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HONORS

Seldin Research Symposium Award Recipients Announced

At the conclusion of the Foster Fellows presentations during the April 4 Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, attendees selected **Eric Hall, M.D.**, as the 2025 Seldin Scholar. For his project, "Cardiac Outcomes After Cardiogenic Shock," Dr. Hall was mentored by **Maryjane Farr, M.D., M.Sc.**

Awards for Best Clinical Vignettes were presented to **Cecilia Nguyen, M.D.**, who was mentored by **Maddie Kubiliun, M.D.**, for her project, "Hepatosplenic T-cell Lymphoma in Patient with Crohn's Disease on Thiopurine and anti-TNF Therapy"; **Alexa Wilden, M.D.**, who was mentored by **Sujata Bhushan, M.D.**, for her project, "When Blurry Vision Hides a Rare Diagnosis: Optic Perineuritis"; and **Jingwen Zhang, M.D.**, who was mentored by **Justin Grodin, M.D., M.P.H.**, for his project, "A Rare, Unusually Aggressive form of Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloidosis with Systemic, Neurologic, and Leptomeningeal Amyloid Infiltration in a Young Patient."

Vinayak Subramanian, M.D., received the award for Research in Quality Care and Education at Parkland Memorial Hospital for his project, “A Pilot Study to Evaluate the Feasibility of a Cardiac Biomarker-based Heart Failure Risk Screening Strategy Among Patients with Type 2 Diabetes.” He was mentored by **Ambarish Pandey, M.D., M.Sc.**

The Social Impact Award was presented to **Rondalyn Dickens, M.D.**, who was mentored by **Heather Wainstein, M.D.**, for her project, “Implementation of a Reproductive Goals SmartForm to Improve Contraception and Preconception Counseling in an Internal Medicine Resident Clinic within a Safety-Net Health System.”

Basic Science Awards went to **Kartik Kulkarni, B.S.**, who was mentored by **Nikhil Munshi, M.D., Ph.D.**, for his project, “Hand2 Invades Nucleolar Condensates to Pioneer Lineage-specific Gene Programs”; and **Michael McConville, Ph.D.**, who was mentored by **Glen Liszczak, Ph.D.**, for his project, “A Germline ETV6 Mutation Disrupts Hematopoiesis via de novo Creation of a Nuclear Export Signal.”

To view a slide show of the Seldin Symposium, click



HONORS

Addison to be Inducted into ASCI

Daniel Addison, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Cardiology and the division’s Director of Translational Research, will be inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) on April 25.

Established in 1908, the ASCI is one of the nation’s oldest and most respected honor societies.

Dr. Addison holds a bachelor’s degree from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He earned his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, and completed internal medicine residency training at Baylor College of Medicine, where he also received advanced training through a fellowship in cardiology. He then completed a T32 research fellowship focused on advanced imaging and cardio-oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Prior to joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2025, Dr. Addison served as an Associate Professor at The Ohio State University, where he was Director of the Cardio-Oncology Program. During his tenure, he obtained three R01 awards allowing him to study

mechanisms linking cancer treatments with cardiovascular disease, and interventions to mitigate or prevent these complications in multicenter clinical trials.

RECENT JOB CHANGES

Staff Members Take on New Roles

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

- **Mariana Barrera** – Administrative Associate, Cardiology
- **Danielle Browne** – Clinical Research Coordinator II, General Internal Medicine

research roundup



PUBLICATIONS

Cotter, Colleagues Describe Rising Disparities in Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease

A recent [study published in *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*](#) has revealed significant disparities in alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD) among different racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Analyzing hospital encounters from January 2016 to December 2021, **Thomas Cotter, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, and colleagues found a notable increase in ALD cases, especially between 2018 and 2021.

Among the 19,295 individuals identified with alcohol-associated diagnoses identified by the authors at Clements University Hospital, Parkland Memorial Hospital, and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, the demographic breakdown showed 44.7 percent White, 29.8 percent Hispanic, and 21.8 percent non-Hispanic Black (NHB) individuals. Hispanic individuals experienced a 14.8 percent rise in hospital encounters, NHB individuals 7.5 percent, and White individuals 6.3 percent. The youngest and oldest

females, as well as the oldest males, showed the highest increases in encounters. Factors such as older age, higher MELD scores, hepatic encephalopathy, and hepatocellular carcinoma were associated with increased mortality rates.

