United Medical Center

Dr. Robert Kelly recently sent out a communication highlighting the GW MFA Hospitalist Service joining Emergency Medicine colleagues at United Medical Center (UMC) in Southeast Washington, D.C.

Attending physicians and physician assistants from MFA Emergency Medicine began their work in the busy UMC Adult Emergency Department in April. Now with the hospitalists onboard, these experts are helping patients, their families, and improving access to quality care in the community served by UMC.

Dr. Juan Reyes is serving as our UMC hospitalist site director, leading a team of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Initiatives like the one we have undertaken at UMC are important as the MFA expands our services across the DC Metropolitan Region. Our presence at UMC is an important part of our mission to open access to quality healthcare and help the residents of Southeast Washington achieve better health outcomes. Bringing the hospitalists to UMC to join their emergency room colleagues was a group effort. Thanks to Jim Gehring as well as to the many people from our Medicine team including Royette Leatham and Cristina Burgos, Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Operations, and Information Technology departments who made this happen.

From the Chairman

Just a few weeks ago, Dean Akman announced the passing of Luther W. Brady Jr. MD a 1948 graduate of the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the age of ’92. He was one of the world’s foremost oncologists, and former chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology and Nuclear Medicine at Hahnemann University. Dr. Brady's publications have ranged from tumors of the eye and orbit, a subject on which he is considered a world authority, to the more common cancers of the breast, lung, cervix, malignant lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease. There are over 600 publications to his credit and he was co-editor with Carlos A. Perez, MD, of the landmark textbook, Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology.

The history of radiation therapy or radiotherapy can be traced back to experiments made soon after the discovery of x-rays (1895). But it wasn’t until after 1935 that the field lost its quackery and become more scientific oriented. No one in the specialty of radiation oncology has had the breadth and depth of involvement as Dr. Brady. During his career he has served as president of every major professional society related to the field. Not only was he a pioneer in the early days of this field but in 2006, Dr. Brady founded Philadelphia CyberKnife, featuring the first linear accelerator with a robotic arm for performing precise radiation treatment. He at first received a lot of criticism for this private venture, but then a few years later there were seven of these units in the Philadelphia area. Supposedly Dr. Brady said, “so I guess imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.”

And I forgot to mention that he was one of my Professors in Medical School -- a point which was somehow left out of his extensive obituary. Then again, I never liked the Philadelphia Inquirer (terrible sports page). Dr. Brady considered himself first and foremost a clinician and each patient was guaranteed at least an hour of face time per appointment, and at the end of the visit, he summarized the findings and proposed a treatment plan. This is why this was one of the few Medical School where Radiation Oncology became a popular elective rotation. His patients were devoted to him and so were his students.

Over the years, some of my classmates who went into Oncology stayed in touch with Luther, but for me, four weeks of Radiation Oncology was enough. However, when Dr. Brady became a member of the GW University Board of Trustees, I would meet him occasionally. I always introduced myself the same way, as a former student, and each time he would tell me he had no recollection of who I was. Since I never thought I made much of an impression on him as a student, that didn’t bother me. Occasionally he would ask what I was doing, and I would tell him I was a cardiologist and then the discussion would end.

Luther lived long enough to see the start of the GW Cancer Center and the resurgence of Radiation Oncology at GW, for which he was very grateful. I once made a brief presentation at a meeting Luther attended, very early on when the Cancer Center was just a concept. I thought he was sleeping through my slides. However, the second I stopped speaking, he spoke up and asked if I just forget to mention Radiation Oncology or had we decided to invent a new way to treat tumors? It was then I remembered why I didn’t become a Radiation Oncologist. I didn’t bother to remind him I was former student that day.

According to Dr. Akman, he left a generous bequest to endow the Luther Brady professorship in radiation oncology. I am glad I had the opportunity to know him and to reacquaint even though I may have been one of his only disappointments.

