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Match Day Now the wait begins

We finished all our Intern interviews before February for the first time, having started a little earlier than usual to keep up with the crowd. Still we were able to interview the same number of students from the over 4,000 applications received. Although this year we used a core group of interviewers, we still required help from a large number of faculty; so thank you for devoting your time to this most important effort.

Interviewing 15-20 applicants three times a week (throwing in a Happy Hour on Tuesday and Thursday) is no easy task. From getting out invitations, to putting folders together, to arranging the day, is a major undertaking. So once again, a big thank you to Jacqueline Cole Miles, Resident Coordinator and Education Program Administrator and Kerry-Ann Williams, Fellowship Coordinator, Dana Brent, Educational Coordinator, Antoinette Martin, Primary Care Clerkship Coordinator and Mary Mitchum., Program Assistant. Also, a special thanks to Willie Dunn and Tsehai Woldehensae for looking after so many of applicants while they milled around on the 5th floor.

Match day is March 17th, see you then!

SAVE THE DATE

**END-OF-THE-YEAR
PARTY**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

From the Chairman

Representative Tom Price, as of this writing, has been nominated to be the new Secretary of Health and Human Services. So here is all the good news: he is an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Price is a member of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, a conservative non-profit association founded in 1943 to "fight socialized medicine" and the government's takeover of medicine; in other words to stop Medicare. Losing that battle (but get ready for vouchers), today, the purpose of this organization of supposedly 4000 members has changed. It advocates scientifically discredited hypotheses, including the belief that HIV does not cause AIDS, that being gay reduces life expectancy, that there is a link between abortion and breast cancer, and that there are links between autism and vaccinations. (Scared yet?) Rand Paul who was a member resigned after being elected to the Senate, but not Tom Price.

Price opposes abortion and funding to health care plans which offer abortions. He was rated at 100 by the National Right to Life Center and was rated at 0 by Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Price opposes gun control and praised the Supreme Court's decisions in District of Columbia v. Heller, which found that the absolute prohibition of handguns in the District of Columbia was unconstitutional. I hope he doesn't walk to work. But at least we will have an ethically sound physician as Secretary of Health, even if his views are very conservative, correct? Not so fast.

Price purchased stock totaling between \$60,000 and \$110,000 in value in Innate Immunotherapeutics, an Australian biotech company. Innate has no approved drugs. Fellow legislator Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY) is the largest single shareholder in the company and sits on the board. Collins-associated investors, including Price, participated in a private placement of shares in August 2016, paying \$.25 and \$.34 per share, well below market which resulted in a 3-400% capital gain. Price didn't remember getting such a sweetheart deal at his confirmation hearing. If it had been me, I would have remembered (especially under oath.)

CNN reported that Price had purchased shares in Zimmer Biomet, a medical devices company. Less than a week after the stock purchase, Price introduced legislation that would delay a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulation until 2018. Industry analysts had warned that those regulations would significantly hurt the company's finances. Zimmer Biomet's Political Action Committee then made a donation to Price's re-election campaign. Price said that there was no correlation, just coincidence.

But as a physician, he must be committed to health care for all, and at his hearing, Price stated; "The goal is to make certain that every American has access to coverage that they want for themselves and for their families". He wouldn't answer when asked if having access meant really having coverage. Sen. Bernie Sanders had the most pointed response, noting "has access to" does not mean guaranteeing healthcare. I have access to buying a 10 million-dollar home. I don't have the money to do that."

Feeling the Bern (regret) yet?

Alan G. Wasserman, M.D.

Department of Medicine February 2017 Grand Rounds

- FEB 2 **"Exercise induced Hyponatremia"**
Mitchell H. Rosner MD
Professor of Medicine and Chair,
Dept. of Medicine
University of Virginia
- FEB 9 **"Ortho-Hand"**
Sam Moghtaderi MD
Assistant Professor of
Orthopaedic Surgery
GWU MFA
- FEB 16 **"Alpha-gal allergy:
A Mammalian Meat Allergy"**
Anjeni Keswani, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Allergy
GWU MFA
- FEB 23 **"Transgender Health"**
Zeina Saliba MD
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
& Behavioral Sciences
Department of Psychiatry
GWU MFA

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 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. (AMA).

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Cardiology Grand Rounds

5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 104

- FEB 1 **Mortality & Morbidity Conference**
Dr. Reda Shams
- FEB 08 **Concomitant Diabetes Mellitus
and Heart Failure**
Dr. Richard Katz
- FEB 15 **TBA**
- FEB 22 **Wearable Cardiac Defibrillators:
Filling the Gap**
Rakesh Gopinathannair, MD, MA,
Associate Professor of Medicine
Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology,
University of Louisville



Resident Lecture Series February 2017 Noon Conference

- FEB 1 GME Conference
- FEB 2 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
- FEB 3 Chairman's Rounds: PGY-3's Dr. Bryan Senisi and Dr. Aneesha Hossein
- FEB 6 No Noon Conference - Internal Medicine Program Meeting
- FEB 7 Journal Club: PGY-2's - Dr. Kristen Millado and Dr. Anohki Shah
- FEB 8 Dr. Courtney Paul - Perioperative Management of Anticoagulation
- FEB 9 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
- FEB 10 Dr. Jannet Lewis - Introduction to Echocardiogram
- FEB 13 TBD
- FEB 14 Patient Safety Conference: PGY-3's - Dr. Kani Gupta and Dr. Faryal Osman
- FEB 15 Dr. Mandana Hashefi - Vasculitis
- FEB 16 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
- FEB 17 Chairman's Rounds: PGY-3's - Dr. Rami Alsubail and Dr. Adrienne Poon
- FEB 20 Chairman's Rounds: PGY-3's - Dr. Raeva Malik and Dr. Meghana Bhatta
- FEB 21 Clinical Pathological Conference: PGY-2's - Dr. Kusha Davar and Dr. Tushina Jain
- FEB 22 Dr. Victoria Shanmugam - Scleroderma
- FEB 23 **Medicine Grand Rounds**
- FEB 24 **TBD**
- FEB 27 Dr. Rodolfo Curiel - Ankylosing Spondylitis
- FEB 28 Chairman's Rounds: PGY-3's - Dr. David Zarkowsky and Dr. Angela Ryan

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Addition to the Medicine Providers

Gabor Bodonyi-Kovacs, MD Joins us as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension, section of Transplant Medicine.

