

Straight Talk

Department of Internal Medicine

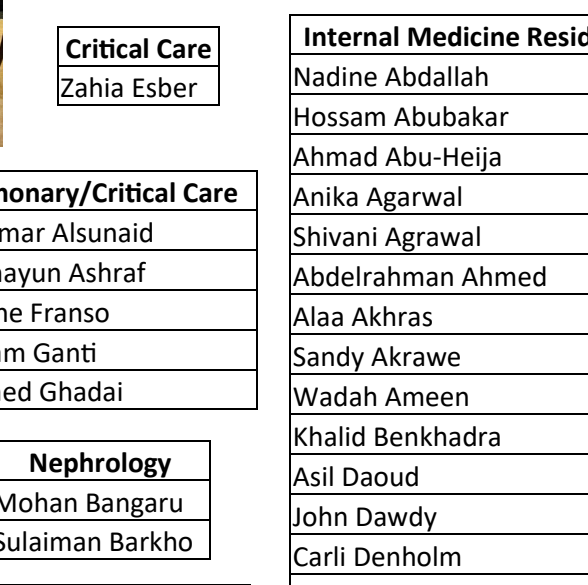
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GRADUATES!

The Department would like to congratulate all of our 2019 Graduates. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors and are happy to welcome you to the alumni family!

Please see the names of our graduates below. [Click Here for more pictures!](#)



Rheumatology Graduates

Critical Care
Zahia Esber

Internal Medicine Residency
Nadine Abdallah
Hossam Abubakar
Anikar Abu-Heija
Shivani Agrawal
Abdelrahman Ahmed
Alaa Akhras
Sandy Akrawe
Wadah Ameen
Khalid Benkhadra
Asil Daoud
John Dawdy
Carli Denholm
Lubna Fatiwala
Shefali Godara
Jared Goldberg
Sahrish Ilyas
Hibah Ismail
Amjad Kanj
Leslie Kao
Jasleen Kaur
Graham McGee
Lea Monday
Ammara Mushtaq
Bakht Nishan
Raja Rabadi
Mohammad Rauf
Hamza Salam
Madiha Salim
Pranav Shah
Yuliya Sharakova
Adi Shemesh
Yeohan Song
Ahmed Subahi
Malini Surapaneni
Brandon Twardy

Pulmonary/Critical Care
Sammar Alsunaid
Humayun Ashraf
Deane Franso
Shyam Ganti
Ahmed Ghadai

Nephrology
Moham Bangaru
Sulaiman Barkho

Cardiology
Tomo Ando
Shanchiya Ravindradas
Fayez Siddiqui
Mohan Palla

Rheumatology
Stephanie Branam
Sheetal Patel
Yasmin Sabet
Sufiya Shaik

Infectious Diseases
Leo Parsons
Jordan Polistico
Abdiel Ramos Mercado
Avnish Sandhu

Gastroenterology
Bashar Mohamad
Maher Tama

Chief Medical Residents
Abubakar Hassan
Walid Ibrahim
Pradeep Kathi
Shanker Kundumadam
Hala Nas

Sleep Medicine
Ranya Alshumrani
Joud Jarrah
Omar Khorfan
Toral Shah
Sameer Zaheerullah

Advanced Cardiac Imaging
Manmohan Singh

Endocrinology
Ahmad Imam
Dania Abushanab
May Semilan
Richa Gehlout

Geriatrics
Jaya Gadivemula

Infection Prevention
Justin Oring

Hospice
Andrew Ambort
Lizabeth Giles

Geriatrics Graduation Dinner

Infectious Disease Graduates

Hospice Graduate Andrew Ambort

Internal Medicine Chief Residents

Internal Medicine Residents

GLUE Graduates
Tushar Mishra, PGY-2
Kalyan Sreeram, PGY-2
Shivani Agrawal, PGY-3

Pulmonary/Critical Care Graduates and Faculty

Internal Medicine Residents

2020-2021 Chief Residents Announced

The Department of Internal Medicine is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Chief Medical Residents for the program. The department would like to thank all of those who applied. There was an exceptionally talented pool making our decision extremely difficult. Congratulations to :



Jie Chi, Mowayad Khalid, Tushar Mishra, Kenisha Evans, Nabil Al-Kourainy

Purple Cohort wins Cohort Cup



Congratulations to the Purple Cohort for winning the Cohort Cup. Pictured above left to right are: Tushar Mishra (Blue Cohort), Amjad Kanj (Red Cohort), Waleed Ayesh, Jarrett Weinberger, Zaid Kaloti, Abdelrahman Ahmed, Muhanad Taha, Zeinab El Reda, Mowayad Khalid, Omeralfaroug Adam, Kendall Bell, Jasleen Kaur, Carli Denholm, Antonio Smith, Faisal Kanbar-Agha, Ahmed Yeddi. See more pictures from the celebration here.

Dr. Housam Sarakbi Named Program Director of Rheumatology

The Department of Internal Medicine would like to congratulate Dr. Housam Sarakbi on being named the Program Director for the Rheumatology Fellowship Program. The Department looks forward to his guidance going forward.

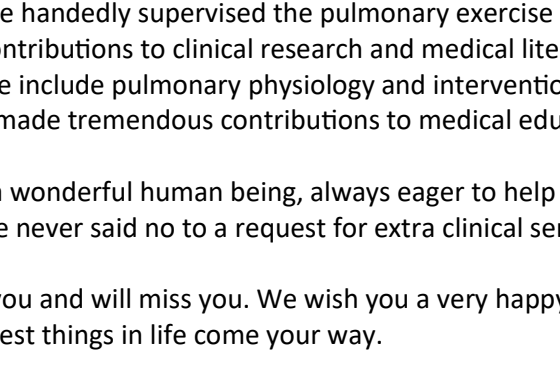
Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Srinivasa (Srini) Kamatam, residency class of 2016, is a practicing hospitalist at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is a member of the South Carolina chapter of the ACP and has received several awards for excellence in health care delivery. He and his wife Surya just celebrated the one year birthday of their son Pranavi.



