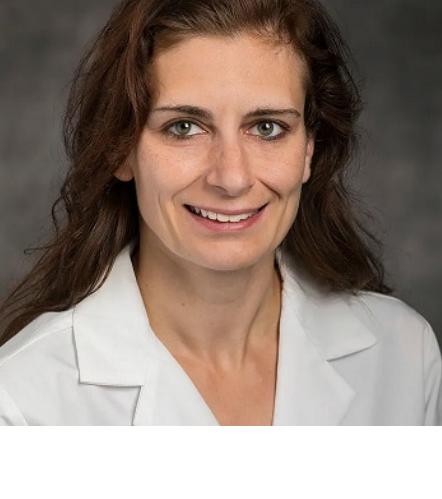




Dr. Amanda Lathia Becomes Division Chief of Geriatrics and Palliative Care

Amanda Lathia, MD, MPH, has agreed to become the Division Chief of Geriatrics and Palliative Care where she has been serving as the Interim Division Chief since April 2022. Dr. Lathia is currently an Assistant Professor and has been at University Hospitals since 2019.

Dr. Lathia attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002-2006, after which she did her residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in 2006-2009. This was followed by a fellowship in geriatric medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in 2009-2010. She then worked at the Center of Geriatric Medicine at Cleveland Clinic from 2010-2019. Prior to medical school, Dr. Lathia received her Master of Philosophy in epidemiology at the University of Cambridge.

Since her arrival at University Hospitals, Dr. Lathia has taken on multiple leadership roles, including as medical director of Foley ElderHealth, program director of the geriatric medicine fellowship starting in July of 2020, and medical director of Judson Senior Living communities and hospice since August of 2021. She helped develop and initiate the interdisciplinary falls clinic at University Hospitals. In addition to her stellar teaching and clinic practice, she is developing a regional and national reputation in her area of expertise.

Congratulations Dr. Lathia!



Best Doctors 2023 Nomination Deadline Approaching

Cleveland Magazine and Professional Research Services are conducting an exclusive online peer-review survey in your area to determine Cleveland Magazine's 2023 Best Doctors.

For the survey, you are asked to nominate doctors that you deem the best in their field of practice. Please visit our secure voting site at www.ClevelandTopDocs.com to cast your votes before **March 18th, 2023 (at midnight)**. All practicing and active physicians within the Cleveland area are eligible and encourage to log on and cast their votes. Office staff, patients and family are not eligible to participate.

The results of this survey will be published in the August 2023 issue of Cleveland Magazine.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Questions?
Please reach out to PRS at sshevin@prscom.com.



2023 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: Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 11:59PM.

[Click here to submit your nomination >](#)



DOM Research Day - Register and Submit Abstracts

The Department of Medicine's Thirteenth Annual Research Day

- **When:** Friday, May 12th with talks and lunch starting at noon. Poster presentations will follow and wrap up by 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Tinkham Yeale University Center's Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation Grand Ballroom

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.

[Click here to Register \(required for all\) >](#)

The plenary talks will be broadcast over Zoom from the ballroom. Poster presentations will be done in-person following the talks. We hope that you will join us for what promises to be an exciting and informative afternoon.

Plenary Sessions:

- Varun Sundaram MD, PhD
 - "Path of early to mid-career clinician scientist in heart failure: From epidemiology to clinical trials"
- Sadeer Al-Kindi, MD
 - "TBD"
- Seth Field, MD, PhD
 - "The Great Escape: A Mechanism to Exit the Golgi and How That Drives Cancer"

We look forward to seeing you there!

Poster presenters:

All DOM trainees are encouraged to participate: Residents, Fellows, Post-Docs, students, etc...

[Click here to submit your abstract >](#)



Faculty Senior Level Promotion Deadlines

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective January 1, 2024

- Deadlines have passed

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2024

- Declaration form due May 1, 2023 ([Form](#))
- Packet due June 2, 2023 ([Guidelines](#))

Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2024

- Declaration form due March 31, 2023 ([Form](#))
- Packet due April 28, 2023 ([Guidelines](#))

Awards - Appointments - Publications



Ankit Mangla, MD, published in The New England Journal of Medicine

Dr. Mangla is a co-author on an article published recently in The New England Journal of Medicine.

The article is titled "Neoadjuvant-Adjuvant or Adjuvant-Only Pembrolizumab in Advanced Melanoma."

BACKGROUND
Whether pembrolizumab given both before surgery (neoadjuvant therapy) and after surgery (adjuvant therapy), as compared with pembrolizumab given as adjuvant therapy alone, would increase event-free survival among patients with resectable stage III or IV melanoma is unknown.

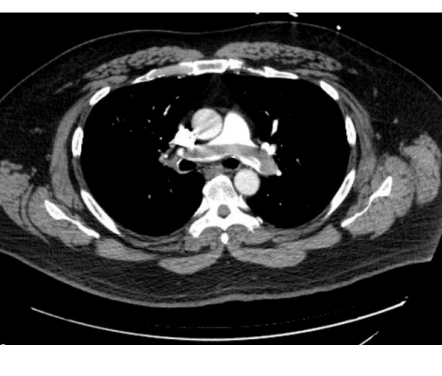
[Link to the article >](#)



Cardiologist Tapped to Become Governor-Elect of Ohio-ACC

Congratulations to Ellen M. Sabik, MD, FACC, who will become Governor-Elect of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (Ohio-ACC) in March 2023. In March 2024, she will become Governor of the more than 2,300 Ohio Chapter members of this 53,000-member national nonprofit professional medical society.

