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HONORS

McGuire Receives Edwin Bierman Award



Darren Keith McGuire, M.D., M.H.Sc., a Professor in the Division of Cardiology, has received the Edwin Bierman Award from the American Diabetes Association.

Edwin L. Bierman, M.D., is remembered for his work on the physiologic and nutritional regulation of lipoprotein metabolism and the nature of lipid and lipoprotein disorders, particularly in obesity and diabetes. He was also a pioneer in using human cultured cells to study atherosclerosis. The Bierman Award recognizes a leading scientist in the field of macrovascular complications and contributing risk factors in diabetes.

Dr. McGuire's main clinical and research interests are in the long-term prevention of and risk-modification for cardiovascular disease, especially among patients with diabetes. He has received numerous teaching awards, most notably the UT System Board of Regents Outstanding Teaching Award in 2013.

"I have to say, this is pretty special for me," Dr. McGuire says.

A Distinguished Teaching Professor, Dr. McGuire holds the Jere H. Mitchell, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Science.

INFLUENCERS

King Elected to APDIM Advisory Council



Kimberly King, C-TAGME, a GME Coordinator in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, has been elected to a three-year term on the Program Administrators Advisory Council of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM).

Before joining Internal Medicine in 2019 as a program coordinator in the residency program, Ms. King spent nine years supporting various education programs in the departments of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Anesthesiology and Pain Management. Currently, she coordinates the Hematology and Medical Oncology fellowship

and the Advanced Clinical Breast Cancer Research fellowship programs.

In 2023, she received the Donald W. Seldin Award for Outstanding Service by a Classified Employee.

CLINICAL TRIALS

Singal Launches Liver Cancer Screening Trial



Amit Singal, M.D., a Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, Medical Director of the Liver Tumor Program and Chief of Hepatology, recently launched a NIH-funded trial comparing a blood-based biomarker vs. ultrasound for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) screening. The five-year trial seeks to enroll 5,500 participants over 10 sites, with UT Southwestern serving as the primary lead. Other principal investigator sites include the University of Michigan, Baylor College of Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania.

“If this trial proves that the biomarker panel is able to improve early detection of liver cancer compared to ultrasound (the current standard of care), it would support inclusion of the panel into guidelines and change clinical practice to use the panel instead of ultrasound as the standard approach to HCC screening,” Dr. Singal says. “Increasing early detection is one of the key targets to reduce HCC-related mortality. Most HCCs are currently detected at a late stage when prognosis is notably worse. Median survival of early-stage HCC is five to 10 years, whereas median survival of patients with more advanced tumor burden is only one to three years.”

Dr. Singal is a Dedman Family Scholar in Clinical Care and holder of the Willis C. Maddrey, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Liver Disease.

GRANTS

Infante to Co-Lead Program on Diversity in Cancer Research



Rodney Infante, M.D., Ph.D., an Associate Professor in the Center for Human Nutrition with a secondary appointment in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, has been named Program Co-Leader for the Diversity in Cancer Research (DICR) Post Baccalaureate Grant, which has received \$8 million in funding over three years from the American Cancer Society (ACS). The certificate program, led by **Melanie Cobb, Ph.D.**, a Professor of Pharmacology, will support career development for four post-baccalaureate scholars.

In his role, Dr. Infante will co-lead the selection committee and oversee the creation and monitoring of individual scholar development plans. He also will assist with application review and mentor pairing. Dr. Infante is among the pre-selected faculty mentors and may directly mentor an ACS DICR post-baccalaureate trainee.

Dr. Infante holds the Kern and Marnie Wildenthal President's Research Council Professorship in Medical Science. Dr. Cobb holds the Jane and Bill Browning Jr. Chair in Medical Science.

FUNDING

Pandey Receives AHA Grant to Develop Learning Platform



Ambarish Pandey, M.D., M.S.C., an Associate Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Associate Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, has received a \$500,000 grant from the American Heart Association to develop and test a federated learning platform to screen for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. **Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Vice Provost and Sr. Associate Dean for Clinical Research, and **Duwayne Willet, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Chief Medical Informatics Officer for the UT Southwestern Health System, will serve as co-investigators.

Dr. Pandey's research is focused on predicting and preventing heart failure at a population level. His work has focused on lifestyle risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity as potentially modifiable targets for the prevention of heart failure. He is developing novel screening strategies that can identify the individuals at highest risk for heart failure and target them with effective preventive interventions.

