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Welcome

This is an exciting time to enter the field of medicine, with our nation’s healthcare landscape changing every day. The excitement is palpable at the Northwell Health Department of Medicine, where we are playing an active role in the transformation of medicine: how we teach it and study it; how we develop new insights and ideas about it; and how we practice it as we heal patients, families, and communities.

The Department of Medicine is thriving in this time of transformation. As one of the nation’s largest health systems, Northwell has unparalleled resources for preparing tomorrow’s physicians for the continuing transformation of our nation’s healthcare system. Residents are exposed to a remarkable variety of clinical environments and conditions, with patient populations in every socioeconomic situation.

Our trainees are provided with mentorship and guidance, working closely with outstanding scientists and clinical educators who are leaders in their field. Lifelong bonds are forged among trainees and faculty in an atmosphere of support and collegiality, transforming the day-to-day process of caring for the sick and vulnerable into a fulfilling journey.

We are building an innovative research enterprise that focuses on healthcare delivery and outcomes, and on moving scientific discoveries and insights from the laboratory through the research “pipeline” into real-world interventions. Our curriculum exemplifies the value we place on quality of care, professionalism, and scholarship, with special emphasis on evidence based medicine. We are an integral part of The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, which ranks in the top five percent of institutions in research funding from NIH. We also benefit from a close partnership with the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, which is crafting a new paradigm in medical education that blends medicine’s finest traditions and values with state-of-the-art technology in biomedical science. Our trainees have an outstanding track record in achieving acceptance by top fellowship programs.

All these factors combine to form a high-energy, high-quality training environment that attracts some of the best and brightest medical students from around the country. I invite you to consider joining us in this remarkable journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us for information and support throughout the process.

With best wishes for your success in our field,

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Chair, Department of Medicine
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Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Hofstra Northwell Program in Internal Medicine. We take great pride in our 126 residents. They are the heart and soul of our program. The program is dedicated to delivering state of the art comprehensive care in an environment that is academically rigorous, community oriented, and research intensive. Our residents are supervised by a dedicated full-time faculty of over 300 members who work in all subspecialties of Internal Medicine. We offer fellowships in all fellowship subspecialties, (Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology, Pulmonary/CCM, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Rheumatology, Gastroenterology, Advanced Endoscopy, Geriatrics, Palliative Care, Hematology/Oncology, Sleep, Allergy and Immunology and Medical Ethics). There is also opportunity for a health care administration fellowship.

The two main teaching sites for the School of Medicine are North Shore University Hospital (NSUH), a 781 bed hospital, and the Long Island Jewish Medical Center (LIJ), a 450-bed hospital. Through both of these medical centers, residents complete their general medical ward, MICU, CCU, Emergency Department and most subspecialty elective experiences. The two hospitals serve patient populations from Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. The inpatient medical wards are populated by patients from a broad spectrum of medical and socioeconomic backgrounds, and with a wide range of pathology. The program has a robust electronic medical record system that allows for easy retrieval of laboratory, radiology, and interdisciplinary information. All H+P's, discharge notes, ancillary staff notes and orders are done via our EMR.

Some of the highlights of our curriculum include a unique Continuity Model of Housestaff education where inpatient and outpatient work are protected from each other. In other words, residents will not be attending continuity clinic during floor or unit rotations. Instead, residents rotate for 4 weeks of inpatient work followed by 1 week of outpatient work eliminating the need to be in two places at once. Housestaff can enjoy the ambulatory experience and focus on their outpatient practice with confidence that their inpatients are being attended to by colleagues. This system also allows for a bit of rest and recuperation after 4 weeks in the hospital. Our ambulatory experience has the option of an interprofessional primary care track called the IMPACCT Clinic. We pride ourselves on being innovative in medical education. We offer team based learning in our ambulatory setting, a full week dedicated to health care reform and advocacy and unique global health and advocacy electives.

We are happy to have structured our residents into 5 firms of about 25 residents. Each Firm is led by a Chief Resident who serves in a mentorship capacity. Our Medical Admitting Resident rotation allows houseofficers to select cases that come to the teaching service based on educational merit. There is a strong emphasis on Evidenced Based Medicine with an intensive EBM course. Ambulatory medicine is an excellent opportunity for houseofficers to experience the longitudinal care of patients in a clinic that serves over 20,000 patient visits annually. In addition, we are privileged to have a 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art Simulation Center, where residents develop procedural skills and practice the acute delivery of care in a safe environment. Research opportunities are readily available and supported by our faculty. Each year our residents submit over 70 abstracts to various national and international meetings and competitions. For the past two years, all interested graduates have matched to fellowship. Finally, our academic year is filled with numerous social activities, which promote friendship and camaraderie amongst the housestaff.
In this program you will graduate with the ability to provide high quality medical care independently. Residents will also learn to become outstanding teachers and develop important leadership skills. The Associate Program Directors, Chief Residents and I wish you well on your professional journey and thank you for your interest in our program.

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Ava-Dawn Gabbidon, M.D. was born in the island country of Jamaica and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She completed her bachelor’s degree in Biology at Stony Brook University. She then received her medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College. After her chief year, she plans on pursuing a career as an academic hospitalist. On her free time she loves to spend time with her family and friends. When she was a little girl she desired to be a teacher and a writer. Now she realizes that medicine gives her the opportunity to do all those things and more.

David Fridman, M.D. grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He studied biochemistry at New York University prior to receiving his medical degree from St. George’s University. After completing his chief residency year, he plans on pursuing a career in cardiology. He is a foodie, traveler, amateur fisherman and lover of craft beer. He spends his free time exploring all of the above with his darling wife, Natalie.

Ava-Dawn Gabbidon, M.D.

