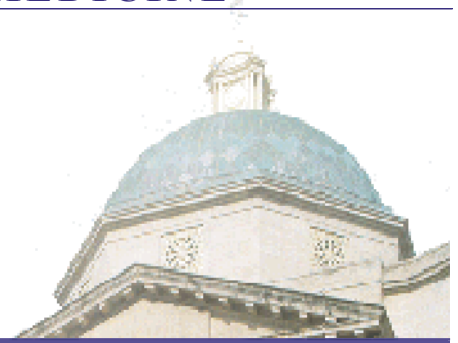


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The Section of Geriatrics

The Section of Geriatrics has developed over the past thirty years from its beginnings on the Continuing Care Unit into a nationally recognized program with substantial activities in research, education, and clinical care. Originally established as a component of the Section of General Internal Medicine, the Geriatrics Program became an independent section in 2001. The Geriatrics Section now includes fourteen full time faculty members involved in the research, didactic, and clinical activities of the Section. In addition, there are six part-time faculty members in the VA and Nursing Home Practice who have an active role in the teaching activities of the Section.

The goals of the Section are to: 1) Advance the knowledge base in geriatric medicine by studying the causes, natural history, and consequences of conditions and syndromes that affect older individuals; 2) develop and evaluate interventions designed to improve the outcome from these conditions; 3) ensure that every Yale-trained medical student and resident physician caring for older adults is as skilled and knowledgeable as possible in the care of older individuals.



Leo M. Cooney, M.D.
Section Chief

Over the past twenty years, Yale faculty members have developed internationally recognized programs to prevent falls and mobility, prevent and treat delirium, and assess and prevent driving difficulties among older individuals. Yale faculty members have also developed interventions to reduce functional decline in older individuals and to improve

the recognition and response to the goals and preferences of older individuals.

Clinical programs of the Section include the Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center, the Continuing Care Unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Yale-New Haven Nursing Home Practice, and a Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit, hospital-based home care program, hospice unit, geriatric assessment clinic, and a respite program based at the West Haven campus of VA Connecticut. The didactic and clinical programs of the Section will be enhanced greatly on June 21st when the Continuing Care Unit is transformed into an Acute Care for the Elderly Unit.

Research activities of the Section are primarily based in the Program on Aging, which is described below. Didactic activities include rotations for residents in both the traditional and primary care training programs, a series of didactic activities directed at Yale medical students, and a three-year fellowship program in geriatric medicine.

In May of 2004, Dr. Terri Fried was awarded the Outstanding Scientific Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award of the American Geriatrics Society for her work in patient-centered shared decision-making in advanced illness. Dr. Fried is the fourth member of the Section to receive this award since it was initiated thirteen years ago.

Program on Aging

The Program on Aging (POA) is a strong research program built on the foundations of clinical epidemiology. POA functions through a combination of multidisciplinary research, support for training of junior investigators, and collaborative relationships with individuals and agencies in



Mary E. Tinetti, M.D.
Director, Program on Aging

the surrounding communities.

In 1992, Program on Aging investigators, under the direction of Dr. Mary Tinetti, competed successfully to become one of the first NIA funded Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers for aging research in the country. The mission of the Yale Pepper Center is the development and testing of clinical interventions that maintain or increase independence among older persons.

A major focus is to increase collaborative investigation among researchers with expertise in fields relevant to understanding the multi-factorial geriatric syndromes, and treating and preventing functional decline. The Yale Pepper Center aims to translate research findings into improved health care delivery and public policy.

At present, over 40 investigators from many departments and more than 50 fields, data management, and analytic staff are involved in more than 40 research projects including basic molecular investigations, epidemiologic studies, intervention projects, and outcome studies. The common thread of the research is the development of effective strategies for enhancing optimal function and quality of life for older persons who often experience multiple impairments and chronic diseases.