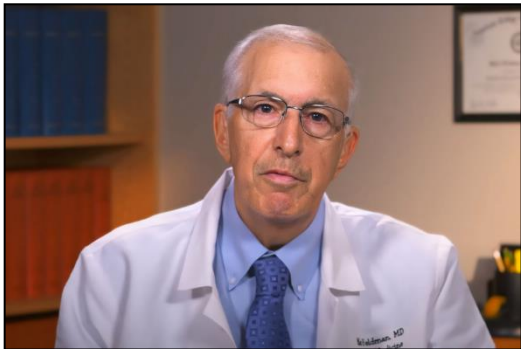
Dr. Peterson holds the Adelyn and Edmund M. Hoffman Distinguished Chair in Medical Science.

Dr. Willet holds the Haberecht Family Chair in Medical Informatics, in Honor of DuWayne Willett, M.D.

To learn more about Dr. Pandey's research, visit the [CardioMetabolic Research Unit lab site](#).

in memoriam

Dr. Mark Feldman, Former Professor



Mark Feldman, M.D., retired former Chair of Internal Medicine at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas and Former Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, died Tuesday, March 5, 2024. He was 77 years old.

Dr. Feldman was the longtime Director of the hospital's Internal Medicine Residency Program, had served as Medical Director of Research at Texas Health Dallas, and had held leadership positions at the Dallas VA Medical Center, including Chief of Gastroenterology and Chief of Medicine. He served on the UT Southwestern faculty from 1977 to 2001.

"Mark was a superb leader and remarkable gastroenterologist," says **Salahuddin "Dino" Kazi, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Rheumatic Diseases, Vice Chair of Education, and Internal Medicine Residency Program Director. "I served as Mark's assistant chief of medicine at the VA for five years. The residents adored him – he was a true intellectual force."

Dr. Feldman served as an editor of *Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease*, named the world's top gastroenterology textbook by the British Medical Association. He authored more than 175 peer-reviewed research articles, published in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of American Medical Association*, and *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, among others. The accolades he received for his professional accomplishments were numerous and included prestigious awards from the American Gastroenterological Association and the American College of Physicians.

"Beyond his highly accomplished career, Dr. Feldman was a warm and caring physician and mentor," says **Ezra Burstein, M.D., Ph.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of Digestive and Liver Diseases. "I remember vividly my first rotation as an intern at the VA, where I had the good fortune of having him as my attending, an opportunity that eventually developed into life-long friendship and mentorship, which I will forever treasure."

A Philadelphia native, Dr. Feldman held a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Temple University and graduated first in his class from Temple University School of Medicine, where he completed his medical residency. He then completed fellowship training in gastroenterology at UT Southwestern.

Dr. Burstein holds the Berta M. and Cecil O. Patterson Chair in Gastroenterology.

To read Dr. Feldman's obituary, click [here](#).



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CLINICAL CARE

Bollineni Named Assistant Director of Lung Transplant



Srinivas Bollineni, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has been named Assistant Director of UT Southwestern's Lung Transplant Program, which is the eighth largest in the nation.

Originally from India, Dr. Bollineni received his medical degree from Sri Venkateswara Medical College in India and completed internal medicine residency training at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. He then completed advanced training through a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Dr. Bollineni joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2010.

CLINIC MANAGEMENT

Lowery to Serve as Rheumatology, ID, and Blood Disorders Clinic Manager

Candice Lowery, M.S.N., RN, a Nurse Supervisor in the Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology Clinic, has accepted the position of Clinic Manager for the Rheumatology, Infectious Diseases (ID), and Blood Disorders Clinic.

"Candice is deeply passionate about quality improvement projects, integrating data into care, and continuous learning about disease processes," says **Sharon Reimold, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Vice Chair for Clinical Operations and Faculty Development. "Candice is eager to immerse herself in learning more about all the subspecialties, staff, and providers on the ninth floor. A secret not-so-secret is that she is competitive at work and strives to have clinics achieve the highest metrics!"

Originally from St. Louis, Ms. Lowery holds a master's degree in nursing from Walden University. She began her career at UT Southwestern in 2018 as an ambulatory triage nurse in the Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology Clinic, advancing to her current position a year later. She will begin her new role in April.

Dr. Reimold holds the Gail Griffiths Hill Chair in Cardiology.

