Dear colleagues and friends,

This January brings a new year and a new decade. 2020 is already proving to be an exciting year for the Department of Medicine filled with new opportunities and goals to achieve. In this issue, we highlight many of the remarkable accomplishments of the past few months and preview what’s coming ahead.

• As one of 10 awardees of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists (FRCS) program grants, Washington University School of Medicine was proud to host the annual FRCS directors meeting here on Wash U’s campus in December. With leaders from the Doris Duke Foundation and other participating institutions attending, we had an outstanding meeting with terrific presentations centered on our common goal, to retain promising early-career physician scientists in research.

The WUSM FRCS supports early-career clinical investigators facing extra-professional challenges due to childbearing, family or health issues at a critical phase of their careers. The School of Medicine provides matching funds to bolster the program and we work with the Office of Faculty Affairs, Academic Women’s Network, Clinical Research Training Center and the faculty development offices of the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics to expand training and career development programs for our awardees. The NIH has now created new supplement programs for K and RO1 funded early investigators who have significant life challenges similar to the Doris Duke Program. Please encourage your faculty with life challenges to apply for these supplements.

• Successful Fellows Match: Once again, our residents seeking advanced training in multiple specialties matched to the most selective fellowship programs nationwide. Our DOM subspecialty divisions will be welcoming the best and brightest incoming fellows. Review the results of our divisional matches in this newsletter.
Letter from the Chair, cont.

• Clinical Facilities Update: On November 5th, BJC Healthcare opened the new Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital, a 260,000 square foot facility with 64 private rooms. The new BJWC Hospital and office buildings allow significant expansion for DOM faculty. Siteman Cancer Center opened a new location at Northwest HealthCare in Florissant which includes our medical oncology, pharmacy and chemotherapy infusion areas.

• As part of the Campus Renewal project, Queeny Tower is now closed and structural demolition of the tower is expected to start in the spring in preparation for a new state-of-the-art facility.

• Response to novel coronavirus outbreak: Washington University has been closely monitoring the coronavirus epidemic. Look for current information and specific guidelines on the Emergency Management website.

As a team, we have accomplished great things in 2019 and have much to look forward to in 2020. As always, thank you for your efforts and continued support on the behalf of the Department of Medicine.

Best Regards,

Victoria J. Fraser, MD
Adolphus Busch Professor of Medicine
Chair, Department of Medicine

Divisional Spotlight

Nephrology Experiences Record Growth with Community Expansion

2019 was a year of record growth for the Department of Medicine’s Division of Nephrology. Much of the upsurge was fueled by the Division’s commitment to expanding capacity throughout the Metro area in order to better serve patients where they live. This commitment was a stimulus behind the development of the North County Dialysis Center (NCDC) located in Florissant. Opened in January 2018, the center has recently added additional shifts and is experiencing a 15% growth rate per year.

In concert with additional capacity, Nephrology developed a community-based faculty practice plan to extend WashU inpatient and outpatient care. The plan included hiring two additional physicians, James Davis, MD, and Manasa Metireddy, MD, who joined the division in 2018. Drs. Davis and Metireddy currently provide care at the North County Dialysis Center and have started new inpatient and outpatient clinics for Christian Hospital patients, where many NCDC dialysis patients get admitted. Response to the clinics has been overwhelmingly positive and the division projects 1,750 inpatient visits in 2020.

Dr. Davis was also instrumental in opening an interventional nephrology clinic in west St. Louis County in 2018. By offering same day procedures, this community-based clinic has been a huge success, tripling their volume.

“I’m so pleased that the Division is able to bring our services directly to the communities where our patients live,” commented Benjamin D. Humphreys, MD, PhD, chief, Division of Nephrology. “This rapid growth is a testament to our quality of care and the demand for that care in communities across the Metro area. I credit our talented faculty and staff and their ongoing dedication to putting the needs of our patients first.”

Read more about the Department of Nephrology.
Research News

• “It’s Not Just an Opioid Epidemic – It’s an Overdose Epidemic” Study Shows Infections are a Common “Side Effect” of Intravenous Drug Use Learn more about Infectious Disease fellow, Laura Marks, MD, PhD and her team’s study on the syndemic of rising intravenous drug use leading to startling and often life-threatening infections.

• Michael S. Diamond, MD, PhD and Daved Fremont, PhD, co-inventors of a Zika diagnostic test granted market authorization by FDA. Read more.

Education News

• Infectious Disease fellows present posters at ID Week 2019. Read more.