Philip Solomon, M.D. grew up in South Orange, New Jersey. He attended the University of Michigan, where he received his B.S. in biology. He then returned to the east coast and completed his medical degree at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. After his chief year, he will likely pursue a career in academic medicine, possibly primary care. He enjoys obsessing over Michigan football, traveling, and watching Schwarzenegger action movies. If he wasn’t a doctor, he would have loved to be a play-by-play sports announcer.

James Gabriels, M.D. grew up on Lake George in upstate New York. He studied Mathematics and Physiology at McGill University in Montreal and then received his M.D. from SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. After chief year he plans to pursue a fellowship in Cardiology. In his free time he enjoys golfing, kayaking, skiing and spending time with his wife and family.

David Fridman, M.D.
2017-2018 Chief Residents

Marci Laudenslager, M.D. was raised in Orefield, Pennsylvania. She was a professional and touring musician throughout her childhood, teenage and adult years. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Pennsylvania State University with a concentration in Microbiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She subsequently accepted a position at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she served as Senior Research Scientist and Coordinator for Familiar Neuroblastoma Studies. She completed her medical education at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. In her free time, she writes music and looks forward to spending time with her family. She loves to compete in races and triathlons with her loving wife, Vane.

Matthew Sinclair, M.D. grew up on the south shore of Long Island, NY. He received his bachelor’s degree in Biology at Stony Brook University prior to receiving his medical degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. After completing his chief residency, he plans to pursue a fellowship in nephrology. In his free time, he enjoys watching and attending professional sporting events, traveling, and exploring new cuisines with his loving wife, Vane.

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Claire Popplewell, M.D. was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Maryland and New Jersey. She studied Applied Mathematics as an undergraduate at Columbia University; she then obtained her medical degree from New York Medical College. After her chief year, she plans on pursuing a career in academic medicine, specifically in a primary care setting. In her free time, she enjoys traveling (and collecting Starbucks mugs from all over the world), visiting local breweries, watching Nicolas Cage movies, and spending time with her fiancé Chris, who is a radiology resident at Northwell Health.
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NSUH, LIJ, FHH, SSH, LHH, GCH, SIUH, Plainview, Huntington

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Start date for SIUH Dental: 6/26/17
Start date for Internal Medicine trainees at LHH: 6/28/17
Start date for NS-LIJ Peds: 6/26/17

*Chief Residents at NSUH, LIJ, FHH, LHH, GCH, SSH receive an additional $1,500 stipend*
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Advantages to Inpatient Rotations

• Mimics real life
• Reduces fragmentation of work
• Increases efficiency
• Provides flexibility in didactics
• Provides flexibility in days off
• Enhances attending teaching time
• Enhances resident to intern education
• Enhances medical student education
• Better subspecialty experience

Advantages to Ambulatory Rotation

• Enhances Continuity of Care
• Limits distractions and the need to “get back to the hospital”
• Eliminates switching clinic days
• Greater ability to see patients you discharge in clinic
• Opportunity to obtain a longitudinal outpatient subspecialty experience for career development
• Provides flexibility for structured research time
• Enhances rest

Call Schedules
On the inpatient General Medicine Teaching Service, call is once every four days (1:4) until 8pm. The medical house-staff admits to a variety of hospital floors. There is a night float system that works 7 pm-7 am. The Medical Admitting Resident has ultimate responsibility for choosing teaching cases for admission to the house staff service. Each intern has an average daily census of 7-8 patients. Our hospitalists take call with their teams and admit cases with them. Elective, Ambulatory, Geriatrics, Neurology, Palliative Care and Private Practice Rotations have no call; residents work Mondays through Fridays on those rotations.

Conference Courses
A combination of didactic conferences and interactive small group teaching sessions are offered throughout the academic year. These include morning report, noon conference, intern report, Grand Rounds, Professor Rounds with the department chairman, outpatient team based learning, physical diagnosis courses, inpatient academic half day, and simulation. In addition, all residents participate in a four-week Evidence Based Medicine Course and a four-week Practice Based Learning and improvement Course during Ambulatory Block Rotations.

Ancillary Services
NSLIJ provides a full complement of ancillary services, including phlebotomy, IV teams, transport, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, care coordination, ECG acquisition, and others.

Fellowships
Recent graduates have successfully matched in competitive fellowships of their choice. A detailed listing is available upon request.

TO RANK US, PLEASE CHOOSE NSLIJHS PROGRAM (INTERNAL MEDICINE)

Our NRMP # is: 1700140C0 – Categorical

1700140P0 – Preliminary
Outpatient Academic Half Day
MISSION

To prepare trainees for careers as future leaders in primary care through interprofessional education and clinical collaboration aimed at improving patient access, care, and cost.

The IMPACcT Primary Care Experience provides trainees with a mentored primary care experience integrating education and clinical skills focused on patient-centered care, quality improvement, and population health in an interprofessional team-based setting.

Participating Trainees

Residents
Medical students
Physician assistant students
Pharmacy students
Psychology externs

Partnering Institutions

Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
Northwell Health
Hofstra University
St. John’s University

Key Program Features

- Quarterly interprofessional education retreats focused on:
  - Team based skills
  - Patient-Centered Medical Home principles
  - High-value cost-conscious care
  - Quality improvement
  - Medication management
  - Population health & health disparities
  - Behavioral health

- Clinical training with an interprofessional team in a Patient-Centered Medical Home setting
- Mentored experience & career guidance by dedicated primary care faculty

Advantages to Trainees:

- One-on-one faculty mentorship
- Team-based care experience
- Leadership & Interprofessional skills building
- Quality improvement experience
- Research opportunities
- Opportunity to provide input in clinic design & curricular development
- Collaborative training with multiple clinical professions including physicians, PAs, pharmacists, and psychologists

Contact Information

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nlavine@northwell.edu

Jennifer Verbsky, MD
jverbsky@northwell.edu
FAQ

Do I have to go into primary care if I participate?