Awards and Achievements

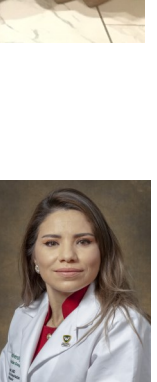
- ◆ Toral Shah a Fellow in our Sleep Medicine Program received 1st place in recognition of Excellence in Research from the Michigan Summit on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and Wellness. Dr. Shah was mentored by Dr. Anan Salloum



- ◆ Residents Mustafa Ajam and Ahmad Abu-Heija both passed the American Board of Medical Quality. The department would like to congratulate them on this achievement!

Publications/Presentations

- ◆ Dr. Teena Chopra Was included in the following articles!
 - ◆ <https://parade.com/881801/mtaylor-2/9-things-everyone-should-know-about-the-measles-outbreak/>
 - ◆ <https://www.fatherly.com/health-science/measles-virus-kids-in-danger/>
 - ◆ https://today.wayne.edu/medicine/news/2019/05/31/spark-program-launches-first-year-32523?utm_source=link&utm_medium=email-5cf52722bfc0&utm_campaign=Warrior+Medicine++June+3%2C+2019++Wayne+State+University&utm_content=SPARK+program+launches+first+year
- ◆ Tanveer Mir, a PGY1 has his case report accepted into the American Journal of Infectious Diseases. [See the report here.](#)
- ◆ Walid Ibrahim, Omeralfaroug Adam, Abdelaziz Mohamed, Ahmed Subahi, Lubna Osman, Abubakar Al Hassan, Ahmad Yassin, Neelima Thati, Jarrett Weinberger, and Diane Levine have an article published in The Association for the Study of Medical Education. [See the article here.](#)
- ◆ "Omar Chehab was one of the main co-authors on a new index for pre-operative cardiovascular evaluation that was published in The Journal of the American College of Cardiology". This would provide internists and other physicians a simple, effective, and fast approach to risk stratify patients' cardiovascular risk before undergoing noncardiac surgery. This risk calculator was better than the RCRI and as good as the Gupta (NSQIP) calculator but simpler. [See the link here.](#)
- ◆ Abdelrahman Ahmed, Emmanuel Akintoye, and Neelima Thati published in the Journal of Community Hospital Internal Medicine Perspectives. [See here!](#)
- ◆ [See all our June authors here!](#)



Departmental Announcements

Farewell Dr. Willane Krell

It is has been an honor and great pleasure to work with Dr Willane Krell, my colleague, friend and neighbor (we literally lived in 5R MICU DRH as neighbors for several years; my office was converted to a storage room and nobody dared to touch her office!). After an illustrious career at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Willane retired from active duty as of 30th June 2019. A graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine, Willane did her residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University affiliated hospitals. She then completed a research and clinical fellowship in Thoracic Diseases at Mayo Graduate School of medicine, Rochester MN. She has been a faculty member of Wayne State University School of medicine since 1985. During her tenure she has been a strong pillar for medical education and patient care. She is a great teacher who is highly respected, loved and admired by medical students, residents, fellows and faculty. She has played a very strong role in delivery of education not only as a teaching physician but also as a course director, associate program director internal medicine residency program, associate program director for pulmonary critical care fellowship program, chair of education committee and contributed tremendously to the education of wide range of learners including nurses and physician assistants.

Willane is a master clinician who is very efficient in rounding, one of the reasons residents and fellows loved to round with her as she could accomplish patient care as well as teaching in shortest possible time. As an experienced physicians she would give enough autonomy and yet watch over her trainees and patients like a guardian angel. She held various leadership roles in improving quality and patient safety as medical director bronchoscopy services, director pulmonary function laboratory, director respiratory therapy and recently as medical director of medical intensive care unit at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Dr. Krell has single handedly supervised the pulmonary exercise lab all these years. She has made rich contributions to clinical research and medical literature. Her areas of interest and expertise include pulmonary physiology and interventional bronchoscopy. Over all Willane has made tremendous contributions to medical education and patient care.

Above all Willane is a wonderful human being, always eager to help and a team player. To my knowledge she never said no to a request for extra clinical service; always willing go extra mile.

Willane: we all love you and will miss you. We wish you a very happy healthy and joyful life and may all the best things in life come your way.

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Dr Krell with graduating fellows in the Pulmonary Critical Care & Sleep Division

◆ [Please see the July Interfaith calendar](#)

Social Announcements

- ◆ Dr. Suzan Mahdai wanted to thank everyone in the Department of Internal Medicine. She will finish in June and join Scripps Health in San Diego, CA. The department wishes her the best in the future.

- ◆ Dr. Anupama Devara's daughter Vaishnavi had her work chosen for Farmington's "ART on the GRAND" event. The Department of Internal Medicine would like to congratulate her on this major milestone as a budding artist!

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds will return after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer!



July Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date		Rank
Jennifer	Mendez	July	7	Faculty/staff
Pierre	Tannous	July	10	Faculty/staff
Nikhila	Thammineni	July	13	PRG-2
Suman	Khicher	July	18	PRG-3
James	Rowley	July	19	Faculty/staff
Zaid	Kaloti	July	22	PRG-2
Hadeel	Sahar	July	23	PRG-3
Ayman	Soubani	July	24	Faculty/staff
Ayad	Al-Katib	July	26	Faculty/staff
Mahvish	Khalid	July	27	PRG-2
Adel	Elmoghrabi	July	28	PRG-3
Emili	Khalil	July	31	PRG-2

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