



2023-2024 Chief Residents Announced

We are very pleased to announce our Chief Residents for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Internal Medicine Chief Residents AY 2023-2024:

- Steven Aljuni
- Kendra Frey
- Tasveer Khawaja
- Willie McClure
- Aya Tabbalat

Combined Medicine/Pediatrics Chief Resident AY 2023-2024:

- Angeline Sawaya

Center of Outpatient Education Chief Resident AY 2023-2024

- Elizabeth Jean-Marie

We look forward to another great year of leadership, education and patient care in 2023-2024!



New Leaders Named for Respiratory Therapy

A Message for UH Caregivers from Paul Hinchey, MD, MBA, President, UH Community Delivery Network

I am pleased to announce two promotions in University Hospitals Department of Respiratory Therapy. **Rana Hejal, MD**, will become System Medical Director, Respiratory Therapy, and Darlene Boggs, MBA, BS, RRT, will be the Interim System Director, Respiratory Therapy. These roles include responsibility for assuring system coordination and standardization of adult respiratory therapy.

Dr. Hejal is currently the medical director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) at UH Cleveland Medical Center. She will continue to lead the MICU, as well as serve in her new role. Prior to her role as medical director of the MICU, **Dr. Hejal** was director and chief of Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine at UH Ahuja Medical Center; she had also served as medical director of the MICU from 2005 to 2013 and then again from 2018 to the present. She first joined UH in 1995 as a physician.

In their new roles, these two leaders will work with the existing entity leadership structure to coordinate and set the overall growth, business and clinical strategy of adult respiratory therapy across the system. They will provide system level administrative oversight of all aspects of departments and programs; develop and promote quality along with standardization and education of respiratory therapy practices; plan and execute strategic program growth and development and system integration; and collaborate with system, entity and department leaders in retention and recruitment efforts.

Frank Jacono, MD, Interim Division Chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, will partner with these leaders to advance the overall growth, business and clinical strategy of respiratory health.



2022 Master Clinician Educator Nominations

Please help us recognize outstanding faculty by nominating them for the Master Clinician-Educator award.

For more information about the award along with a list of previous awardees, [please go here](#).

Successful candidates should:

- Have been engaged in clinical practice for at least 7 years since completion of training
- Be on the full-time paid faculty
- Have the Department of Medicine as a home department (at any clinical site within the Department)
- Be an active practicing clinician providing patient care
- Be engaged in teaching students, residents or fellows as part of their clinical practice

In order to complete the nomination, you will need: the nominee's name, division, a brief description of their outstanding clinical care activities, and your name and email. Click below when you are ready to get started.

This award will be presented at the Department of Medicine Annual Spring Dinner.

Nomination Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2022 @ 11:59PM.

[Click Here to Submit Your Nomination >](#)



Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day - Save the Date

The Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day is coming soon. Mark your calendars!

The mission of Research Day is two-fold. First, is to recognize and showcase the wide range of research in the department by our young investigators at all levels of training. Second, is to provide an opportunity for departmental faculty to share ideas and knowledge while stimulating discussion about opportunities for collaboration.

Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 from Noon to 3 PM
Where: Hybrid (see agenda)

AGENDA

- Plenary Talks
Noon to 1:00 PM
Zoom and In-Person (Kulas Auditorium)
- Break
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- Virtual Poster Presentation
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Zoom ONLY (same Zoom via breakout rooms)

SPEAKERS

- Eva Selfridge, MD, PhD
- Evi Stavro, MD
- 3rd Speaker TBD

Look for more details and registration information soon from the Department.

[Read more about Research Day >](#)

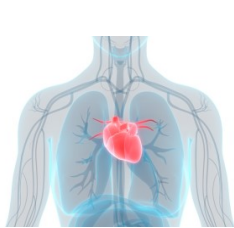
Awards - Appointments - Publications



Congratulations to Dr. Mimi Singh on her recent appointment to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

In addition to her duties on the Editorial Board, she will serve as advisor to the Editors-in-Chief for strategic planning about the content and operations of the Journal.

Congratulations on this prestigious and professional accomplishment!



