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SERVICE

Khera to Chair AHA's Annual Meeting



More than 50 faculty and trainees from the Division of Cardiology and the Department of Internal Medicine will make presentations during the **American Heart Association's 2024 Scientific Sessions**, the organization's flagship meeting and one of the largest annual cardiovascular meetings in the world. The meeting will take place Nov. 16-18 in Chicago.

"This year's meeting is even more special as we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the AHA," says **Amit Khera, M.D., M.Sc.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Director of the Preventive Cardiology Program who will serve as the conference chair. "I have had the good fortune of

leading a team of over 130 cardiovascular disease experts and researchers to develop the program for this meeting. The participation of so many UT Southwestern medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty is a testament to the robust clinical and research programs in cardiovascular disease at our institution, as well as the many national leaders on our faculty."

HONORS

Parikh to Deliver UNC's Annual Gottschalk Lecture



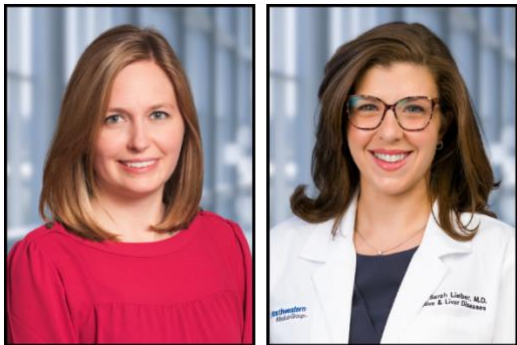
Samir M. Parikh, M.D., a Professor and Division Chief of Nephrology, will deliver the annual Carl W. Gottschalk Lecture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) later this month.

Dr. Gottschalk was a Distinguished Research Professor of Medicine at UNC-CH. During his 40-year career as a member of the faculty, he made notable discoveries about how the kidneys concentrate urine, as well as the theory of countercurrent multiplication that explains the process. He was also instrumental in securing Medicare funding of dialysis.

Dr. Parikh's research into metabolic mechanisms of kidney resilience has been recognized with the 2018 Sir William Osler Award from the Interurban Clinical Club and the 2019 Donald Seldin Award from the American Society of Nephrology and the American Heart Association.

RECOGNITION

King and Lieber Receive LEAD Capstone Project Awards



Helen King, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, and **Sarah Lieber, M.D., M.S.C.R.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, have received the Dean's Recognition Award for their LEAD Capstone projects.

Participants in the [LEAD \(Leadership Emerging in Academic Departments\) program](#) develop an individual Capstone project that identifies and proposes to address a current leadership, management, policy, or practice improvement challenge confronting their unit at UT Southwestern.

Dr. King was awarded for "Increasing HIV PrEP Uptake at Parkland Through a Clinical Pharmacist-led Program."

Dr. Lieber was awarded for "Incorporating a Nurse Champion into Clinical Care for Liver Transplant Recipients to Promote Survivorship and Improved Outcomes."

They are among 37 junior faculty in the [current cohort](#), 15 of whom are from Internal Medicine.

Dr. King holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Georgia in Athens. She earned her medical degree at Mercer University in Macon and completed internal medicine residency training at the University of California San Diego, where she also received advanced training through an infectious diseases fellowship. She joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2017.

Dr. Lieber holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Harvard University. She earned her medical degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and completed a residency in internal medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. She then received advanced training in gastroenterology and transplant hepatology through fellowships at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also holds a master's degree in clinical research from UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr. Lieber joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2020.

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ADMINISTRATION

Willig Appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education



James H. Willig, M.D., M.S.P.H., a Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases and Assistant Dean of Clinical Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), has been appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education with a primary faculty appointment in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, effective Feb. 10, 2025.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Dr. Willig earned his medical degree at the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo. He completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Virginia Roanoke-Salem and infectious

diseases fellowship training at UAB, where he also obtained a master's degree in public health.



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PODCASTS

Kuppalli Discusses Growing Concern Over Increase in Mpox



The rise in mpox, particularly in Central and West Africa, has become a global public health concern. Previously known as monkeypox, mpox is similar to smallpox but less deadly. **Krutika Kuppalli, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, discusses the reasons for the increase in mpox transmissions, including decreased immunity from ending smallpox vaccinations and environmental changes that may affect its spread, in a recent podcast from Voices for Vaccines, a Georgia-based nonprofit that promotes public awareness of vaccines, vaccine science, and vaccine confidence.

