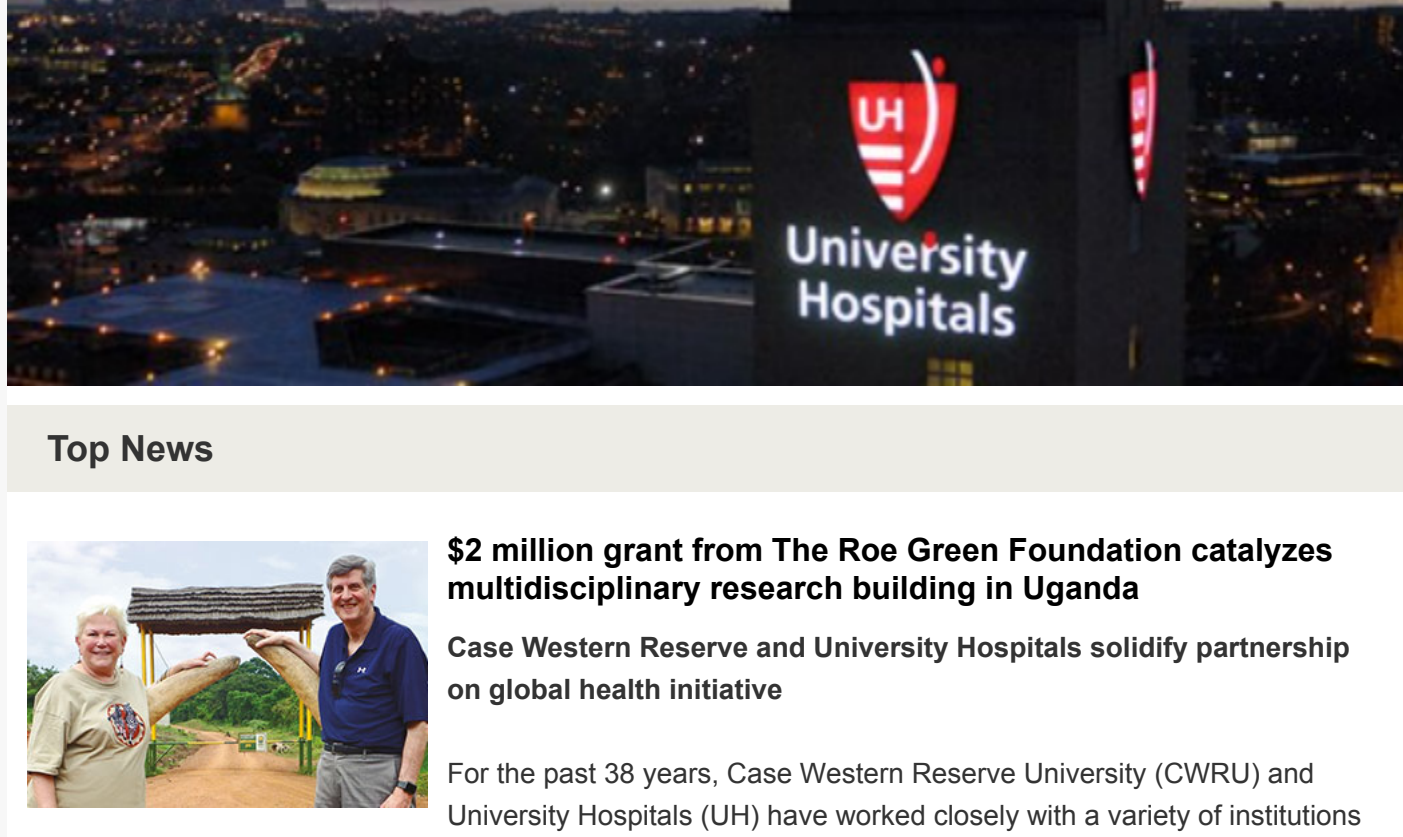




Top News

**\$2 million grant from The Roe Green Foundation catalyzes multidisciplinary research building in Uganda****Case Western Reserve and University Hospitals solidify partnership on global health initiative**

