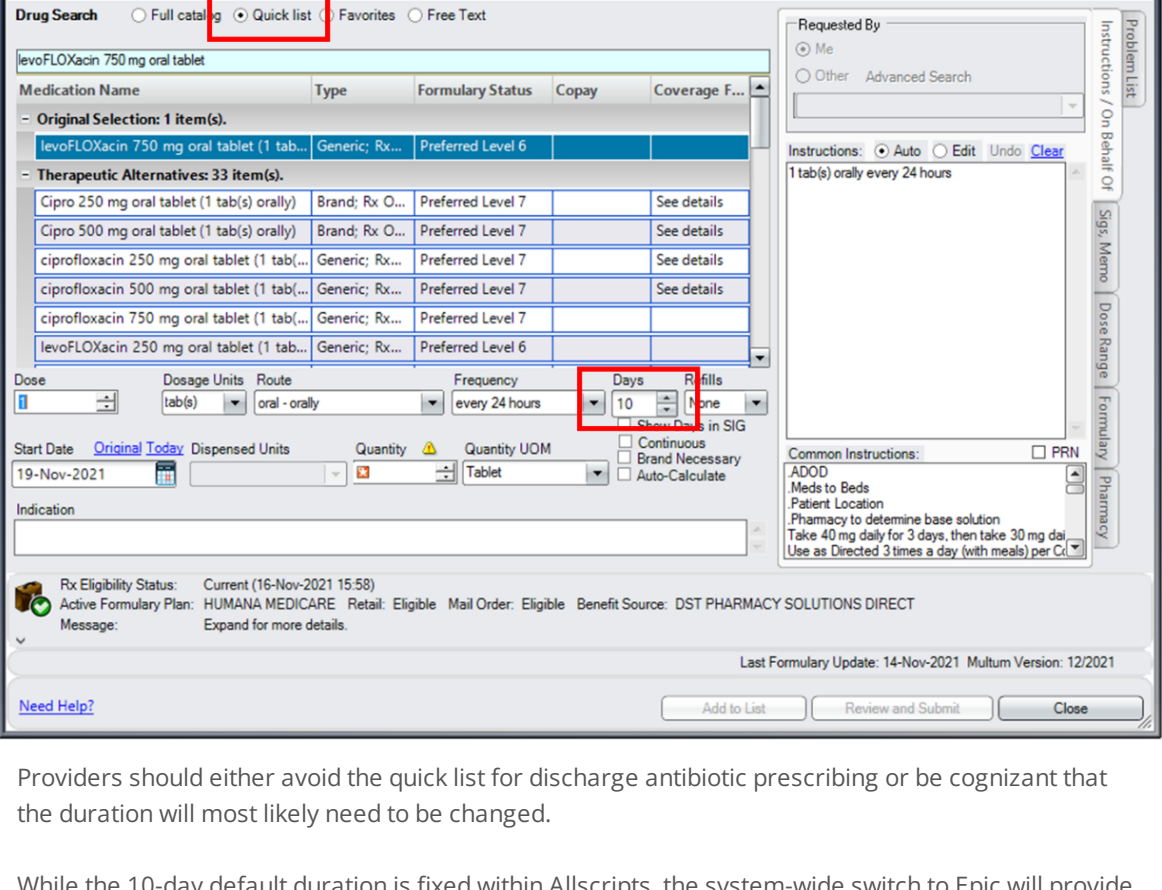
[Get more info and the application form here >](#)

EMR Tips – Ensuring Appropriate Antibiotic Duration on Discharge

By Leila Hojat, MD

The duration of antibiotics required on discharge is highly variable between patients, depending on several factors such as type of infection, clinical response to date, specific antibiotic used, and length of therapy received while admitted.

However, when using the "quick list" function to search for discharge medications in UHCare, antibiotics automatically default to a duration of 10 days, which is usually incorrect.

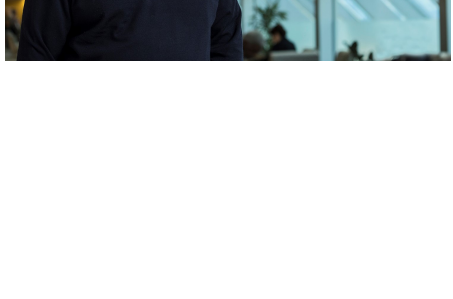


Providers should either avoid the quick list for discharge antibiotic prescribing or be cognizant that the duration will most likely need to be changed.

While the 10-day default duration is fixed within Allscripts, the system-wide switch to Epic will provide an opportunity to optimize this and other discharge orders.

For UH-specific guidance in treating many common infectious syndromes, see the [Antimicrobial Stewardship Program page on the UH Digital Workplace](#). (This is an internal UH link.)

