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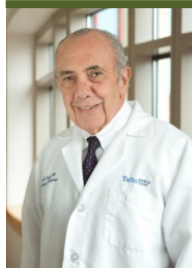
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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

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

Transitions in Nephrology

Spring is the season we most often equate with transitions, and this year it coincides with an important transition for our highly-regarded and world-renowned Division of Nephrology. Dr. Andrew Levey has decided to step aside after 18 years of impeccable service to Tufts Medical Center as the Chief of the Division of Nephrology. Under Andy's principled leadership the division experienced tremendous growth while establishing a reputation for top-notch clinical care and groundbreaking research. Andy has inspired and mentored a new generation of researchers who have taken leadership roles across the globe and are prominent contributors to clinical research in kidney disease. Andy has received awards and honors that are too numerous to list individually, but perhaps it is what he "gave" rather than "received" that says the most about the person I have grown to know over these many years. In 2009 Andy donated his own kidney to his wife, Roberta Falke, through the paired donation program. Taking his vigorous advocacy for kidney donation to a personal level says so much about the man I have been privileged to call a colleague and a friend. I hope everyone will join us on May 31st at 5pm in the hospital's Raymond Tye Pavilion (1st floor) as we celebrate the career of a cherished clinician, a ground-breaking researcher, an inspirational mentor, and an exceptional friend.

"Andy has inspired and mentored a new generation of clinical researchers in kidney disease"



Dr. Andrew Levey

Join us in a celebration of Dr. Andrew Levey's Contributions to Tufts Medical Center. Wednesday, May 31st at 5pm in the Raymond Tye Pavilion. All are Welcome!

While Dr. Levey has stepped down from his Chief role, he will continue to take care of patients and conduct research. Most importantly he helped us identify the fact that an incredibly worthy successor was literally right down the hall. Mark Sarnak has accepted the role of Division Chief effective April 1st, 2017. Mark has been at Tufts for 20 years, most recently as the Director of Research for the division. He has been continually funded by NIH since 2000 and is credited with 300+ publications. We could not be luckier to have such an internationally recognized authority on clinical research in kidney disease to take on the Chief role. In addition he is revered as a clinician and profoundly respected as a teacher at all levels of medical education. In 2014 he received the National Kidney Foundation Shaul G. Massry Distinguished Lecture Award. He also is known locally as the organizer for the division's Annual World Kidney Day activities which features participation from all the Tufts affiliated hospitals.



"We could not be luckier to have such an internationally recognized authority on clinical research in kidney disease to take on the Chief"

Dr. Mark Sarnak

Mark had earned the strong support of all his colleagues in the division as the worthy successor to Dr. Levey. They are as excited as we are that he has agreed to take the helm and continue to grow one of Medicine's most celebrated divisions.

Deeb



QUALITY UPDATE

Karen Freund, MD, MPH

Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs & Quality Improvement

Tracking Quality

Within a few days of starting in the Department of Medicine I started hearing about all the tremendous quality improvement projects being worked on in the different divisions. The great work was something to be very proud of, but there seemed little awareness across the divisions of all this great work and of potential synergies. Working with the Department of Medicine's dedicated Quality Improvement Committee we set to create a Quality Improvement Database for tracking and reporting on these many great projects.

We are now proud that the first QI Project Database is actively being used! The database was implemented recently to address three specific needs: 1) to identify who is already working or has worked on a problem; 2) to identify meaningful opportunities for trainees; and 3) to report results of successful projects for easier dissemination and replication. The following is a screenshot from the database and shows how the projects are recorded for easy tracking.

