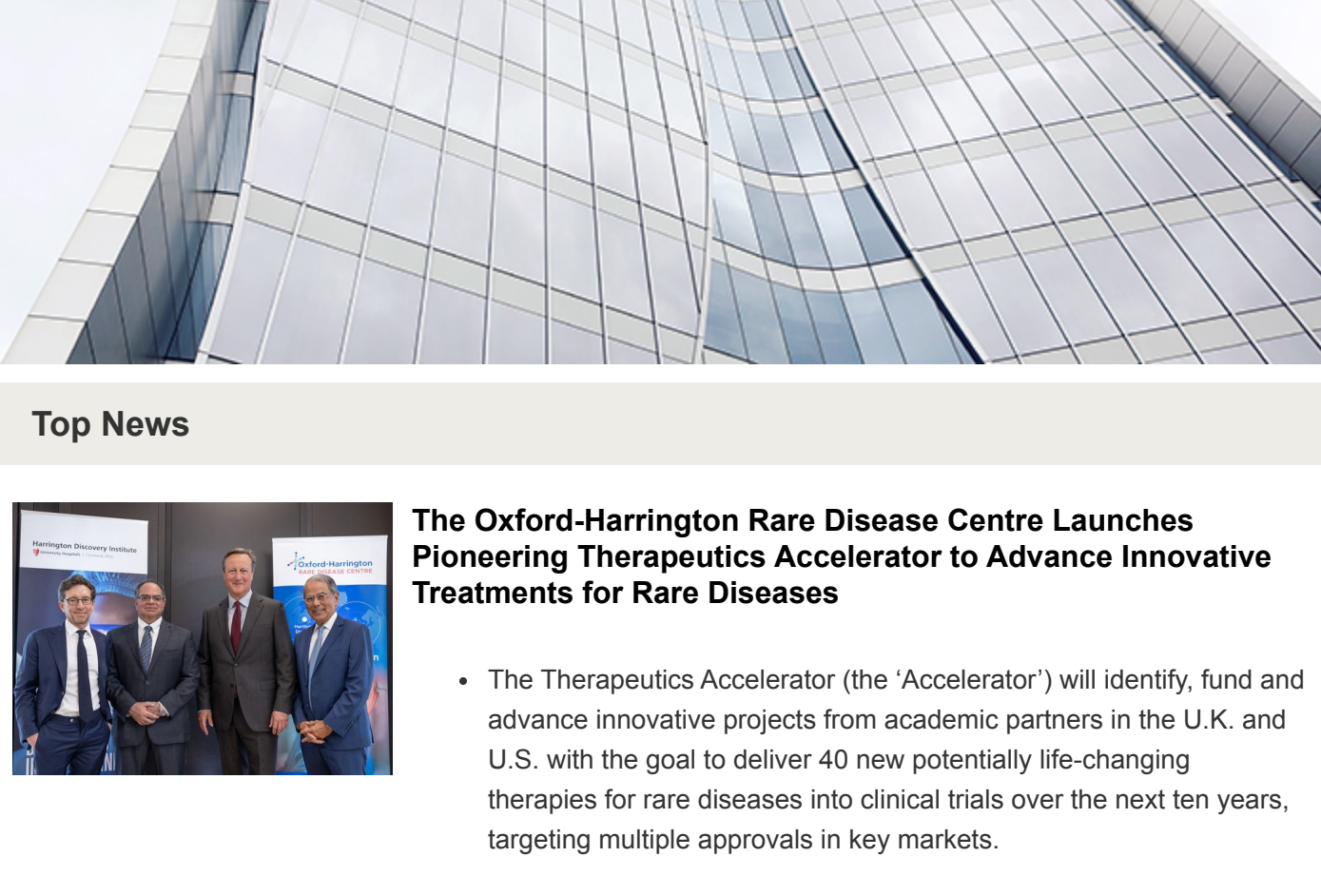




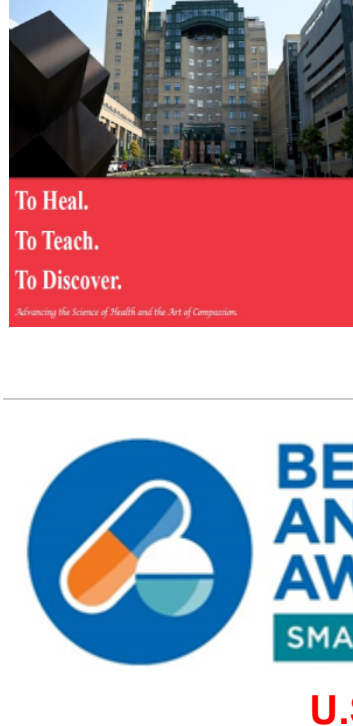
Top News

**The Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre Launches Pioneering Therapeutics Accelerator to Advance Innovative Treatments for Rare Diseases**

- The Therapeutics Accelerator (the "Accelerator") will identify, fund and advance innovative projects from academic partners in the U.K. and U.S. with the goal to deliver 40 new potentially life-changing therapies for rare diseases into clinical trials over the next ten years, targeting multiple approvals in key markets.
- The Accelerator will operate a unique non-profit-for-profit model with the intention to commit up to £200 million.
- The Accelerator will receive support from a new partnership between University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio, University of Oxford and investment company Oxford Science Enterprises.
- Former U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to lead the international efforts of the Accelerator as Chair of the Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre Advisory Board.

Oxford, U.K. and Cleveland, Ohio, USA – 3 October 2023 – The University of Oxford and Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio announced the launch of the Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre Therapeutics Accelerator with an official signing event at the University of Oxford. The event was hosted by the Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre (OHC), a partnership established in 2019 between the University of Oxford and Harrington Discovery Institute. Attendance at the signing included leaders from OHC, the University of Oxford, the Harrington family, University Hospitals, and Oxford Science Enterprises.