The identification and testing of effective diagnostic and treatment strategies for common geriatric problems in “real world settings” is the hallmark of Yale Geriatrics research. Investigators at Yale are recognized worldwide as the leaders in the study of falls, fall injuries, and immobility (Dr. Mary Tinetti), delirium (Dr. Sharon Inouye), and driving difficulties (Dr. Richard Marottoli) among older persons. Yale is also recognized as one of the leading institutions in studies of functional decline and recovery (Drs. Thomas Gill, Mary Tinetti, Stanislav Kasl), of appropriate treatments and outcomes of cardiovascular disease in older persons (Drs. Harlan Krumholz and Matt Burg), of patients’ goals and preferences in the treatment of chronic and terminal diseases (Drs. Elizabeth Bradley, Terri Fried, Sidney Bogardus), and of the health consequences of bereavement (Drs. Stanislav Kasl and Holly Prigerson).

Junior faculty development is fostered through a vari-

ety of programs with which the Yale Pepper Center has strong synergies; this includes the Hartford Center on Excellence (COE) directed by Mary Tinetti. The overarching objective of the Yale/Hartford Center of Excellence in Aging is to increase the quantity, and enhance the quality, of faculty who are able to teach, conduct research, and provide leadership for aging issues within medical sub-specialties and within designated geriatric programs. To accomplish this objective, the aim of COE in Aging is to provide research training, support, and mentorship to highly qualified physician investigators pursuing careers in academic geriatric medicine, or conducting age-related research in the medical specialties and subspecialties. The synergies among several age-related programs at Yale immerse the subspecialty awardees in aging and, as importantly, immerse aging into the subspecialties. These programs include: the K07 Geriatric Leadership Award (Tinetti), the T32 (Gill) and K12 (Inouye) training grants, the RAND center for Interdisciplinary Geriatric Research (Fried), the , and Investigative Medicine.

ACE Unit

The Section of Geriatrics is pleased to announce the opening of the new Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) unit on 8-8 of Yale New Haven Hospital. The unit will provide an interdisciplinary, goal-oriented team approach, focusing on the acute care needs of elderly patients and the preservation of their cognitive and physical function during their hospital stay.

The Sectional leadership felt that resident education in geriatrics would be improved by replacing the Continuing Care Unit with a special unit focusing on older patients. The interdisciplinary approach of the Continuing Care Unit is a very solid foundation for an ACE Unit. The 8-8 nurses, social worker, rehabilitation staff, pharmacists, and dietitian will continue to have a central role in the evaluation and management of patients on this unit.

On June 21th, 2004, 8-8 will begin accepting acute care patients. The Kushlan team will move to 8-8 and admit patients 65 and older on their regular general medical admitting schedule. The team overflow of patients will be assigned to 9-7 and 9-8. The geriatrics faculty will serve as attending for all thirteen rotations throughout the year. Interdisciplinary team walk rounds at the patients’ bedside will occur twice a week, during the work round period, in an effort to maximize patient-centered care, coordinate care among the different disciplines, and make the work day more efficient for everyone. The teaching efforts will focus on the assessment and management of general medi-

cal problems and functional disabilities of older patients.

While we understand that “change is not made without inconvenience” (Richard Hooker 1554-1600), we are hopeful that this change will not only improve geriatric training for internal medicine residents but will also serve as a model of care for geriatric patients throughout the hospital.

Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center

The Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital was founded in 1981 and is one of the oldest and largest outpatient geriatric assessment centers in the country. Under the medical direction of Dr. Sidney Bogardus, the Adler Center is an outpatient consultative service that provides comprehensive assessment of older persons. The Center uses a team approach to work with persons who have medical, psychological, cognitive, or social problems impeding function or threatening independent living. Among the common problems with which patients come to the center are memory loss and dementia, depression, falls and mobility problems, incontinence, pain, and medication issues.