Congratulations to our Cardiology and Cardiovascular surgery faculty at the VA and UH: Drs. Salil Deo, Mohamad Karnib, Padmini Selvaganesan, Yakov Elgudin, Joseph Rubelowsky, Najeeb Osman, Richard Josephson, Madan Mohan, Brian Cmolik, Daniel Simon, Sanjay Rajagopalan, John Cleland, Jay Sahadevan, and Varun Sundaram!

Their paper, "Revascularization in Ischemic Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction: A Nationwide Cohort study" was accepted for publication in the European Journal of Heart Failure. This study was done using the National VA cohort in collaboration with cardiology and cardiac surgery in the VA. This nationwide study revealed that HFpEF patients with CAD undergoing CABG have comparable long-term survival to controls, and this is better than survival in HF patients with reduced EF undergoing CABG. Following surgical revascularization, HFpEF patients suffer the highest rates of future myocardial infarction emphasizing the importance of secondary CV prevention in HFpEF.

Overall, the data supports the safety of CABG in HFpEF patients and suggests a possible continuum of risk for ischemic HF when stratified by baseline EF. It is possible that early intervention with revascularization in HFpEF can be performed with a long term survival rate approaching that of controls.

The real benefits of multidisciplinary and multi-institutional research!!!!

Robert A. Bonomo, MD
Associate Chief of Staff for Academic Affairs

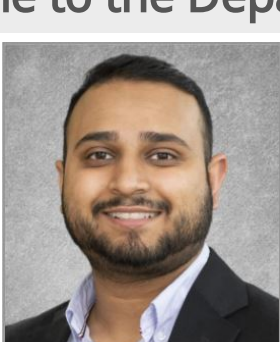


Congratulations to Gina Bayless on winning the 2022 Outstanding Dietetic Educator DI Award.

Gina has done an amazing job as the Director of the UH CMC Dietetic Internship Program and we are fortunate to work with her.

This is a well-deserved honor. She has worked very hard to ensure the UH CMC Dietetic Interns are receiving the best education during their time with us.

Welcome to the Department



Hardik Patel

Administrator,
Division of Solid Tumor Oncology,
Division of Malignant and Benign Hematology

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 15 - Dr. Peter Pronovost, PhD and Dr. Patrick Runnels, MBA
Quality and Patient Safety Week
"Zero Harm" and "Workplace Resiliency"

CWRU Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism Center Kickoff Meeting

March 18 - 9 AM to 2 PM
Via Zoom - [Register here by March 14th](#).
[Get the flyer for the event here](#).

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 22 - Jessica DeCaro, MD
Director, Cleveland Health Sciences Library
Case Western Reserve University
"Learn to Navigate the New PubMed Database and Become an Expert Searcher"

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 29 - Brooke Decker, MD
Clinical Center Director,
Hospital Epidemiology Service
NIH
"Legionella: The Pittsburgh Story"

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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Robert A. Salata, MD, FACP,
FIDSA, Joan Zoltanski, MD,
MBA, Princess Ogbogu,
MD, Lalitha Nayak, MD,
Richard Josephson, MS, MD,
and Ellie Ragsdale, MD

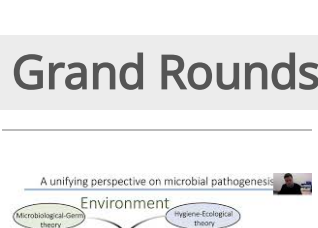
"COVID-19 Vaccine
Contraindications &
Adverse Reactions"



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Trygve Dolber, MD

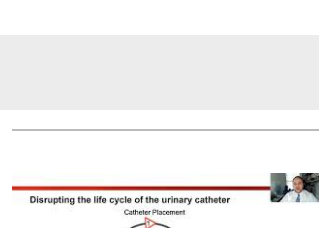
"Addressing the
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of Emotional Disorders
on High Medical
Complexity"



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Andrea Lisso, MD,
PhD

"Novel Host
Determinants of
Human Papillomavirus
(HPV)-Related Diseases
Can Inform New
Treatment Strategies"



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Elie Saade, MD

"Preventing Device
Related Infections:
Towards Zero Harm"

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