Awards - Appointments - Publications



Henry Boom Nominated to AAP

W. Henry Boom, MD, Professor of Medicine, Director of the TB Research Unit at CWRU, and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine recently had his nomination accepted to the Association of American Physicians.

Selection to membership in AAP is an indication of the pre-eminence and the highest caliber of physician-led science accomplishments and scientific leadership. An AAP member has led through innovative science whose goal is to improve health and medical care, in a sustained and impactful trajectory of transformational contributions, and/or has established a ground-breaking field or field(s) that transforms the care of patients or the opportunity to build a patient's health.

For 20+ years Dr. Boom has led a multidisciplinary NIH, CDC and Gates funded clinical and laboratory TB research program in the United States and Sub-Saharan Africa that has made major contributions to understanding the human immune response to *M. tuberculosis*, with a special focus on molecular mechanisms by which *Mtb* evades T cell recognition. Recent studies in Uganda were the first to define a cohort of highly *Mtb*-exposed persons, so called "resisters, who do not develop a classic latent infection and have unique immune responses to *Mtb*. Earlier studies contributed to understanding the molecular and cellular diversity of the T cell response to *Mtb*, the mechanisms required to process *Mtb* antigens for CD4, CD8 and gamma-delta T cells, the diversity of antigens they recognize and their functions. He has studied novel biomarkers for TB. His work has impact on identifying disease susceptible individuals and TB vaccine development. He has led important international trials for novel approaches to TB treatment and vaccines. His NIH funded training grants have enabled his research program to train a generation of young investigators in the US and abroad. His leadership at CWRU and UH-CMC, his NIH, CDC and Gates funded projects in the US and Sub-Saharan Africa, and research on the immune response to *Mtb* demonstrate his impact on academic medicine and global health."



Veteran's Affairs Cooperative Studies Program (CSP)

The VA Cooperative Studies Program (CSP) is the Division of VA Research and Development that is responsible for the planning and conduct of large multicenter clinical trials and epidemiological studies in the Department of Veterans Affairs. CSP has established many advancements in medicine. Some of these include:

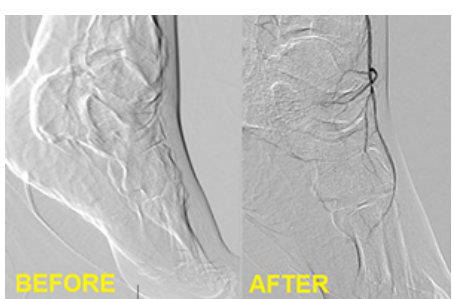
1. A series of studies that established the cornerstone for the treatment of high blood pressure.
2. The long-term benefits of coronary artery bypass surgery.

Dr. Marlon Skalkweit was acknowledged for his leadership at the Annual Meeting of VA CSP 2001 (Investigation of Rifaximin to Reduce Pedal Amputations for Osteomyelitis in Diabetics (VA INTREPID)). Her clinical efforts and dedication to this trial have earned her 2 awards and significantly contributed to its success. Thanks, Dr. Skalkweit, for your dedication to the health of our Veterans.



Leadership Announcement - Jen Gallman, Patient Access Manager - Departments of Medicine and Dermatology

Jen Gallman has been promoted to Patient Access Manager for the Departments of Medicine and Dermatology effective Monday, January 31st. Jen has held Patient Access Supervisor and Practice Supervisor roles with Dermatology, Connor Whole Health, the Ear, Nose and Throat Institute and the Eye Institute in her 18 years with University Hospitals. She has a background in billing and revenue cycle as well as patient access and scheduling. Her experience with practice operations and managing staff will make her an asset to all of the divisions in the Department of Medicine and Dermatology. In her most recent role as Patient Access Supervisor in Dermatology, Jen was critical to assisting with the development and implementation of virtual visit workflows, optimizing surgical scheduling in the department and staff development. In addition Jen led Department based wellness initiatives.



UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute Limb Salvage Advisory Council Helps Save Patients from Amputation

Findings published in American Heart Association's Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions

Findings from a first-of-its-kind study conducted at University Hospitals (UH) Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute showed a novel system-wide interdisciplinary team assembled to evaluate alternative treatments to major amputation improved outcomes for patients with Critical Limb-Threatening Ischemia (CLTI). The findings were recently published in *Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions* from the American Heart Association.

Authors of the article include HHVI UH and CWRU faculty members and researchers including: Mehdi H. Shishebor, Tarek A. Hammad, Tonia J. Rhone, Ahmad Younes, Norman Kumins, Abdullah Abdullah, Jun Li, Kareem Harth, Teresa L. Carman, Heather L. Gornik, Peter J. Pronovost, and Vikram S. Kashyap.

