

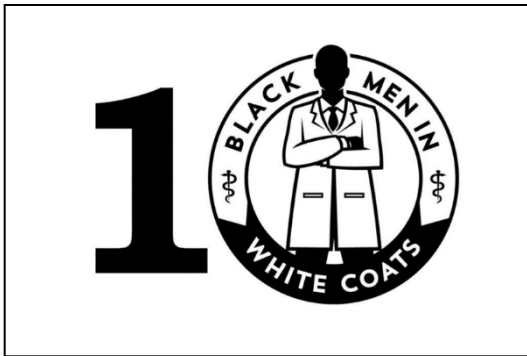
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ANNIVERSARIES

Okorodudu Continues Commitment to Organization He Founded a Decade Ago



In 2013, the Association of Medical Colleges reported that the number of Black men applying to medical school, which had been persistently low, was decreasing. In response, **Dale Okorodudu, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, started Black Men in White Coats, an organization with the aim of increasing the number of Black men in the medical profession by exposure, inspiration, and mentoring.

Today, the organization hosts youth summits, provides weekly virtual mentoring sessions, awards scholarships, and produces informative documentaries. Additionally, the group

has produced books, [videos](#) and [podcasts](#) highlighting healthcare professionals. In 2021, Dr. Okorodudu produced a full-length documentary, *Black Men in White Coats*, which has been shown at nearly every medical school and in communities across the nation.

To watch *Black Men in White Coats*, click [here](#).

RECENT JOB CHANGES

Staff Members Take on New Roles



We congratulate the following staff members who recently took on new positions within the Department:

- **Guoli Hu, Ph.D.** – Instructor, Nephrology
- **Jayda Johnson** – Administrative Associate, Hematology & Oncology
- **Patricia Mance** – Project Manager- Credentialing, Department Administration
- **Jeffrey Miyata** – Histology Technician, Hematology & Oncology – Kidney Cancer Program
- **Cara Neagoe** – Advanced Practice Nurse, Geriatric Medicine
- **Sunhee Oh** – Research Associate, Nephrology
- **Kesha Rivers** – Medical Office Assistant, Internal Medicine Subspecialty Clinic

noteworthy

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Liao to Speak on Population Health Care Interventions on Jan. 5



Joshua Liao, M.D., M.Sc., a Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Wayne T. and Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine, will deliver the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) Lecture on **Friday, Jan. 5, at 8 a.m. in D1.502**. His topic: Population Health Care Interventions: Outcomes and Equity Considerations.”

Dr. Liao received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and completed internal medicine residency training at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, where he was a clinical fellow at Harvard. He also holds a master’s degree in health policy research from the University

of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2024, Dr. Liao served as an Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Health Systems in the Department of Medicine at the University of Washington, where he served in several leadership roles, such as co-chair of the clinical innovation workgroup within the Department of Medicine and the enterprise-wide Associate Medical Director for Contracting and Value-Based Care. He founded a nationally recognized policy evaluation unit that became the formal evaluation partner for the Washington Health Care Authority, the largest purchaser of health care services in the state.

in case you missed it

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

De Lemos Discusses What’s Next in Cardiovascular Care



James de Lemos, M.D., a Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Division of Cardiology, recently participated in a [panel discussion](#) at the Southwestern Medical Foundation, during which he shared how a new tool can take regular health checkups and streamline the flow of information to get a diagnosis faster than before.

Originally from Riverside, California, Dr. de Lemos holds a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from the University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated *summa cum laude*. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed internal medicine residency training at UT

Southwestern, where he served as Chief Resident. He then obtained advanced training in cardiovascular medicine and served on the faculty at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston before returning to join the UT Southwestern faculty in 2000.

Dr. de Lemos holds the Sweetheart Ball - Kern Wildenthal, M.D., Ph.D., Distinguished Chair in Cardiology.