• The Clinical Research Training Center, the Office of Faculty Development and the Office if Inclusion and Diversity sponsored the Career Development Seminar, “Negotiating Effectively for Workplace Success” featuring Rebecca Hollander-Blumoff, JD, PhD, Professor of Law, Washington University.

• On February 11th, the CRTC’s Career Development Seminar featured staff from Medical Public Affairs speaking on “Media Relations and Best Practices”.

Clinical News

• BJC/WUSM Healthcare Innovation Lab
The BJC/WUSM Healthcare Innovation Lab catalyzes care delivery innovation through research and development. To date, the Lab has developed innovations in predictive analytics in inpatient care, critical care, and palliative care; remote patient monitoring in heart failure, post-operative, and post-partum patients; patient transportation for ambulatory and cancer patients; voice assistants in inpatient supply chain and pre-operative patients, and patient billing. If you would like to learn more and/or become involved in our efforts, please visit our website and contact us here.

• Siteman Cancer Center opens at Northwest HealthCare in Florissant
Siteman Cancer Center at Northwest HealthCare, located near Interstate 270 and Graham Road in Florissant, began seeing patients Nov. 4. The $26.3 million facility features state-of-the-art technology, expert care by Washington University physicians and a close affiliation with Christian Hospital, which owns and operates Northwest HealthCare.

Medical oncologist Timothy Rearden, MD, will continue as medical director of Siteman’s north St. Louis County location. Mackenzie Daly, MD, a radiation oncologist, will continue as director of radiation oncology. Both are members of the Washington University faculty.

• Geriatric Primary Care featured in Ladue News
Washington University Geriatric Primary Care’s new office in the Mirowitz Center was featured in the December 26, 2019 issue of the Ladue News. Tim Holden, MD, describes how the practice provides a simplified doctor’s visit and team-based approach for older adults. Read more.
Forum for Women in Medicine

Reflections on the Inaugural Women in Medicine and Science Symposium at Washington University School of Medicine

The November 19th symposium was truly a high-point in our work here at WUSM to empower women faculty and trainees. During the course of the day, the feeling of camaraderie and engagement of the participants was palpable. There was a team effort to bring interdepartmental leaders together to foster professional development for our female faculty and trainees.

Meeting organizers included Rakhee Bhayani, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine and director of the Forum for Women in Medicine Diana Gray, MD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs; Brent Ruoff, MD, Chief, Division of Emergency Medicine; Komo Gursahani, MD, MBA, Assistant Chief of Emergency Medicine, and Kristen Mueller, MD, Assistant Professor Emergency Medicine. This inaugural symposium had critical support from multiple departments and groups on campus. The inter-departmental aid provided the resources to support visiting speakers for the event, including Diana Lautenberger MA, director, Women in Medicine and Science, AAMC and Michelle Lall, MD, MHS, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine.

In addition to the visiting speakers’ thought-provoking presentations, attendees were able to learn about strategies for career advancement, enjoy the opportunity to network, and make interdepartmental connections.

Turnout for the symposium exceeded expectations. More than 160 faculty and trainees attended with representation from over 10 departments across the medical campus. The participation of male faculty truly reinforced the support that exists on our campus for gender equity. David H. Perlmutter, MD, executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean of Washington University School of Medicine, kicked off the day with a welcome to all the attendees. He described some of the systems level changes that need to occur to effectively address gender equity. As the speakers presented strategies we can use as individuals, it was reassuring to know that coordinated efforts are underway at the institutional level.

Looking back at the success of the symposium, it is tremendously gratifying to know the support that exists to empower women here at WUSM. Many thanks to all who attended, supported, and helped to plan this event. I look forward to keeping the momentum going as we look ahead to our 2nd annual symposium.
New Faculty Leadership

**Dominique Cosco, MD**: New Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes-Jewish Hospital. [Read more.](#)

**Andrew Odden, MD, SFHM**: Appointed Vice Chair of Patient Safety for the Department of Medicine. [Read more.](#)

**Michael Lin, MD, SFHM**: Serving as Interim Chief for the Division of Hospital Medicine, effective Jan 1, 2020. [Read more.](#)

**Andrew Odden, MD, SFHM**: Appointed Vice Chair of Patient Safety for the Department of Medicine. [Read more.](#)

Awards/Grants/Honors

**Tarek Alhamad, MD, MS**: Headed the 4th Midwest Transplant & Nephrology Symposium, renowned for being the first symposium of its kind to provide workshops in HLA, transplant pathology and ultrasound, along with transplant lectures. In addition, transplant recipients and donors were present to share their experiences. [Read more.](#)

**Kara Sternhell-Blackwell, MD**: Selected as recipient of the American Academy of Dermatology’s 2020 Presidential Citation Award in recognition of service as LGBTQ/SGM ERG Co-Chair, advocacy for sexual and gender minority (SGM) health, and emphasis on advancing LGBTQ health through key efforts in cultivation of workforce diversity as well as integration of SGM healthcare into both undergraduate medical education and dermatology graduate medical education.

