Dr. Barbour will be stepping down as the Director of the Division of Internal Medicine on November 15th. She has led this Division since 2008, during which time we have seen a doubling of the faculty and extension to include the group at M street.

No one has been more of an advocate for Primary Care at GW than Dr. Barbour and this is why she leaves this position with the gratitude of all the faculty and my special thanks for keeping us from forgetting that the Heart of our Department lies in this Division.

April will remain a valued member of the faculty working with Bopper in the Clinical Public Health Program and will remain the Director of the Primary Care Residency Program. Since she is not retiring, I will not prolong this into what Dr. Cohen claims I did with him, an early obituary.

There is an epidemic in this country effecting schoolchildren. In fact, there is more than one. There is one in 5 to 14 year olds that started in 2009 and a second among 15-18 year olds that started in 2014. Both of these have continued. The overwhelming mortality occurred in boys (86%).

Refusal to be vaccinated or to have one's children vaccinated is identified by the World Health Organization as one of the top ten global health threats of 2019. Although arguments against vaccination are contradicted by overwhelming scientific evidence about the safety and efficacy this makes no difference to a growing number of disbelievers who think everything is a fake these days. No matter that vaccinations eradicated smallpox and almost eliminated measles. In 2000 measles was declared eliminated from the United States. Other than an occasional case this lasted until 2014 when things abruptly changed. Over the next 5 years, an increasing number of cases were reported in more and more states. The disease became so prevalent in Washington State that the Governor declared a state of emergency and is trying to pass legislation to disallow exemptions to vaccination for only personal (non-religious) or philosophical reasons (in other words ban stupidity.)

I certainly believe in individual rights and if only the children of parents who didn’t want to vaccinate were involved it would be ok with me. However, lack of vaccination affects Herd Immunity and puts others at risk.

That being said, the epidemic I am referring to has nothing to do with vaccinations but I did want to get that off my chest. This epidemic does have everything to do with another individual right. The right to bear arms. According to an article in the American Journal of Medicine, in just 2017 alone, 2462 school children were killed or committed suicide with firearms. To put it into perspective and make the numbers even more frightening, during the same year 144 police officers died in the line of duty and there were fewer than 1000 deaths among active duty military (and they are supposed to have guns.)

Is it beyond time that we should look closer into the reasons for this epidemic and try and develop some means of preventive detection? Don’t try it as federal laws prohibit any analytic studies designed to investigate anything about this rampant mortality from firearms. The Dickey Amendment is a provision first inserted as a rider into the 1996 United States federal spending bill which stated that "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control" (Jay Dickey (R) Arkansas). A slight variation to this was passed in 2018 that says the CDC can conduct research into gun violence, but cannot use government appropriated funds to specifically advocate for gun control. A real tightrope to walk.

So because of this insane legislation we can sit back and continue to watch as our school age children murder each other, get gunned down by others or commit suicide. The article makes an analogy to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study when it was legal to just watch and not only not give treatment but to actively withhold treatment. How has that study faired over time?

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

NOV 7 "Climate Change and Health"
Hana Akselrod, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Infectious Diseases
Department of Medicine
GW Medical Faculty Associates

NOV 14 "Vaping Lung Injury"
Carla J. Berg, PhD, MBA, LP
Professor, Department of Prevention and Community Health
Milken Institute School of Public Health and Associate Center Director for Population Sciences and Policy
George Washington Cancer Center

NOV 21 "Update on Influenza"
David Parenti, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director, Travelers Clinic
Division of Infectious Diseases
Department of Medicine
GW Medical Faculty Associates

NOV 28 HOLIDAY—THANKSGIVING

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

NOV 6 M & M

NOV 13 Dr. Dee Dee Wang
Visiting Professor
Director of Structural Heart Imaging
Associate Professor of Medicine
Wayne State University
Henry Ford Hospital
3D Printing in Cardiovascular Medicine

NOV 20 Dr. Maria Pia del Corral
International electrophysiology
Research scholar
GWU
Advanced Management of WPW

NOV 27 HOLIDAY

**Resident Lecture Series November 2019 Noon Conference**

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Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Additions to the Department of Medicine

Monica L. Lypson, MD, MHPE joins us as a Professor of Medicine and a member in the Division of General Internal Medicine. She will assume the role of Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs.