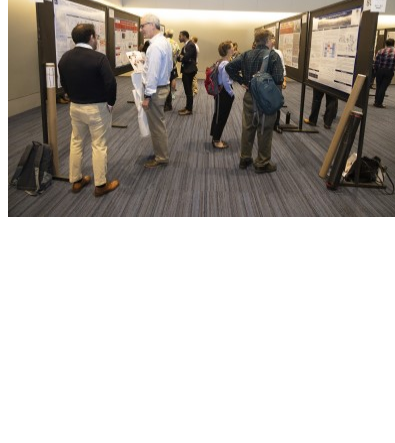
For the past 38 years, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and University Hospitals (UH) have worked closely with a variety of institutions in Uganda to advance medical research and education across a range of fields.

Their facilities have remained scattered across the campuses of local partners but now, the collaboration will have a permanent home. A \$2 million gift from The Roe Green Foundation, jointly awarded to CWRU and UH, will advance global health initiatives from each institution and establish a state-of-the-art research hub and gathering place in Uganda's capital, Kampala: the Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals Roe Green Medical Education and Research Building. With support from philanthropist and world traveler Roe Green, the collaborative will have a central facility in which to conduct research, meetings, training and medical care.

"My home is Cleveland, but I am a citizen of the world," shared Green. "It is my honor to support the work of **Dr. Robert Salata** and all those physicians involved in our work to improve health worldwide. I hope this new facility in Uganda can be a beacon to others and show what can be achieved when we join in a common cause."

Green has long supported both UH and CWRU, but this is her first joint donation to the institutions.

[Read more »](#)

**2024 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](#).

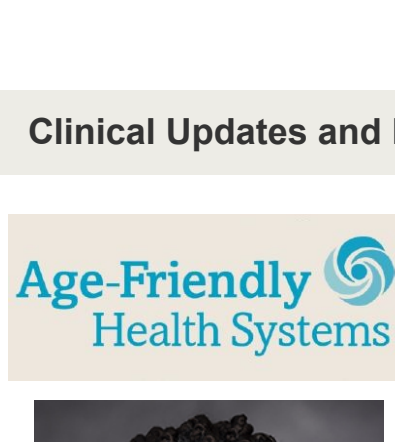
Successful candidates should:

- 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.

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 @ 11:59PM.

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

**DOM Research Day****The Department of Medicine's Fourteenth Annual Research Day will be held on Friday, May 10th with talks and lunch starting at noon.**

We are pleased to announce that our annual research day event will be held on Friday, May 10th, 2024, noon to approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Tinkham Veale Grand Ballroom.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the event (required for all)

This year's event will feature plenary talks from researchers across all divisions, as well as poster sessions and networking opportunities. We hope that you will join us for what promises to be an exciting and informative afternoon at the Tinkham Veale University Center Grand Ballroom.

Poster Presenters - For instructions and resources for producing your Research Day poster, please click on the link below.

[ABSTRACT SUBMISSION & INSTRUCTIONS](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

**CASE
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The faculty annual review for 2023 is now open and faculty are asked to complete their review **ASAP**. Please review and enter your publications, book chapters, and grants.

All faculty are required to log in now to complete their 2023 activity reporting.