No, you do not have to enter primary care if you participate. This will be an experience that we hope increases your interest in primary care and ambulatory medicine (particularly by working with a very dedicated and enthusiastic faculty).

How will my role be different if I participate in IMPACcT?

In addition to continuing to see ambulatory patients for acute, chronic care and well visits, you will be trained in leading an interprofessional team (pharmacy, physician assistant, behavioral health team). Care delivery and other clinical responsibilities (i.e. task management) will be shared amongst this team.

Are there opportunities for additional clinical time if I participate in IMPACcT?

We are hoping to include additional clinic time in the 3rd year and are working with Residency Leadership to accomplish this.

How is the educational experience going to be different than my current continuity experience?

You will continue to participate in Evidence-based Medicine, TBL, and the Thursday morning ambulatory education sessions. 

In addition, there will be short case-based didactic sessions with a clinical huddle 2-3 times a week while you’re in clinic, and IMPACcT Workshop Sessions (Thursday afternoons, 5 times a year) which bring together all of the IMPACcT learners and faculty to focus on specific topics (Interprofessional Skills, Health Disparities, Medication Management, Behavioral Health, and PCMH Principles).

What about my current continuity patient panel? Will I lose those patients if I enter IMPACcT?

As your IMPACcT experience will take the place of your usual continuity clinic sessions, it is our goal that your established patients will follow right along with you. This will be a bigger switch for the patients if you currently practice at the ACU, but we will try to facilitate this transition.

How many residents will there be?

There will be 5 R2 and 5 R3 residents in the program. Each firm will have one R2 and one R3.

How do I apply?

If you are interested, please email Nancy LaVine, MD at nlavine@northwell.edu.
# Fellowship/Graduation Plans

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Mentees will follow a structured 3-year program timeline. Individualized project and training timelines will be developed with the mentee and mentor. Evaluations with the mentor and Residency Program Director will be performed to assess research progress and adherence to personalized program timeline.

Sample Resident Timeline

Year 1
- Jul: Introduction at orientation
- Aug: Research Workshop 1
- Sep: Semi-annual GME survey
- Oct: Research networking event
- Nov: Research Workshop 2
- Dec: Deadline to apply for Research Track
- Jan: Education session: IRB, REDCap, Biostats

Year 2
- Jul: Identification of projects
- Aug: WIP meeting
- Sep: Education session: Abstracts/Case reports
- Oct: RIP meeting
- Nov: Semi-annual GME survey
- Dec: Education session: Presentations
- Jan: RIP meeting
- Feb: 2-week protected research time
- Mar: RIP meeting
- Apr: RIP meeting
- May: RIP meeting
- Jun: RIP meeting

Year 3
- Jul: Education session: Scholarly writing
- Aug: WIP meeting
- Sep: 2-week protected research time
- Oct: RIP meeting
- Nov: Semi-annual GME survey
- Dec: Education session: Presentations
- Jan: RIP meeting
- Feb: Regional/national meetings
- Mar: Scherr Awards
- Apr: Scherr Awards
- May: Scherr Awards
- Jun: Scherr Awards

WIP = Works in Progress
RIP = Research In Progress

*Scholarly Activity Timeline for ALL residents
**Research Track Timeline
2015-2016 Academic Year

Common Drug Unmasks Uncommon Disease
Abbasi M, Randall E, Ahmad S.

A Case of Sweet's Syndrome in a Patient with Inflammatory Bowel Disease That Almost Went Undiagnosed
Crispin H, Loukas E. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Keeping Warm with Cold Agglutinin Disease and AIHA
Darabaner R, Sinclair, M.

Reforming Your Health Care Reform Curriculum
Darabaner R, Sagar A, Friedman K. Poster Presented at the 2016 SGIM Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting: New York, NY.

A Dual Approach to the Treatment of Hypertriglyceride Induced Pancreatitis: A Case Report
Gabriels J, LaVine S. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

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Improved Quality of Life Scores and Exercise Capacity with Remote Pulmonary Artery Pressure Monitoring in Patients with Chronic Heart Failure
Alam A, Jermyn R. Poster presented at the 2016 American College of Cardiology Conference: Chicago, IL.

Calciphylaxis Secondary to Alcoholic Cirrhosis
Baird P, Amit Alam A, Tsomos E.

A Case of Acute Kidney Injury from Crystal Nephropathy Secondary to Poniomalidoxin and Levofoxacin Use

Concurrent Salmonella Epymema and Hypercalcemia: A First Report
Fridman D, Feldhammer K, Ahmad S. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Downhill Esophageal Varices Associated with Central Venous Catheter-Related Thrombosis Managed with Endoscopic and Surgical Therapy

The Declining use of Combination Infliximab and Immnomodulator for Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Community Setting
Berkowitz J, Stein-Fishein J, Khan S, Furie R, Sultan K.

Evaluation of Abnormal Endoscopic and Histological Findings Among Patients Treated with Mycophenolate Mofetil

Ttp or Not Ttp? A Case of Tumor Emboli Syndrome Mimicking Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
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A Rare Western Occurrence of a Common Eastern Illness

The Mass Assumption: A Case of Bilateral Breast Masses
LaMee J, Potashinsky A, Xia Y. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Bad to the Bone: A Rare Report of Enterobacter Sternoclavicular Septic Arthritis
Laudenslager M, Karim N.

Identification of Predisposing Factors to Intensive Care Unit Admission in Patients with Alcohol Withdrawal
Laudenslager M, Song J, Harsisangin R, Harris K, Seth Koenig S, Burke C, Lawrence Belletti L, Karlin-Zysman C.