The study highlights the urgent need for targeted interventions to address these disparities, particularly among young Hispanic and NHB women, the authors say. Further research is essential to understand the underlying causes and develop effective strategies to reduce the ALD burden.

Other UTSW researchers who contributed to the study include co-first author **Ahmad Anouti, M.D.**, a Clinical Fellow in the Department of Pediatrics, **Elias Rady, M.D.**, a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Cotter Lab; **Mausam Patel, M.D.**, an Internal Medicine Resident; and additional faculty members from the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, Assistant Professors **Suraj Patel, M.D., Ph.D.**, **Daniel Ellis, M.D.**, **Sarah Lieber, M.D., M.S.C.R.**, and **Nicole Rich, M.D., M.S.C.S.**, and Professors **Jacqueline O'Leary, M.D.**, **Mack Mitchell, M.D.**, and **Amit Singal, M.D., M.S.** ■

personnel updates



STAFF SUPPORT

Instructional Designer White Becomes Department Training Specialist

Cheryl White, M.S., M.Ed., has accepted the position of Training Specialist. In her new role, she will oversee education and training initiatives, manage Department policies and standard operating procedures, design and facilitate onboarding sessions, and audit training courses. Additionally, she will support professional development by assisting with individualized learning plans, collaborating with subject-matter experts to identify knowledge gaps and implement targeted development programs. She will also lead new employee orientation for classified staff, manage the Department's learning management system, and ensure accurate assignment and tracking of web-based training in Taleo and Percipio.

Ms. White holds a bachelor's degree in English writing from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's degree in technical and scientific communication from Drexel University, and a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Concordia University Texas. Prior to joining Internal Medicine, she worked as a training specialist in the Department of Materials Management and the Department of Radiology. Her previous experience includes creating, developing, and delivering training content across multiple disciplines in the healthcare, pharmaceutical, financial, and software sectors.



COMMUNICATIONS

Web Specialist Provost to Serve as Digital Accessibility Officer

Teranecia Provost, B.A., a Web Specialist in the Communications Office, will serve as the Department's Digital Accessibility Officer, with responsibility for ensuring a truly inclusive digital experience.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Justice updated the rules governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure all web content and mobile apps are accessible. This means all documents, texts, images, graphs, charts, multimedia, and web design must be "screen-reader-friendly" and accessible to those who are visually impaired. Meeting this requirement alone – one of many other requirements – is a monumental task. As a subject-matter expert, Ms. Provost will assist content creators across the Department adhere to these new requirements. She will also serve as the Department's liaison with Glenn Philp, the university's Digital Accessibility Officer.

Prior to joining UT Southwestern in March, Ms. Provost served as a Web Specialist at the University of Texas at Dallas, where she also had responsibility for ensuring digital accessibility.

Ms. Provost holds dual bachelor's degrees in advertising and communication technology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

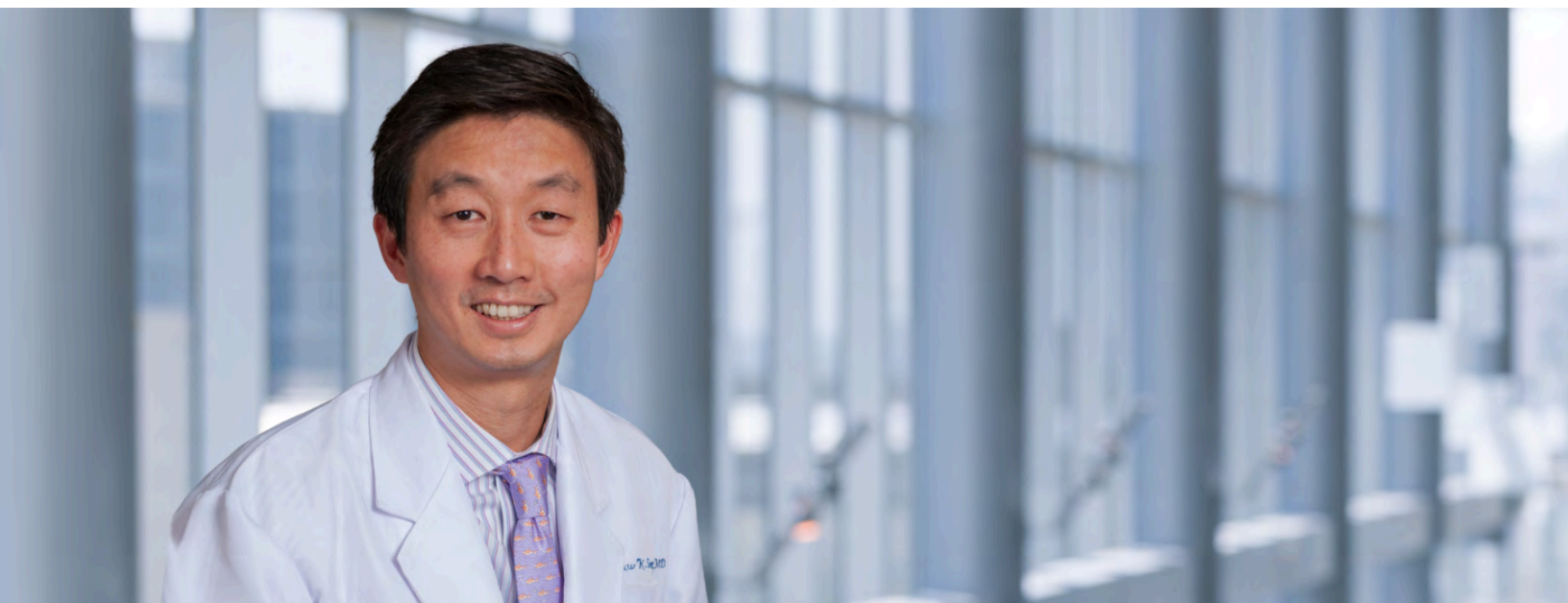
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in case you missed it