[Click here to read more »](#)

**Mortality Rounds**

The Palliative Care and Pulmonary and Critical Care teams at UH CMC have been collaborating on a new program, "Mortality Rounds," in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU).

Mortality Rounds started in January of 2022 as a biweekly, 30 minute session run by the pulmonary and critical care fellows. The program initiation was funded by an innovation in medical education grant from the UH GME office and was spearheaded by our Pulmonary and Critical Care fellow, **Dr. Katherine Wajda** with the support of **Dr. Rab Razzak**.

During rounds, the team discuss patients who had died in the MICU during the past two weeks. The discussions are multidisciplinary and focus on patient symptoms and support, ethical and moral concerns, recollections, self-appraisals, personal fears, and staff/practitioner self-care. This program is open to interdisciplinary staff and practitioners including MICU attendings, advanced practice practitioners, fellows, residents, med students, nursing staff, respiratory therapists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, chaplains, and the pall care team.

Between January and October of 2022, residents and fellows were surveyed before and after attending the rounds. The study demonstrated that mortality rounds improved resident and fellow satisfaction with their education experience during their MICU rotations, and rounds also enhanced the abilities of trainees to cope with the care of dying patients.

Given the beneficial effect on education and coping skills, Mortality Rounds has continued to occur biweekly in the MICU at UH CMC on its own accord despite completion of the study period.