Project Name	Start Date	Project Status	Team Lead Department	Description	Opportunity new team members
MEWS assessment	1/1/2016	Active		Assessing the impact of Medical Early Warning System on patient outcomes	Yes
Biofire	1/1/2016	Active	Medicine - Geo Medicine and Infectious Diseases	To analyze impact of Biofire respiratory panel results on antibiotic utilization.	Yes
Chronic Narcotic Management Module	1/1/2016	Active		Will be working on an expanded template to the chronic narcotic management module to enable patients to be categorized according to risk of abuse	Yes
Wait Times in Clinic	1/1/2016	Active		Time stamp patient arrival times to clinic and time of first physician attendance with use of Mosaicq to track performance in clinic	Yes
Readmissions Prediction Tool	1/1/2016	Active	Medicine	Developing a tool to predict readmissions and develop strategies to intervene before and after discharge	No

There are already dozens of exciting projects being tracked in the database. Interested individuals or groups can query projects by taskforce, division, individuals, subject, etc (see below). Anyone working on a QI Project can add it to this database. You can find the database on the Tufts Medical Center Intranet under the Quality and Safety tab, labeled:

[Quality Improvement Project Database](#) **NEW**

Here is the URL to link to it directly: <http://intra/applicationsgroup/qiissuelog/default.asp>

Types of QI project

- All
- Care Transitions
- Handoffs and Communication
- Infection Prevention

Team Lead Department

- Medicine - Gastroenterology
- Medicine - Geo Medicine and I
- Medicine - Geriatrics
- Medicine - Hematology/Oncolc

Trainee

- PGY 1
- PGY 2
- PGY 3
- PGY 4

Status

- All
- Active
- Archived
- Completed

Team Member Department

- All
- Admitting
- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology

Committee/Subcommittee/Taskforce

- All
- Cancer Committee
- Child Protection Committee
- Code Committee

If you are interested in more information about our QI projects and the impact we continue to make in Medicine, please feel free to contact me or your QI Committee's Division leader. For questions about the QI database, contact Justin St. Phillips, Manager of Performance Improvement in the Quality and Patient Safety department.

RESEARCH UPDATE

Research Grants & Contracts Awarded within the Divisions & Institutes of the Department of Medicine, FY 17 2nd Quarter