The clinical staff that see patients at the Adler Center include 9 geriatricians, 3 geriatrics fellows, 3 geriatric psychiatrists, a neurologist, 3 nurse case managers, a patient care assistant, a physical therapist, and 2 neuropsychologists. The staff works closely with the patient and the family, the patient’s physicians, and other care providers to develop a comprehensive plan to help optimize function, independence and quality of life. The Adler Center helps patients and families by developing linkages with appropriate community services such as home health care agencies, adult day care centers, and volunteer support groups. Moreover, the staff at the Center provides ongoing case management and clinical care as necessary for individual patients, in conjunction with the patient’s physician.

In addition to providing outstanding clinical care, the Adler Center serves as one of the section’s primary educational sites for interns, residents and fellows in geriatric medicine. Each fellow in geriatrics has a weekly session at the center, and learns to perform comprehensive geriatric assessment under the direct supervision of geriatrics faculty members. Interns and residents have weekly sessions at the center during their geriatrics rotations. Medical students often spend time at the Adler Center during electives and mentored research time. Finally, the Adler Center serves as an important site for patient-oriented research in geriatrics. Research performed at the Adler Center has focused on

topics such as treatment goal setting, quality improvement, driving, dizziness, falls, and cognitive impairment.

Geriatrics Program at the West Haven Campus of VA Connecticut

The West Haven campus of VA Connecticut has long been a strong component of the Section of Geriatric Medicine. Directed by Dr. Richard Marottoli, this program includes an inpatient Geriatric Evaluation and Management Unit, a hospital-based home care program; hospice and respite care programs, and an outpatient geriatric assessment clinic. In addition, there are inpatient facilities for rehabilitation and subacute care for geriatric patients. The VA program has been a major site of geriatric teaching for residents in the Primary Care and traditional programs for the past two decades. As plans are being developed for the new inpatient West Haven VA Hospital, the VA leadership is working closely with members of the Geriatrics Section to ensure that enhanced care of the elderly is emphasized throughout this institution.

Yale-New Haven Nursing Home Practice

In 1996, the Section of Geriatrics established a Nursing Home Practice to ensure continuity of care for patients transferred from Yale-New Haven Hospital to area subacute facilities for rehabilitation, to improve the care of long-term residents of area facilities, and to serve as an educational model for Yale medical students, residents, and geriatric fellows. The program now covers five area nursing homes and assisted living facilities and consists of six physicians and three nurse practitioners. Patients are followed at Harborside Arden House of Hamden, Harborside Willows of Woodbridge, Branford Hills Nursing Home, The Mary Wade Home in New Haven, and the Whitney Center Life Care Center in Hamden. All of the first and second year Yale medical students have evaluated cognitive and physical dysfunction of patients in the nursing home setting. This practice provides an outstanding educational experience for geriatric fellows. Dr. Grace Jenq is developing a new elective in geriatric medicine for resident physicians that will include experience in this practice. Yale faculty have conducted a number of research projects in these facilities, including Dr. Vincent Quagliarello’s innovative study of the modifiable risk factors for nursing home pneumonias.

Integrated Model of Aging in Geriatric Education

Yale was among the first group of medical schools to obtain a five-year grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to improve teaching of geriatric medicine for medical students and residents. Under the direction of Margaret Drickamer, this program has initiated a biology

of aging curriculum for first year students and two half-day workshops in which students learn the basics of physical and cognitive assessment in the rehabilitation and nursing home setting. A goal-oriented, multi-factorial approach to illness in the older adult population is being taught, including the need for functional and cognitive assessment.

Under the direction of Dr. Grace Jenq, a number of enhancements are being made to the medial resident rotation in Geriatrics. The opening of the Acute Care for the Elderly Unit will ensure a core inpatient site for geriatric teaching. The Geriatric Evaluation Unit in the VA Medical Center rotation is being revised; with increased attention to outpatient activity such as the hospital-based home care program and palliative care. An elective rotation has been developed for medical residents, which will include experiences in the Adler Geriatric Assessment Center, subacute care in area skilled nursing facilities, palliative care, and care of older individuals in the Life Care and assisted living environments.

Geriatric guest attending rounds have been held weekly on the general medicine inpatient teams over the past eighteen months. Cases are presented to a geriatrician that highlight such topics as delirium, functional assessment and recovery, cognitive assessment, falls, incontinence, and ethical decision-making.