Dr. Kuppalli discusses vaccines used to protect high-risk populations from mpox and the ongoing effort to make the vaccines more accessible.

To listen to the Vax Talk podcast, click [here](#).

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

SWAG Committee to Discuss Medical and Parental Leave on Nov. 14



The SWAG (Supporting Women in Achieving Greatness) Committee will be hosting a virtual conversation on **Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.** via Zoom. The topic: “A Review of Medical and Parental Leave Changes.”

The discussion will be led by **Lanna Felde, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor, **Blair Solow, M.D., M.S.C.S.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Rheumatic Diseases, and **Rina Mauricio, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology.

To participate via Zoom, click [here](#).

LEADERS IN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Five Faculty Members Among Honorees on Nov. 14



The annual Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards will be presented on **Thursday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium. The ceremony will be hosted by UTSW President **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, and will include recognition of **Jonathan Dowell, M.D.**, a Professor in the Hematology and Oncology Division, who will receive an Institutional Service Award; **Ildiko Lingvay, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.C.S.**, a Professor in the Division of Endocrinology, who will receive a Mentoring Award; **Bonnie Prokesch, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, who will receive a Patient and Family Recognition Award; **Fiona Strasserking, M.D.**, an Assistant

Professor in the Division of Cardiology, who will receive the President’s Award for Diversity and Humanism in Clinical Care; and **Miguel Vasquez, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Nephrology, who will receive

UT Southwestern's highest honor in clinical care, the Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine.

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

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Madanat to Lecture About MDS Management on Nov. 15



Yazan F. Madanat, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Friday, Nov. 15, at 8 a.m.** in D1.502. His topic: "From Mystery to Mastery: Game-Changing Tools for Low-Risk MDS."

Originally from Amman, Jordan, Dr. Madanat earned his medical degree at the University of Jordan. He received internal medicine residency training at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio in addition to fellowship training in hematology and medical oncology with clinical and research focus on myeloid malignancies, myelodysplastic syndromes,

myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms (MDS/MPN) and acute myeloid leukemia.

Dr. Madanat's clinical research interests lie in understanding the molecular and genomic drivers of disease and incorporating novel therapies for patients. He joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2019.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Nair-Gill to Discuss Protein's Influence on Cell Fate



Evan Nair-Gill, M.D., Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Rheumatic Diseases, will present the [Internal Medicine Research Conference](#) on **Friday, Nov. 15, at noon** in D1.502. His topic: "The Influence of Lrp10 on Cell Fate Decisions Within the Immune System."

Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, Dr. Nair-Gill holds a bachelor's degree in biological chemistry from the University of Chicago. He earned his doctoral and medical degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. He completed his doctoral thesis in the Owen Witte Lab, where he studied immune cell metabolism to develop imaging probes for non-

invasive measurements of immune function. He then obtained internal medicine residency training and rheumatology fellowship training at UT Southwestern. During his fellowship, he worked in the Beutler Lab, where he investigated the cellular mechanisms that control lymphocyte quiescence.

Dr. Nair-Gill joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2019. His lab focuses on dissecting the cellular infrastructure that dictates immune cell survival and fate decisions.

To learn more about Dr. Nair-Gill's research, visit the [Nair-Gill lab site](#).

Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences

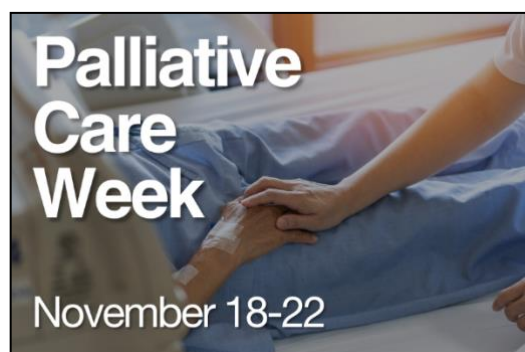
- **Tuesday, Nov. 12, Noon:** [Cell Biology Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. Rosalind Segal** (Harvard Medical School) – "Cancer, Chemotherapy and Nerves"
- **Tuesday, Nov. 12, Noon:** [Ethics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Erica K. Salter** (St. Louis University) – "When 'Why' Matters: Reasons in Pediatric Decision-Making"