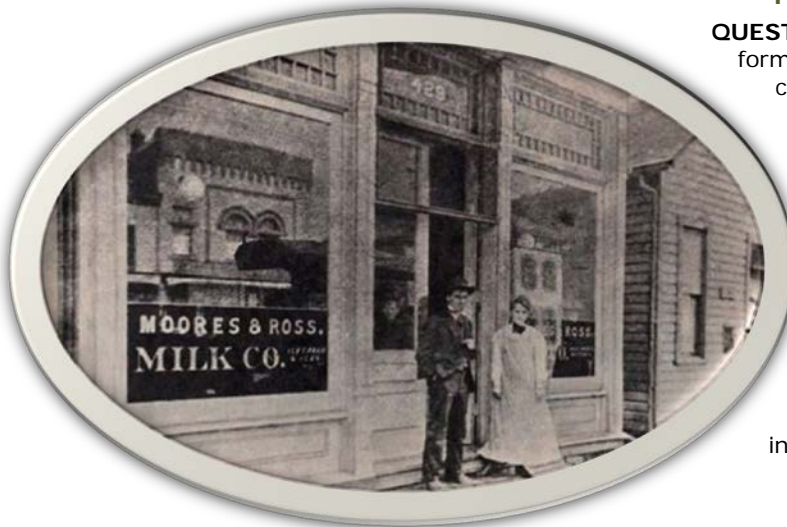
PI	Division/Institute	Sponsor	Title	Award Dates	Total Award
Kent	CCR/ICRHPS	PCORI	Improving Diabetes Prevention with Benefit-based Tailored Treatment, Disseminating Patient Centered Estimates and	3/17-2/18	\$413,796
Kent	CCR/ICRHPS	PCORI	How Well Do Clinical Predictive Models Validate: A Large Scale Evaluation of Cardiovascular Clinical Predictive Models	3/17-2/20	\$996,916
Parsons	CCR/ICRHPS	Seattle Genetics	Hodgkins-Lymphoma Relapse Study	1/17-12/17	\$175,000
Selker	CCR/ICRHPS	NIH via Johns Hopkins	Johns-Hopkins-Tufts Trial Innovation Center*	6/16-5/23	\$4,394,296
Doron, S.	GeoMed	Tufts CTSI	Resistance development in antibiotic treated pet dogs and their owners	1/17 – 4/17	\$6,000
John, P.	Hem/Onc	Internal (Moore/Moreau)	Cost-effectiveness of NCCN recommended chemotherapy for early stage breast cancer: Estimates using decision analysis	3/17-2/18	\$5,750
Klein, A.	Hem/Onc	Abbvie	Robert S. Schwartz Hematology/Oncology Fellowship	1/17-12/18	\$50,000
Kumar, A.	Hem/Onc	Internal (Moore/Moreau)	Health economics of elderly acute myeloid leukemia	3/17-2/18	\$35,420
Junghans, R.	HemOnc	Sorrento	Sponsored Research Agreement	2/17- 5/17	\$129,000
Blanton, R./Jaffe, I.	MCRI	Novartis	Exploring the benefits of LCZ696 in pressure overload-induced heart failure...	1/17-2/18	\$218,285
Kapur, N.	MCRI	Precardia	Mechanical support in a large animal model	2/17-11/17	\$300,000
Kopin, A.	MCRI	NIH STTR	Lipidated stable BAM8-22 offers a promising therapeutic for neuropathic pain	3/16-2/18	\$102,509
Moss, ME	MCRI	American Heart Association	The role of endothelial cell mineralocorticoid receptors in the development of vascular inflammation and atherosclerosis	1/17-12/18	\$51,900
Evens, A.	MORI	Tufts University	A proof of concept pilot study evaluating the safety and efficacy of a novel P13K inhibitor, BKM120, in dogs with lymphoma	1/17-12/17	\$15,000
Hu, M.	MORI	Moore/Moreau	CDK6 as a novel therapeutic target in T-Cell acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (T-ALL)	3/17-2/18	\$34,500
Hu, M.	MORI	Starry Pharmaceuticals Co., LTD	Sponsored Research Agreement	1/17-12/18	\$400,000
London, C.	MORI	Anivive Lifesciences	To determine dose dependant in-vitro bioactivity of PX-866 on various cancer histologies	3/17-2/18	\$49,788
Weiner, D.	Neph	NIH	Integrated mineral metabolism treatment strategies in patients on dialysis (SubK w/Duke)	3/17-2/21	\$100,963
Bannuru, R.	Rheum	NIH	Comparative effectiveness of mind-body interventions for osteoarthritis – individual patient data network meta-analysis	3/17-2/22	\$837,000
Bannuru, R.	Rheum	OARSI	Literature review on treatment guidelines for hip and knee osteoarthritis	2/7-2/19	\$50,000

*Indicates fully executed in FY 17 Qtr 2, though start date preceded 10/1.

Now You Know...

QUESTION: Do you know what infant formula was created in 1925 by a chemist named Alfred Bosworth while working in laboratories for the Floating Hospital? The formula was originally called "Franklin Infant Food" and was initially produced by the Harry C. Moores and Stanley M. Ross Company that specialized in bottling milk for home delivery. In 1928 though they became M&R Diabetic Laboratories and focused on infant milk.

ANSWER: Similac...referring to the fact it was "Similar" to lactation.



Education Update



Congratulations to the Chief Medical Residents

2018-2019

Dr. Laurie Buchanan

Dr. Elise Merchant

Dr. Will Whalen



We are pleased to share the impressive results of this year's Intern Match

Jason Adler (U Connecticut)

Majd Alsoubani (U Jordan)

Richard Carrick (U Vermont)

Chun Hin Chan (Albert Einstein)

Joseph Dailey (U Connecticut)

Amber Fatima (Lady Hardinge Medical College)

Christopher Firely (Temple)

Shameek Gayen (Jefferson)

Ian Gilchrist (Penn State)

Janet Hong (Tulane)

Nisha Hosadurg (Bangalore Medical College)

David Levitz (Albert Einstein)

Jina Lim (U Washington)

Priyanka Majety (Sri Devaraj Medical College)

Parth Patel (New Jersey Med)

Rima Patel (Robert Wood Johnson)

Puja Rai (U Connecticut)

Madhavi Rao (MS Ramaiah Medical College)