[Useful Links:](#)

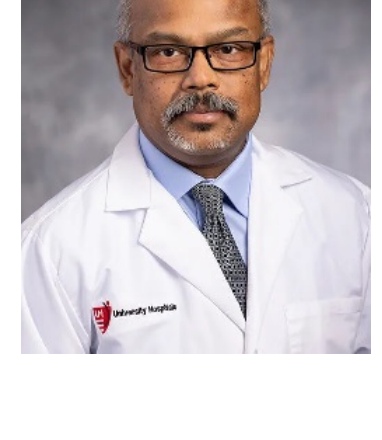
- FIS (<https://fis.case.edu/>)
- FAR Training Video
- Faculty User Support Documents
- Detailed FAR Guide for Faculty
- FAR Guide for SOM - Step 1
- FAR Guide for SOM - Step 2

Contact Cheryl Allis if you have any questions or access issues: (cheryl.allis@uhhospitals.org)

Clinical Updates and Research News

**Did you know that the UH Health System is now Age-Friendly?**

University Hospital Cleveland Medical Center is one of five (5) health systems recognized as Level II Committed to Excellence Age-Friendly Healthy Facility in the state of Ohio. The US population is aging. People age 65 and older represented 16% of the population in 2019 but are expected to grow to over 20% by 2040. Those 85 and older are the fastest growing, projected to increase by 118% by 2040.



Lakeside 20 began the Age-Friendly journey in 2020, building on their expertise as an Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) and Exemplary Nurses to Improve Care of the Hospitalized Elderly (NICHE) unit. An interdisciplinary task force was formed to review a plan to achieve Age-Friendly recognition, building on our ACE model of interdisciplinary rounds. The leadership includes: Makenzie Cappelli HNM, Anthony Manizzo AHN, Denise Kresivic CNS, **Dr. Raj Chandra** (Chief of Internal Medicine), **Dr. Amanda Lathia** (Chief of Geriatric Medicine), and **Dr. Ama Nuamah** (Director of geriatrics inpatient consults).

The Age-Friendly Health Initiative was started in 2017 by a number of national non-profit foundations with the aim to address care for older adults. To be recognized as an Age-Friendly Health System, a system must provide a set of four evidence-based elements of high-quality care, known as the "4Ms," to all older adults. The 4Ms are: **What Matters most to the patient, Medications, Mentation, and Mobility.** When implemented together, the 4Ms represent a broad shift by health systems to focus on the specific needs of older adults.

Our current challenge is to be sure that every patient cared for in the University Hospitals receives the 4Ms of the Age-Friendly Initiative. To accomplish this bold endeavor, all caregivers in every care setting within University Hospitals will need to be educated and committed to the 4Ms. For more information regarding the initiative at Cleveland Medical Center, please contact Denise Kresivic, CNS.

**UH Seidman GI Oncologist Challenges the Colorectal Cancer Status Quo****Immunotherapy alone can achieve complete remission in select patients with colon and rectal cancer**

For the last two years, **Sakti Chakrabarti, MD**, a GI oncologist at UH Seidman Cancer Center, has been on a mission. He's been treating certain colorectal cancer patients, including those with early-stage diseases, with immunotherapy with great success. At the same time, he's been collecting information from other cancer centers nationwide and putting it into a large database called "DREAM-GI." This is all to make progress in the field of cancer treatment.

[Read more here »](#)

**Research and Patient Advocacy at Heart of UH Sleep Medicine Care**

Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is very common, but the long-term consequences of this sleep disorder remain poorly understood. Although the condition affects 34% of American men and 17% of American women between the ages of 30 and 70, questions about long-term impacts beyond sleepiness and sleep-related quality of life remain. There are also basic questions outstanding about how patients with OSA access care and are started on treatment, as up to 80% of individuals remain undiagnosed or untreated.

UH Sleep Medicine System Director **Susheel P. Patil, MD, PhD**, is a leading voice on all these issues.

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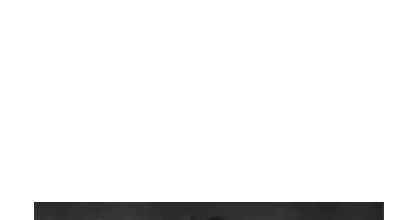
**An Oasis for Patients with FMD****UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute draws patients from around the country for its expertise on rare vascular condition**

Imagine being told you have a rare health condition for which there is no known cure. Now imagine being told by a doctor that they had absolutely no idea how to help you.