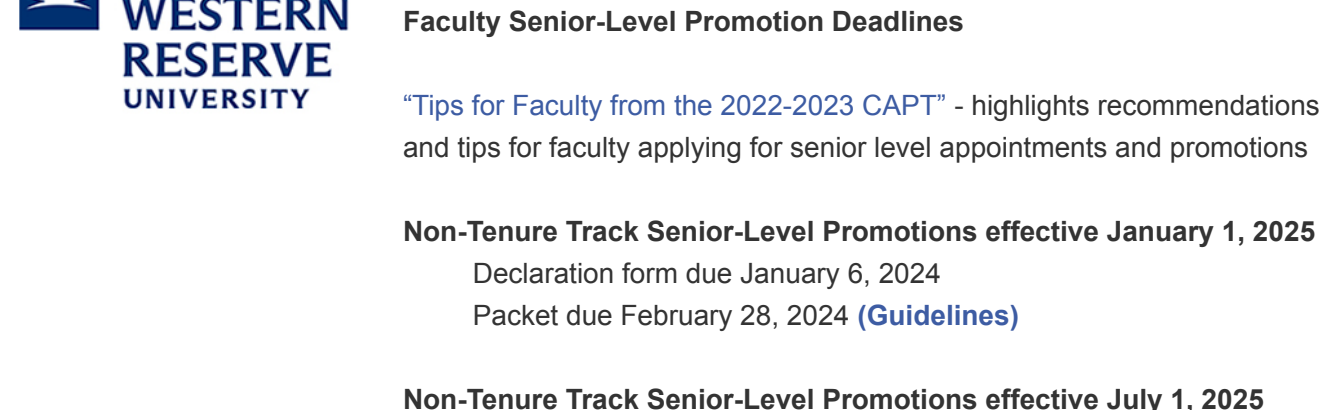
**Antimicrobial Stewardship Newsletter**

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, led by **Leila Hojat, MD**, has published it's fourth Newsletter.

Content in this issue includes:

- Epic Antimicrobial Updates
- 2022 Antibiogram Updates
- NHSN Data Updates
- Candidiasis and Candiduria Clinical Case
- Efficacy of a Clinical Decision Rule of Direct Oral Challenge of Penicillin

[Read the CMC ASP Newsletter Here »](#)

**U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week 2023**

Antibiotics can save lives and are critical tools for treating infections. However, any time antibiotics are used, they can cause adverse drug events and contribute to the development of antibiotic resistance.

- **Antibiotic resistance is an urgent threat to the public's health.** Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) represents a major global threat across human, animal, plant, food, and environmental sectors. In 2019, it was estimated that almost 5 million deaths were associated with bacterial AMR, including 1.27 million deaths being directly caused by it. Addressing AMR requires a holistic and multi-sectoral approach referred to as a One Health approach.
- **Follow clinical guidelines on how to best evaluate and treat infections.** Historic gains made on antibiotic stewardship were reversed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic due to antibiotics being the first option given to treat those who presented with a febrile pulmonary process.
- **Always prescribe the right antibiotic, at the right dose, for the right duration, and at the right time.** We can still reverse these trends. Antibiotic and antifungal stewardship—one of our best prevention tools—remains critically important.

You can read more about global efforts to raise awareness and combat AMR on the [WHO World AMR Awareness Week website](#).

Visit the [UH Adult Antimicrobial Stewardship Program website](#) for updated guidelines and to find out how you can contribute to greater antimicrobial awareness. (UH internal site)

Leila S. Hojat, MD, MS: Director, UH Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
Courtney Velti, PharmD, BCPS: Pharmacy Lead, UH Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
Nicholas Newman, PharmD, BCIDP: Pharmacy Co-Lead, UH Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

**2024 FAR/FIS Reporting for 2023 Information**

It is anticipated that the FIS system will open in January 2024 for faculty to begin filling out their 2023 FAR information. Final reports will need to be submitted by the end of February.

All faculty are encouraged to log in now to ensure access is available and to become familiar with the system.

Useful Links:

- FIS (<https://fis.case.edu/>)
- FAR Training Video
- Faculty User Support Documents
- Detailed FAR Guide for Faculty
- FAR Guide for SOM - Step 1
- FAR Guide for SOM - Step 2

**Faculty Senior-Level Promotion Deadlines****Faculty Senior-Level Promotion Deadlines**

"Tips for Faculty from the 2022-2023 CAPT" - highlights recommendations and tips for faculty applying for senior level appointments and promotions

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective January 1, 2025

Declaration form due January 6, 2024
Packet due February 28, 2024 ([Guidelines](#))