**E-P Barrette, MD**: Appointed to the National Board of Directors, HIV Medical Association.

**Jennifer Powers Carson, PhD**: Named Treasurer, American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC), Division of Endocrinology. [Read more.](#)

**Joe Cherabie, MD**: Selected by KU School of Medicine-Wichita, Class of 2020 as recipient of the Dean’s Award for Clinical Teaching.

**Dennis Chang, MD, FHM**: One of 42 Washington University School of Medicine educators inducted into the newly created Academy of Educators. [Read more.](#)

**Ying “Maggie” Chen, MD, PhD**: Was awarded a $1.8 million grant (total cost) from the U.S. Department of Defense for her study “Development of Novel Podocyte Endoplasmic Reticulum Calcium Stabilizers to Treat Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis.” [Read more.](#)

**Ann Marie Dale, PhD/OTR/L**: Recipient of a 2020 WUSM Distinguished Community Service Award.
Awards/Grants/Honors cont.

**Matifadza Hlatshwayo Davis, MD, MPH**: Elected to co-chair of the Fast Track Cities (FTC) St. Louis steering committee.

**Matifadza Hlatshwayo Davis, MD, MPH**: Selected to be a member of IDSA Med Ed COP’s Mentorship Work Group. [Read more.](#)

**Michael Diamond, MD, PhD**: Recipient of a 2020 WUSM Distinguished Investigator Award.

**Seth Eisen, MD**: Recipient of a 2020 WUSM Distinguished Educator Award.

**Gerome Escota, MD**: Honored during the Infectious Diseases Society of America’s (IDSA) second annual IDEA Incubator. [Read more.](#)

**Nickole Forget, MD**: Selected as the PI for WUSM on a grant in collaboration with Vanderbilt University Medical Center, “Disseminating and Assessing Competencies for Proper Prescribing of Opioids: An Opioid Train-the-Trainer Model for Graduate Medical Education.” The grant is supported by the AAMC Opioid Education Challenge Grant Program: Responding to the Training Development Needs of Academic Medical Centers. [Read more.](#)

**Ige George, MD**: Honored during the Infectious Diseases Society of America’s (IDSA) second annual IDEA Incubator. [Read more.](#)

**Daniel Goodenberger, MD**: Elected to Executive Committee, Board of Governors, American College of Physicians.

**John Gorscan, III, MD**: Named the 2020 Recipient of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) Mentorship Award.

**Anne Hilliker, NP**: Retires after 9 years of service with the Division of Hospital Medicine, December 2019. [Read more.](#)

**Ramsey Hachem, MD**: Received a grant titled “Cystic Fibrosis Lung Transplant Consortium from CFF.” Start date is 01/01/20 to 12/31/22.

**Michael Holtzman, MD**: Received a grant titled “A New Drug to Correct Epithelial Stem Cell Reprogramming in Airway Disease” from the Harrington Discovery Institute. Start date is 01/01/20 to 12/31/21.

**Chyi-Song Hsieh, MD, PhD**: Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society.

**Benjamin Humphreys, MD, PhD**: Part of a team of investigators that has received a three-year Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) grant to define the transcriptome and epigenome of the normal human kidney. The grant is part of a new CZI funding mechanism called the Seed Networks. This is the second CZI grant awarded to Humphreys. [Read more.](#)

**Anuja Java, MD**: Head of the new Kidney Transplant Clinic at the Veterans Affairs St. Louis Health Care System. The clinic, a huge convenience for local veterans, is for patients who have received a kidney transplant and those who may be in need a kidney transplant. [Read more.](#)
Awards/Grants/Honors cont.

Robyn Klein, MD, PhD: Recipient of a 2020 WUSM Distinguished Educator Award.


Patrick Lyons, MD: Received a grant titled “Designing an Inpatient Oncology Early Warning System for Future Implementation” from KL2/ICTS/CRTC. Start date is 07/01/20 to 06/30/22.

George Mensah, MD: Was selected to receive the Washington University Medical Center Alumni Achievement Award.

