



Yale University School of Medicine
&
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Department of Internal Medicine
Traditional Residency Program

~ **Graduation** ~
June 2, 2024

Internal Medicine Traditional Residency Graduation

Sunday, June 2, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome Remarks

Mark D. Siegel, MD
Program Director

Award Presentations

Remarks

Post Graduate Year One Class
Post Graduate Year Two Class
Graduating Class

Charlie Marvil, MD
William T. Hines, MD, MPH
Jeremy Tchack, MD

Acknowledgement of our Graduating Residents and Chief Residents

Mark D. Siegel, MD

NHPCC Chief Resident

Jody Sharninghausen, MD

VA CRQS Chief Resident

Ben Chipkin, MD

VA COE Chief Resident

Deanna Blansky, MD

Introducing the New Traditional Chief Residents

Soumya Banna, MD
Sanju Garimella, MD
Ritu Jayakrishnan, MD
Joshua Rusheen, MD
Mary White, MD

GRADUATING INTERNS (PGY 1)

Hamid Alemi, MD, MPH
General Internal Medicine Residency
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, TX

Shaman Bhullar, MD
Psychiatry Residency
Rosalind Franklin University
Chicago, IL

Yang Cai, MD
Neurology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Xi Dai, MD
Ophthalmology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Amisha Dave, MD
Ophthalmology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

David A. Eaton, MD
Anesthesiology Residency
New York University
New York City, NY

James Michael Garritano MD, PhD
Dermatology Residency
Baylor University
Houston, TX

Abdulmohsen Ghuloum, MD
Neurology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Mary Howard Holderness, MD
Neurology Residency
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Neurology Residency
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Eric W. Lai, MD
Ophthalmology Residency
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Dermatology Residency
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Jeremy Liu, MD
Ophthalmology Residency
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Geoffrey The-Yen Nguyen, MD
Ophthalmology Residency
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Wendy Osei-Bonsu, MD
Neurology Residency
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Dermatology Residency
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Neurology Residency
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Nadia Sial, MD
Neurology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Samantha Sithole, MD
Neurology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Wayne Zhong, MD
Neurology Residency
Yale New Haven Hospital
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Cardiology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Brian J. Hansen, MD, PhD
Cardiology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Nathan M. Johnson MD, PhD
Rheumatology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Sukrit Narula, MD
Cardiology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Shobana S. Subramanian, MD
Cardiology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Paul Minh Huy Tran, MD, PhD
Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

GRADUATING RESIDENTS (PGY 3)

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Clinician Educator Distinction
Hospitalist
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New York City, NY

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Hospitalist
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Chief Resident
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Clinical Investigation Distinction
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Nephrology Fellowship
Mass General Brigham
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University of California, San Francisco
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Cardiology Fellowship
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Hematology/Oncology Fellowship
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Saif Zaman, MD
Gastroenterology Fellowship
University of Pennsylvania
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Renee Zhang, MD
Hospitalist
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West Haven, CT

**GRADUATING VA CHIEF
RESIDENT FOR QUALITY AND
SAFETY**

Sebastian Gaston Placide, MD
Cardiology Fellowship
New York Presbyterian - Cornell
New York City, NY

**GRADUATING VA CHIEF
RESIDENT FOR THE CENTER OF
EDUCATION IN
INTERPROFESSIONAL PRIMARY
CARE**

Evan Perry Angelus, MD
Private Practice
PACT Primary Care
West Haven, CT

**GRADUATING NHPCC CHIEF
RESIDENT**

Koeun Choi, MD
General Internal Medicine Fellowship
Cornell University
New York City, NY

**GRADUATING TRADITIONAL
CHIEF RESIDENTS**

Necia May Hunter, MD
Hospitalist Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT

Ramya Kaushik, MD
Hospitalist
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New Haven, CT

Emily Morgan Moss, MD
Nephrology Fellowship
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New Haven, CT

Alexandra N. Schwann, MD
Cardiology Fellowship
Yale New Haven Hospital
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Kevin M. Wheelock, MD
Cardiology Fellowship
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

*Yale/Stanford Global Health Scholars in 2023-2024

GRADUATION AWARDS – 2024

The Fred S. Kantor, MD Award for Teacher of the Year at YNH: **Tariq Ali**

An annual award established to acknowledge the contribution of the Yale-New Haven Hospital-based Teacher who has contributed most to the education of the house staff. This award honors the faculty member who best exemplifies outstanding teaching abilities as selected by the house staff. The citation on the award reads: “To acknowledge the exceptional contributions of faculty to the care of patients and education of house staff on the Medical Service, this Teaching Award is given annually by the Traditional Yale Medical House Staff to the member of the Yale-New Haven Hospital-based faculty who contributes most to their education.”

