GW Hospital Helipad Opens

On Friday November 8th GWUH officially opened their helipad, expanding access to lifesaving critical care for the D.C. region. The helipad will help prevent unnecessary deaths throughout the metropolitan area.

The helipad has been 30 or more years in the making. Approval had to be obtained from the Park Police, the District Police, the Secret Service, the White House and most importantly the Community.

Much kudos goes to Kim Russo who persevered through all these approvals to get this done where others had failed.

From the Chairman
We are the Champions!

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
Department of Medicine
December 2019 Grand Rounds

DEC 5 Treadwell Lecture
"Evolution of the Cholesterol Guidelines with Improvements in Risk Assessment"
Roger Blumenthal, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director, Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease
Johns Hopkins Medicine

DEC 12 "Asthma Update"
Anjeni Keswani, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Allergy, Asthma & Sinus
Department of Medicine
GW Medical Faculty Associates

DEC 19 "Future of IBD"
Raymond Cross, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director, IBD Program
Co-Director, Digestive Health Center
University of Maryland Medical System

DEC 26 HOLIDAY

Cardiology Grand Rounds
5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 227

DEC 4 AHA FELLOWS UPDATE

DEC 11 Dr. Niv Ad
Professor of Surgery
Director, Clinical Research
West Virginia University Medical Center
Heart and Vascular Institute
Cardiac Surgeon
Adventist HealthCare Adventist Medical Group
Surgical Ablation of Cardiac Arrhythmias

DEC 18 M&M

DEC 25 HOLIDAY

Resident Lecture Series
December 2019 Noon Conference

The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. GWUMC designates this continuing medical education activity on an hour-for-hour basis in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association (AMA).

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2019 ACP Awards
District of Columbia Chapter

Walter Lester Henry, Jr., MD Award for Lifetime Teaching Excellence
Manuel Velasquez, MD

This award honors outstanding physicians who have devoted their careers to the education of their colleagues and students.

Manuel T. Velasquez, MD, who recently retired was the Director of the Hypertension Clinic and professor of Medicine in the Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension. He was also the Medical Director for the George Washington University DaVita South East Dialysis Clinic.

Dr. Velasquez received his M.D. from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila Philippines. Dr. Velasquez is certified by The American Society of Hypertension, a Diplomate and Fellow of the American College of Physician. He is also an elected Fellow of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association and Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

Dr. Velasquez is an experienced clinical translational researcher and participated in multicenter studies in clinical hypertension, diabetic nephropathy, and cardiovascular disease. His research interests included hypertension, diabetic nephropathy, obesity, type-2 diabetes mellitus and the metabolic syndrome, and dietary phytoestrogens and plant-based foods in kidney disease protection.

Dr. Velasquez has taught and mentored hundreds of medical students, residents and nephrology fellows during his long and illustrious career. He is considered to be a teacher with few equals and is truly valued by his peers at GW. On a personal note, Manny has always been one of my favorite people who is loved by all that know him. This is a fitting award for someone who has devoted his life to teaching excellence.

Sol Katz, MD Memorial Teaching Award
Angie Liappis, MD

The DC ACP has established an Award of excellence in teaching which honors the memory of Sol Katz, MD.

Angie is a teacher par excellence who is greatly deserving of this award. When she retires I will write more.

John F. Maher Memorial Laureate Award
Ashesh Patel, MD (former resident)

This award honors those Fellows and Masters who have shown by their lives and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care and service to the College.

The entire Department is incredibly proud of what Ashesh has accomplished after completing his residency. His value to the ACP has been enormous and he is well deserving of this award.

Volunteerism and Community Service Award
Randi Abramson, MD; Medical Director, Bread for the City

Chapter Leadership Award
Robert Shaw Wilkinson, Jr., MD; Professor Emeritus

TOP DOCTORS 2019
WASHINGTONIAN MAGAZINE

Allergy: Daniel Ein, MD, Anjeni Keswani, MD, Janine Van Lancker, MD

Cardiology: William Borden, MD, Richard Katz, MD, Jannet Lewis, MD, Ramesh Mazhari, MD, Marco Mercader, MD, Jonathan Reiner, MD, Allen Solomon, MD, Alan Wasserman, MD

Endocrinology: Nicole Ehrhardt, MD, Michael S. Irwig, MD, Jill Paulson, MD

Internal Medicine: Maram Alkhatib, MD, April Barbour, MD, Elizabeth Bluhm, MD, Jillian Catalanotti, MD, Jehan El-Bayoumi, MD, Robert Jablonover, MD, Brad Moore, MD, Paul Silver, MD

Gastroenterology: Marie Borum, MD, Matthew Chandler, MD, Anita Kumar, MD, Antoinette Saddler, MD

Geriatrics: Tania Alchalabi, MD, Elizabeth Cobbs, MD, Robert Jayes, MD, Christina Prather, MD, Christina Puchalski, MD, Katalin Roth, MD

Infectious Diseases: David Parenti, MD, Afsoon Roberts, MD, Marc Siegel, MD, Gary Simon, MD

Nephrology: Scott Cohen, MD, Susie Lew, MD

Hematology/Oncology: Robert Siegel, MD

Pulmonology: Jalil Ahari, MD, Morgan Delaney, MD, Guillermo Gutierrez, MD, Vivek Jain, MD

Rheumatology: Rodolfo Curiel, MD
### Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
**December 2019**

2300 M Street, N.W., Suite 3-332  
8AM—11:30 AM  
Questions: Call (202) 741-2488

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| DEC 5 | 8:00 AM  | Radiology Rounds (*Hospital 1st Floor*)  
Dr. Kathy Brindle |
| DEC 5 | 9:30 AM  | Clinical Case Conference and Sign-Out  
Drs. Chand, Aggarwal, Almackenzie |
| DEC 5 | 10:30 AM | CCC Meeting  
All Faculty |
| DEC 12 | 8:30 AM  | Pain Management  
Dr. Turakhia |
| DEC 12 | 9:30 AM  | Grand Rounds Rehearsal  
Drs. Chand, Aggarwal, Almackenzie |
| DEC 12 | 10:30 AM | Clinical Case Conference and Sign-Out  
Drs. Chand, Aggarwal, Almackenzie |
| DEC 19 | 8:00 AM  | Grand Rounds GWU  
Drs. Chand, Aggarwal, Almackenzie |
| DEC 19 | 10:00 AM | Research Project Meetings  
All Faculty |
| DEC 19 | 11:00 AM | Clinical Case Conference and Sign-Out  
Drs. Chand, Aggarwal, Almackenzie |
| DEC 26 |         | HOLIDAY |

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### Kudos and Congratulations

**Congratulations**...[Dr. Paul L Kimmel](mailto:), Renal Division, who received the **2019 Belding H Scribner Award**, presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions that has a direct impact on the care of patients with kidney disease. Established in 1995, this award honors the physician who developed arteriovenous shunt that made long term hemodialysis for chronic kidney disease possible.

**Congratulations**...to [Dr. Lei Lynn](mailto:), Hospital Medicine, and her family on the newest addition to her family, Avery Mae Lynn arrived on 10/29.

**Kudos**...to [Dr. Christina Prather](mailto:), Geriatrics and Palliative Care, on her GW Proud moment, "She was extremely kind and sensitive to the difficult decisions which we had to make, but firm and direct in making certain that we understood the alternatives. Over time, we began to regard her as an angel sent from on high to guide us along a difficult path."

**Kudos**...to [Dr. Anne Lesburg](mailto:) and the entire Internal Medicine Clerkship for achieving above national mean from NBME for 2018-2019 medicine shelf exam.