Jeffrey Millman, PhD: Awarded a Distinguished Young Alumni Award from the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (CBE) Department at North Carolina State University. Read more.

Jeffrey Miner, PhD: Was awarded a three-year, $449,500, Core Large Initiative grant by the Children’s Discovery Institute (CDI) that will fund the new the Pediatric Disease Mouse Models Core (PDMMC). The core will generate mouse models of pediatric disease using state-of-the-art CRISPR/Cas9 and ROSA-TALEN technologies. Read more.

Frank O’Brien, MD: Recipient of a two-year, $120,000/year Project Award from The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital to devise personalized transitional care protocols for hospitalized dialysis patients in order to reduce readmission rates. Read more.

Rupa Patel, MD, MPH, DTM&H: Joined the editorial board for PLOS ONE as an academic editor.

Anandita Kulkarni, MD: Selected to be on the American College of Cardiology Expert Consensus Decision Pathway content development work group on the management of Hypertriglyceridemia.

Hrishikesh Kulkarni, MD, MSCI: Received a grant titled “Dissecting the Complement System to Mitigate Infection-Induced injury” from DOD Discovery. Start date is 09/01/20 to 08/31/25.

Albert Lai, PhD, FACMI, FAMIA: Elected to Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics (FACMI). Read more.

Tingting Li, MD: Was appointed associate program director for Clinical Research and Career Development. Li will provide mentorship and guidance to renal fellows as part of the training program to develop leaders in investigational and clinical nephrology. Read more.

Adam Littich, MD: Elected treasurer of the Medical Staff Association at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital, 2020. Read more.
Awards/Grants/Honors cont.

**Michael Rauchman, MDCM**: Was installed as Chromalloy Professor of Renal Diseases in Medicine. [Read more.](#)

**Marcos Rothstein, MD**: Led a group of WashU nephrologists to the Third Annual Update in Nephrology Conference, held in Guatemala. The conference, co-organized by Rothstein, focuses on the battle against chronic kidney disease in Guatemala and is a collaborative effort of the WashU School of Medicine and the Guatemalan Social Security Institute (IGSS), who are official “Sister Renal Centers.” [Read more.](#)

**Rajan Sah, MD**: Was part of a winning team in the Skandalaris Leadership and Entrepreneurial Acceleration Program (LEAP), Fall 2019 cycle. [Read more.](#)

**Andrej Spec, MD, MSCI**: Joined European Confederation of Medical Mycology (ECMM) as a Fellow of the ECMM. [Read more.](#)

**Laneshia Tague, MD, MSCI**: Received her grant titled Pharmacogenetic-Based Mycophenolate Dosing to Improve Lung Transplant Outcomes from Doris Duke. Start date is 01/01/20 to 12/31/20.

**Mark Thoelke, MD, SFHM**: Was honored for 11 Years as Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine. [Read more.](#)

**Mark Thoelke, MD, SFHM**: Recipient of the 2019 Neville Grant Recipient for Clinical Excellence. [Read more.](#)

**Anitha Vijayan, MD**: Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society.

**Matthew Walter, MD**: Named the Inaugural Edward P. Evans Endowed Professor of Myelodysplastic Syndromes. [Read more.](#)

**Patrick White, MD**: Named the inaugural Stokes Family Endowed Chair in Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care. [Read more.](#)

Ten Wash U Infectious Diseases Doctors were recognized in the 2019-2020 Best Doctors List published in the August issue of St. Louis Magazine. [Read more.](#)

The Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Lipid Research’s NIH T32 Training Grant, “Diabetes and Related Metabolic Diseases,” under the Programmatic Direction of Dr. Clay Semenkovich, was awarded a “perfect impact score” by 30 reviewers as a “gold standard training program with many outstanding features and accomplishments.” First established in 1975, this long-standing training program will be awarded $4.2M for another 5 years for funding years 46 through 50. This T32 Program funds 11 postdoctoral fellows—5 of 8 of the ACGME fellows, another 6 research fellows, and 4 short-term predoctoral fellows.
In the News

The son of Holocaust survivors, Michael Rauchman, MD, (left) a professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said his family history inspired him to become a physician and treat military veterans. Also the chief of nephrology with the Veterans Affairs St. Louis Health Care System, Rauchman is shown during an appointment with World War II veteran Ben Weintraub, who helped liberate a concentration camp in 1945. Read the full story in the Record.