A senior attending physician and key faculty for the cardiology training program at UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute, Dr. Sabik has served two terms on the Ohio-ACC Board of Trustees and is the current co-chair of the Ohio-ACC Annual Meeting. She has a busy clinical practice covering general cardiology and specializing in valvular heart disease, heart disease in women, and advanced cardiac imaging. Dr. Sabik also is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, where she teaches in the echo lab and precepting fellows' clinic.



Pulmonary Embolism Response Team Yields Real-Time Results

The Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) at UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute, formed just five years ago as a multidisciplinary group of specialists to provide rapid, real-time consultation and collaboration to better manage pulmonary embolism (PE) patients, is generating new evidence on the success of the approach, even at a large and complex multi-hospital health system like UH.

"The PERT concept came from Massachusetts General Hospital many years ago, but it is more of a solo hospital," says Jun Li, MD, an interventional cardiologist within UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute and a member of the UH PERT. "At our institution, there was a unique opportunity to study the hub-and-spoke model when it comes to PERT, because we have so many individual hospitals involved. We were the first ones to publish on the effectiveness of PERT in a health care system like ours."

[Read more on PERT >](#)



Geriatrics Section achieves a remarkably low average 30-day readmission rate in 2022

In 2022, the Geriatrics Section achieved a remarkably low average 30-day readmission rate of just 9% for post-acute skilled nursing facility (SNF) care at Judson Park. Geriatrics' achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the section's faculty, staff and trainees, who have consistently gone above and beyond to provide top-notch care. Their specialized knowledge of and management of geriatric syndromes, their attention to polypharmacy and medication reconciliation, and their patient and facility centered approach to care does make a difference.

In comparison to other providers in the University Hospitals SNF quality network, this achievement is even more impressive. Among the 57 providers who offer post-acute care, the average 30-day readmission rate was 21.7%. This places the Geriatrics section in a league of its own and underscores our commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare services.

Research News



Atul Chopra, MD, PhD, featured in Rare Diseases Q&A

Q&A with a researcher who studies rare diseases

In 2012, physician-scientist and medical geneticist Atul Chopra met two patients with an extremely rare disease: marfanoid progeroid lipodystrophy (MPL). Known to cause extreme leanness in patients, the disease, Chopra believed, could also hold the key to one of the most enduring health challenges facing Americans: obesity.

There are only 20 documented cases in scientific literature of patients with MPL, which leaves those affected with a very low appetite and a body-mass index in the 9-13 range (compared with the typical 18-25). But despite this rarity, Chopra was determined to discover what drives the disease.

[Read more >](#)

Education News



International Scholarly Activity Funding

The Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine and Global Health is providing the opportunity for medical residents and fellows (PGY1-PGY6) to undertake clinical and scholarly activities internationally in communicable and non-communicable disease, travel medicine, or vaccines.

Scholarships up to \$5,000 will be awarded to residents and fellows with meritorious proposals and strong interest in travel medicine and international health. For further information, please contact martha.salata@uhhospitals.org.

Deadline for receipt of initial application is April 1, 2023.

[Click here for the application >](#)

Welcome to the Department



Ama Nuamah, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 14
"Zero Harm: Leading and Learning with Love"

Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD
Chief Clinical Transformation Officer
Management Services Center
University Hospitals

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 21
"TBD - Lung Transplant Education"

Silpa Kilaru, MD
Medical Director of Lung Transplant
University Hospitals

Medicine Grand Rounds

March 28
"Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy in Localized Colorectal Cancer"

Sakti Chakrabarti, MD
Hematology and Oncology Department
University Hospitals

Medicine Grand Rounds

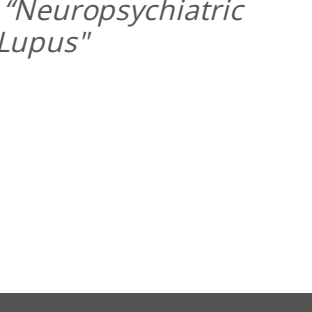
April 4
"TBD - Healthcare and Greenhouse Gas Emissions"

Aditya Khetan, MD
Assistant Professor at McMaster University

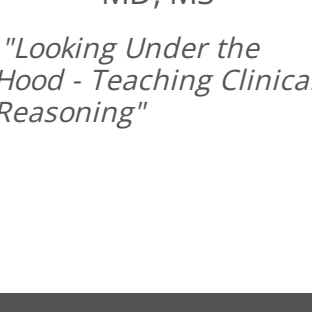
Recurring Events (Zoom information sent out weekly)

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

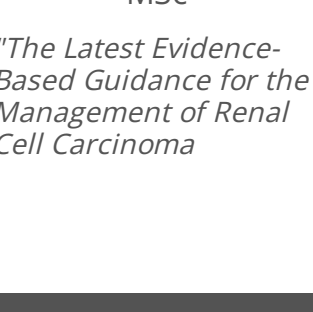
Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



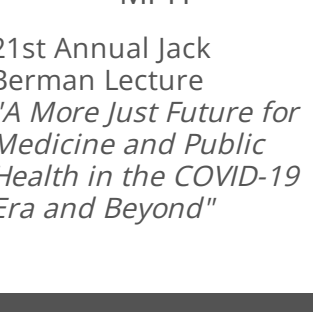
Omer Pamuk, MD
"Neuropsychiatric Lupus"



Anand D. Jagannath, MD, MS
"Looking Under the Hood - Teaching Clinical Reasoning"



Pedro C. Barata, MD, MSc
"The Latest Evidence-Based Guidance for the Management of Renal Cell Carcinoma"



Michelle Morphe, MD, MPH
21st Annual Jack Berman Lecture
"A More Just Future for Medicine and Public Health in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond"

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