Non-Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2025

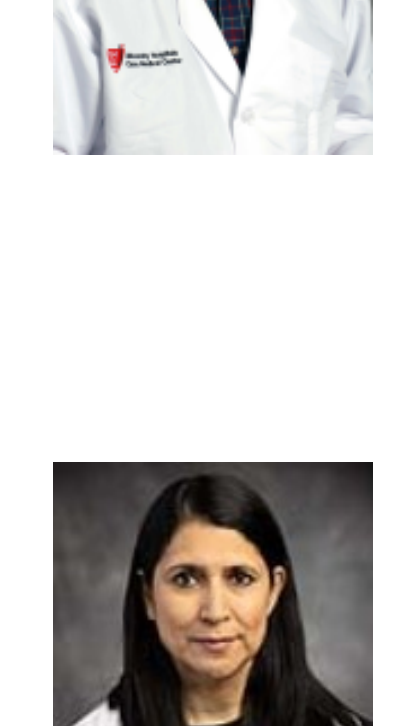
Declaration form due May 1, 2024
Packet due June 2, 2024 ([Guidelines](#))

Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2025

Declaration form due March 31, 2024
Packet due April 28, 2024 ([Guidelines](#))

For declaration forms or any questions, please contact Cheryl Allis: (cheryl.allis@uhhospitals.org or cheryl.allis@case.edu)

Department of Medicine Quality Spotlight

**COPD: Enhancing Care & Minimizing Readmissions**

One of our many initiatives, within the DOM Quality Improvement Program, is dedicated to **enhancing COPD care and minimizing readmissions.**

Did you know?

- COPD is the third leading cause of death in the United States.
- COPD accounts for 20% of hospitalizations for individuals over 40 years old.
- COPD 30 day readmission rate is notably high at 20.6% (1 in 5 patients) second only to heart failure.
- The average cost per COPD patient readmission is between \$9,000 and \$12,000

At UH CMC, we've introduced a **specialized COPD optimization team** to provide comprehensive support to patients transitioning from inpatient to outpatient care.

The ultimate goal is to standardize the care of COPD across the department and facilitate the transition to a COPD clinic. In addition reducing COPD readmission in the era of value based medicine, grants our department and the hospital an important financial benefit.

Here's how the process unfolds:

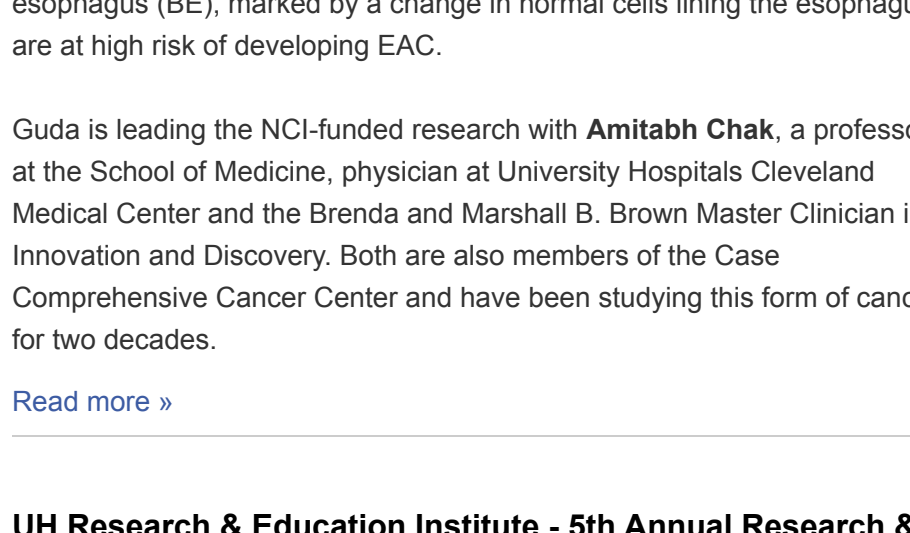
- Our COPD educator begins by daily reviewing a list of patients admitted for COPD exacerbation.
 - » Accuracy in documenting their **admission diagnosis (COPD exacerbation)** in **Epic** is crucial.
 - » Soon a **COPD navigator consult**, will be embedded in the COPD order set.

