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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Deeb N. Salem, MD
Sheldon M. Wolff, Professor and Chairman, Physician-in-Chief

During the past summer I had the honor of joining with Terry Hudson-Jinx as Co-Interim CEO for Tufts Medical Center, while Karen Freund did a terrific job as Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine. I feel that Terry and I did a good job "holding the fort", but it was a welcome relief to have Dr. Michael Apkon arrive as our full-time CEO. In a short time Mike has demonstrated his great leadership and strategic skills to all at Tufts Medical Center, Wellforce and our community.

The Department of Medicine continues to grow in both clinical and research activities. Our partnership with Circle Health and Melrose Health Care has proved beneficial to our shared patients and collaborating hospitals. We are looking forward to not only furthering clinical collaboration but to advancing collaborative teaching and research opportunities.

Deeb



QUALITY UPDATE

Karen Freund, MD, MPH
Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs & Quality Improvement

NightCAPS – the benefit of late afternoon rounding for discharge planning.—

We have among the lowest length of stays for the complexity of the care of our patients.

We have now improved on this even more.

NightCAPS is now fully implemented for all 6 medicine service and 2 heme/onc inpatient services.

We have shown that NightCAPS increases by 5% the number of patients with discharge orders by 11 am. And it did not increase readmission rates.

<p>Why is this important?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better discharge planning for patients and families • Opens beds early so that patients are admitted to the right floor for the right service • Reduces medical expenses 	<p>What is NightCAPS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late afternoon case management rounds to identify patients likely for morning discharge • Coordination with nursing/ CPP/ Case management, patients and their families
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Risk management Grants to Address Outpatient Follow up

Two teams in the Department of Medicine received Risk Management Grant to address follow up after abnormal screening tests.

<p>The Problem: Tracking patients who have abnormalities on cancer screening tests requires multiple tests, with multiple possible ways for patients to fall between the cracks. Consider patients needed 3 or 5 years colonoscopy following, 6 month follow up for a BIRADS 3 mammogram, 6 month follow up for a lung nodule.</p>	<p>The Solution: The solution is usually a combination of IT systems to organize and track information AND personnel who connect between the IT tracking, the providers and the patients to make sure follow up studies are ordered, scheduled and completed.</p>
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GMA – Primary Care – Drs. Deb Blazey–Martin, Julie Tishler, Kristin Huang, and their colleagues Liz Barnhardt FNP and Joe Gillis have implemented a process in Logician to track these follow up studies, and develop a workflow process to ensure tests are tracked and completed.

Pulmonary – Drs. Sucharita Kher, Marianne Barry, Maureen Dziura, along with Dr. Suzannah Kay in Radiology and Dr. Julie Tishler in Primary Care are developing a system to track patients who begin low dose CT lung cancer screening, to ensure they receive needed follow up. Once developed, such a system could help address the incidental lung nodules that require follow up.

Have an idea for a solution to a risk management problem? The Wellforce Indemnity Company (formerly Tufts Medical Center Indemnity Company or TMCIC) will be requesting the next round of applications this spring. If you have ideas for a project that will improve quality and reduce risk, speak with your division’s QI leader.

FELLOWSHIP MATCH RESULTS

Yazan Daaboul	Cardiovascular Disease	Tufts Medical Center
Rohit Dhingra	Gastroenterology	Tufts Medical Center
Erin Flanagan	Nephrology	Tufts Medical Center
Jan Fouad	Pulmonary/Critical Care	Yale-New Haven Hospital
Margaret Goldberg	Pulmonary/Critical Care	Weill Cornell Medical Center
So Yeon Kim	Hematology/Oncology	Montefiore Medical Center

Abhigna Kodali	Hematology/Oncology	U of Illinois
Elisabeth Merchant	Infectious Disease	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Laurie Pearson	Hematology/Oncology	Tufts Medical Center
Emily Purcell	Rheumatology	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Niyoti Reddy	Endocrinology	Boston University Medical Center
Mikhail Romashko	Cardiovascular Disease	Tufts Medical Center
Karissa Weidman	Pulmonary/Critical Care	Weill Cornell Medical Center
William Whalen	Pulmonary/Critical Care	Weill Cornell Medical Center

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Promotions/Appointments

Driban, Jeffrey (Rheumatology)- Promotion to Research Associate Professor -9/2017