A live and web-based faculty development course for internists, to improve their geriatrics teaching to students and residents precepted in a variety of settings, has been developed. Computerized clinical encounters have been developed as interactive ways of teaching specific geriatric curriculum in the inpatient and outpatient setting. In conjunction with two Hartford Foundation grants, programs have been developed to teach the relevant fundamentals of geriatric care to surgical and gynecology residents. A Health Services Research Administration grant has been obtained to teach geriatrics in the Physician Associate Program.

The overall goal of these efforts is to form a continuum of education for all healthcare providers on the appropriate approach to the care of the older person and the knowledge and skills necessary to provide excellent care to these individuals.

Yale Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology

The goals of our three-year fellowship program are to provide interested physicians with a strong clinical base and skills in geriatric medicine, research skills in clinical epidemiology, and an intensive research experience under

the mentorship of faculty with expertise in geriatrics and gerontology. Unique strengths of the Yale program include the diversity of available clinical experiences and the depth of expertise in clinical epidemiology and geriatric syndromes available through the Geriatric Medicine Program, the Program on Aging, the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, and the Investigative Medicine Program. Fellows receive comprehensive training in geriatric medicine during their first year, followed by two years of didactic training in research design and methodology and a supervised, hands-on research experience, culminating in peer-reviewed manuscripts and applications for independent grant support. Dr. Margaret Drickamer, Associate Professor of Medicine, directs the clinical component of the fellowship. The research component is supported by a training grant from the National Institute on Aging and is directed by Dr. Thomas Gill, Associate Professor of Medicine.

For qualified subspecialty fellows in internal medicine, we also offer a two-year training program in Geriatric Clinical Epidemiology and Aging-Related Research. Candidates must be committed to an academic career with an aging-related research focus and must have completed clinical training in their subspecialty field.

Currently, the Division of Geriatric Medicine supports seven geriatrics fellows, one subspecialty fellow from the Division of Infectious Disease, and one postdoctoral fellow from Epidemiology and Public Health. Three new geriatrics fellows are scheduled to start their training in July, 2004. Further details about our fellowship programs are available on the web at: <http://info.med.yale.edu/intmed/geriatrics/fellowship/fellowhome.htm>.

Geriatrics Special Interest Group

In April, Dr. Lisa Walke, Dr. Paul Kirwin (Geriatric Psychiatry) and Sophia Liu (YSM 1) organized the Geriatrics Special Interest Group. The objectives of the interest group are to serve as a resource for medical students who wish to pursue a career in Geriatrics and to discuss aging issues of relevance to all future physicians, regardless of specialty. Eleven first year medical students attended the introductory meeting to discuss plans for the 2004-2005 academic year. At the request of the interest group, a faculty-student reception was held in May. During the reception, faculty members discussed their research, clinical and teaching activities with the 18 medical students in attendance. This summer, several members of the interest group plan to initiate research collaborations with members of the Geriatrics Section and/or shadow faculty members in various clinical settings. Plans for the

upcoming academic year include a forum on aging issues with subspecialty physicians, Aging Career Week activities, and a panel discussion with older adults regarding their interactions with the medical community.

Faculty in the Section of Geriatrics

Joseph Agostini, M.D. – Assistant Professor of Medicine.
 Heather Allore, PhD – Associate Research Scientist
 Dorothy Baker, RN, PhD. – Research Scientist
 Sidney Bogardus, M.D. – Associate Professor of Medicine
 Director, Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center
 Leo Cooney, M.D. – Humana Foundation Professor of Geriatric Medicine
 Chief, Section of Geriatric Medicine
 Margaret Drickamer, M.D. – Associate Professor of Medicine
 Co-Director Yale University School of Medicine Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and Epidemiology