Laudenslager M, Galla A, Balwan S, Zwikelmaier R, Dana Rucco D, Ng J, Harsisangin R.

A Rare Case of Leptomeningeal Neuroepithelial Tumor in an Adult Patient
San Diego, California.

Lupus Induced Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis

Pitfalls in the Diagnosis of Epithelioid Angiosarcoma
Lim HW, Joasii P. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

A College Student’s Academic Decline: Early Signs of NMDA Receptor Encephalitis

From Sore Throat to Asystole: An Unusual Case of Vasovagal Bradycardia
Litwok Y, Savella S. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Tragic Prophylactic: Intrathecal-Methotrexate Induced Leukoencephalopathy Presenting as an Acute Stroke
Lopez C, Alam A, Gottesman E. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Validation of a Prediction Rule for Bacteremia in Adults
Maitese L, McGinn T, McCullagh L

Take Your Vitamins!!!
Martinez N, Reddy B. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Worms in my Intestines?” A Rare Case of Duodenitis
Mishkin A, Karim I. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

When a Common Medication, Has Uncommon Side Effects.
Cefuroxime Induced Thrombocytopenia
Nazeer H, Sharma S, Belletti L. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Assessing the Incremental Value of Transient Ischemic Dilation in SPECT-Myocardial Perfusion Imaging in a “Real-World” Patient Population

Assessing the Predictive Capability of the ACC/AHA ASCVD Risk Score Index in African American Patients

The ACC/AHA ASCVD Risk Estimator Is a Powerful Predictive Tool in the Evaluation of Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department with Chest Pain

The “Forgotten Disease” Remembered: Lemierre’s Syndrome and the Severe Complications

A Cryptic Cause of Cryptococcal Meningitis

Guillain Barre Syndrome: Not Always a Case of Ascending Paralysis
Patel R, Potashinsky A, Zeitoun N.

My Face is Frozen: A Case of Bilateral Facial Nerve Palsy
Patel R, Cohen J,

Bradycardia and Hyponatremia
Patel S, Kohani O, Yang D

A Male with Signs of Pregnancy: A Case of IVC Syndrome
Popplewell C, Makhnevich A. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Atypical Presentation of Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy
Potashinsky A, Lee TP

Babesiosis without the Tick

Cat Got Your Tongue
Potashinsky A, Cagnazzi L, Narasimhan M. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Increased Risk of Vitamin D Deficiency among Patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
Potashinsky A, Inamdar S, Thomas A, Bernstein, D. Lee TP.

Vitamin D and Zinc Levels in Cirrhotic Inpatients in Tertiary Teaching Medical Center: An Opportunity for Improvement

Back Pain? Take 50 Ibuprofen and Call Me in the Morning
Raphael C, Kumar D. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

ET: Don’t Call Home, Call the Doctor
Saleh M, Chi J, LaVine S. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

“Cat Got Your Tongue?” An Unusual Case of Pasteurella Multicida Bacteremia in an Immunocompetent Patient
Santoriello L, Harris K. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Unmasking the Teratoma
Shah B, Friedman K. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Impact of Recent Guideline Changes on Aspirin Prescribing after Knee Arthroplasty

It Does Not Have To “B” Just B12 Deficiency
Silver J, Idriss N. Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.
Resident Publications and Presentations

Severe Manifestation of Concomitant Babesiosis and Lyme Disease In A Man With Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma And Splenectomy: A Case Report. 
_Sinclair M, Jill Feffer J, Revere E, Diaz-Santana M._ Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Drug Induced ITP Secondary to Bactrim: A Surprise Solution
_Solomon P, Fitterman N._ Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Progressive Cognitive Decline in a Renal Transplant Patient
_Solomon P, Martinez N, Khan_ Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

Learning Objectives: Recognize Pseudoaneurysms After An Acute Myocardial Infarction
_Song J, Shlofmitz E, Friedman K._

Cost Conscious Care Committee: Using a Modified Nominal Group Technique To Reduce Wasteful Spending At An Academic Internal Medicine Residency

The Disentombment of Polymixin B: The Use of a Retired Drug for the Treatment of Gram-negative MDR Sepsis
_Thampi S, Alam A, Rai S._

A Cautionary Tale of Duodenitis in a Patient with Aids
_Weber A, Joasli P, Harsarigani R, Raphael C._

Outcomes of COPD Patients Admitted and Treated With Invasive Mechanical Ventilation for COPD Exacerbation at LIJ and NSUH Medical ICUS
_Weber A, Haji zadeh N._

Cardiorespiratory Fitness In Internal Medicine Residents: Are Our Future Physicians Becoming Deconditioned?
_Daneshvar F, Gabriels J._

Red Blood Cell Distribution Width as a Predictor of Pulmonary Valve Replacement in Patients with Repairated Tetralogy of Fallot
_Weinreich M, Ephrem G._ Poster presented at the 2016 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: San Diego, California.

To Hold or Not to Hold? The Unexpected Side Effects of Withholding Immunosuppressive Therapy.
_Weinreich M, Kaira S._

Midodrine during Recovery Phase from Septic Shock
_Whiloton M, Mo E, Tasnima N._

A Vitamin to Make You “Healthy”
_Wieder S, Schulman R._

The Third Time Is Not a Charm, its Fh

“Where’s The Inflammation?” A Case of Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy
_Zaretsky J, Nazeer H, Zeitoun N._

Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis: Looking for Zebras
_Alam A, Sinvani L._ Poster presented at the SGIM Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: Hershey, PA.

A Case of Acute Kidney Injury from Crystal Nephropathy Secondary to Pomalidomide and Levofloxacin Use

Medical Trainees’ Knowledge of Contrast Use in Chronic Dialysis Patients: A Multicenter Study

A Hunt for an Ectopic Source: An Initial Overlooked Case of Cushing’s Syndrome
_Bhoirania K, Cleachea J._ Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting: National Harbor, MD.