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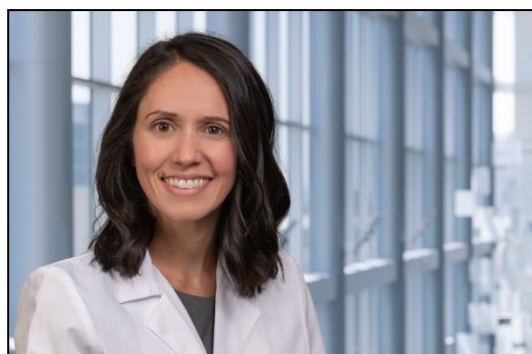
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INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Bhavsar-Burke to Discuss Education Coaching on March 15



Indira Bhavsar-Burke, M.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Friday, March 15, at 8 a.m. in D1.502**. Her topic: “Coaching for Competency: Cultivating Agency and Improving Learning Outcomes in Post-Graduate Education.”

Dr. Bhavsar-Burke earned her medical degree at Marshall University in West Virginia. She completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Virginia, a gastroenterology fellowship at Indiana University, and a transplant hepatology fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. She also

holds a master’s degree in health professions education from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Bhavsar-Burke joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2023.

Noteworthy Lectures & Events

- **Tuesday, March 12, Noon:** [Ethics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Rebecca Weintraub Brendel** (Harvard Medical School) – “Bioethics and COVID-19: Lessons for a Post-Pandemic Future”
- **Tuesday, March 12, Noon:** [Pathology Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. Christopher Allen** (University of California San Francisco) – “Regulation of IgE Production and the Initiation of Allergic Immune Responses”
- **Wednesday, March 13, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Belinda Vicioso** (Geriatric Medicine) – “Motoric Cognitive Syndrome – A Second Look”
- **Thursday, March 14, Noon:** [Vertically Integrated Programs in Cancer Faculty Panel](#) with **Dr. Jue Wang** (Hematology and Oncology) and others – “From Observation to Publication”
- **Thursday, March 14, Noon:** [Renal Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Mustafa Tajkhanji** (Nephrology) – “VALOR-CKD: RCT Evaluating Veverimer in Slowing Progression of CKD in Patients with Metabolic Acidosis”



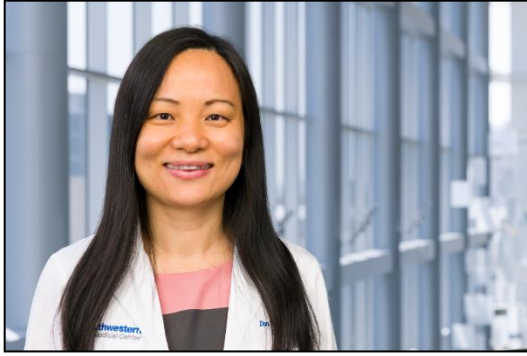
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on the horizon

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Tong to Present Research on HFpEF on March 19



Dan (Amanda) Tong, M.D., Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology, will present the [Internal Medicine Research Conference](#) on **Tuesday, March 19, at noon in E6.200**. Her topic: “Bad Blood and Mad Atria – New Players in the HFpEF.”

As a physician-scientist, Dr. Tong’s research and clinical interests are focused on cardiovascular conditions that are closely associated with metabolic diseases, particularly heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF) and atrial fibrillation.

Lunch will be provided to those who [register](#) in advance.

To attend virtually, click [here](#).

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Experts to Speak on Urolithiasis at Mineral Metabolism Event

The third **Pak Symposium on Mineral Metabolism Research** is scheduled for **Friday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium (NG3.112). The focus of 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.”

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

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.

“The conference is ideal for trainees who may be preparing for their boards, hospitalists who want up-to-date guidelines, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and specialists in internal medicine and family practice,” Dr. Zaha says. “The diversity of topics, expertise of presenters, and content availability for up to one year make this a valuable learning experience.”

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

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Registration Now Open for GI Conference



What's New in GI," a one-day, in-person CME course on **Saturday, April 20**, will provide attendees with practical information that can be applied today in their clinical practice.

Directed by Associate Professor **Neha Patel, M.D.**, and Assistant Professor **David Fudman, M.D.**, from the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, the course is designed for gastroenterologists, GI surgeons, internal medicine physicians, family practice physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other healthcare providers who have an interest in gastroenterology.

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

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COMMUNITY

Join Team UTSW at the Take Steps Walk on April 20



UT Southwestern is sponsoring the **Take Steps Walk**, an annual event that benefits the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, on **Saturday, April 20**, at Oak Point Park in Plano. **David Fudman, M.D.**, an Assistant professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, is leading the UTSW team at the event.

"The purpose of this event is to help accelerate research, advance treatments, and provide education and support programs to improve quality of life for patients living with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) – with an ultimate goal of curing Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis," Dr. Fudman

says.

To join the team, contact [Susan Hughes](#).

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