Poutsiaka, Debra (Infectious Disease)- Promotion to Professor- 10/2017

Chin, Michael T. (Cardiology)- Appointed to Visiting Associate Professor-11/2017

Harvey, William (Rheumatology)- Promotion to Associate Professor-1/2018

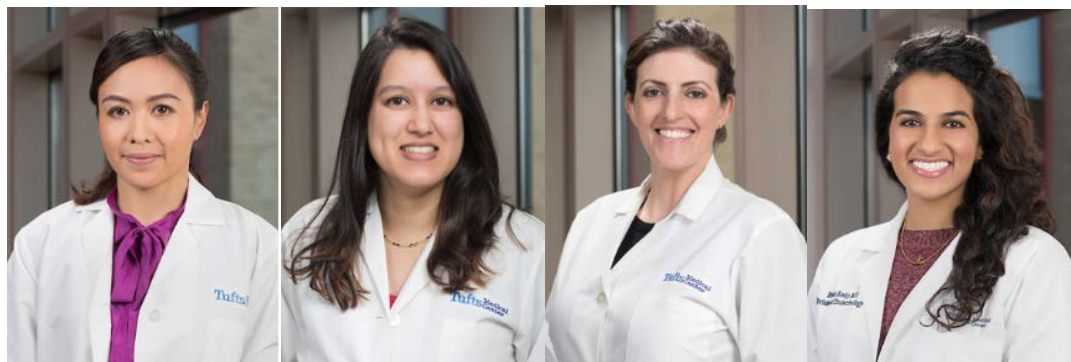
Covic, Lidija (Hematology/Oncology)-Promotion to Research Associate Professor-2/2018

Sege, Robert (ICRHPS)-Reappointment to Professor- 5/2018

Kimmelstiel, Carey (Cardiology)- Promotion to Professor- 6/2018

Rencic, Joseph (Primary Care)- Promotion to Professor- 12/2018

NEW FACULTY IN 2018



Christina Cruz
Allergy

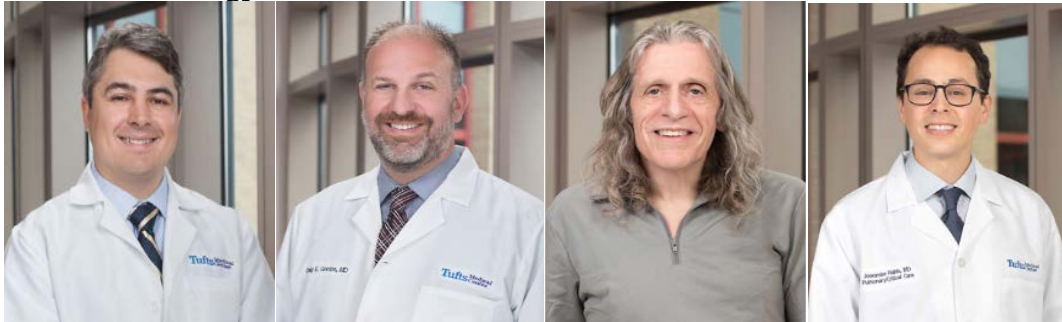
Manasa Mouli
Primary Care

Rachel Bernstein
Palliative Care

Robin Koshy
Endocrinology



Nikola Natov Gastroenterology **Andrew Strand** Infectious Disease **Mary Hopkins** Infectious Disease **Roberto Viau Colindres** Infectious Disease



Anthony Faugno Pulmonary **Craig Gordon** Nephrology **Harrison Farber** Pulmonary **Alexander Rabin** Pulmonary



Hrvoje Melinscak
Hematology/Oncology



Welcome to the team!

***Not pictured: Raffi Karagozian-Gastroenterology and Felix Mensah-Hematology/Oncology**

RESEARCH UPDATE

PI	Division/ Institute	Sponsor	Title	Award
Dhande, M.	Card	Tufts/Zucker	2018-19 Zucker Center Research Award	\$6,400
Snydman, D.	GeoMed	Seres		\$10,000
Thorpe, C.	GeoMed	Summit		\$415,475
Weinstock, J.	GI	Takeda		\$36,475
Covic, L.	HemOnc	NIH	Clinical Development of a PAR2 Pepducin for the Treatment of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	\$102,765
Covic, L.	HemOnc	NIH	Development of a PAR2 Pepducin Inhibitor for the Treatment of Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis	\$385,000
Godara, A.	HemOnc	Amyloidosis Foundation	Development of free light chain specific monoclonal antibodies for elimination of serum free light chains	\$50,000
Byhoff, E.	ICRHPS	The Commonwealth Fund	Accountable Health Communities Screening Tool Multi-Site Study	\$12,000