Allison Reaves (Tufts)

Hong Gi Shim (Brown)

Stephanie Titus (U Texas Houston)

Michael Wismer (Drexel)

Kateryna Yevdokimova (Hofstra)

Haihua Zhang (Downstate)

LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL EXPANDS THE ICU AND THEIR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PULMONARY DIVISION



Rendering of New LGH ICU

Lowell General Hospital (LGH) has expanded their ICU from 12 beds to 23 and the Tufts Pulmonary Division has been right there to help our Wellforce partner with the expansion. Dr. Greg Schumaker, Tufts Pulmonologist, also serves as the Medical Director for the LGH ICU and he has been critical to the planning and development of the unit. The new \$10 million ICU expansion is called the Gil and Marilyn Campbell Intensive Care Unit and when complete will be 12,000 square feet with dialysis equipment in every room. With the expansion the Pulmonary division is adding Intensivists to the Tufts staff to help cover not only the expanded unit at LGH, but the Saints Medical Center ICU as well. Dr. Nick Hill and Dr. Erik Garpestad have been working closely with Greg and LGH on the coverage plan for this important partnership.



Dr. Greg Schumaker

NEW FACULTY IN MEDICINE



**Francis Lam,
MD
Primary Care
Boston**

DOCUMENTATION COMPLETION

We are tremendously proud of the high-quality, cost-effective care that all our clinicians provide in the Department of Medicine. Sometimes the challenge though is making sure we are documenting it appropriately and in a timely manner given the high volume of patients seen in ambulatory and acute care settings. The need for timely documentation of care is first and foremost for patient safety reasons. For continuity of care purposes we need to make certain information about the patient is complete, legible, and readily available at all times to clinicians who are treating the patient at Tufts or the next level of care where the patient has transferred. It is also important for billing purposes that documentation is in a completed signed status timely in order to assure that it matches what is ultimately billed to the payer. We thought it would be helpful to summarize for all the current guidelines and policies around record completion for the primary acute and ambulatory care documentation. Further details regarding these policies as well as information about enforcement and corrective action for non-compliance can be found online using the PolicyTech system ("Employee Tools" tab of the Intranet.)

- 🕒 Inpatient Admit Note (H&P) <24 hours of admission
- 🕒 Inpatient Progress Note Daily or as dictated by change in patient condition
- 🕒 Inpatient Consultation <24 hours of consult
- 🕒 Outpatient Visit Notes <24 hours entered into record and finalized <21 days
- 🕒 Discharge Summaries At time of discharge all information communicated to next provider of care. Attending shall review, correct, and sign <48 hours from discharge
- 🕒 Operative and Procedure Notes A brief procedure note upon completion of surgery or invasive procedure, then a finalized detailed operative note as soon as possible post-operatively but no later than 14 days from the date of surgery.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT LADDERS

The role of the Medical Assistant in ambulatory care has evolved considerably over the years. What hasn't changed has been their critical role in providing efficient, cost-effective, safe patient care at Tufts Medical Center. The hospital began an initiative last year to examine the role of the Medical Assistant and better align job descriptions and responsibilities with a professional and clinical hierarchy of Medical Assistant roles...essentially creating a career path for these vital clinical support staff. Heidi Waitkus, Executive Director of Patient Care Services, has worked diligently with Human Resources, Gina Giarusso, MSN, RN and the clinical leaders to develop the "Medical Assistant Clinical Ladder". The new clinical ladder for Medical Assistants will better assure that the Medical Assistants are performing at the highest level of their qualification and creates opportunities for advancement as they progress to being nationally certified. Heidi has been meeting with division management as well as the existing Medical Assistants to better explain these new opportunities. Please feel free to reach out to her directly if you have any questions or concerns. The following briefly outlines the 4 new Medical Assistant levels.