The navigator assumes a critical role in:

- Providing COPD education, including inhaler teaching.
- Offering smoking cessation counseling.
- Facilitating referrals to pulmonary rehab.
- Assessing oxygen and home equipment needs.
- Collaborating with the pharmacy on inhaler coverage.
- Assisting in "meds to beds" when necessary.
- Coordinating with Social Work and care coordinators.
- Establishing ongoing rapport beyond discharge.
- Recognizing and addressing COPD-specific obstacles.
- Arranging a telephone visit within 72 hours.
- Coordinating a visit in our newly established COPD discharge clinic within two weeks.

Questions? Email:

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Awards - Appointments - Publications

**Dr. Subausto Receives 2023 Falk Medical Research Trust Catalyst Award**

The award was given based on the project titled **CD40-TRAF2,3 Blocking Peptide for the Treatment of Ocular Disorders**

"This award will fund development of nanoparticle delivery of a CD40-TRAF2,3 blocking peptide that I designed," **Dr. Subausto** said. "Horst von Recum, PhD, from the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, will develop the nanoparticles conjugated to the peptide. This approach can be used as a novel treatment of diabetic retinopathy and is likely to be superior to anti-VEGF agents, the current standard of care in this disease."

The Dr. Ralph and Marian Falk Medical Research Trust was created by Marian Falk in 1979 to support biomedical research. Mrs. Falk sought to fund "medical research to improve treatments of the past and eventually find cures for diseases for which no definite cure is known."

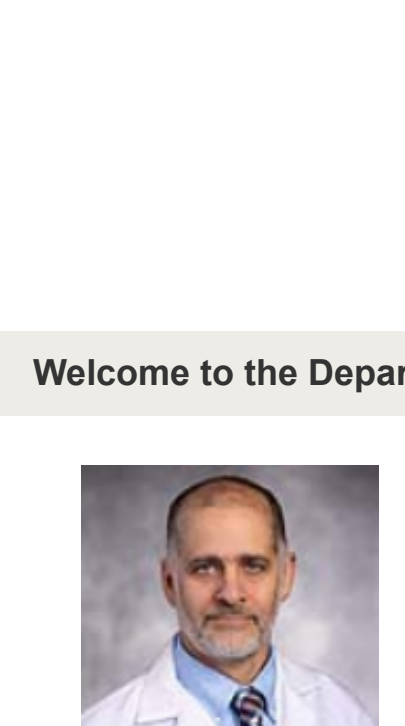
**Dr. Magrey Co-Authors New ACR Guidelines**

American College of Rheumatology published new guidelines for the treatment of corticosteroid-induced osteoporosis, and **Dr. Marina Magrey** is one of the co-authors.

The objective of the article is to update recommendations for prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis (GIO) for patients with rheumatic or nonrheumatic conditions receiving >3 months treatment with glucocorticoids (GCs) ≥2.5 mg daily.

Humphrey MB, Russell L, Danila MI, Fink HA, Guyatt G, Cannon M, Caplan L, Gore S, Grossman J, Hansen KE, Lane NE, Ma NS, **Magrey M**, McAlindon T, Robinson AB, Saha S, Womack C, Abdulhadi B, Charles JF, Cheah JTL, Chou S, Goyal I, Haseltine K, Jackson L, Mirza R, Moledina I, Punni E, Rinden T, Turgunbaev M, Wysham K, Turner AS, Uhl S. 2022 American College of Rheumatology Guideline for the Prevention and Treatment of Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis. Arthritis Rheumatol. 2023 Oct 16. doi: 10.1002/art.42646. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37845798.

[View on PubMed »](#)

**CWRU Journal Pathogens and Immunity ranks among top quartile of world's infectious diseases journals**

Scimago, an independent research group, recently ranked the Case Western Reserve University-based journal Pathogens and Immunity 40th in the world among 324 infectious diseases journals—a ranking that places the publication in the top quartile.