Rosie Miklavcic, RN, MPH, the retired Chief Public Health Nurse of Kentucky who was part of the state's top medical team, was shocked when this happened to her. But Rosie is a woman determined to find answers to health problems, even if it means crossing state lines.

Her quest led her to cardiologist and vascular medicine specialist **Heather Gornik, MD**, Director of the Fibromuscular Dysplasia & Arterial Dissection Program at University Hospitals Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute. **Dr. Gornik** is a leading international expert in the unusual condition known as fibromuscular dysplasia, or FMD. Patients like Rosie have traveled from as far as Hawaii, California, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas and Florida for care at UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute.

[Read more here »](#)

**Science@UH Podcast:**

Mehdi Shishehbor, DO, MPH, PhD, explains how his team is developing solutions to overcome chronic limb-threatening ischemia.

[Listen Now »](#)

**Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre Opens Call for Proposals****New Scholar Award Accelerates Novel Therapies for Rare Diseases**

OXFORD, U.K. and CLEVELAND, Ohio USA, 6 February 2024 – The Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre (OHC), a partnership between the University of Oxford, U.K. and Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio, is seeking innovative projects for its 2024 Rare Disease Scholar Award, which advances promising discoveries from academic labs into clinical practice. The Society supports research and includes drug and business development support from pharma-experienced industry leaders with a track record of bringing therapeutics to market. Awardees have access to the Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre Therapeutics Accelerator, which receives support from a partnership between University of Oxford, Oxford Science Enterprises, and University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

The OHC's 2024 Rare Disease Scholar Award seeks novel approaches to treat rare diseases, with a focus on neurological disorders, developmental and metabolic disorders, and rare cancers. Applications directed to other rare, genetic indications with a high unmet need are also of interest. Any therapeutic modality will be considered. Intellectual property rights are retained by the award recipient or their institution

[Learn More and Apply »](#)

Awards - Appointments - Publications

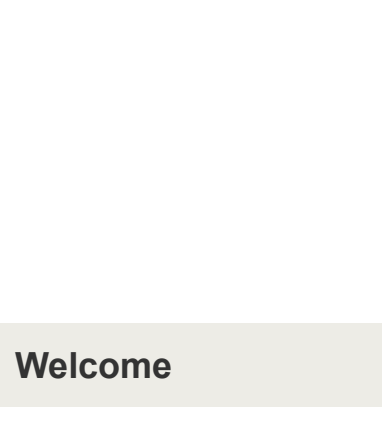
**Dr. Kenneth Remy Elected as the Chair of the Research Section for the Society of Critical Care Medicine**

Kenneth E. Remy, MD, MHSc, MSCI, FCCM, The Ellery Sedgwick, Jr. Chair and Distinguished Scientist in Cardiovascular Research, Inaugural director of the Blood, Heart, Lung, and Immunology Research Center at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals of Cleveland, and faculty in the Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics has been elected as the chair of the Research Section for the **Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM)**.

The Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) is the largest non-profit medical organization in the practice of critical care. SCCM was established in 1970 and is an independently incorporated international, educational, and scientific society based in the United States. Its members are multi-professional health professionals providing care to critically ill and injured patients, and SCCM is the only organization representing all critical care team's professional components. The Society supports research and education and advocates on issues related to critical care. The Society has over 35,000 members worldwide, and the research section has over 4,000 section members. A central component of the Society's mission is the support of quality-based improvement initiatives and the support of multi-professional research at all levels. The Research Section supports research development among Society members and promotes communication about opportunities and networks.

Dr. Remy also serves as UH Rainbow Babies & Children's first international expert for the **Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC)** of the International **Surviving Sepsis Campaign**. This campaign is a joint initiative of the SCCM and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM). The SSC is a team of multidisciplinary, international experts committed to improving the time to recognize and treat sepsis and septic shock.