Director, Integrated Model of Aging in Geriatric Education
 Terri Fried, M.D. – Associate Professor of Medicine
 Thomas Gill, M.D. – Associate Professor of Medicine
 Co-Director Yale University School of Medicine Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and Epidemiology
 Susan Hardy, M.D. – Instructor in Medicine
 Grace Jenq, M.D. – Assistant Professor of Medicine
 Director, Resident Education in Geriatrics
 Richard Marottoli, M.D. – Associate Professor of Medicine
 Manager, Geriatrics and Extended Care, West Haven campus of VA Connecticut.
 Mary Tinetti, M.D. – The Gladys Phillips Crofoot Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health
 Director, Program on Aging
 Peter Van Ness, PhD – Associate Research Scientist
 Lisa Walke, M.D. – Assistant Professor of Medicine

Faculty Achievement Awards

The Department of Internal Medicine recently established Achievement Awards for faculty who are making exceptional contributions in the three core areas of the Departmental mission. All full-time faculty members within 15 years of their initial appointment as Assistant Professor are eligible for awards in Clinical Care or Education. Those full-time faculty members within 5 years of their initial appointment are eligible for the award in Research.

Candidates were nominated by their respective Section Chiefs and then evaluated on qualitative and quantitative measures of achievement in the core areas of Clinical Care, Education, and Research.

Dr. Coleman announced the following recipients of the awards at the June 7, 2004 faculty meeting.



Clinical Care: Dr. Joseph Brennan, Associate Professor, Section of Cardiology

Dr. Brennan is one of the Department's busiest clinicians and was designated a "Yale-New Haven All Star" based on the countless letters from patients lauding his clinical abilities. He is known to "...bring a unique ability to relate to patients." In addition, he displays "...exceptional technical skill and even more exceptional bedside skills based on an amalgam of sensitivity, empathy, confidence, and patience."

Education: Dr. Stephen Huot, Associate Professor, Section of Nephrology

Dr. Huot plays a critical leadership role in shaping the Department's residency training programs. He is the recipient of the Nickens Award from the Surgeon General for his "outstanding commitment to diversity in general internal medicine." The evaluations of Dr. Huot's teaching are consistently superior. "He has become an influential figure in internal medicine education nationally."



Research: Dr. Liana Fraenkel, Assistant Professor, Section of Rheumatology

Dr. Fraenkel is recognized as a leader in her field very early in her career. Her work is characterized as being "...extremely innovative, important, and unique." Since joining the faculty in 1999 she has received two VA career development awards, a K23 award, foundation support, and other VA grants.



Kudos



LLOYD N. FRIEDMAN, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine in the Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, received the David Russell Memorial Award from the American Lung Association of Connecticut. This award acknowledges Dr. Friedman's "meritorious contribution to the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis" and was presented at the Association's Centennial Ball in April. Dr. Friedman is a member of the National Committee for the Statement on the Treatment of Tuberculosis, the Connecticut Tuberculosis Elimination Advisory Committee, and the New Haven Tuberculosis Task Force. He is the Vice President of Medical Affairs and the Medical Director of Intensive Care and Respiratory Therapy at Milford Hospital.

RAJ KRISHNAMURTHY, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Section of General Internal Medicine, is this year's winner of Yale's prestigious Leah Lowenstein Award. Nominated by the Yale School of Medicine Class of 2004, Dr. Krishnamurthy received this award at this year's medical school graduation. This award is presented to the faculty member "*who most clearly provides positive images of women in promoting humane and egalitarian medical education.*" Comments regarding Dr. Krishnamurthy by students in their nomination letters included: "She's a great role model." "I was continually impressed by her enthusiasm for teaching, her dedication to her students, residents, and patients, and her encouragement." "She sets a wonderful example of the enthusiasm, thirst for knowledge, dedication to teaching, and humility that I would like to embody when I become a doctor." Along with her very highly regarded role as an educator, Dr. Krishnamurthy is Director of Primary Care at VA Connecticut, Associate Chief of Medicine at the VA, and Associate Program Director for the Traditional Residency Program. Dr. Krishnamurthy is one of General Medicine's and Department's most accomplished clinician-educators and leaders. She is a truly outstanding role model for students, residents and faculty alike! Congratulations and bravo!