Scimago develops the Scimago Journal and Country Rank (SJR) based on the data available in the Scopus database. The SJR is a measure of citation and reputation.

Founded in 2016, Pathogens and Immunity is an open access journal established by an endowment from the Fasnemyer Foundation with the purpose of serving the needs of biomedical researchers (rather than those of journal publishers) by streamlining the processes for submission, review and publication. Over 140 top researchers serve as the journal's associate editors and the journal is free and open access and charges no fees to authors.

Michael Lederman, professor emeritus of medicine, is editor-in-chief of the journal.

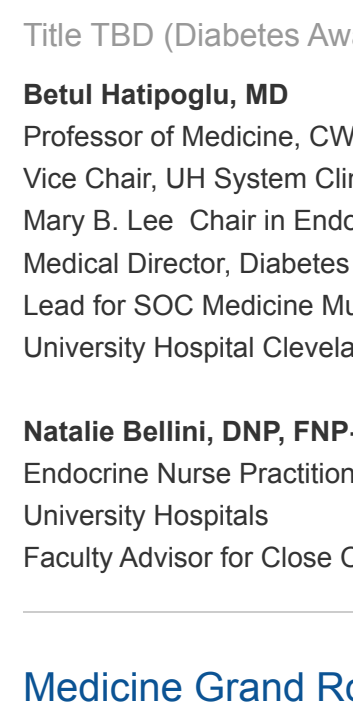
[Visit the journal's website here »](#)

**Barbara Gripshover receives 2023 HIVMA Citation Award**

Barbara Gripshover, MD, was selected to receive the 2023 HIVMA Citation Award.

The award was presented during IDWeek 2023 in conjunction with the Smadel Lecture on Thursday, October 12 in Boston.

[Click here to view a video of the presentation of the award »](#)

**Dr. Montero - Media Mention and OncLive****Media Mention**

Newsweek: **Alberto Montero, MD**, Clinical Director of the Breast Cancer Medical Oncology Program, comments on women choosing a double mastectomy when found to have the BRCA-1 gene mutation.

[Click here to read the article »](#)

Dr. Montero also will serve as program chair for the upcoming State of the Science Summit on Breast Cancer.

OncLive® State of the Science Summit™ (SOSS) are in-person meetings designed for academic & community-based physicians and health care professionals that provide education on the science driving updates in cancer management and the associated clinical benefits for patients. SOSS attendees will improve their knowledge of novel treatment approaches and reinforce their confidence in applying state-of-the-art treatment strategies.

[Click here for more info »](#)

Research News

**Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals researchers awarded five-year, \$11.2 million federal grant to study esophagus cancers**

With a new five-year, \$11.2 million grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), researchers at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals hope to learn what causes—and how to reduce and treat—esophagus cancers, an increasingly common and deadly disease.

Cancer of the esophagus, especially esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC), is highly lethal, with 80% of patients dying from the disease within five years of diagnosis, according to Kishore Guda, an associate professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, an associate professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and patients with Barrett's esophagus (BE), marked by a change in normal cells lining the esophagus, are at high risk of developing EAC.

Guda is leading the NCI-funded research with **Amitabh Chak**, a professor at the School of Medicine, physician at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and the Brenda and Marshall B. Brown Master Clinician in Innovation and Discovery. Both are also members of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center and have been studying this form of cancer for two decades.

[Read more »](#)

UH Research & Education Institute - 5th Annual Research & Innovation Day**Save the Date!**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wolstein Research Auditorium

Research & Innovation Day Poster Competition & Exhibit

We invite all students, postdocs, residents, and fellows to submit abstract(s) for the annual Research & Innovation Day Poster Competition.

Researchers are encouraged to submit abstracts celebrating scientific advancements from bench to bedside to community. All abstracts are due Sunday, November 12, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.