Chambers, J.	ICRHPS	Genentech		\$165,000
Kumar, A.	ICRHPS	Lymphoma Research Foundation	Hodgkin Lymphoma in the Community: Mixed Methods study of Practice Variation and Provider Attitudes	\$225,000
Lavelle, T.	ICRHPS	Personalized Medicine Coalition	Economic Values of WES for Rare and Undiagnosed diseases	\$250,000
Lerner, D.	ICRHPS	Janssen		\$267,647
Neumann, P.	ICRHPS	HITAP	Bibliometric analysis of economic evaluations in Africa	\$70,000
Neumann, P.	ICRHPS	Bluebird Bio		\$170,000
Neumann, P.	ICRHPS	PhRMA		\$166,668
Ollendorf, D.	ICRHPS	ICER	ICER- Systemic review and develop opinions to assess the comparative clinical effectiveness of one to three drugs	\$60,000
Parsons, S.	ICRHPS	Boston Children's Hospital	Bringing the ICU Home: A Community-based Care Model for Children with Chronic Respiratory Failure	\$40,000
Raman, G.	ICRHPS	Merck		\$102,947
Dupont, J.	MCRI	Tufts/Charlton	The Role of Smooth Muscle Cell Estrogen Receptor Alpha in Sex Differences in Aging-Associated Vascular Stiffness	\$10,000
Huggins, G.	MCRI	NIH	Diagnosis of Heart Failure Status using Epidermal Metabolomics	\$87,562
Dad, T.	Neph	DCI	Psychometric and qualitative evaluation of the In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS)	\$60,000
Inker, L.	Neph	NIH	Medication Use and Adverse Events in CKD	\$116,938
Inker, L.	Neph	DCI	Accuracy of GFR Estimates in Advanced Heart Failure	\$60,000
Levey, A.	Neph	NIH	Chronic Kidney Disease Prognosis Consortium	\$56,961
Miskulin, D.	Neph	DCI	Prepared Meals to Prime and Perpetuate Reduced Dietary Sodium Intake in – Hemodialysis (PePPER DISH)	\$60,000
Sarnak, M.	Neph	NIH	Role of Mitochondrial Health in Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease in Older Adults	\$84,023
Penumatsa, K.	Pulm	AHA	Role of Transglutaminase 2 in Inflammation and Glycolysis Mediated Pulmonary Hypertension	\$231,000
Qi, G.	Pulm	AHA	The Role of Macrophage-Mineralocorticoid Receptor on Pulmonary Hypertension and Fibrogenesis	\$125,120
Wang, C.	Rheum	Rheumatology Research Foundation	Neurobiological Mechanisms of Mind-body Therapy for Osteoarthritis	\$400,000
Wang, C.	Rheum	NIH	Mentoring and Research in Patient-Oriented Integrative Medicine	\$918,680

MATCH RESULTS FOR INCOMING INTERNS

Sujay Alvencar – Downstate
Thaylon Barreto – Brown
Jesse Baker -- U Texas- San Antonio
Noah Chodos -- Albert Einstein
Craig Cooper – Tufts
Daniel Corning -- U Rochester
Anne Dowton – Tufts
Jennifer Drummond – Hofstra
Shiv Gandhi – Temple
Sami Hamdan -- Tufts
Elizabeth Han – Tufts
Victoria Jiang -- U South Carolina
Sara Journeay -- U Texas – Galveston
Leah Kaplan -- Robert Wood Johnson
Mumtu Lalla -- Temple
Derek LeJeune -- Quinnipiac
Nikil Revuri -- Drexel
Benjamin Schwartz -- Albany
Samuel Stone -- UMass
Edward Shi -- Downstate
Philip Tracy -- Tufts
Vincent Tran -- U Minnesota
Alison Travers -- Quinnipiac
Cherng-Horng Wu -- UMass
Sara Zelman -- Albany

NEW BABIES!

A big welcome to:

Dev (Manasa Mouli)

Varun (Prianka Chawla)

Esther (Jack Naggar)

Madeline (Sandra Lau)

Caleb (Kristin Huang)

Clare (Jill Suzukida)





INPATIENT UPDATE

Sucharita Kher, MD,
Director, Inpatient Services, DOM

On the inpatient side, we have made strides to standardize practice and improve quality.