[Read the AHA Article](#)
[Read the UH article \(Internal UH link\)](#)
[Visit the UH Limb Salvage and Amputation Prevention Program's website.](#)

Research News



IRB UPDATE

ANNOUNCING: New Chart Review Template

In response to suggestions garnered from last year's IRB satisfaction survey, the UH IRB is releasing a new, simplified, version of the Chart Review template.

The new template (HRP-503UHDATA) will be available in the SpartaIRB Library, and is intended solely for studies that are using already obtained data and / or specimens with no direct patient intervention. This template has been streamlined to incorporate the request for a HIPAA waiver (eliminating the need for two forms), and has pre-populated appropriate answers to many of the regulatory questions.

The template will be available in the SpartaIRB Library beginning January 31, 2022. Please contact the IRB with any questions, 216-844-1529 or UHIRB@UHhospitals.org

Don't forget that a funding source is always required, so if there is no external sponsor, please list "internal/department funding."

Note: Core Restructure

The Clinical Research Center has restructured cores! The IRB Core will now be the Human Research Protection Program Core (HRPP Core), and will include Research Compliance in addition to the IRB. You can now reach out the Research Compliance team at UHResearchCompliance@UHhospitals.org. The previous Office of Research Compliance and Education is now the Research Integration and Education Core. This Core can be reached at ClinicalResearch@UHhospitals.org.

Education News



CWRU Medical Student Champions

The following CWRU 4th year medical students stepped up and helped as Acting Interns during the COVID emergency period when our hospital and in particular the Department of Medicine was overwhelmed with sick COVID patients and further incapacitated as many of our own healthcare workers were sick. We needed assistance caring for patients and these students immediately responded to our plea for acting interns. The medical students served as acting interns on the teams, working under the supervision of residents and attendings providing outstanding care to the patients and functioning as full teammates to the residents. What exemplary examples of the professionalism and compassion that we hope to foster in our future doctors. Please thank the students if you have the opportunity to interact with them on the wards or during electives throughout the remainder of the academic year.

M4 CWRU students assigned to teams:

Rachel Gardner
Eleanor Keller
Katherine Lang
Daniel Leonard
Julia Liu
Thomas O'Neill
Sebastian Salas
Samuel Stanley
Chukwumamkam Uzoegwu

M4 CWRU students offered to participate but timing did not work out and fortunately the COVID emergency abated:

Rachel Clark
Monica Larson
Sanjana Murali
Andrea Simi
Jennifer Shearer

We wish them the best in the upcoming residency match and recognize any program will be lucky to have them on their house-staff.

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds

February 15 - Eli Saade, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine, CWRU
Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine
Medical Director, UH Infection Control Program
"Preventing Device-Related Infections: Towards Zero Harm"

Medicine Grand Rounds

February 22 - Andrea Lisco, MD
Assistant Clinical Investigator at NIH Clinical Center
Infectious Diseases
"Novel Host Determinants of HPV-related Diseases Can Inform New Treatment Strategies"

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 1 - Trygve Dolber, MD
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine, CWRU
Associate Director of Population Behavioral Health
"Addressing the Unrecognized Impact of Emotional Disorders on High Medical Complexity"

Medicine Grand Rounds

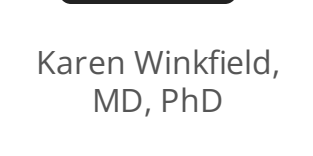
March 8 - Betül Hatipoglu, MD
Professor of Medicine, CWRU
Division of Molecular Endocrinology & Metabolism
Medical Director, Diabetes and Obesity Center
Vice Chair, UH System Clinical Affairs, DOM
"TBD"

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 15 - Quality and Patient Safety Week
Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD
Chief Clinical Transformation Officer
"Zero Harm"
-AND-
Patrick Runnels, MD, MBA
Chief Medical Officer, Population/Behavioral Health
Director, Public and Community Psychiatry
"Workplace Resiliency"

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**

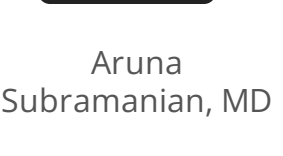
Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



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Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD

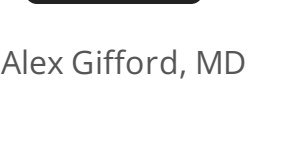
ANNUAL BERMAN LECTURE - "Improving Equity in Cancer Care During a Pandemic"



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Aruna Subramanian, MD

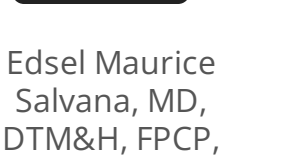
"C-4 Explorative Challenges in Transplant ID - Cocci, CMV, COVID 19, and Cryptic TB"



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Alex Gifford, MD

"Recent Advances in Clinical Care and Research in Cystic Fibrosis"



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Edsel Maurice Salvana, MD, DTM&H, FPCP, FIDSA

"The Philippine COVID-19 Response: Successes, Failures and Lessons Learned"