Assessing EpiPen Proficiency Among Internal Medicine Interns
_Bodner S, Akbar S, Sejour R, Chaudhry S, Tamuz M, Jongco A._ Poster presented at the 2014 Annual Stanford Meeting of the ACCA Atlanta GA.

The Clue is in the Tattoo: A Case of Cutaneous Sarcomiosis
_Bodner S, Makhnevich A._ Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

Acute Myeloid Leukemia Presenting with Spontaneous Splenic Rupture: Case Report and Review of the literature.

Pregnancy-Induced Thrombocytopenia in Platelet-type von Willebrand Disease
_Simi George S, Bradley T, Donohue L, Rochelson B, Funk D, Allen S._

A Multi-Intervention Approach to Improving Continuity of Care in a Large Ambulatory Resdient Practice

A Cryptic Case of Cryptococcal Meningitis
_Cerrone S, Lisa Santorello L, Raimo J._ Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

Pancytopenia from Methotrexate Use
_Cheng Y, Myers J._

The Effect of Point-of-Care Ultrasound on Imaging Studies in the Medical ICU: A Comparative Study

Hepatic Sequestration in Sickel Cell Crisis
_Darabaner R, Hong J._

Is It Hot In Here Or Is It Just Me? The Difficulty in Diagnosing Pituitary Tumors

Beyond Biopsy Results: Post-Infectious IGA Giemelunopehnritis

A Hematologic Twist on Joint Pain in an Elderly Male
_Feffer J, Horowitz D, Kolitz J._ Oral Presentation of clinical vignette at the SGIM Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: Hershey, PA and Poster presented at the SGIM National Meeting: Toronto, CA.

Loin Pain Hematuria Syndrome
_Feffer J, Leong P._

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Predictors of Outcomes in Stress Cardiomyopathy: A Single Center Experience
_Abassi M, Ismail H, Singh S, Alam A, Boutis L._

An Analysis of Inpatient Oncology Admissions Over One Year
_Alajian D, Boparai R, Silver J, Brayman E._

An Unusual Presentation of HIV: Primary Pulmonary Hypertension with Cor Pulmonale
_Alajian D, Belletti L._
Feasibility of Inpatient Utilization of Continuous Subcutaneous Insulin Infusion (CSII) and Patient Satisfaction. Kim T, Kine M, Myers A. Poster presented at the 2015 Endocrine Society Meeting; San Diego, CA.


This Headache Is Killing Me! Hasan F, Lau Y. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.


Steroids or Antimicrobials? A Case of Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis. Liu S, Maciel C, Chen Z, Ahmad S. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

Systemic Mastocytosis Presenting as Premature Osteoporosis. McMillan N, Alam A, Leong P. Poster Presentation at the SGIM Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting: Hershey, PA.


FPIES to Sweet Potato. Navetta B, Helfner L, Farzan S. Poster presented at the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting of the ACAAI: Atlanta, GA.

Obvious or Not So Obvious: The Subtle Signs of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Navetta B, Lee H, Friedman K, Belletti L.

Sarcoidosis: The Other Great Mimicker. Navetta B, Feldhammer K. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

He Probably Had Dinner At Mary’s Pershad V, Loukas E. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

“Heart” to Stomach the Headaches. Pershad V, Belletti L. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.


Dying From Sunshine. Potashinsky A, Hoang H, Cohen J. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.
Perplexing Apoptyosis Potashinsky A, Palma M, Hong J. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

A High Yield, Multi-disciplinary Primary Care Elective for Residents. Rahyab A, LaVine N, Block L, Verbisky J, Chaudhry S, Conigliaro J.


Promoting Resident Involvement in Health Policy Initiatives through an Away Rotation with the State Legislature and Health Policy Leaders. Sagar A, Navetta B, Chaudhry S.

Incidental Diagnosis of Cholangiocarcinoma Shah B, Katona K, Schneidmesser E. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

This is Spinal TB: Turning the Diagnostic Mystery Up To 11 Goldin M, Machado S, Shah D.

Disseminated Nocardia nova in a Renal Transplant Patient Solomon P, Martinez N.

Paraneoplastic Nephrotic Syndrome in Small Cell Lung Cancer Solomon P, Ahsan L, Hung N.


Allergic Angina: Capecitabine-Induced Coronary Artery Vasospasm Weinreich M, Mendoza, D, Kockenmeister E. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.


Platelet Response to Gpibilia Inhibitors in Patients at High Risk for Thrombocytopenia. Weinreich M, Grayver E.


Small Vessels, Small Nerves, Big Problems: A Case of Polyradiculoneuropathy in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Zhou E, Chaudhri S, Kaira S. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; National Harbor, MD.

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A Rare Diagnosis in the Post-HAART Era. Abbasi, M Poster presented at 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Las Vegas, NV.

Newly diagnosed granulomatosis and polyangiitis and factor V leiden in a patient presenting with a Pulmonary Embolism. Amirian J. Poster presented at 2013 ACP Medicine Conference; Rochester, NY and the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

The Role of Exercise Stress Testing and Stress-Only Myocardial Perfusion Imaging in Patients with Suspected Cardiac Ischemia Triaged in the Rapid Clinical Decision Unit. Amirian J. Poster presented at the Annual American Society of Nuclear Cardiology Meeting; Chicago, IL.

Spontaneous Bleed in a 50 Year-Old Female with Thrombocytopenia Due to Multi-System Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. Hoang H, Amirian J. Poster presented at 2013 ACP Medicine Conference; Rochester, NY.

Implementation of a continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion protocol. Atuahene A. Poster presented at the AACE 2014 Annual Meeting; Las Vegas, NV.