MA Advancement Opportunities

Level 1: Entry Level

- Satisfactory job performance in accordance with job description
- Preparing for National Certification exam

Level II: Cross Trained

- Unit-specific role, based on clinic needs
- Trained to perform **both** clinical and administrative duties on a regular basis
- Preparing for National Certification exam











Level III: Nationally Certified MA















- Receives and maintains National Certification
- Completes application for advancement to Level III
- Functions and acts as a **role model** in the clinical setting
- Acts as a **preceptor** for training new hires and MA externs
- Participates in peer education
















Level IV: Team Lead

- Unit specific role, based on clinic needs
- Maintains National Certification
- Has demonstrated **leadership ability** at Tufts Medical Center
- Two written letters of recommendation from providers/ management stating qualifications and competence for role
- Completes application for advancement
- Functions as a **health coach** in designated clinics i.e. GMA
- Provides on-going **peer education** during departmental in-services, central orientation, hospital wide-skills day


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 Palliative Care (our newest division) Chief, Dr. Tamara Vesel was quoted in a *Boston Herald* article on end of life care. You can read the article here:
http://www.bostonherald.com/lifestyle/health/2017/04/kalter_for_many_final_chapter_gets_rewrite

HONORS

★ The Society to Improve Diagnostic Medicine Education Committee awarded Joe Rencic, MD the prestigious Louis N. Pangaro, MD, Educational Program Development Award. The award is presented annually to a member who has contributed to the development of an outstanding educational program. The award was presented at the Clerkship Directors of Internal Medicine meeting recently in Baltimore.

- ★ Gabriela Andujar, ID Fellow received the Kass Award from Mass ID on January 24th
- ★ Iris Jaffe was appointed the Elisa Kent Mendelsohn Professor of Molecular Cardiology by Tufts University.
- ★ Seung Kim received a Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the American Physiological Society
- ★ Kevin Morine was named an American College of Cardiology (ACC) Young Investigator Finalist, receiving an ACC Young Investigator Award in Basic and Translational Science Honorable Mention
- ★ Debra Poutsiaka, MD, PhD was selected the 2016-2017 winner of the Milton O. M30 and Natalie V. Zucker Clinical Teaching Prize for Accomplishment in Medical Education awarded by the School of Medicine.
- ★ Dr. Richard Dupee received Mastership from the ACP. The first Mastership in the College was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served the College as President for two terms. He was recognized for his extraordinary service to the College and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his day. ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of "integrity, positions of honor, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine." Masters must be highly accomplished persons demonstrating eminence in practice, leadership, or in medical research. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors such as notoriety within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.
- ★ Congratulations to Primary Care for attaining their Patient Centered Medical Home Recertification, Level 3 (the highest attainable)—congratulations to all of you for providing outstanding patient centered, population based care.
- ★ Daniel E. Weiner MD, MS was named Chair of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Quality, Patient Safety and Clinical Practice Committee and a member of the ASN Executive Committee.
- ★ Scott Gilbert, MD was named Chair of the American Society of Nephrology Workforce and Training Committee and a member of the ASN Executive Committee.
- ★ Dr. Navin Kapur has been appointed to the newly-created role of Executive Director of the CardioVascular Center for Research and Innovation (CVCRI). In this role, Dr. Kapur will be launching a newly invigorated CV research enterprise, which, in combination with the activities of the Molecular Cardiology Research Institute (MCRI), led by Dr. Iris Jaffe, will coalesce and grow a world-class program of basic, translational, and clinical research across the entire gamut of CV investigational efforts.

Congratulations

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Name	Event	Rank	Division
January-17			
Chweich, Haval, MD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Pulmonary
Huang, Kristin, MD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Primary Care
Kim, David, PhD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Clinical Care Research
Wells, Sophie, MD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Cardiology
Gilbert, Scott, MD	Promotion	Professor	Nephrology
February-17			
Al Rowas, Sora, MD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Primary Care
Tishler, Julie, MD	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Primary Care
Vercollone, Jeffrey, MD,MS	New Appointment	Assistant Professor	Endocrinology
March-17			
Lin, Pei-Jung, PhD, MS	Promotion	Associate Professor	Institute for Clinical Research & Health Policy Studies

If you have an idea or contribution for the Department of Medicine Quarterly Vitals Newsletter, please send along to Mark Haas directly at mhaas@tuftsmedicalcenter.org