

medicine minute

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LEADERSHIP

Styrvoky Appointed Director of Interventional Pulmonology



Kim Styrvoky, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has been appointed Director of the Interventional Pulmonology Program, after serving as Interim Director for five months.

“We have every confidence that Dr. Styrvoky has the vision and skills to steer our Interventional Pulmonology program through its next exciting phase of development,” says **Lance Terada, M.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. “Since assuming the role of Interim Director, she has moved forward with interviewing new staff, program recruitment, collaborating

with Advanced Practice Provider staff to enhance processes and outcomes, coordinating with nursing staff for the transition of patients through our clinic, and preparing for program expansion, including the structuring of a lung nodule screening clinic.”

Dr. Styrvoky holds a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry and history from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she graduated *summa cum laude*. She earned her medical degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and completed residency training in internal medicine at UT Southwestern, where she also received advanced training through a fellowship program in pulmonary and critical care medicine followed by training in interventional pulmonary.

Dr. Styrvoky joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2016.

RECENT JOB CHANGES

Faculty, Staff Members Take on New Roles



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

- **Amin Amin, M.D.** – Assistant Professor, Digestive & Liver Diseases
- **Eduardo Beal** – Public Education Community Outreach Coordinator, Community Prevention & Intervention Unit
- **Phoebe Carter, Ph.D.** – Postdoctoral Researcher, Nephrology
- **Maria Dominguez** – Program Coordinator, Research Administration
- **Surbhi Gahlot, Ph.D.** – Instructor, Hypothalamic Research

- **Edgar Gonzalez** – Public Education Community Outreach Coordinator, Community Prevention & Intervention Unit
- **Lilibeth Goode** – GME Program Coordinator III, Endocrinology
- **Praveen Jaiswal, Ph.D.** – Assistant Instructor, Hematology & Oncology
- **Alvaro Noriega Ramirez** – Clinical Research Coordinator I, Digestive & Liver Diseases
- **Harini Ramalingam, Ph.D.** – Instructor, Nephrology

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DESIGNATED HOLIDAY

Clinics, Academic Offices, and Labs Closed on Monday, Feb. 19



Presidents' Day, **Feb. 19**, is a [designated holiday](#) for UTSW, a time to recognize the contributions America's presidents have made to the nation.

All UTSW clinics, central administration, academic offices, and research labs will be closed. Our hospitals will be fully operational with appropriate staff in support areas.

If you have questions about the holiday policy, call Human Resources at 214-648-0821.

GRANT WRITING

Master the R Series Bootcamp Scheduled for March

Those who are actively writing an R01 or similar submission for an upcoming grant deadline and the people who advise them can participate in the Master the R Series Bootcamp, a four-part series presented during the **Fridays of March from 3 to 5 p.m.** (local time). The series will be provided free of charge through the Bouvier Grant Group and will be recorded so participants can stay on schedule.

To register, click [here](#). For more details, click [here](#).

in case you missed it

NEWSROOM

AEDs Often Not Used in Cardiac Arrest, Even Where They're Mandated



Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are underutilized during cardiac arrest episodes despite laws in some states requiring their availability in high-risk areas such as athletic facilities, researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center found. The devices can save lives by shocking the heart back into normal rhythm.

According to the study, published in [JAMA Internal Medicine](#), state mandates have not improved bystander AED use at recreational facilities.

“Nearly half of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims in our study had an initial shockable rhythm, which is a potentially fatal heart rhythm that can be restored back to normal with the prompt and appropriate use of a defibrillator,” said study first author Ahmed A. Kolkailah, M.D., M.Sc., a fellow in UT Southwestern’s Division of Cardiology. “Despite their critical value, AEDs were used by bystanders in fewer than 20% of those incidents, and this pattern of AED use was similar in states with and without laws mandating AEDs at athletic facilities.”

To read the entire news release, click [here](#).

Articles and Videos Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [Broken Heart Syndrome is Mysterious, but Real](#) (Via MedBlog, with **Sharon Reimold, M.D.**)

this week

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Lussier to Discuss Mitigating Disability Bias on Feb. 16



Bethany Lussier, M.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, will present the Internal Medicine Grand Rounds lecture on **Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 a.m. in D1.502 and on Zoom**. Her topic: “Having Difficult Conversations with Patients with Chronic Disabilities: Mitigating Disability Bias in Prognostication and Resource Allocation.”

Originally from Norwich, Connecticut, Dr. Lussier holds a bachelor’s degree in neuroscience and cell biology from Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey. She earned her medical degree at Robert Wood Johnson School of

Medicine in Piscataway and completed internal medicine residency training at Columbia University in Stamford, Connecticut. She then completed advanced training through fellowships in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Boston Medical Center and neurocritical care at UT Southwestern.

She currently serves as the Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit and of the Neuromuscular Pulmonology and Home Ventilation Clinic at Parkland Health.

Dr. Lussier joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2016.