The Asghar Rastegar, MD Award for Teacher of the Year at the WHVA: **Jurgen Holleck**

An annual award established to acknowledge the contribution of the VA Hospital-based Teacher who has contributed most to the education of the house staff. This award honors the teacher who best exemplifies outstanding teaching abilities. The citation on the award reads, “Asghar Rastegar, M.D., Chief, Medical Service (1985 – 1993) established the highest standards for clinical care and educational achievement through his vision and his example. To acknowledge his enduring contribution to the staff and patients of the Medical Service, the Asghar Rastegar Teaching Award is given annually by the Traditional Yale Medical House staff to the member of the VA Hospital-based faculty who contributes most to their education.”

Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Residency New Haven Primary Care Consortium, Teacher of the Year Award: **Shawn Ong**

The Teacher of the Year award was founded in 2018 and honors the PCC faculty member who consistently demonstrates his or her dedication to education in the ambulatory setting. Nominated candidates should be excellent clinical teachers and create an educational environment that encourages individual growth, promotes critical thinking, and fosters ongoing learning.

Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program Primary Care Center Humanism in Medicine Award: **Gretchen Berland**

The Humanism in Medicine award was founded in 2018 and honors a PCC faculty member who demonstrates exemplary qualities of a compassionate clinician. The nominee must possess personal qualities that lead to excellent patient-centered care, with an emphasis on individual dignity, empathy, and service by example.

Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Fair Haven Community Health Care, Teacher of the Year Award: **Mario Ochoa Prieto**

The Fair Haven Ambulatory Teaching Award honors an exemplary preceptor who demonstrates an unwavering dedication to teaching residents in the ambulatory setting at Fair Haven Community Health Care. This annual recognition is awarded to a faculty member who excels in clinical education, fostering an environment that promotes critical thinking, practical learning, and professional growth. The recipient of this award consistently provides mentorship that enhances the residents' ability to handle the complexities of patient care in a community health setting, supporting their journey to become compassionate, skilled clinicians.

The Samuel D. Kushlan Awards: **Ramya Sampath (PGY1) and Jose Victor Jimenez Ceja (PGY2)**

The Samuel D. Kushlan awards are presented annually to a PGY1 and PGY2 who have contributed most to the education of the house staff. This award honors the lifelong commitment of Samuel D. Kushlan, M.D., to medical education and patient care. Prior recipients have continued to contribute to the residency community throughout their training, and many have stayed at Yale as fellows and faculty.

Stephen R. Shell, MD Memorial House Staff Award: **Katherine Jane Feder**

Dr. Shell was a resident and Chief Resident from 1976 – 1980. He was an extraordinary person who cared deeply about medicine and about patients. After completing his Chief Residency year, he returned to Texas and entered practice. Tragically, he passed away while still very young. This award, established by his peers, is given each year to a graduating member of the Traditional Medicine Residency Program in his honor. The citation on the award reads, “Elected by your peers for possessing an uncompromising commitment to general internal medicine and to the best interests of the Yale medical house staff and our patients in the spirit, values and qualities of Stephen R. Shell, M.D.”

Frederick L. Sachs, MD Award: **Mary Bridget Curtin White**

Dr. Sachs was a beloved member of our voluntary faculty who served as Associate Chief of Medicine from 1982 until 1999. Dr. Sachs was a consummate clinician and teacher, and a real presence at morning report, six days a week. Dr. Sachs' honest, practical approach to clinical medicine and constant advocacy of the medical House Staff stands as his legacy to the Beeson Medical Service. To acknowledge his untiring devotion, the Yale Medical House Staff recognize the one amongst them who best represents Dr. Sachs' ideals and *Esprit de Corps* with this annual award. The citation on the award reads, “Elected by your peers for possessing those attributes of the

heart and mind that best exemplify the dedication to learning and empathy toward patients that were hallmarks of the career of Dr. Fred Sachs, Associate Chief of Medicine, 1982 – 1999.”

VA Clinic Awards: Matthew Jiang (Firm A) and Neeharika Namineni (Firm B)

Given to a graduating resident from each VA clinic firm who best embodies the mission of the VA.