One awardee will be selected to present at the event, and the top 10 winners will receive a monetary award.

[Submit an Abstract »](#)

CTSA Funding Opportunities

The Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative recently announced the launch of three new funding opportunities for local multi-site projects and invites investigators and community members to apply.

Annual Pilot

Award: up to \$50,000
LOI Deadline: Wednesday, November 15

READI Themed Pilot

Award: up to \$20,000
Required READI Consultation Deadline: Friday, November 10

Application Deadline: Friday, November 17

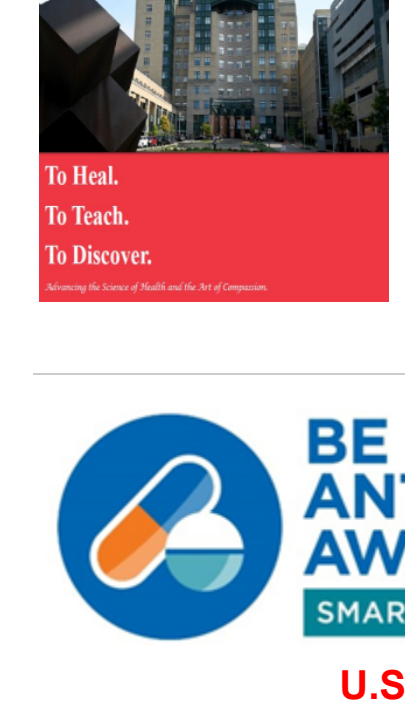
Voucher Program

Award: up to \$7,500
Application Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

CTSC T32 Clinical and Translational Scientist Training Program for Postdoctoral Researchers is now accepting applications for its first cohort of four postdocs to begin in January 2024. The Program aims to develop Clinical/Translational scientists with skills for interdisciplinary work, ability to work across disciplines, and ability to envision and design advances in clinical and community settings.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023.
Appointment Duration: January 2024 - December 31, 2025 (year two is contingent upon satisfactory progress in the first year support.)

Education News

**Intern Recruitment - Interviewers Needed**

Medicine and Med-Peds will continue to use a Zoom platform for interviews this year.

Medicine starts interviews 10/26/23 – 1/25/24
Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 AM

Med-Peds starts their interviews 11/7/23 – 12/5/23
Tuesdays, both morning and afternoon times.

We appreciate your continued support this season, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. If you have only partial availability for specific dates, let us know on the form.

Please complete the availability form below and return to Deena or Regina.

[Get the availability form »](#)

Welcome to the Department



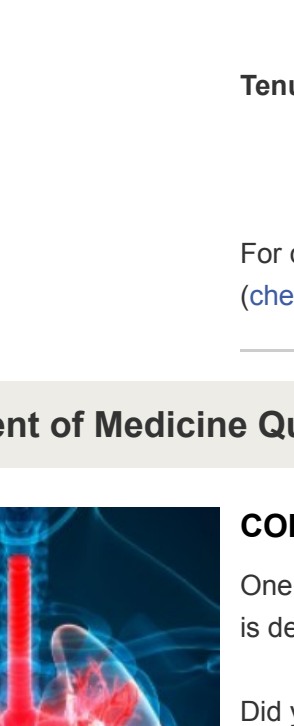
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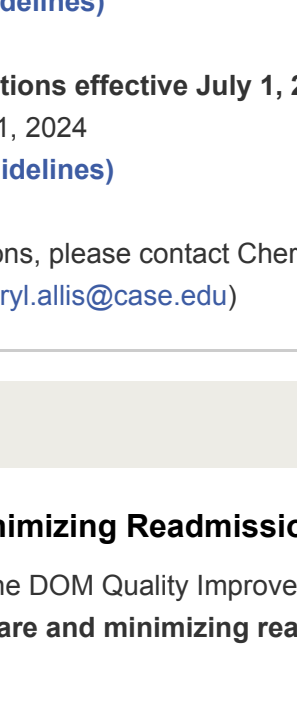
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Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds - November 7

