For the last three months I had the opportunity to walk into a conference room filled with 20-25 men and women all wearing black suits. One might think that I was either at a funeral where I didn’t know the deceased or in an Orthodox Shul on Saturday. But, surprise, it was neither. I was going in to talk to a group of Intern Applicants who have had any individuality drained from their souls. A charcoal grey suit is as bold as anyone might get. Knowing me, it is hard not to make some type of snarky comment but I usually refrain from doing so. Sometimes I succeed.

Sometimes I tell the applicants a story of the year one of the Intern Applicants had all their luggage lost by one of the airlines flying into DC. The applicant showed up wearing jeans and a sweatshirt and got more attention and sympathy than all the other applicants. I am sure, at least out of pity, we ranked that person high although I did wonder if it was a ruse. Not a bad way to get noticed.

Then there was the applicant who had syncope while I was finishing my little speech. Now I have had applicants fall asleep, yawn, go to the bathroom, but this was the first time that someone was so determined to avoid my talk, that she passed out. Needless to say she also received a lot of attention by us and the paramedics who brought her to the Emergency Room. I don’t think anything was found to be wrong with her. But I did shorten my talk after that.

My favorite incident occurred some years ago when a female applicant decided during my talk that her nails needed fixing. So after taking a long time examining her nails she proceeded to take out an emery board and began to scrape away, one nail at a time. Being stunned, I didn’t say anything. I assumed she was from New Jersey and didn’t know better, but as I walked out of the room Dr. Gigi was walking in and I said something like “2nd girl on the right, we don’t match but she has great nails.”

So what do we do to medical students to turn them into Zombies by their fourth year? If you ever go to a conference with first year medical students you will see an active, diverse, inquisitive bunch. They are attentive and not afraid of asking something that may be trite or silly. By the third year it is hard to get them to say their name let alone ask a question. They are afraid of asking something stupid which has never been my problem. Don’t try and ask them questions as that may fall under harassment in their eyes and you will appear on their final evaluation. You must say something like “does anyone here know….” Keeps them from being singled out and you out of trouble.

What if next year when we send out our Intern Invites we tell the applicants to dress in a relaxed fashion? Do you think they will? Can we try it or will this just cause as much trouble as walking the wrong way in a Turkish prison (Midnight Express, 1978)?

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

FEB 7 “Breast Cancer”
Lauren Mauro, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology/Oncology
Department of Medicine
GW MFA

FEB 14 “Pulmonary Hypertension 2019”
Dr. Mardi Gomberg– Maitland
Professor of Medicine
Medical Director, Pulmonary Hypertension Program
Division of Cardiology
Department of Medicine
GW MFA

FEB 21 “Tropical Infection Vaccines”
David Diemert, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Associate Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine
GW School of Medicine

FEB 28 “Opioid Use Disorder”
Elana Rosenthal, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
Institute of Human Virology
University of Maryland School of Medicine

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

FEB 6 M & M
FEB 13 Vinod Thourani, MD
Professor of Medicine and Surgery
Chairman, Department of Cardiac Surgery
Medstar Heart and Vascular Institute
Structural Heart Disease, Part II

FEB 20 TBA

FEB 27 Phillip Cuculich, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Cardiovascular Division
Clifford Robinson, MD
Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology
Washington University School of Medicine
St. Louis
Stereotactic Radiation VT Ablation

Resident Lecture Series
February 2019 Noon Conference

FEB 1 COPD— Dr. Jalil Ahari
FEB 4 TBD— Dr. Erica McBride
FEB 5 Journal Club— Drs. Epling & Alsagagf
FEB 6 GME Core Lecture
FEB 7 Medicine Grand Rounds
FEB 8 Chairman’s Rounds
FEB 11 Rodham Institute Presents: Sickle Cell Disease
FEB 12 Patient Safety Conference
FEB 13 Sleep Medicine— Dr. Vivek Jain
FEB 14 Medicine Grand Rounds
FEB 15 Chairman’s Rounds
FEB 18 HOLIDAY
FEB 19 CPC
FEB 20 NEJM Mystery Case
FEB 21 Medicine Grand Rounds
FEB 22 Chairman’s Rounds
FEB 25 Clinical Cases in Cardiology—
Dr. Marco Mercader
FEB 26 Catatonia— Eric Liao
FEB 27 Trends in Diabetes— Tamara Swigert
FEB 28 Medicine Grand Rounds
Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Department of Medicine

**Prudence P. Kline, MD**, is coming out of retirement to join us as a Clinical Professor of Medicine (Emeritus) in the Division of General Internal Medicine – 2300 M Street location.