Noteworthy Lectures & Events

- **Tuesday, Feb. 13, Noon:** [Ethics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Deborah E. Lowen** (Tennessee Department of Children’s Services) – “Medical Ethics Related to Child Abuse”
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 a.m.:** [Hematology & Oncology Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Anand Padmanabhan** (Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science) – “Anti-Platelet Factor 4 Antibody-Mediated Thrombotic Syndromes”
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Sarah Wingfield** (Geriatric Medicine) – “Geriatrics: Past, Present, and Future”
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m.:** [2024 Capra Interdisciplinary Healthcare Symposium](#) with **Dr. Marky McNutt** (McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development) – “Rare Disease from A to Zebra”
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m.:** [Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center Experimental Therapeutics Pancreatic Cancer](#) Initiative with **Dr. Ravi Maddipati** (Digestive & Liver Diseases) et al.
- **Thursday, Feb. 15, 8 a.m.:** [Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Robert Centor** (University of Alabama at Birmingham) – “Fusobacterium Necrophorum: What We Know and What We Do Not Know”



Internal Medicine Events Calendar

[Click to view additional events](#)

hot jobs in internal medicine

Looking to advance your career? Check these job openings:

- [Department Facilities Administrator](#)
- [Clinic Manager, Endocrinology and Weight Wellness](#)
- [Clinic Manager, Rheumatology, Infectious Diseases, and Blood Disorders](#)

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O'DONNELL BRAIN INSTITUTE

OBI Symposium to Focus on Neuroimmunology of CNS Disorders



The third annual **Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute Symposium** will be held on **Wednesday, March 27, and Thursday, March 28**, in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium.

The free in-person event will consist of didactic lectures, case studies, and interactive Q&A discussions in five sessions: 1) Viral models of CNS autoimmunity (early MS); 2) MS phenotypes; 3) Disease-modifying factors in CNS autoimmunity; 4) Cellular mediators of CNS inflammation; and 5) Other neuroinflammatory conditions (psychiatric disease, neurodegeneration, encephalitides).

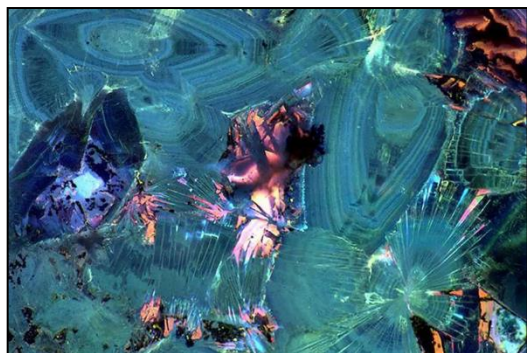
Faculty members include **David Beckham, M.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, who will present "Innate Immune Response in the Brain to Viral Pathogens."

Dr. Beckham holds the Jay P. Sanford Professorship in Infectious Diseases.

To register for the symposium, click [here](#). To view the symposium agenda and faculty presenters, click [here](#).

RESEARCH

Experts to Speak on Urolithiasis at Pak Symposium



The third **Pak Symposium on Mineral Metabolism Research** is scheduled for **Friday, April 5, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium (NG3.112). The focus on this year's conference will be urolithiasis, a condition that occurs when kidney stones pass into the urinary tract.

Fredric L. Coe, M.D., a Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago, will present the keynote address: "Interactions Between Crystal Deposits, Inflammation and Renal Physiology in Pathogenesis of Calcium Renal Stones."

Other visiting presenters include **Barbara Cellini, Ph.D.**, an Associate Professor of Biochemistry from the University of Perugia in Italy; **Hatim Hassan, M.D., Ph.D.**, an Associate Professor of Medicine from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; and **Jeffrey D. Rimer, Ph.D.**, a Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering from the University of Houston.

UT Southwestern presenters include **Naim Maalouf, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Endocrinology and Associate Director of the Charles and Jane Pak Center for Mineral Metabolism and Clinical Research; **Orson Moe, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Nephrology and Director of the Pak Center; and **Margaret Pearle, M.D., Ph.D.**, a Professor of Urology and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Maalouf holds the Frederic C. Bartter Professorship in Vitamin D Research. Dr. Moe holds the Charles and Jane Pak Distinguished Chair in Mineral Metabolism Research and the Donald Seldin Professorship in Clinical Investigation. Dr. Pearle holds the Dr. Ralph C. Smith Distinguished Chair in Urologic Education.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

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UPDATE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Annual CME Conference Scheduled for April 13



The annual Update in Internal Medicine CME Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13, from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The course, under the direction of **Brad Cutrell, M.D.**, and **Vlad Zaha, M.D., Ph.D.**, will offer state-of-the-art, practical advice on common conditions and new developments in women's health, vascular medicine, thyroid nodule and cyst management, central nervous system infections, and much more. The one-day live event will again be offered as a hybrid learning experience, with synchronous in-person and online presentations in addition to pre-recorded on-demand content. The presentations will be available for up to one year after the conference, totaling 18 units of CME credit and the opportunity

to apply for MOC within the timing requirements of the ABIM rules.

To learn more or to register for the event, click [here](#).

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NETWORKING

Faculty Development Workshop Scheduled for Feb. 27

Faculty members from the departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics will present a faculty development and networking workshop on **Tuesday, Feb. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Faculty Club**. The workshop, "A Rich Life: How to Thrive in Your Academic Career," will focus on clinician and clinician-educator faculty who are in their first seven to 10 years of service.

Led by **Jessica Moreland, M.D.**, a Professor of Microbiology and Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, and **Suzanne Farmer, Ph.D.**, Assistant Vice President for Organizational Development and Training, the workshop will include an overview of faculty development programs and resources, a faculty panel representing a diverse range of career journeys, and breakout sessions with faculty facilitators.

To register for the workshop, click [here](#).

Look for the next *Medicine Minute* on **Tuesday, Feb. 20**.
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