- **Tuesday, Nov. 12, Noon:** [Pathology Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. David A. Quigley** (University of California San Francisco) – “Genomic and Epigenomic Mechanisms of Resistance to Targeted Prostate Cancer Therapy”
- **Tuesday, Nov. 12, Noon:** [Reproduction, Development & Cancer Seminar](#) with **Dr. Bluma Lesch** (Yale University) – “Intergenerational Epigenetic Inheritance of Cancer Risk”
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Joseph Flaherty** (Geriatric Medicine) – “Hospital Care For Older Adults: Going Beyond ‘Things We Do For No Reason™’”
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13, Noon.:** [Excellence in Immunology Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Theodoros Kelesidis** (Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine) – “Immunopathogenesis of HIV and SARS-CoV-2 Infections”
- **Thursday, Nov. 14, Noon:** [CRI Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. Rushika Perera** (University of California San Francisco) – “Identifying Metabolic Dependencies of Primary versus Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer”
- **Friday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.:** [Pancreatic Cancer Program Meeting](#) with **Dr. Andrew Ko** (University of California San Francisco) – “Tackling Pancreatic Cancer in 2024: Challenges and Innovations”

upcoming events

HEALTHCARE OBSERVANCES

Palliative Care Team to Present Learning Opportunities in November



November is **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month**, a time to recognize the valuable contributions to patient care made by hospice and palliative medicine providers.

UT Southwestern's Palliative Care team has set aside the week of **November 18-22** to highlight the importance of palliative care and emphasize the need for advance care planning.

The weeklong observance will include hybrid presentations designed to help healthcare providers deliver quality care to patients with advanced illness at the end of life.

The team will also staff an Advance Care Planning table throughout the week **from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** outside the CUH cafeteria to assist in preparing advance directives. Staff, patients, and hospital guests are invited to visit the table to complete advance directive documents at no cost.

To learn more about the week's events, click [here](#).



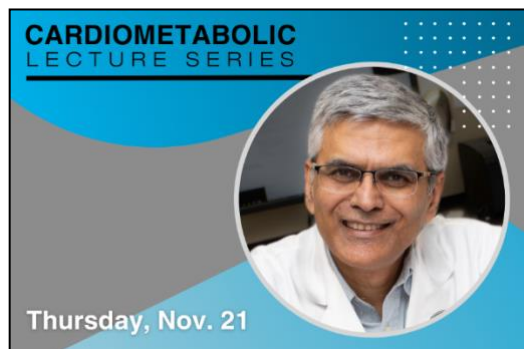
Internal Medicine Events Calendar

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reminders

CARDIOMETABOLIC LECTURE SERIES

Nephrologist Agarwal to Speak About Protecting the Heart During Kidney Treatment on Nov. 21



Rajiv Agarwal, M.B.B.S., a Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine and a nephrologist practicing at the Roudebush VA Medical Center, will speak as part of the [Cardiometabolic Lecture Series](#) on **Thursday, Nov. 21, at noon in D1.602**. His topic: “Treating the Kidney, Protecting the Heart: What is the Evidence?”

Dr. Agarwal earned his medical degree from the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi and completed his Nephrology fellowship at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He has authored over 450 research papers and reviews and has delivered lectures at numerous prestigious events and

institutions, both nationally and internationally. His key contributions are in hypertension in chronic kidney disease, particularly in patients on hemodialysis. His research has been continuously funded by the NIH since 2003. He received the Clinical Excellence Award from the American Nephrologists of Indian Origin (ANIO) and was recognized as a “Highly Cited Researcher in Clinical Medicine 2023” by Clarivate for multiple influential papers ranking in the top 1 percent of citations.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Annual Liver Conference Set for Dec. 7



The Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases will host its 8th Annual Update on Liver Diseases on **Saturday, Dec. 7**, at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel.

The annual course, co-directed by **Amit Singal, M.D.**, and **Indira Bhavsar-Burke, M.D.**, will update providers on a diverse range of topics including evaluation of liver tests, non-invasive markers of fibrosis, viral hepatitis, autoimmune liver disease, alcohol and metabolic associated fatty liver disease, cirrhosis, portal hypertension, primary liver cancer and liver transplantation. The conference focuses on recent advances, publications and expert opinions. In addition to didactic

lectures, case presentations are included to make the activity interactive and practical.

To learn more about the conference, click [here](#). To register for the conference, click [here](#).

correction

An announcement in the Nov. 5 edition incorrectly identified Adnan Khan's advanced degree. He is Adnan Khan, M.D., not Adnan Khan, M.B.B.A.

When we learn of a mistake, we acknowledge it with a correction. If you spot an error, please let us know at IMNews@UTSouthwestern.edu. To learn more about how we handle corrections, visit [MEDpoint](#).

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