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.
Department of Medicine
August 2018 Grand Rounds

AUG 2 "Dietary Management of CKD"
Patricia Centron Vinales, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Kidney Disease and Hypertension
Department of Medicine
GW Medical Faculty Associates

AUG 9 "Rodham Institute Presents Tackling the drivers of poor health outcomes and harmful health disparities”
Karen Dale, RN, MSN
Market President, Amerihealth Caritas DC

AUG 16 Clinicopathological Conference Grand Rounds
"Saved from the Jaws of Death"
Drs. Linda Salva
Dr. Emily Bilger
Internal Medicine PGY 2 Residents

AUG 23 "HIV Prevention and Epidemiology”
Alan Greenberg, MD, MPH
Professor of Medicine and Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine
Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
GW, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

AUG 30 "HIV Infection and Tuberculosis”
Debra Benator, MD
Professor of Medicine, GWU
Director, HIV– Infectious Diseases Clinic, DC VAMC

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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Master Teacher Leadership Development
Program Graduation– June 13th
Department of Medicine Graduates:

Ribka A. Ayana, MD, General Internal Medicine- Washington DC Veteran's Affairs Medical Center (Far left)
Sumugdha Rayamajhi, MD- Hospital Medicine (middle)

Resident Lecture Series
August 2018 Noon Conference

AUG 1 "Neutropenic Fever”- Dr. Afsoon Roberts
AUG 2 Medicine Grand Rounds
AUG 3 "Cardiovascular Disease Prevention”
- Dr. William Borden
AUG 6 "Non Invasive Oxygen Delivery Methods”
- Dr. Jeffrey Williams
AUG 7 "Lung Cancer Updates”- Dr. Faysal Haroun
AUG 8 "The PA Profession”- Deena Nasr
AUG 9 Medicine Grand Rounds
AUG 10 "C. Diff”- Dr. Angelike Liappis
AUG 13 "PFTs”- Dr. Jalil Ahari
AUG 14 "Anemia Pt.2”- Dr. Shant Ayanian
AUG 15 Patient Safety Conference
AUG 16 Medicine Grand Rounds
AUG 17 "Things We do for no reason”- Dr. Jason Prior
AUG 20 Clinical Case Presentation- Dr. Richard Simons
AUG 21 "Intro to EKGs”- Dr. Marco Mercader
AUG 22 "Ischemic Stroke Management”-Dr. Leon Guerrero
AUG 23 Medicine Grand Rounds
AUG 24 No Conference
AUG 27 PT/OT/SLP/ Acute Rehab Information- GW Rehab Department–
AUG 28 "Insulin Medications”- Tamara Swigert
AUG 29 "Peritoneal Dialysis”- Dr. Susie Lew
AUG 30 Medicine Grand Rounds
AUG 31 Jeopardy
Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Department of Medicine

Najeebah A. Bade, MD, joins us as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology & Oncology at the GWU Cancer Center. Dr. Bade earned her Medical Degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine. She completed Internal Medicine Residency at Georgetown University Hospital and then a year-long Research Fellowship in Hematology (specifically in Hemostasis and Thrombosis) at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Bade then completed her fellowship training in Hematology and Oncology at University of Maryland Medical Center where she served as Chief Fellow.

Dr. Bade’s interests include non-malignant h'ematology. Her specific clinical and research interests include thrombosis, hemostasis, medication and intervention induced coagulopathy, and hematologic complications in pregnancy.

Dr. Bade is board certified in Internal Medicine and board eligible for Hematology and Oncology. She is licensed in the District of Columbia. She is a member of several professional organizations including American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, and Hemostasis and Thrombosis Research Society.

Dr. Marc Phillipotts, joins us as an Assistant Profess of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology. Dr. Phillipotts earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S) degree from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. After moving to Washington, DC, he completed postgraduate Residency training in Internal Medicine at Howard University Hospital, then Fellowship training in Rheumatology at the George Washington University.

Dr. Phillipotts is a member of several professional societies, including the American Medical Association and The American College of Rheumatology.

He has special interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound, inflammatory eye disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Gout, and other autoimmune rheumatic diseases.

Samuel Kallus MD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases, Department of Medicine.

Dr. Kallus is a board certified graduate from Georgetown University Hospital’s Internal Medicine Residency program. After completing his Bachelor of Science from McGill University in Montreal, he received his Medical Doctorate from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, in New York. Dr. Kallus was Chief Medical Resident at the Washington DC Veteran Affairs Medical Center and then successfully completed his Gastroenterology Fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital. During his last year of Fellowship, he also served as the Chief Gastroenterology Fellow. He is licensed in the District of Columbia.