Cocaine: Old Problem with New Complications. Bodner, S Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Las Vegas, NV.

Sometimes it is a Zebra: Esophageal Elastosis. Cerrone S Poster presented at the 2013 American College of Gastroenterology Meeting; San Diego, CA.

Difen Diarrhea: Ipilimumab Induced Colitis and its Management. Gao Y. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA.

Comparing Vitamin D Levels among Anorexic and Obese Adolescents. Han E. Poster presented at the American Federation for Medical Research Meeting; Washington, DC.

Severe and Prolonged Hypocalcemia secondary to Denosumab in a patient with acute on chronic kidney disease. Han E. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.


Case of Ayurvedic Medication Causing Lead Poisoning. Rahman M. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

Health Literacy is Associated with Medication Adherence in Adolescents and Young Adults with HIV-1 Infection. Kohkar A. Poster presented at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology 2014 Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA.

Recurrence of primary oxalosis in the setting of patient with sdo-kidney transplant. Jiang C. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Las Vegas, NV.

Dyspnea, depression and health related quality of life in patients with pulmonary artery hypertension. Kim E. Abstract presented at CHEST 2013 Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.

Immunological evaluation in a patient with folliculitis decalvans. Kim E. Poster presented at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology 2013 Annual Meeting; Baltimore, MD.

Comparative Efficiency of Coronary CT angiography, Myocardial Perfusion Imaging and Exercise Treadmill Testing in Observation Care of Patients With Chest Pain. Lam J. Poster presented at American College of Cardiology 2014 Annual Meeting; Washington, DC.

A case of adult left pulmonary artery agenesis that almost went undiagnosed. La Torre G. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Las Vegas, NV.

Resident Publications and Presentations


Double Mono: Co-infection with EBV and CMV. *Navetta, B*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

From Brain to Bone: A Case of Relentless Miliary TB. *Navetta, B*. Case report presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

Inpatient Management of Oncology Patients by Hospitalists: A Tertiary Center Experience. *Navetta, B*. Hospital Innovation presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

The Use of Point of Care Ultrasound in the Medical Intensive Care Unit Reduces Healthcare Cost and Patient Radiation Exposure. *Oks, M*. Poster presented at CHEST 2013 Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.


Complete Resolution of Acute Renal Failure and Nephrotic Syndrome with IR Guided Local Thrombolysis-A Case Report. *Parameswaran, J*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.


Listen: the patient is telling you the diagnosis: an unusual variant of GBS. *Ross, D*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

A Rare Case of Methemoglobinemia. *Rowan, K*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.


A common presentation to an uncommon cause of Addison’s Disease. *Song, J*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Hospital Medicine Meeting; Last Vegas, NV.

Incidental Left Ventricular Thrombosis. *Yang, J*. presented at 2013 ACP Conference; Rochester, NY.

What our Nurses say....

Hello,

I wanted to commend one of your house staff doctors for doing such a wonderful job last week on 4 north. It was late in the day and I was covering as the manager of 4 north. I received a call that there was a very upset, confused patient who was alleging abuse from the staff. We called the doctor to come to the bedside, that doctor was **Dr. Vuong**. He arrived and came into the room while I was doing my initial investigation of this allegation. The patient was very agitated and sounded confused to me. I was able to calm her down with Dr. Vuong’s assistance. He was so patient, so compassionate and so calm in his approach when speaking to her. After settling the situation and discovering this was just a confused elderly woman and not a true allegation of abuse, Dr. Vuong took the time to explain everything going on to this very sick patient. Again, he was kind, gentle and his delivery was just so nice to see. This woman who had thrown everyone out of her room only minutes before was now smiling and thanking myself and Dr. Vuong. I’m not sure that without his assistance I’d have been as successful in calming down the situation. Furthermore, after leaving the room, Dr. Vuong came up to de-brief and huddle with the team. We discussed potential necessary PRNs and interventions for this patient. Having only been the covering manager and not knowing her medical situation, I was completely informed regarding the entire situation by Dr. Vuong. Again, he was kind and patient in his explanation to me as well as the remainder of the nursing team.

Please extend my sincere thank you to Dr. Vuong for being so quick to respond, so kind in his approach and so incredibly patient centered.

Lori

Lori Andersen-Maccio, BSN, RN
4 South Nurse Manager

**Dr. Vuong**

I received a wonderful compliment about you yesterday from a family member. **Dr. *** (family member of patient *** approached me and said the following: “In my entire career as a physician, and as a family member of a patient, I have had hundreds of conversations with other physicians. Never in my career has another doctor been so patient, and spent so much time speaking with me and answering all my questions. I am so appreciative of the time he has spent with us, being completely patient and making sure we knew everything that was going on. He should be commended.”

Thank you so much for making our patients and their families feel so well cared for.

Nicole Kurtz RN BSN
Nurse Manager 4 Monti
Hi,

I just want you all to be aware how amazing Dr Marci Laudenslager was during her recent rotation with us in the CCU. The CCU staff and myself want to commend Marci for her true professionalism and for all of her hard work, dedication, and support she has given all of us in the CCU. She went above and beyond to assist us with caring for all of our patients. It is heartwarming to hear from staff and patients and their families when we have done an especially good job. Due to her impeccable compassion and support she has provided us with, we will be nominating Marci as our CCU Employee of the month for September 2015. Her Service Excellence is Greatly Admired!

Sincerely,
Liz

Elizabeth O'Mara, RN BSN CCRN
Nurse Manager - CCU

What our Fellows say...

I am on renal consults at North Shore this week. It is clear that when Sheila Firoozan is on night float that my patients are in good hands. I have reviewed her work/notes on a number of occasions and it is clear that she is both diligent and caring.