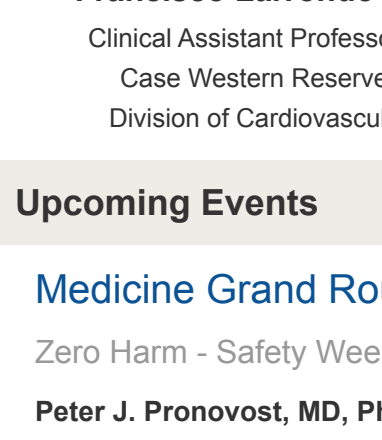
Dr. Remy is an international expert in adult and pediatric sepsis, COVID-19 disease, and global health. As an adult and pediatric critical care physician, his research focuses on home-based trafficking and signaling in immune dysregulation in the context of diseases of intravascular hemolysis (COVID, sepsis, malaria, sickle cell disease, thalassemia) and after red blood cell transfusion, and real-time immunophenotyping of pro and hypoinflammatory states to identify timing for immunomodulatory therapies. In this new role as Chair, Dr. Remy endeavors to grow multidisciplinary research across methodologies (implementation science, data science, basic and translational science, bereavement and palliative care, simulation, and education research, global health research, and mixed methods work) to further expand the ability to learn new associations and develop causal pathways in critical illness.

**Dr. Shishehbor One of Two UH Physician-Scientists to Receive 2024 Top Ten Clinical Research Achievement Awards**

University Hospitals (UH) is celebrating the achievement that two of its physician-scientists will receive recognition for their profound contributions to advancing clinical research. UH is the only hospital system to have two honorees acknowledged this year by a national research consortium for the 10 most significant clinical advancements impacting the health and wellness of humanity.

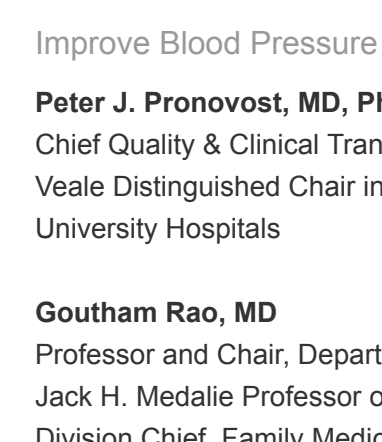
Research teams led by **Mehdi Shishehbor, DO, MPH, PhD**, and Amrou Sarraj, MD, will be honored with a 2024 Top Ten Clinical Research Achievement Award by the Clinical Research Forum (CR Forum). Other honorees include physicians from the Mayo Clinic, Tufts University Medical Center, and the University of Chicago, among others.

[Read more here »](#)

**Omar Pamuk, MD Published in Rheumatology (Oxford Press)****Neuropathic lupus in late- and early-onset systemic lupus erythematosus patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis****Objectives**

Late-onset SLE is usually milder and associated with lower frequency of LN and neuropsychiatric manifestations. The diagnosis of NPSLE is especially challenging in older patients because of increased incidence of neurological comorbidities. We performed a systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the differences in NPSLE manifestations in early-onset (<50-year-old) vs late-onset (≥50-year-old) SLE patients.

[View on PubMed here »](#)

**Pulmonary Update****Kenneth Remy, MD**

- Was awarded the 2024 Society of Critical Care Medicine Presidential Citation

- Publication: **Adverse outcomes and an immunosuppressed endotype in septic patients with reduced IFN-γ ELISpot**
- Publication: **Suicide and Self-Harm in Adolescents During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A U.S. Virtual Pediatric Systems, LLC, Database Study of PICU Admissions, 2016-2021**

Shine Raju, MD

- Awarded a grant of \$30,000 of a total of \$150,000 from the Technology Validation and Startup fund from the State of Ohio Department of Development and UH Ventures

Christopher Di Felice, Zachary Strumpf, Joanne L McKell, Mohammad A Shatat, Sherrie D Williams, Anna M May