With the aim to standardize practices across divisions, we now have a process in place for orientation of new inpatient attendings. In this academic year, eleven doctors have gone thru the process to learn about current and new initiatives as well as understand our workflows. We also developed a 'New Attending Ward Orientation Manual' with input from key inpatient stakeholders that is updated regularly and is available for any faculty to use. In addition, the monthly inpatient service line leader group meetings are a multi-division forum to allow cross-pollination of ideas. We continue to critically look at processes to improve patient flow and identify factors that affect length of stay.

Finally, I am very excited about the hyperglycemia service pilot on north 7 which is the first step towards improving the care for our diabetic patients on the inpatient side. Developed under the leadership of Dr. Jeff Vercollone from endocrinology, the service consults on patients who meet criteria for uncontrolled diabetes. The service saw over 50 patients in the first 3 months and has been received positively by both nurses and doctors. The pilot is overseeing the development of 2 key patient centered handouts on diabetes and insulin management. A special thanks to Amy Lund RN (nursing director), nurses and housestaff on north 7 who have been instrumental to the roll out of the pilot.

NOW YOU KNOW...

According to the New England Medical Center history book entitled, Doctor & Teacher, Hospital Chief by Herbert Black...

"In 1833 Dispensary doctors had begun the first comprehensive medical record keeping, using uniform nomenclature for disease and identifying patients by country of origin, economic standing, and 'social habits'". The early effort at public health profiling listed three designations under the heading, 'Manner of life'. These were: 1) comfortable, 2) decent, and 3) wretched." I guess ICD-10 has come a long way over the centuries!

Q) In 1931 a relationship between the Boston Dispensary and what rural hospital in Maine was established?

A) Rumford Hospital in Rumford, Maine. The relationship allowed for the exchange of physicians as well as patients. Under "The Bingham Program", Dr. Pratt was given \$1,000 to organize teaching clinics and to begin

exchanging physicians and patients to help improve medical care in rural Maine.

Dr. Judy Pinsker – In Memorium

Dr. Judy Pinsker was, for a quarter of a century, an exceptionally caring and gifted primary-care physician in GMA (now Primary Care Boston), at Tufts Medical Center. She passed away on December 23 2018, in a freak accident doing what she loved most: hiking with her family and dear friends in Crawford Notch, NH. She is survived by her loving family: her husband, Dr. Benjamin Smith, her two sons, Eric and Jeffrey Pinsker-Smith and her father Dr. Henry Pinsker.

Judy graduated from Teaneck High School and attended college at Princeton University. She completed her medical training at Harvard Medical School. Her residency was completed at Rhode Island Hospital, and she earned a masters degree at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Judy cared for hundreds of patients, many of whom were fellow physicians or family members of physicians at Tufts Medical Center. Her skill and caring led to an unusually loyal following: patients would travel from across



Massachusetts to see her because they knew that she cared about them personally and had the mastery to attend to their medical needs. Her patience was unparalleled and she routinely went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that her patients received their medical supplies, including spending hours on the telephone with insurance providers to make sure that services were not denied. Her records are unusually diligent; she documented absolutely everything about her patients in her notes - which will be a huge help to those of us who have inherited the care of her patients.

Judy's perennial search for meaning and ways of contributing positively to society resulted in her involvement in organizations such as Timmy Global Health, where she became a board member. Timmy Global Health is a nonprofit that works toward providing sustainable healthcare in the developing world. Tufts Timmy Global Health is one of about 50 university chapters across the country who fundraise, advocate, and travel in medical brigades to support various communities in Guatemala, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria, and El Salvador. Every January, Tufts Timmy sends a medical brigade of about twenty students and five medical professionals to Xela, Guatemala.

She loved her Timmy Medical Trips to remote areas of Guatemala and Ecuador – she was anticipating her 9th visit in January in which her younger son, Jeffrey, was scheduled to participate. Eric, her older son, had

accompanied her on a Timmy trip a few years ago, along with Margie O'Connor, NP. She also loved teaching. For many years she ran the Internal Medicine resident outpatient program at Tufts and had medical students shadow her in clinic. More recently, she began teaching a course to the medical students at the medical school.