I figure you never got positive emails.

Big thanks to Joanna and Nichol today for helping us out and staying late through the entirety of GI clinic. We were overbooked and would never have left at a reasonable time without them.

Brian Markowitz
GI Fellow

Was approached by Cardiology Fellow (Amrita Persaud) stating that she was very impressed by Carlos Lopez during his CCU rotation.
He had very good medical knowledge and had excellent patient presentations.

Hi Chiefs,

As you know I am a big fan of positive feedback when it is due. Kareem Niazi has proven himself to be a wonderful intern. We worked together on a very challenging case of acute alcoholic hepatitis with Acute Tubular Necrosis. Kareem was always engaged -- asking appropriate questions, following up, and being proactive. It is clear that he is on his way to being a conscientious resident.

Daniel W Ross, MD MPH
Fellow, Division of Kidney Diseases and Hypertension
What our Attendings say...

Dr. Laudenslager,

I wanted to write this e-mail to extend a belated thank you to you for your help recently. A couple of weeks ago, on a Monday, I assumed care for a couple of patients that were new to me. Each patient had acute issues overnight, one involving a GI bleed and confusion, and the other involving pain control.

In each case, as the covering night float intern, you wrote very thorough and thoughtful notes that not only demonstrated an excellent management plan for these patients, but also was extremely helpful to me as I took over care the following morning. I know that cross coverage can sometimes seem like a thankless job, but I want you to know that I found your efforts to be very helpful and very much appreciated.

Ken Feldhamer

Kenneth Feldhamer, MD
Attending Physician, Division of Hospital Medicine
Director of Quality, Department of Medicine
North Shore University Hospital

Hi Karen,

Just wanted to let you know that Dr. Berkowitz and his team did an amazing job staying late to take care of a very sick young woman (coagulopathic, oozing, neck hematoma). His dedication was commendable.

Thanks,
Alicia Floyd, MD

Dear Chiefs,

I just wanted to write you regarding some of the residents I worked with this past month in the North Shore MICU. Jessica Kvasic is a stellar intern - very impressive. From day one she was on top of her game and easily outshined her resident. Very smart and hard working.

I was lucky to have some top notch residents with me so I just wanted them to be recognized for their hard work.

Thanks!
Stella
What our Patients say...

Dearest Dr. Bhakti Shah:
I am writing you, as promised I would, to THANK YOU AGAIN for your amazing care during my brief stay for low blood counts and a one-time low-grade fever that morning. I met with MANY different doctors, residents and interns. YOU stood out from everyone because of the way you listened, cared and took action in order to get results. You acknowledged what I was going through, agreed that I looked “too good” to be admitted but explained clearly the risks of not following up via the hospital. The combination of your intellect, caring heart, soft and understanding ways and complete commitment to me as a patient were second to none. I could absolutely see that you will become an amazing doctor. You have the combination of beautiful skills in all areas to allow you to make a difference not only in my life, but also in the lives of all the patients that are lucky enough to come into contact with you! I am truly appreciative of all that you did for me during this stay. I wish you the best of luck with your endeavors and know that your future is bright with hope and promise!
With much gratitude,
~Patient

To Drs. Kumar and Dr. Philip Solomon,
I want to share with you one of the most moving letters I have ever received, and to applaud the parts you played in this case.
This is what we’re all about (See below).
Richard B. Schwarz MD FACP
Medical Director LIJMC
Dear Dr. Schwarz:
Last week when my beloved wife, who is suffering from stage 4 Lung Cancer, had a severe setback and didn’t respond to my efforts to arouse her, I dialed 911. When the Paramedics came I asked them to take her to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, the hospital where she is being treated by her Oncologist and Radiologist. The paramedics couldn’t comply. She was running a high fever, was totally unresponsive and wasn’t in control of her bodily functions. It was a devastating experience to me and my stepdaughter Lisa because the medics didn’t have the authority to drive the ambulance to the west side of NY City. (I live in Fresh Meadows, Queens).
But my stepdaughter has a dear doctor friend at LI Jewish (Dr. Jeff Silber) and Lisa suggested we let the medics take her to your hospital. I was very reluctant to allow my wife be treated there. I thought she would become even more distressed in a new environment. She was very attached and dependent upon her doctor at Columbia after having so many disappointing experiences with other NY and NJ hospitals during the past year.
But this time was different. From the moment we were admitted to the emergency room until the time she will leave, she has had the most comprehensive, professional and sympathetic attention by every doctor and nurse that was in attendance.
And that was just the beginning. After being admitted last Tuesday, she was assigned to the 5th floor for care.
For the next 6 or 7 days she has had incredible and expert assistance from everyone on the 5th floor section where she had her room.
Please accept our special appreciation to Dr. Kumar and his assistant Dr. Solomon. Both were there whenever we needed them. They were informative, sympathetic and sincere. They were like members of our family. And they got her condition under control.
You should be very proud to have them on your staff.
Getting her into LI Jewish was the best idea and decision we could have made.
I will never forget it.
Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.
Tomorrow morning we leave for Calvary Hospital where my wife will continue her hopeful recovery. I wish she could have stayed in your hospital longer.
Sincerely,
~Patient’s Husband

David,

A patient recently wrote a compliment letter and listed you as one of the “outstanding individuals” who helped care for her during her stay on 5 Monti.

Thank you for your dedication to patient care, and keep up the good work.

Ken Feldhamer

Kenneth Feldhamer, MD
Attending Physician, Division of Hospital Medicine
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What our Graduates say...