News and Digital Media Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [Farm Workers Avoiding Bird Flu Testing Because of Deportation Threat, Officials Fear](#) (via *The Telegraph*, with Krutika Kuppalli, M.D.)

this week



INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

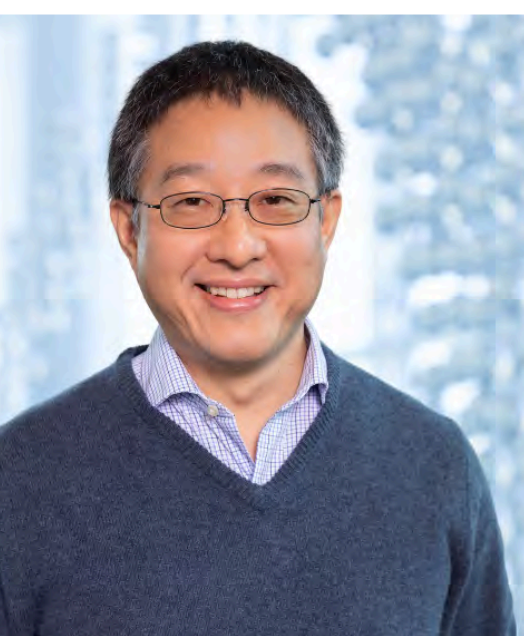
Soe to Lecture on Testosterone Replacement Therapy in Hypogonadism

Kyaw Soe, M.D., an Associate Professor in the Division of Endocrinology, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on Friday, April 11, at 8 a.m. in D1.502. His topic: "Difficult Cases of Testosterone Replacement Therapy in Male Hypogonadism."

Originally from Myanmar, Dr. Soe obtained his medical degree at the Institute of Medicine in Yangon. He completed internal medicine residency training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, where he also received fellowship training in endocrinology.

Dr. Soe joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2016. He practices at the Dallas VA Medical Center, where he is a member of the VHA Transgender Care Coordination Integrated Project Team.

Dr. Soe's research interests include transgender care, testosterone, lipid, and cardiovascular outcomes.



INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Hoshida to Discuss Liver Cancer Prevention on April 11

Yujin Hoshida, M.D., Ph.D., a Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases and Director of Liver Tumor Translational Research, will present the [Internal Medicine Research Conference](#) on **Friday, April 11, at noon in D1.502**. His topic: "Precision Prevention of Liver Cancer."

Originally from Japan, Dr. Hoshida received his medical degree from the University of Tsukuba in Ibaraki and completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Tokyo and Toranomon Hospital, where he also received fellowship training in clinical gastroenterology and hepatology, diagnostic pathology, diagnostic and interventional radiology, and biostatistics. He then earned his doctoral degree in medical sciences from the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Medicine. He conducted postdoctoral research in cancer genomics and systems biology at the University of Tokyo's Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology and at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University.