Top 5 public health issues impacting the future of our field (an ID doc's perspective)

Priya Nori, MD, FSHEA, FIDSA

Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship, OPAT & Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics
Associate Prof. Medicine (ID) & Orthopedics
Montefiore Health System, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
Deputy Editor, Antimicrobial Stewardship & Healthcare Epidemiology

Medicine Grand Rounds - November 14

Title TBD (Diabetes Awareness)

Betul Hatipoglu, MD

Professor of Medicine, CWRU School of Medicine
Vice Chair, UH System Clinical Affairs, Department of Medicine
Mary B. Lee Chair in Endocrinology
Medical Director, Diabetes & Metabolic Center
Lead for SOC Medicine Multispecialty
University Hospital Cleveland Medical Center

Natalie Bellini, DNP, FNP-BC, BC-ADM, CDCES

Endocrine Nurse Practitioner and Program Director of Technology
University Hospitals
Faculty Advisor for Close Concerns

Medicine Grand Rounds - November 21

Cancelled for Holiday

Medicine Grand Rounds - November 28

Title TBD (COPD and GOLD Guidelines)

Jihane Faress, MD

Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Medical Director, Diabetes & Metabolic Center
Co-Chair, DOM QA Committee, UH Cleveland Medical Center
Assistant Professor, CWRU School of Medicine

Special Medicine Grand Rounds - Friday, December 1**Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD Memorial Lecture**

Noon to 1 PM - Kulas Auditorium

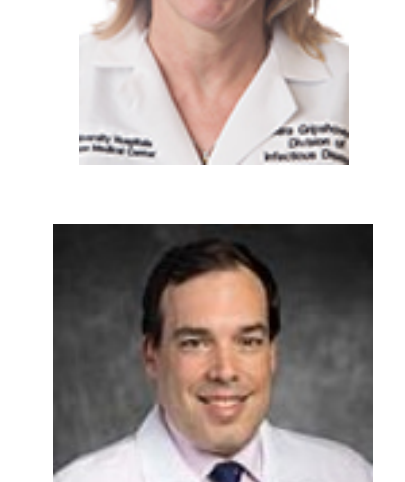
Keynote Speaker - Jerrold J. Ellner, MD

Recurring Events ([Zoom information sent out weekly](#))

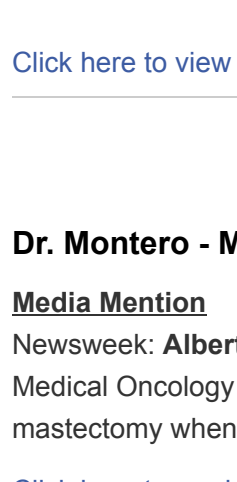
Tuesdays @ Noon - **Medicine Grand Rounds Seminar Series** (September - May)

Wednesdays @ Noon - **VA Conference**

Fridays @ Noon - **UH M&M Conference**

Recent Medicine Grand Rounds**David Victorson, PhD**

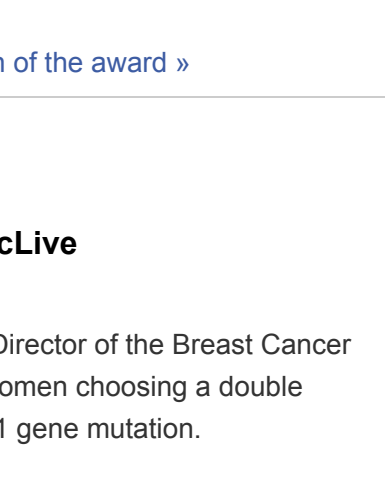
"Making Mindfulness a Positive Health Behavior that Sticks"

**Keith Armitage, MD**

"Updates in Travel Medicine"

**Justin Roesch, MD, FACP**

"No Room for Fear: The Necessity of Psychological Safety in Medical Education"

**Paul Shaniuk, MD**

"Bedside Diagnosis: The Journey from Stethoscope to Point of Care Ultrasound"

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