Dr. Kline earned her Medical Degree at The College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Rutgers Medical School, 1978, graduating with induction into AOA as a junior student. After completion of a one year Internship at The George Washington University Medical Center, she remained here to complete her Internal Medicine Residency training in 1981. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine and is licensed in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Kline’s professional career has spanned more than thirty-five years. She has worked in both the private and public sector, most recently in private practice in the District of Columbia, where she worked for thirty one years. Prior to that, Dr. Kline was employed for four years at the GWU Hospital and before that, a short stint at a medical facility in Maryland.

Dr. Kline received her academic appointment in the Department of Medicine in 1986 as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine. In 1996, under Emergency Medicine, she was appointed to a regular faculty appointment, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine which she held until 2000, before attaining the academic rank of Clinical Professor of Medicine. In 2018, Dr. Kline was awarded Emeritus status as acknowledgment of distinguished service to the University.

**Emily Lo, MD**, will join the Division of General Internal Medicine this month at the M Street location. Dr. Lo earned her Medical Degree in 2013 at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. She completed her Residency in Internal Medicine, Primary Care track in 2016 at the George Washington University. She is board eligible in Internal Medicine and is licensed in the District of Columbia. Dr. Lo’s special interests include Population health and preventive medicine.

Dr. Lo enjoys reading and taking walks with her dog.

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**Mentors**

Thank you for your time, commitment, and dedication in working with students during their internship experience. The success of the **Scholarly Concentration Program** relies on the efforts of many faculty mentors who contribute to our students’ professional growth.

Andrew Choi, MD - Cardiology  
Nicole Ehrhardt, MD - Endocrinology  
Kaylan Baban, MD - DGIM  
Lalit Narayan, MD - DGIM  
Jillian Catalanotti - DGIM  
April Barbour - DGIM  
Jianqing Lin, MD - Hematology/Oncology  
Rebecca Kaltman, MD - Hematology/Oncology

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**New Grand Rounds Sign In Process**

To claim CME credit for Grand Rounds

Text your email address to: **202-509-9968**

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**Chairman’s Rounds**

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00  
All Faculty Invited to Attend

**FEB 8**  Dr. James Mitchell

**FEB 15**  Dr. Meredith Trubitt  
Dr. Marcella Katsnelson

**FEB 22**  Dr. David Burstein  
Dr. Ariel Faiwiszewski
### Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
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### Kudos and Congratulations

**Kudos... to Dr. Mikhail Kogan, MD,** for being selected 2018 Integrator Top 10 for Policy and Action in Integrative Health and Medicine by the Integrator.

**Kudos... to Dr. Christina Prather,** Geriatrics, on a letter of praise, “Dr. Prather presented on pharmacology and falls to an audience of physicians, NPs and PAs.... She was engaging and incredibly well spoken to a crowd that is not easily drawn to such a topic... multiple people approached me afterwards to share their appreciation.”

**Kudos... to Dr. Raj and Dr. Fu,** Nephrology, on a letter or praise from a patient, “I saw Dr. Fu, Dr Raj, and their med student today in the nephrology clinic. I am so blown away by the bedside manner of Dr. Fu! He was the picture of a doctor who understands what patients need and desire when seeking out answers following a hospital stay. Dr. Fu is definitely a role model for everything I know we all work so hard to achieve throughout every touchpoint of patient care.”

**Congratulations... to Kate Humes, MD,** next year Chief Resident, on welcoming the newest addition to her family, Grant Jacob Humes.

**Congratulations... to Dr. Saira Bilal,** Rheumatology, on the arrival of her twins, 2 healthy baby girls, Arsalah and Rumaysa.

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