Prior to joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2018, Dr. Hoshida served on the faculty of the Tisch Cancer Institute of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

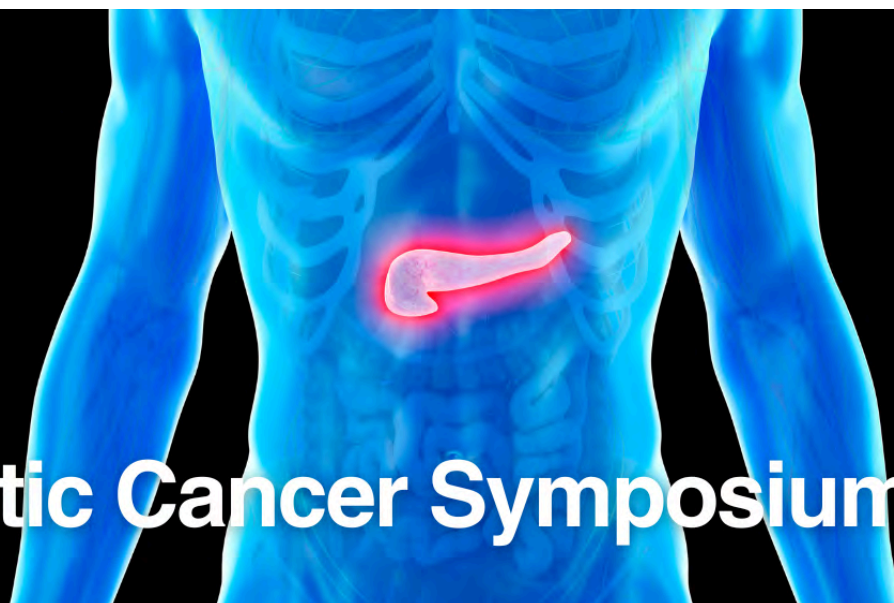
Dr. Hoshida has expertise in molecular classification, prognostic prediction, molecular targeted therapies, and chemoprevention in liver cirrhosis and cancer. He has been leading several international translational liver cirrhosis/cancer genomics projects, including the Precision Liver Cancer Prevention Consortium, utilizing high-throughput omics technologies and integrative clinical and cross-species systems biology analysis over the past decade. His research focuses on liver cancer risk-predictive molecular biomarkers specific to clinical contexts, individual risk-stratified personalized cancer screening based on cost-effectiveness, chemoprevention target discovery, radiogenomics, molecular subtype-guided liver cancer therapies, and informatics methodology and software by utilizing patient-derived tissues/cells, liquid biopsy of circulating biomolecules, single-cell omics, molecular digital spatial tissue profiling, clinical diagnostic platforms, nanomedicine technologies, and high-power computation.

Dr. Hoshida holds the H. Ray and Paula Calvert Chair in Gastroenterology Oncology in Honor of Udit Verma, M.D. To learn more about his research, visit the [Hoshida Lab site](#).

Other Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences This Week

- Tuesday, April 8, Noon: [Ethics Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. James Tabery (University of Utah) · “Personalized Medicine Wasn't Personal; ‘Precision Medicine’ Isn’t Precise”
- Tuesday, April 8, Noon: [Pathology Seminar](#) with Dr. William Murphy (University of California Davis) · “The Obesity Paradox and Cancer Immunotherapy”
- Wednesday, April 9, 7 a.m.: [Surgery Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. Lily Gutnik (University of Alabama · Birmingham) · “Breast Cancer in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and Research Insights”
- Wednesday, April 9, 8 a.m.: [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. Andrea King (Hospice & Palliative Care) · “Geriatric Trauma Update”
- Wednesday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.: [Hematology & Oncology Faculty Recruitment Seminar](#) with Dr. Samer Al-Hadidi (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) ·
- Wednesday, April 9, 9 a.m.: [Nephrology Works in Progress](#) with Dr. Amanda Clark (Pediatrics) – “Is Maternal NAD+ a Nutritionally Modifiable Determinate of Fetal Nephron Environment?”
- Wednesday, April 9, Noon: [Carole Mendelson, Ph.D., Distinguished Visiting Professorship Honoring Women in Science and Medicine](#) with Dr. Gina Poe (University of California Los Angeles) – “Sleep Traits Serving Health and Wellness”
- Thursday, April 10, 8 a.m.: [Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. Sara Dong (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center & Boston Children's Hospital) · “Using Podcasts to Teach ID”
- Thursday, April 10, Noon: [Renal Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. Alissar El Chediak (Nephrology) – “Beyond Insulin: Exploring the Promise of Pancreas Transplantation”
- Friday, April 11, Noon: [Hematology & Oncology Grand Rounds](#) with Dr. Amy Jones (Hematology & Oncology) · Grand Rounds Great Again: Highlights of Adult Learning Theory for the Hematology-Oncology Educator”
- Friday, April 11, 2 p.m.: [Pancreatic Cancer Program Meeting](#) with Dr. Meghan Wachsmann (Pathology) · the Normal Pancreas Atlas”