Dr. Lypson received her Medical Degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio and received a MHPE (Master of Health Professions Education) from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. She was a Resident in Internal Medicine/Primary Care at Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. This was followed by two years at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. Dr. Lypson subsequently joined the faculty at the University of Michigan Medical School, where she was a Professor of Medicine, holding many other academic administrative appointments until 2017.

For the last two years she has been Director of Medical and Dental Education in the Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office - Washington, DC. Her role was to oversee and coordinate the Department of Veteran Affairs graduate and undergraduate medical and dental education programs inclusive of over 60,000 medical/dental student and residents annually and to ensure the development and implementation of policies and guidelines related to academic affiliations.

Dr. Lypson is nationally known in areas of Medical Education, Competency Based Education, Communication Skills Education and Assessment, Cultural Competency and Disparities Education and Assessment, Minority Pipelines in Medicine, Inter-professional Health Education and Veteran Centered Care Education. She has published over 125 articles, abstracts and book chapters. She has been and continues to be active on multiple committees and other assignments for the SGIM, AAMC and ACGME just to name a few. She is currently a Health Innovator Fellow, in the Aspen Global Leadership Network, Aspen Institute, Washington, DC and previously completed an ELAM Fellowship at Drexel. Since arriving in DC, she has been a Clinical Professor in our Department as well as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan and the Uniformed Services University.

Patrick Conway, DO joins us as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hospital Medicine

He obtained his undergraduate degree in Business at Purdue University prior to completing a post-baccalaureate program at Loyola University Chicago and earning his Medical Degree at Midwestern University. He went on to complete his Residency in Internal Medicine at Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago. Patrick and his wife Sarah then moved to Charleston, SC, where he practiced as a Hospitalist at Roper Hospital for two years. He is a board-certified Internal Medicine Physician and is licensed in the District of Columbia and the State of South Carolina.

During his time in South Carolina, Dr. Conway became an Associate Professor at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine and began teaching medical students. He always maintained a love for the DC area, where he and his wife would travel often to catch Nationals games and wander through countless museums. His love of teaching will continue as he now transitions into his role of Assistant Professor and Hospitalist at George Washington University.

Dr. Conway looks forward to moving to the DC area to begin a career at GW along with his wife Sarah, who is also a hospitalist. He is excited at the prospect to teach tomorrow’s physicians and to continue practicing compassionate, patient-focused, hospital-based medicine. Dr. Conway prides himself on ensuring that patients and their loved ones are not only kept up-to-date on current guidelines but also play a vital role in their own healthcare decision-making. He is excited to begin practicing at George Washington University.

Sarah Conway, DO joins us from Charleston, SC as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hospital Medicine.

She obtained her undergraduate degree in human biology at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay and participated in allergy-related research at the National Institutes of Health. She then completed her medical degree at Midwestern University and Internal Medicine Residency at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago. She practiced Hospital Medicine at Roper St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, SC as a board-certified physician for two years.

Dr. Conway is excited to return to Washington, DC where she enjoys running on The Mall, exploring the restaurant scene with her husband, and immersing herself in the cultural diversity of the city. She is looking forward to building new relationships within the George Washington community and serving the residents of DC.
Rheumatology Academic Conference 
Schedule 
November 2019

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

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Kudos and Congratulations

*Kudos*...to Joseph Krepp, MD, Cardiology, and Nardos Temesgen, MD Cardiology Fellow, on a recent hospital patient compliment, “Their professionalism, friendliness, compassion, and patient centric approach were superb. I cannot think of anything more I would have wanted them to do for me to make my stay more efficient and comfortable.”

*Kudos*... to Dr. Matt Taglieri, Internal Medicine Resident, who received the GW Proud recognition for his great partnership with the nursing staff in the care of his patients.

Congratulations...to Dr. Patience White for her receiving ACP Mastership.

Condolences

Condolences...to the family of Carlos Silva, MD. He passed away on October 13, 2019. During his time at GW, Carlos also served as Medical Director at GW Hospital for several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.