Dear Dr. Chaudhry,
I hope all is well. I am emailing you to personally thank you for the amazing training I came away with from North Shore LIJ. Despite a rigorous schedule as a first year cardiovascular fellow, in a new medical center, starting off my training in the cath lab, I still felt prepared for the internal medicine boards. More importantly, the training I came away with from NSLIJ was truly excellent and a large part of my experience at NSLIJ was due to your approachability, guidance, time and support.
Thank you again for everything and I hope that we can continue to stay in touch.
Best regards,
Jossef Amirian, M.D.
Cardiovascular Diseases Fellow, Mount Sinai Beth Israel

Dear Dr. Chaudhry,
I always think about how much this program has done for me. I need to stop by the hospital more! I just wanted to thank you for selecting me from medical school and for the opportunity to train at your program. The program got me everything I could ask for, most importantly for me the fellowship I wanted and helping me to pass the medicine boards. You do a lot for residents and we are lucky to have a program director that does care how we do.
A/I fellowship is going fantastic so far. It does get busy but it’s great!
I hope everything is going well with you and that the program continues to excel!
Take care,
Shaan Waqar, M.D.
Allergy/Immunology Fellow, North Shore-LIJ
Hey guys!

Hope the craziness of July is winding down and things are starting to get a little easier back at home. Wanted to update you guys and everyone else on the Uganda trip. It is just as amazing as Sean, Rahmat, Joe, Krystal and Safiya made it sound last year. I've seen some incredible cases, especially ID and cardiac, that you would never see back in Long Island. We had to do lots of reading on Brucella, typhoid, and rheumatic heart disease (been a long time since I had heard of Sydenham's chorea) the past few weeks. The most surprising thing is how much chronic disease is here. There are a sizable chunk of patients admitted for heart failure and COPD exacerbations that I didn't expect. But for every one of those patients, there is an HIV case with a weird presentation of TB. It's a lot of work, about 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, but there isn't any pressure for following up consults or the stress of trying to save H+Ps five times unsuccessfully.

The town is incredible, with amazing scenery and pretty good food. I was surprised that my first dinner here was actually a cheeseburger with fries. We've climbed up most of the hills around the area, been to a couple of lakes, and done a few motorcycle rides.

I'll bring back lots of pictures and more stories. Hopefully we can do a noon conference after Mo gets back in September. All the best to everyone back home.

See you guys soon!

- Phil

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Esteemed Colleagues,

My time here has been remarkably rewarding and is exceeding all of my expectations. The country and the culture are beautiful. The smiles are innumerable. The benevolence is ubiquitous. The patients immediately inform you of their gratitude and appreciation for the slightest minutia of medical attention.

The pathology seen here is unparalleled to anything in the developed world. Naming only a small sample of diseases encountered typhoid fever, pemphigous vulgaris, I drained an abscess on a 2week old infant, molar pregnancy, a 12 year old with heart failure and a right ventricular heave, and of course malaria.

It is an injustice to the elective to limit its summation to a few brief paragraphs, and especially since I have much more time in Kisoro. If you are thinking of doing this elective, don't think, do it and accept the challenge. Isn't your appetite for challenges, why you chose internal medicine in the first place?

JR
Global Health Elective: Uganda

-----Original Message-----
From: Liu, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, July 09
To: Kim, Tara
Subject: RE: Hello from Kisoro!

This has been a great experience, and I'm not even at the halfway point. -Sean btw, today I saw a case of 28M w new TB w dx'd HIV two wks after, recently started on ARVs, p/w weakness x 3days now w suspected IRIS. On PE, he may have lymphogranuloma venereum. Lots of crazy interesting cases. No shot gun labs. barely any labs at all. it's been very refreshing as a clinician/diagnostician. I'm not merely the guy who reads the labs and CT results

Other interesting cases include:
30F w h/o poorly HTN, 7 spontaneous, now 10wks pregnant w BPs in 210/120s 50F w h/o ETOH abuse arrives bib husband for unresponsiveness, found with no breath sounds in R lung, 2cm punched out LLE lesion and ~20cm multinodular suprapubic mass, currently completely unresponsive 32M w h/o ETOH abuse and sobriety x1 year p/w 3mos jaundice and 1wk severe abd pain w white stools, found w acute jaundice and severe hepatomegaly 70M w HTN, found on day of adm w diffuse weakness in his bed covered in diarrhea, now acutely obtunded w severe R rales

-Sean

-----Original Message-----
From: Liu, Sean
Sent: Monday, July 21
To: Kim, Tara
Subject: RE: spot check

Fun updates: Yesterday I climbed a volcano. The day before, my co-resident and I saved a man who got machete through the skull because he cut the water line near the border of Congo. We stuck about 4 IVs in him and fluid resuscitated him about 6L in about 1 hr. From a half alive guy keeled over on the floor, soaked in blood, he bounced back to a guy w tight head bandage bathing himself.

-Sean
Public Health Elective: New York ACP

Through my time with the NY-ACP as a Health Policy Resident, I was able to appreciate the time, resources, and knowledge required for the greater good. The activity of analyzing and researching the proposals for new legislation provided me with a deeper knowledge of NYS health resources as well as forthcoming changes. By the end of the month, I felt confident in my ability to understand the legislation proposed and brainstorm the anticipated effects on the vast population (whether that be physicians, New Yorkers, or both). The opportunity of participating in NYS Budget updates and closely monitoring the ongoing Budget discussions was both intense and interesting.

As part of a team, I learned about collaborating with other members and stakeholders to assure positive results from our work. Being able to appreciate and consider the various perspectives is one of my newly honed skills. I have a greater appreciation of State legislators (Assembly & Senate) and their ability to keep the benefit of their constituents as a central focus to all discussions. I also realize the power of the State legislators to make change happen.

Most importantly, I experienced the power an individual has in bringing attention to a worthy cause and stimulating the process of change to benefit the greater good.

-Ankita Sagar, MD, MPH