Dr. Bodonyi-Kovacs received his Medical Degree from Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Medical University. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the Case Western Reserve University and later Clinical and Research Fellowships in nephrology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. At the University of Virginia he completed a transplant nephrology fellowship and also received a Master's Degree in Clinical Research. During the course of his training he received numerous awards and recognition.

His research interests include genetic determinants of acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and hypertension and factors determining kidney transplant outcome. His clinical expertise are transplant nephrology, novel immunosuppressive therapies, acute kidney injury, renal replacement therapies and cardiorenal syndrome. He is a member of the American Society of Nephrology and American Heart Association and American Society of Transplantation.

FULL ACCREDITATION!

Dr. Jill Catalanotti announced that the ACGME has given full accreditation to our Medicine Programs and our Fellowship Programs. So congratulations to all the Program Directors, Drs. Allen Solomon, Matthew Chandler, Karen Blackstone, Imad Tabbara, Afsoon Roberts, Jill Paulson, Danielle Davidson, Elizabeth Cobbs, Scott Cohen, Ramesh Mazhari, Jalil Ahari, Rodolfo Curiel, Cynthia Tracy and to all the Coordinators who made this happen.



Chairman's Rounds

GWU Hospital Auditorium, 12:00 Noon

All Faculty Invited to Attend

- FEB 3** Dr. Bryan Senisi and Dr. Aneesha Hossein
- FEB 17** Dr. Rami Alsubail and Dr. Adrienne Poon
- FEB 20** Dr. Raeva Malik and Dr. Meghana Bhatta
- FEB 28** Dr. David Zarkowsky and Dr. Angela Ryan

Installation Ceremony Edward Seto PhD

King Fahd Professor of Cancer Biology

Dr. Seto is Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, Associate Center Director for Basic Sciences, GW Cancer Center.

Monday, February 6, 2017
Ross Hall, 2300 Eye Street, NW,
#117,
Washington DC, 20037
4-5 PM.

President Steven Knapp, George Washington University and Jeffrey S. Akman, MD, Vice President for Health Sciences, George Washington University will preside over the Ceremony.

Look who held down the fort at UVA on New Year's Eve 2016



Drs. Jessica Davis, Neeral Shah and Amy Doran
All former GW Chief Residents

Congratulations to Dr. **Alan Wasserman**, Department Chairman, Medicine who was able to convince the Capitals to air Caps games on the radio un-inhibited by other game broadcasts. Currently, if another game is on 1500AM the Caps aren't able to broadcast. A press release went out shortly after stating the following: *"The Washington Capitals have reached an agreement to air broadcasts of their games on 104.7 FM, the team announced today. 104.7 FM will broadcast every Capitals game for the rest of the 2016-17 season, as well as pre- and postgame*

Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule February 2017

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

- FEB 2: **Journal Club**
Dr. Serafi & Dr. Phillpotts
- FEB 2: **M&M and Clinical rounds**
- FEB 2: **Knowledge Bowl and Rheumatology
boards training /preparation**
Dr. Taylor/ Dr. Curiel
- FEB 9: **Skin cancer and Immune-
suppressive Therapies**
Dr. Brandon Mitchell
- FEB 9: **M&M and Clinical rounds**
- FEB 9: **Knowledge Bowl and Rheumatology
boards training /preparation**
Dr. Taylor/ Dr. Curiel
- FEB 16: **Intra-city Grand Rounds**
Location: Children's Hospital
- FEB 16: **M&M and clinical rounds**
- FEB 23: **Radiology Conference**
Dr. K. Brindle
**Location: Radiology conference
Room, GW Hospital**
- FEB 23: **M&M and Clinical rounds**
- FEB 23: **Knowledge Bowl and Rheumatology
boards training /preparation**
Dr. Taylor/ Dr. Curiel

Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos... to Dr. **Angela Lee** (Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine) received a very nice note from a patient's family: an illustration of the impact the Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine team have on the lives of patients and their families. It reflects the care and dedication of all of us on the Palliative Medicine service.

Kudos... to Dr. **Chavon Onumah** (Internal Medicine) who received high praise from Dr. Richard Simons, Senior Associate Dean for MD Programs at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, here at GWU. To Dr. Onumah, he said *"You have brought a lot of energy and innovation to this experience. We appreciate the many initiatives you have taken to improve the clerkship and the clerkship is already stronger because of your efforts."*

Kudos... to Dr. **Imad Tabbara** and **Kathy Zimmerman** who received a nice note from a patient; *"I have the good fortune of enjoying, yet, another holiday season because of their guidance from diagnosis, induction treatment, stem cell harvesting, ASCT, to remission maintenance. I recently picked up an addition of the Washingtonian Magazine 'Top Doctor in Washington' edition only to find Dr. Tabbara listed and selected by his peers for distinction among local, if not national, Oncologists. I can tell you that makes a patient's day...Life"*

Kudos... to Dr. Anne Cioletti (Internal Medicine), who was accepted into the 2017 LEAD Certificate Program at the Society of General Internal Medicine, Association of Chiefs and Leaders of General Internal Medicine.

Welcome back Lara!

See you next month! The Editor

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