Recently, Judy also renewed her interest in music, and returned to her flute – an instrument she had learned as a child. She joined the Wellesley Town Band and the All Newton Music School Orchestra, activities that gave her tremendous pleasure, and she rarely missed a practice. She would often come into work with a riff repeating in her head. She'd complain when she felt she wasn't hitting the notes right, and express delight when a concert or practice went well. She took especially great pride in the occasions in which she performed alongside Jeffrey, an accomplished trumpeter in his own right.

Judy also loved tinkering in her garden, and mindfully pursued home projects such as raking leaves, building a new retaining wall, making curtains. She was "central command" for her family - coordinating her husband Ben's and the boy's lives and making sure that no small detail was missed.

Judy was a humble and unassuming person. We all loved her cutting wit and sarcasm. She will be remembered for her honesty, compassion and, most importantly, her love of friends and family.

Provided by Linda Kaplan, MD

RECENT DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE PUBLICATIONS (selected from many)

1. Digoxin Benefit Varies by Risk of Heart Failure Hospitalization: Applying the Tufts MC HF Risk Model.

Upshaw JN, van Klaveren D, Konstam MA, Kent DM.

Am J Med. 2018 Jun;131(6):676-683.e2. doi: 10.1016/j.amjmed.2017.12.010. Epub 2017 Dec 25.

PMID: 29284111 [PubMed - in process]

2. Regional Validation and Recalibration of Clinical Predictive Models for Patients With Acute Heart Failure.

Wessler BS, Ruthazer R, Udelson JE, Gheorghide M, Zannad F, Maggioni A, Konstam MA, Kent DM.

J Am Heart Assoc. 2017 Nov 18;6(11). pii: e006121. doi: 10.1161/JAHA.117.006121.

PMID: 29151026 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] **Free PMC Article**

3. Imaging Coronary Anatomy and Reducing Myocardial Infarction.

Hoffmann U, Udelson JE.

N Engl J Med. 2018 Sep 6;379(10):977-978. doi: 10.1056/NEJMe1809203. Epub 2018 Aug 25. No abstract available.

PMID: 30145924 [PubMed - in process]

4. Targeted Incentive Programs For Lung Cancer Screening Can Improve Population Health

And Economic Efficiency.

Kim DD, Cohen JT, Wong JB, Mohit B, Fendrick AM, Kent DM, Neumann PJ.
Health Aff (Millwood). 2019 Jan;38(1):60-67. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2018.05148.
PMID: 30615528 [PubMed - in process]

5. Risk-Targeted Lung Cancer Screening.

Kumar V, Cohen JT, Neumann PJ, Kent DM.

Ann Intern Med. 2018 Aug 7;169(3):200-201. doi: 10.7326/L18-0237. No abstract available.
PMID: 30083710 [PubMed - in process]

6. Evaluation of person-level heterogeneity of treatment effects in published multiperson N-of-1 studies: systematic review and reanalysis.

Raman G, Balk EM, Lai L, Shi J, Chan J, Lutz JS, Dubois RW, Kravitz RL, Kent DM.

BMJ Open. 2018 May 26;8(5):e017641. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2017-017641.
PMID: 29804057 [PubMed - in process] **Free PMC Article**

7. Effects of Race Are Rarely Included in Clinical Prediction Models for Cardiovascular Disease.

Paulus JK, Wessler BS, Lundquist CM, Kent DM.

J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Sep;33(9):1429-1430. doi: 10.1007/s11606-018-4475-x. No abstract available.
PMID: 29766380 [PubMed - in process]

8. Patient Variability Seldom Assessed in Cost-effectiveness Studies.

Lavelle TA, Kent DM, Lundquist CM, Thorat T, Cohen JT, Wong JB, Olchanski N, Neumann PJ.

Med Decis Making. 2018 May;38(4):487-494. doi: 10.1177/0272989X17746989. Epub 2018 Jan 19.
PMID: 29351053 [PubMed - in process]

9. Risk-Targeted Lung Cancer Screening: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis.

Kumar V, Cohen JT, van Klaveren D, Soeteman DI, Wong JB, Neumann PJ, Kent DM.

Ann Intern Med. 2018 Feb 6;168(3):161-169. doi: 10.7326/M17-1401. Epub 2018 Jan 2.
PMID: 29297005 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

10. Discrepancies Between FDA-Required Labeling and Evidence that Payers Cite in Drug Coverage Policies.

Chambers JD, Pope EF, Wilkinson CL, Neumann PJ.