Articles and Videos Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [Liao Appointed Chief of Division of General Internal Medicine](#) (Via *CenterTimes Plus*, with **Joshua Liao, M.D., M.Sc.**)

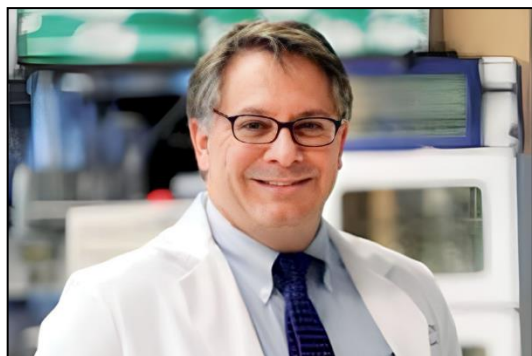
- [Dry January: The Health Benefits of Going 31 Days Without Alcohol](#) (Via *MedBlog*, with **Bethany Agusala, M.D.**)

[More Internal Medicine Events](#)

alumni news

TRANSITIONS

Douglas Vaughn Named Professor Emeritus After Serving as Chair



Douglas Vaughn, M.D., Director of the Potocsnak Longevity Institute at Northwestern University, has been named Irving S. Cutter Professor of Medicine Emeritus after serving for 15 years as Chair of Medicine. He will continue his research on coronary artery disease as well as the biological processes that drive aging, including the plasminogen activator system. He will also serve in the role of special counselor to the president and CEO of Northwestern Memorial Healthcare.

Dr. Vaughn received his medical degree from UT Southwestern, where he also completed internal medicine residency training and served as Chief Resident. He then

received advanced training in cardiovascular diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. As Chair of Medicine, he led the largest department at Northwestern, with approximately 531 full-time faculty, 550 staff, and 332 health system clinicians or contributed services faculty.

HONORS

Shelley Hall Receives Bradley Family Endowed Chair



In recognition of her outstanding work and research in the field of heart failure, **Shelly Hall, M.D.**, (UTSW Medical School Class of 1991, UTSW Internal Medicine Residency 1994, UTSW Cardiology Fellowship 1996, UTSW Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology Fellowship 1997), Chief of Transplant Cardiology, Mechanical Circulatory Support and Heart Failure for Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC), was named the Bradley Family Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine at Baylor Scott & White Health.

"Dr. Hall boasts an impressive academic and professional career, driven by her deep commitment to the profession and

the heart failure patients she has served at BUMC for the last 26 years. In her role, Dr. Hall has been instrumental in the development of the heart transplant program at BUMC...since the program's inception, she has actively participated in more than 900 transplant procedures and provided renewed hope for those patients grappling with advanced heart failure."

To read the entire article in *The Compass*, click [here](#) and scroll to page 3.

this week

MOSS HEART CENTER

Hill to Present Inaugural Seminar on Jan. 4



Joseph Hill, M.D., Ph.D., a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Director of the Moss Heart Center, will present the [first seminar](#) in a new monthly series sponsored by the Moss Heart Center. His topic: “Inflammatory Tales in Cardiovascular Medicine.”

The **in-person event** is scheduled to take place at noon on **Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024**, in F4.118. Lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dr. Hill’s research focuses on molecular mechanisms of structural, functional, and electrophysiological remodeling in

cardiac hypertrophy and heart failure.

For more details about the Moss Heart Center, click [here](#). To learn more about Dr. Hill’s research, visit the [Hill Lab site](#).

Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences

- **Thursday, Jan. 4, 8 a.m.:** [Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Brad Cutrell** (Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine) – “Effective Feedback Conversations: How Ted Lasso Can Help You and Your Learners”
- **Thursday, Jan. 4, Noon:** [Moss Heart Center Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. Joseph Hill** (Cardiology) – “Inflammatory Tales in Cardiovascular Medicine”
- **Friday, Jan. 5, Noon:** [Hematology & Oncology Faculty Recruitment Seminar](#) with **Dr. Helen Ajufo** (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) – “Challenges in the Management of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms”

on the horizon

RESEARCH

Rajagopalan to Launch Bimonthly Conference on Jan. 16



The **Internal Medicine Research Conference** begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, with a presentation by **Kartik Rajagopalan, M.D., Ph.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. His topic: “Defining Leptin’s Role in the Response to Influenza.”

Conferences will be held every two months at noon in E6.200. Lunch will be provided to those who register in advance.

To learn more about Dr. Rajagopalan’s research, visit the [Rajagopalan Lab site](#).

Look for the next *Medicine Minute* on **Tuesday, Jan. 9.**

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