West Haven VA Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education Award: Michael Arcieri

For the Physician resident who best represents the mission of the COE in terms of excellence in patient care, dedication to Veterans and commitment to interprofessional collaboration and teamwork.

The Dr. Laura Whitman New Haven Primary Care Consortium Award: Casey Stein

Given to the graduating NHPCC resident who consistently cares for the patients with dignity and compassion.

Yogesh Khanal Global Health Leadership Award: TBA

Dr. Yogesh Khanal was a graduate of the Yale Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program and served as chief resident in the 2015-2016 academic year. Yogesh became ill in the spring of his chief year and died in June 2016. Yogesh was a compassionate and dedicated colleague and physician, with a deep commitment to addressing health disparities by working with underserved communities both domestically and internationally. This award honors the resident or chief resident from the Primary Care, Traditional, or Medicine-Pediatrics training programs who best exemplifies leadership in global health by their dedication to the care of vulnerable patients in the realms of clinical care, scholarships, and advocacy for health equity.

Dr. Christopher Phillips Servant Leader Award: Jeremy Tchack

The Dr. Christopher Phillips Servant Leader Award is a cherished tradition at Fair Haven Community Health Care, presented annually to a graduating resident exemplifying exceptional commitment to accessible healthcare. This award celebrates the legacy of Dr. Christopher Phillips, who championed quality healthcare as a fundamental right and inspired residents to overcome systemic barriers affecting patient care. This award recognizes a resident who demonstrate significant leadership, empathy, and dedication to patient advocacy, reflecting Dr. Phillips' belief in the profound impact healthcare professionals can have on their community. It sets a standard for future providers, reminding them of the pivotal role they play in advancing equitable healthcare.

Partners in Care Award: Laura Devaux

For tremendous contributions to resident education, well-being and clinical training.

Fellow of the Year Award: Salem Hernandez

Elected by the residents annually to acknowledge outstanding clinical teaching contributions by a clinical fellow in one of the subspecialty sections of the Department of Medicine.

Marcella Nunez Smith Award for Achievements in Antiracism in Medicine: TBA

To acknowledge the exceptional contribution of a house staff member in the Internal Medicine Residency Programs to the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the elevation of our commitment to providing equitable care to the greater New Haven community. This award recognizes a graduate who has gone above and beyond to prompt our institution to live out core values of justice, representation, and belonging.

Innovations in Ambulatory Education: Efia James and Richard Smith

This award acknowledges the exceptional contribution of a faculty member in the Internal Medicine Residency Program in promoting a sustainable innovative educational initiative to enhance ambulatory education of trainees. It recognizes a faculty member who has gone above and beyond in extending the outpatient experience, and thus contributing to the well-rounded and balanced culture of the Program.

Support Staff Recognition Award: Brett Marks

This award is intended to recognize the contributions of members of the office, clinic or hospital staff who have made exceptional contributions to supporting PCC and our house staff. Included as eligible for this award are our administrative support staff at any of our training sites, nurses, case managers, social workers, etc.

The Vasquez Award for Humanism: Cynthia McNamara

Named after Dr. Luz Vasquez, who served the New Haven Primary Care community for over thirty years, most of it at the West Haven VA, this award seeks to recognize a physician who demonstrates selfless dedication to the human element of patient care. The recipient should be recognized by peers and by trainees as an exemplar in this domain, someone who regularly elevates the needs of patients beyond those of the healthcare system, someone who emphasizes the value of long-term relationships with patients as human beings. The awardee is nominated by trainees, and a VA senior leadership committee.

The Hughes Award for Ambulatory Teaching: Jenna Klimovich

Named after Dr. Jack Hughes who dedicated over 35 years of service to general medical and clinical education in primary care across the range of trainees. This award seeks to recognize Dr. Hughes' multi-faceted contributions to education. The recipient should demonstrate the ability to bridge the intellectual gap between medical research, classroom didactics and education at the bedside. The recipient should be recognized by trainees as someone who brings to bear creativity and enthusiasm to our teaching mission. The awardee is nominated by trainees and a senior leadership committee, incorporating Yale teaching evaluations as a comparator.

The Faculty and Staff of the Internal
Medicine Departments at the Yale
University School of Medicine, The Yale-
New Haven Hospital and the VA
Healthcare System extend their
congratulations and best wishes to the
graduates of 2024.