J Manag Care Spec Pharm. 2018 Dec;24(12):1240-1246. doi: 10.18553/jmcp.2018.24.12.1240.

PMID: 30479201 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] **Free Article**

11. Specialty Drug Coverage Varies Across Commercial Health Plans In The US.

Chambers JD, Kim DD, Pope EF, Graff JS, Wilkinson CL, Neumann PJ.

Health Aff (Millwood). 2018 Jul;37(7):1041-1047. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2017.1553.
PMID: 29985695 [PubMed - in process]

12. Cost comparison across heart failure patients with reduced and preserved ejection fractions: Analyses of inpatient decompensated heart failure admissions.
Olchanski N, Vest AR, Cohen JT, Neumann PJ, DeNofrio D.
Int J Cardiol. 2018 Jun 15;261:103-108. doi: 10.1016/j.ijcard.2018.03.024.
PMID: 29657034 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]
13. Beyond NEOD001 for systemic light-chain amyloidosis.
Varga C, Lentzsch S, Comenzo RL.
Blood. 2018 Nov 1;132(18):1992-1993. doi: 10.1182/blood-2018-07-865857. Epub 2018 Sep 21. No abstract available.
PMID: 30242086 [PubMed - in process]
14. High-dose melphalan and stem cell transplantation in systemic AL amyloidosis in the era of novel anti-plasma cell therapy: a comprehensive review.
Varga C, Comenzo RL.
Bone Marrow Transplant. 2018 Aug 8. doi: 10.1038/s41409-018-0284-4. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 30089901 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
15. Risk factors for length of stay and charge per day differ between older and younger hospitalized patients with AML.
Kumar AJ, Henzer T, Rodday AM, Parsons SK.
Cancer Med. 2018 Jun;7(6):2744-2752. doi: 10.1002/cam4.1492. Epub 2018 Apr 16.
PMID: 29663689 [PubMed - in process] **Free PMC Article**
16. Predicting Health Care Utilization for Children With Respiratory Insufficiency Using Parent-Proxy Ratings of Children's Health-Related Quality of Life.
Rodday AM, Graham RJ, Weidner RA, Terrin N, Leslie LK, Parsons SK.
J Pediatr Health Care. 2017 Nov - Dec;31(6):654-662. doi: 10.1016/j.pedhc.2017.04.021.
Epub 2017 Jun 16.
PMID: 28629924 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] **Free PMC Article**
17. Patients' Perspectives on Reasons for Unplanned Readmissions.
LeClair AM, Sweeney M, Yoon GH, Leary JC, Weingart SN, Freund KM.
J Healthc Qual. 2018 Aug 30. doi: 10.1097/JHQ.000000000000160. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 30180043 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
18. Accelerating the Implementation of Social Determinants of Health Interventions in Internal Medicine.
Byhoff E, Freund KM, Garg A.
J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Feb;33(2):223-225. doi: 10.1007/s11606-017-4230-8. Epub 2017 Nov 29. No abstract available.
PMID: 29188543 [PubMed - in process] **Free PMC Article**
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Lin PJ, Zhong Y, Fillit HM, **Cohen JT**, **Neumann PJ**.

Alzheimers Dement. 2017 Oct;13(10):1174-1178. doi: 10.1016/j.jalz.2017.08.010. Epub 2017 Sep 5.

PMID: 28886338 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

20. Efficacy of curcumin and Boswellia for knee osteoarthritis: Systematic review and meta-analysis.

Bannuru RR, Osani MC, Al-Eid F, **Wang C**.

Semin Arthritis Rheum. 2018 Dec;48(3):416-429. doi: 10.1016/j.semarthrit.2018.03.001. Epub 2018 Mar 10.

PMID: 29622343 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

21. Editorial: Ensuring the Future of Rheumatology: A Multi-Dimensional Challenge and Call to Action.

Harvey WF, Hassett AL, Lakhanpal S.

Arthritis Rheumatol. 2018 Jun;70(6):797-800. doi: 10.1002/art.40431. Epub 2018 May 10. No abstract available.

PMID: 29400007 [PubMed - in process]

22. Temporary treatment interruptions with oral selexipag in pulmonary arterial hypertension: Insights from the Prostacyclin (PGI₂) Receptor Agonist in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (GRIPHON) study.