BARRY J. WU, M.D., FACP, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, was chosen by the Yale School of Medicine Class of 2004 to receive the Francis Gilman Blake Award for outstanding teaching. This award was established in 1952 and given by the senior class to the most outstanding teacher of the medical sciences. Dr. Wu won this award previously in 1999 and joins seven other Yale faculty who have won this award more than once.

Meet the New Chief Residents for 2004-05

Traditional Residency Program



Jeffrey C. Munson, M.D.

After receiving his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Munson joined the housestaff at Yale in the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He completed residency in June, 2004 and will remain as a chief resident until June, 2005. Following completion of chief residency, Dr. Munson plans to pursue fellowship training in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.

Negoianu, M.D.



After graduating from Yale University and then receiving an MD degree from the Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Negoianu joined the housestaff at the Yale Internal Medicine Program. He completed his residency in June 2004 and will remain as Chief Resident until 2005. Following his Chief Residency, Dr. Negoianu will pursue a fellowship in Nephrology at the University of Pennsylvania.



Dena Rifkin, M.D.

Dr. Rifkin grew up in the Boston area and attended Harvard University as an undergraduate, studying computer science. She received her medical degree from the Yale School of Medicine. In 2001 she joined the Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program. After her chief residency she will be a nephrology fellow at Tufts University, studying clinical outcomes of patients with kidney disease. Her husband Scott is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Evolutionary Biology.

Jason N. Rogart, M.D.



After graduating from Brown Medical School, Dr. Rogart joined the housestaff of the Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program. He completed his residency in June 2004 and will remain as a chief resident until June 2005. Dr. Rogart will continue at Yale as a fellow in Gastroenterology immediately following the completion of his chief residency. His wife, Rafaela Dancygier, is currently working toward her Ph.D. in Political Science at Yale University.



Sarah M. Snelgrove, M.D.

After graduating from the Weill School of Medicine at Cornell University where she received her M.D. degree, Dr. Snelgrove joined the Yale Traditional Medicine Residency Program. She completed her residency in June 2004 and will continue as a chief resident until June 2005. She plans to specialize after her chief residency.

Primary Care Residency Program



William C. Becker, M.D.

After graduating Yale College in 1995, working for two years in Philadelphia and completing medical school at Temple University in 2001, Dr. Becker joined the housestaff at the Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program. He completed his residency in June 2004 and will remain as a chief resident until June 2005. Currently, Dr. Becker's research interests are focused on expanding access to treatment for opioid-dependent patients. Dr. Becker plans to pursue a Robert Wood Johnson clinical scholarship following his year of chief residency. Will's son, Owen, is a big fan of Thomas the Train.

Devan Kansagara, M.D.

Devan Kansagara grew up in Connecticut and attended Amherst College, majoring in English. He went to medical school at the University of Connecticut. His current academic interest is in chronic care management of diabetes; he is also involved in the development of a new multidisciplinary diabetes clinic in Waterbury. Devan plans to pursue a career in general academic medicine. His wife Sarah is a medical student at the University of Connecticut. Devan enjoys traveling, writing, and playing guitar.



Paul B. Tabereaux, M.D.,M.P.H.



After graduating from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine receiving a MD/MPH degree, Dr. Tabereaux joined the housestaff at the Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program. He completed his residency in June 2004 and will remain as a chief resident until June 2005. Currently, Dr. Tabereaux's research interests involve large, national administrative datasets used to investigate outcomes in patients with cardiac and cerebrovascular disease. He plans to pursue a cardiovascular fellowship position following his chief residency. Paul's wife, Christina, works as librarian at the Yale Sterling Memorial Library.

Jeanette M. Tetrault, M.D.

After completing both her undergraduate studies and medical school at Boston University, Dr. Tetrault joined the housestaff at the Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program. She completed her residency in June 2004 and will remain as a chief resident until June 2005. Currently, Dr. Tetrault's research interests involve urban medicine with a focus in the primary care of HIV-infected patients. Dr. Tetrault plans to pursue further training in General Internal Medicine following her chief residency.