- Publication: **Improving Referral Patterns for Bronchoscopic Lung Volume Reduction: A Quality Improvement Initiative**

Alex Gifford, MD

- Publication: **Assessing Safety of Discontinuing Hypertonic Saline in Those with Lower Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 Second after Elexacafor / Tezacaftor / Ivacafto**
- Publication: **The cost of simplifying treatments for cystic fibrosis: Implications of the SIMPLIFY trial**
- Grant: **Cystic Fibrosis Learning Center Network Award - PI - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Total direct costs: \$150,000**

Susheel Patil, MD

- Publication: **Long-term health outcomes for patients with obstructive sleep apnea: placing the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality report in context-a multisociety commentary**

Maroun Matta, MD

- Publication: **Impact of ATS Resident Boot Camp on Faculty and Fellows who Teach**

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

Declaration form and Packet submission dates have passed.

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

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

Tenure Track Senior-Level Promotions effective July 1, 2025

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

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

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

Education News

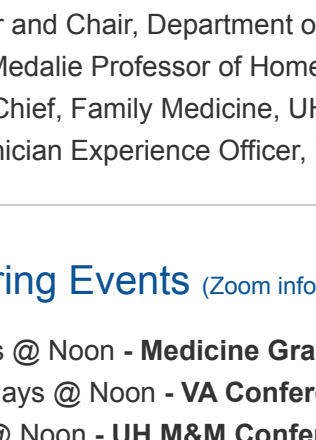
**Coffee Kudos****A formal THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS for teaching the medical students.**

The Coffee Kudos Award is a quarterly resident teacher recognition award given to the Internal Medicine residents who went above and beyond in their teaching of 3rd year IM clerkship rotation students as selected by the 3rd year CWRU Internal Medicine clerkship students on service at UHMC. Each award winner receives a personalized thank you note along with a coffee related gift.

Here are the Coffee Kudos designees (best clerkship teachers) from the CWRU 3rd year clerkship medical students who rotated in December 2023, January and February, 2024.

Amber Hussain
Matthew Nied
Gordon Hong
Ziad Khalifa
Avery Sears
Olivia Rizzo
Nelly Bougebrayel
Sanjay Ballijepalli
Michael Saadeh
Tom O'Neill
Jessica Asirwatham

Welcome



Francisco Larrondo Galvez, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine



Jay Raj Krishnan, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University
Division of Infectious Disease & HIV Medicine

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds - March 12

Zero Harm - Safety Week

Peter J. Pronovost, MD, PhD, FCCM

Chief Quality & Clinical Transformation Officer
Veale Distinguished Chair in Leadership and Clinical Transformation
University Hospitals

Medicine Grand Rounds - March 19

Topic: Eating Disorders or ARFID

Amey Middleman, MD

Division Chief, General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine,
UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital & UH Cleveland Medical Center

Medicine Grand Rounds - March 26

Topic: TBD

TBD

Medicine Grand Rounds - April 2

Improve Blood Pressure Readings and Dx of Hypertension in Cleveland

Peter J. Pronovost, MD, PhD, FCCM

Chief Quality & Clinical Transformation Officer
Veale Distinguished Chair in Leadership and Clinical Transformation
University Hospitals

Goutham Rao, MD

Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, School of Medicine
Jack H. Medale Professor of Home-Centered Health Care
Division Chief, Family Medicine, UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
Chief Clinician Experience Officer, UH Cleveland Medical Center

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

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Eric Garland, PhD, LCSW

"Mindfulness-Motivated Recovery Enhancement"

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Jason Brown, MD, PhD

"Updates in Treatment of Metastatic Bladder Cancer"

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Andrew Berchuck, MD

"Ovarian Cancer Progress: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back"

[View »](#)

Robert A. Salata, MD, FACP, FIDSA

"HIV Infection and Cancer: A Global Perspective"

Social:



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To contribute or provide feedback, email: Matthew.Zelesnik@UHhospitals.org

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