Preston IR, Channick RN, Chin K, Di Scala L, **Farber HW**, Gaine S, Galiè N, Ghofrani HA, Hoepfer MM, Lang IM, McLaughlin VV, Preiss R, Simonneau G, Sitbon O, Tapson VF, Rubin LJ.

J Heart Lung Transplant. 2018 Mar;37(3):401-408. doi: 10.1016/j.healun.2017.09.024. Epub 2017 Oct 2.

PMID: 29096938 [PubMed - in process]

23. Primary Care Provider Experience with Breast Density Legislation in Massachusetts.

Gunn CM, Kressin NR, Cooper K, **Marturano C**, **Freund KM**, Battaglia TA.

J Womens Health (Larchmt). 2018 May;27(5):615-622. doi: 10.1089/jwh.2017.6539. Epub 2018 Jan 17.

PMID: 29338539 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

24. Clinical Reasoning Assessment Methods: A Scoping Review and Practical Guidance.

Daniel M, **Rencic J**, Durning SJ, Holmboe E, Santen SA, Lang V, Ratcliffe T, Gordon D, Heist B, Lubarsky S, Estrada CA, Ballard T, Artino AR Jr, Sergio Da Silva A, Cleary T, Stojan J, Gruppen LD.

Acad Med. 2019 Jan 29. doi: 10.1097/ACM.0000000000002618. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 30720527 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

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Dhingra R, Winter MW, Yilmaz OH, Jaiswal S, **Sterling M**.

Cureus. 2018 Feb 27;10(2):e2242. doi: 10.7759/cureus.2242.

PMID: 29719744 [PubMed] **Free PMC Article**

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Wright S, Doron S, Sarnak MJ.

Am J Kidney Dis. 2019 Jan;73(1):1-3. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2018.08.019. Epub 2018 Nov 10. No abstract available.

PMID: 30424916 [PubMed - in process]

27. Evaluation of a two-stage testing algorithm for the diagnosis of respiratory viral infections.

Gardiner BJ, Parker CEV, Rabson AR, **Snydman DR, Doron S.**

Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis. 2018 Aug;91(4):319-323. doi: 10.1016/j.diagmicrobio.2018.03.007. Epub 2018 Mar 12.

PMID: 29636246 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

28. Drug-Associated Infective Endocarditis Trends: What's All the Buzz About?

Wurcel AG.

Ann Intern Med. 2018 Dec 4. doi: 10.7326/M18-3026. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available.

PMID: 30508422 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

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Thorpe CM, Kane AV, Chang J, Tai A, Vickers RJ, **Snydman DR.**

PLoS One. 2018 Aug 2;13(8):e0199810. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0199810. eCollection 2018.

PMID: 30071046 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] **Free PMC Article**

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SPRINT MIND Investigators for the SPRINT Research Group, Williamson JD, Pajewski NM, Auchus AP, Bryan RN, Chelune G, Cheung AK, Cleveland ML, Coker LH, Crowe MG, Cushman WC, Cutler JA, Davatzikos C, Desiderio L, Erus G, Fine LJ, Gaussoin SA, Harris D, Hsieh MK, Johnson KC, Kimmel PL, Tamura MK, Launer LJ, Lerner AJ, Lewis CE, Martindale-Adams J, Moy CS, Nasrallah IM, Nichols LO, Oparil S, Ogrocki PK, Rahman M, Rapp SR, Reboussin DM, Rocco MV, Sachs BC, Sink KM, Still CH, Supiano MA, Snyder JK, Wadley VG, Walker J, **Weiner DE,** Whelton PK, Wilson VM, Woolard N, Wright JT Jr, Wright CB.

JAMA. 2019 Jan 28. doi: 10.1001/jama.2018.21442. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 30688979 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

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Dad T, Weiner DE.

J Am Soc Nephrol. 2019 Feb;30(2):184-186. doi: 10.1681/ASN.2018101033. Epub 2019 Jan 3. No abstract available.

PMID: 30606783 [PubMed - in process]

32. Hemodialysis patient characteristics associated with better experience as measured by the In-center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) survey.

Dad T, Tighiouart H, Lacson E Jr, Meyer KB, **Weiner DE,** Richardson MM.

BMC Nephrol. 2018 Nov 28;19(1):340. doi: 10.1186/s12882-018-1147-3.

PMID: 30486811 [PubMed - in process] **Free PMC Article**

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