His interests include Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Crohn’s disease and Ulcerative Colitis), disorders of the esophagus, stomach, small bowel and colon. Dr. Kallus’ other interests include optimizing systems approaches to complex medical issues and improving communication among the patient centered healthcare team. His experience at the National Patient Safety round table in Telluride, CO further enhanced his motivation to further develop and accept patient safety in his practice.

He has served on numerous councils for Patient Safety and quality improvement both in the DC area and broader mid-Atlantic region.

He has numerous publications, abstracts, and posters that have presented at National Conferences. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, American Gastroenterological Association, and American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

Joseph Krepp, MD joins us as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Krepp earned his undergraduate degree from The George Washington University and his Medical Degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY. He completed a three year Residency in Internal Medicine, at New York Presbyterian Hospital and subsequently completed a three year Fellowship, in Cardiology which included a chief year at Georgetown University. Dr. Krepp accepted a second Fellowship in Advanced Echocardiography at New York Presbyterian Hospital; where he remained as faculty until joining the MFA this month.

He is board certified in: Echocardiography, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, and Internal Medicine; and is licensed in the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Krepp is published in more than ten industry publications and has special interests in Valvular Heart Disease, Structural Heart Disease, Echocardiography, Interventional Echocardiography and Three Dimensional Echocardiography.

Rohan Paul, MD joins us as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Kidney Diseases and Hypertension.

Dr. Paul received his Medical Degree from the University of Western Australia. He has undertaken residencies through Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (UWA) in Perth, Australia and Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco, CA. Upon finishing Residency he completed a Fellowship in Patient Safety and served as Clinical Chief Resident at KFH. He completed his General Nephrology Fellowship at University of Pittsburgh and his Transplant Nephrology Fellowship at University of California, San Francisco. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and is licensed in the District of Columbia.

His interests include kidney transplantation, novel immunosuppression and recurrent diseases post-transplantation.
## Kudos, Congratulations, and Condolences...

**Kudos**... to Dr. Michael Irwig, Endocrinology, on a patient compliment, "very informative, he was very patient and explained everything to me in detail and told me what to expect."

**Kudos**... to Dr. James Gehring, Hospital Medicine, "He always engages nurses and encourages us to round with him. Many of the other physicians aren’t as inviting when they go into the patient room."

**Kudos**... to Dr. Jonathan Reiner, Cardiology, from a letter of praise from a patient, "Thank you for your kind demeanor and generous personality, always providing hope for recovery. Thank you for your hard work, I have personally benefited from your sacrifices. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me, I am forever grateful."

**Kudos**... to Dr. Courtney Paul, Hospital Medicine, on a comment from a patient, "He is outstanding—he kept digging to find out what was wrong with me. A lot of other doctors would have sent me home without taking the time to find out what was wrong."

**Kudos**... to Dr. Sumudha Rayamajhi, Hospital Medicine, as she was praised by a patient in the hospital, "she is wonderful, she is the best."

**Kudos**... to Dr. Gurusher Panjrath, Cardiology, on a letter of praise from a patient, "Not only did you deliver options but you brought confidence and trustworthiness. Your management of my daughter’s case helped us to make informed decisions leading to a miraculous state of recovery of her heart."

**Congratulations** to the following faculty on the newest additions to their family:
- Dr. Loren Chen, General Internal Medicine, on their newest addition to the family, Zachary Jenson Chen
- Dr. Andrew Choi, Cardiology, on their newest addition to their family, Alina Ye-eun Choi, born on Monday July 2nd, 2018. Born 6 lb, 7 oz and 19.5 inches
- Dr. Sumudha Rayamajhi, Hospital Medicine, on their newest addition to the family, Opal Shailee Sharma, born on June 13th

## Condolences

I am sad to share the news of the passing of Luther W. Brady Jr., MD ’48, BA ’46, AA ’44, HON ’04. Dr. Luther Brady was a former teacher of mine in medical school and a supporter of the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He was a pioneer and internationally recognized leader in the field of radiation oncology and cancer treatment.