Victoria Fraser, MD, head of the Department of Medicine and John Atkinson, MD, former director of the Division of Rheumatology, unveil a portrait of Atkinson during the Inaugural John P. Atkinson, MD Annual Lectureship, Jan. 16th at the Eric P. Newman Education Center.
In the News

James DuBois, DSc, PhD, director of the Bioethics Research Center at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, talks with colleagues during a meeting in November on the Medical Campus. Read the full Washington People profile on James DuBois here.

Nephrologist Benjamin Humphreys, MD, PhD, (right) director of the Division of Nephrology in the Department of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, analyzes the quality of single cell RNA-sequencing libraries developed by Yoshiharu Muto, MD, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in Humphreys’ lab. A leading innovator in kidney research, Humphreys seeks to find better treatments to prevent kidney failure, a potentially fatal condition affecting 37 million Americans. Read the full Washington People profile on Benjamin D. Humphreys here.
A Closer Look

John F. DiPersio, MD, PhD, presenting at the St. Louis Academy of Science “Teen Science Café – Combating Cancer: Using Stem Cells to Explore Treatments for Leukemia.”

Cystic Fibrosis National Summit held November 17–19, 2019. Pictured from left to right: Scot Colgrove (seated), Dan Rosenbluth, MD, Kate Stockmann, Beth Albertin, Ramsey Hachem, MD, Rebecca Bathon, Christine Fortney, Gwen Pendleton, Ravi Nayak, MD and Chris Barios, MD

Patricia Brennan, RN, PhD, Director of the National Library of Medicine, gives the keynote address, “Evolving from Precision Health to AI-Supported Care” at the 3rd Annual ICTS Symposium and Poster Session on February 14th.
Upcoming Events

• Developing a Clinical Center of Excellence
  (part of the CEP Workshop series)
  March 6, 2020 | 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
  Farrell Learning and Teaching Center,
  Holden Auditorium
  Learn more and Register.

• If “Competence” is the Answer,
  Have We Asked the Right Question?
  March 6, 2020 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
  King Center, Bernard Becker Medical Library
  Speaker:
  Zubin Austin, BScPhm, MBA, MISC, PhD, FCAHS
  Learn more and Register (Required).

• Pulmonary Research Day
  The Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care will host
  their 6th Pulmonary Research Day on March 26, 2020
  from 11 am to 5 pm. The goal of this half-day meeting
  is to showcase and promote pulmonary and critical
  care research—basic and clinical—at Washington
  University and to foster collaboration, communication,
  and mentorship between the faculty and trainees. The
  day will include a keynote presentation by
  Dr. Zea Borok, MD, Professor of Medicine, Chief
  of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at
  the University of Southern California-Keck School of
  Medicine, with shorter talks and a poster sessions to
  highlight current research activities associated with the
  Pulmonary and Critical Care Division at Washington
  University. Read more.

• Cancer Genomics “Hands-On” Workshop
  March 27, 2020 | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
  11th Floor MCC Main Conference Room
  The workshop will include practical hands-on
  instruction with the use of on-line genomic pathology
  tools. Read more.

• Institute for Informatics (I²)
  3rd Annual Scientific Symposium
  April 10, 2020 | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
  Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
  Join the Institute for Informatics as we will highlight the
  patients we serve, as we zero in on health care through
  the implementation and patient-level dimensions of
  realizing a personalized medicine paradigm.
  Learn more and Register.

• Dennis Chang, MD, FHM, Associate Professor of
  Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine will present “A
  Whirlwind Tour of Famous Landmark Articles: Must-
  Know Literature to Impress Your Peers and Attendings”
  Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Conference 2020.
  On Thursday, April 16, 2020, 10:30 – 11:10 am in San
  Diego, CA. Details on Dr. Chang’s presentation from
  2019 at the SHM annual conference available here.

• Michael Lin, MD, SFHM, Associate Professor of
  Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine will Chair at the
  Academic Leadership Summit, the premier gathering
  of current and future academic hospital medicine
  leaders. Dr. Lin will lead the Summit organization and
  curriculum development and will be a moderator for
  the expert panel. Details on Dr. Lin’s participation in the
  2019 Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Conference
  available here.
Funding

Funding Programs from The Center for Dissemination and Implementation

The Small Grants Program supports the development of a broad range of dissemination and implementation studies by providing funding for preliminary data to boost extramural competitiveness.

Small Grants applications due March 30th at 5:00 pm CST. Read more.

Epic Update

Please reference the most recent EPIC Action Report found here. This report, distributed bi-monthly, provides valuable updates on EPIC.

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