upcoming events



Pancreatic Cancer Symposium

Pancreatic Cancer Symposium Scheduled for April 12

The second annual [Pancreatic Cancer Symposium](#) will be held on **Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium (NG3.112). The event will include a range of topics, such as minimally invasive and robotic techniques, the role of pancreatic cancer prevention, therapeutics research, genetics, novel treatment agents, and the utilization of ctDNA. Additionally, the symposium will feature a live transmission of a robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy.

The keynote address will be presented by **Tanios Bekaii-Saab, M.D.**, Professor and Chair of Hematology and Medical Oncology at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona.

Faculty presenters include **Salwan Al Mufar, M.D.**, and **Timothy Brown, M.D.**, Assistant Professors in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, and **Tarek Sawas, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases.

[Event Registration](#)



GUEST LECTURE

Don Berwick to Discuss Redesigning Health Care on April 15

Don Berwick, M.D., President Emeritus and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will present a special guest lecture on **Tuesday, April 15, at noon in D1.502**. His topic: "Rescuing U.S. Health Care: Principles for Redesign."

Prior to his work in the Obama Administration, Dr. Berwick served on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, as well as the staffs of Boston's Children's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

During his career, he served as vice chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the first independent member of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and as chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and

Quality. He also served two terms on the Institute of Medicine's Governing Council, was a member of its Global Health Board, and served on President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry.



WELLNESS

Faculty and APP Wellness Retreat Scheduled for June 6

The Office of Faculty Wellness will host a Faculty and APP Wellness Retreat on **Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pegasus Park**. The in-person event will focus on fostering wellness, humanism, and professional growth in academic medicine.

Melanie Sulistio, M.D., a Professor in the Division of Cardiology, will present the keynote address, detailing her finding joy, fulfillment, and purpose in medicine.

Directed by **Susan Matulevicius, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Associate Dean of Faculty Wellness, the retreat will include workshops, discussions, and activities designed to rejuvenate and inspire. **Bonnie Prokesch, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, will guide interactive workshops and discussions to promote humanism in action and relational resilience.



Other Upcoming Events Featuring Internal Medicine Faculty

- Thursday, April 10: [Alfred G. Gilman Symposium on Education](#) with Drs. James Willig, M.D., M.S.P.H.; Jessica Abramowitz, M.D.; Reuben Arasaratnam, M.D., M.P.H.; Indira Bhavsar-Burke, M.D.; and Judah Gruen, M.D.
- Saturday, May 3: [Update in Internal Medicine](#) with Drs. Gloria Ayuba, Sandeep Das, Elizabeth Hardin, Nimesh Patel and Anand Rohatgi (Cardiology); Thomas Kerr and Anna Tavakkoli (Digestive & Liver Diseases); Alex Tessnow, Tonia Vinton, and Christoph Zechner (Endocrinology); Arthur Hong and Emily Kahl (General Internal Medicine); Natalie Bavli, Sheena

Bhalla, Timothy Brown, Suzanne Conzen, and Kevin Courtney (Hematology & Oncology); James “Brad” Cutrell, Siddharth Kogilwaimath, Joslyn Strebe, and Alex Tatara (Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine); Orson Moe, Ramesh Saxena, Taylor Schaub Schlager, Miguel Vazquez, and David Wojciechowski (Nephrology); Leah Cohen, Luke Engelking, Xiao-Fei Kong, Paul Lederer, and Bethany Lussier (Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine); and Luigino Bernabela and Joseph Merola (Rheumatic Diseases)

- Saturday, May 10: [Heart Failure Symposium](#) with Drs. Mark Drazner, Maryjane Farr, Justin Grodin, Elizabeth Hardin, Nicholas Hendren, Katherine Michelis, Jennifer Thibodeau, Lauren Truby, and Christopher Wrobel (Cardiology)

Internal Medicine Events

Look for the next *Medicine Minute* on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

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