Farewell to the Seniors and the Chiefs

The week of June 7 was a hectic one. On the 7th we had the graduation for the Medicine-Pediatrics Program at the Sage Grill in New Haven, on the 9th for the Primary Care Program at the Waterbury Country Club and on the 10th for the Traditional Program at 500 Blake Street. All three evenings were bittersweet events, as such events always are. We said goodbye to truly remarkable Chief Residents in the Primary Care and Traditional Programs, whose mettle was really tested this year with the new work hour regulations. The outgoing seniors were likewise remarkable folk. They are all moving on to do exactly what they came here to do. Those going on to fellowships have matched at outstanding programs. Please see their future plans in the lists below, provided by Kurtis Klinghammer, Registrar for the Internal Medicine Residency Programs.

Steve Huot & Cyrus Kapadia

Traditional Internal Medicine Program Graduating Residents

CHIEF RESIDENTS

Ashwin Balagopal, M.D.

Research Fellowship in Infectious Diseases & Immunology
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

David John Horne, M.D.

Clinical Educator
St. Mary's Hospital
Waterbury, Connecticut

Avlin Barlow Imaeda, M.D., Ph.D.

GI Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Amy Marie Nuernberg, M.D.

Occupational & Environmental Medicine Fellowship
Harvard School of Public Health
Boston, Massachusetts

Maya Jean Salameh, M.D.

Faculty, Department of General Internal Medicine
George Washington School of Medicine & Health Sciences
Washington, D.C.

3 YEAR GRADUATING RESIDENTS

Kathleen Marie Akgun, M.D.

Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

William Stuart Asch, M.D., Ph.D.

Nephrology Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Paige James Brennan, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Guang-Shing Cheng, M.D.

MICU Hospitalist
Yale-New Haven Hospital
New Haven, Connecticut
(awaiting results of Pulmonary Critical Care Match)

Sara Nielson Clark, M.D.

Endocrinology Fellowship
Albany Medical Center
Albany, New York

Matthew Peter Coggins, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Michael Zdenek David, M.D.

Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Pracha Peter Eamranond, M.D.

M.P.H. Program, Harvard School of Public Health
Clinical Research Fellowship, Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts

Sahar Ghassemi, M.D.

GI Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Yvonne Jean Huang, M.D.

Hospitalist
Yale-New Haven Hospital
New Haven, Connecticut
(awaiting results of Pulmonary Critical Care Match)

Karin Ann Kelley, M.D.

Medical Director
Hospital of St. Raphael's
New Haven, Connecticut
(awaits results of Pulmonary Critical Care Match)

Albert Henry Khine, M.D.

Gastroenterology Fellowship
University of Illinois at Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Laura Alice Kirkman, M.D.

Infectious Diseases Fellowship
New York Hospital Cornell
New York, New York

Benjamin Shay Chee Ko, M.D.

Nephrology Fellowship
University of Chicago Hospitals
Chicago, Illinois

Marc Z. Krichavsky, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Boston Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Judith Lynne Meadows, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Jeffrey Clark Munson, M.D.

Chief Resident/Instructor
Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Program
New Haven, Connecticut

Dan Negoianu, M.D.

Chief Resident/Instructor
Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Program
New Haven, Connecticut

Jason Raymond Ouellette, M.D.

Clinical Educator, Yale Primary Care Program
St. Mary's Hospital
Waterbury, Connecticut
(awaiting results of Cardiology Match)

Dena Evette Rifkin, M.D.

Chief Resident/Instructor
Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Program
New Haven, Connecticut

Jason Nathaniel Rogart, M.D.

Chief Resident/Instructor
Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Program
New Haven, Connecticut

Jason Corey Rubenstein, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Northwestern Hospital Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Shabnam Batool Shah, M.D.

Instructor in Medicine, Clinical Track
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, Georgia

J. Mark Sloan, M.D.

Hospitalist
Waterbury Hospital
Waterbury, Connecticut
(2005 - Hematology/Oncology at Dana Farber, Boston)

Sarah Margaret Snelgrove, M.D.

Chief Resident/Instructor
Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Program
New Haven, Connecticut

Gary Ping-Chuan Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

Infectious Diseases Fellowship
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Cynthia A. Warner, M.D.

Cardiology Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Harry Hyun-Chul Yoon, M.D.

Medical Oncology Fellowship
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

**RESIDENTS TAKING ABIM RESEARCH
PATHWAY**
Samantha A. DeMauro, M.D.

Endocrinology Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Matthew Strout, M.D., Ph.D.

Hematology/Oncology Fellowship
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

1 YEAR GRADUATING INTERNS**Amir Arsalan Afkhami, M.D., Ph.D.**

Psychiatry Residency
Cornell New York Hospital
New York, New York

I-Hweii Amy Chen, M.D.

Neurology Residency
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Bronx, New York

Connie M. Chung, M.D., Ph.D.

Dermatology Residency
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center
Richmond, Virginia

Farrah N. Daly, M.D., M.B.A.

Neurology Residency
University of Virginia Health System
Charlottesville, Virginia

Alexander A. Feller, M.D.

Psychiatry Residency
New York Presbyterian Hospital – Cornell
New York, New York

Daniel Kanada, M.D.

Diagnostic Imaging Residency
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Daniela Kroshinsky, M.D.

Dermatology Residency
SUNY Brooklyn Health Sciences Center/Downstate
Medical Center
Brooklyn, New York

Christina Alexandra LeBedis, M.D.

Radiology Residency
Boston Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Marianne Moon, M.D.

Radiology Research
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Boris I. Pavlin, M.D.

Viral Special Pathogens Group
CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service
Atlanta, Georgia

Christopher Andrew Severson, M.D.

Neurology Residency
Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham & Women's
Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

James Younghan Song, M.D.

Cardiology MRI Research
Yale-New Haven Hospital
New Haven, Connecticut

Cynthia Jasa Soto, M.D.

Neurology Residency
Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Joshua Angelo Tournas, M.D.**Nadeem Nurmohamed Vaidya, M.D.**

Ophthalmology Residency
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, New York

Primary Care Residency Program Graduating Residents

CHIEF RESIDENTS

Jane A. Hunter, M.D.

Private Practice - Internal Medicine
Connecticut

Stephen J. Oehlers, M.D.

Private Practice - Internal Medicine
Ohio

Stephanie Rennke, M.D.

Hospitalist Practice (2004)
Yale-New Haven Hospital, Connecticut
Hematology/Oncology Fellowship (2005)
Stanford University, California

Tanya Ruff, M.D.

Robert Wood Johnson Clinical
Scholars Fellowship
University of Michigan, Michigan

3 YEAR GRADUATING RESIDENTS

Shaker Alsadadi, M.D.

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Medical Grand Rounds

- July 1, 2004 “54 year old man with Hep C, Cryoglobuline and Stroke”
Fred Kantor, MD, Paul Beeson Professor, Section of Immunology
Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD, Professor, Section of Digestive Diseases
Asghar Rastegar, MD, Professor, Section of Nephrology
- July 8, 2004 “Young Woman with Nontraumatic Fractures and Amenorrhea”
Elizabeth Holt, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Section of Endocrinology
- July 15, 2004 “Patient with HIV Infection develops Hypertriglyceridemia, Diabetes and Buffalo Hump”
Michael Green, MD, Associate Professor, Section of General Medicine
- July 22, 2004 “Transplanting Evidence Into Practice: The Pharmacological Management of Atrial Fibrillation”
Robert McNamara, MD, Assistant Professor, Section of Cardiovascular Medicine
- July 22, 2004 “Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH): Fat Leading To Fibrosis”
Wajahat Mehal, MD, D.Phil., Assistant Professor, Section of Digestive Diseases Associate Research Scientist, Section of Immunobiology

Grand Rounds begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fitkin Amphitheatre.

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