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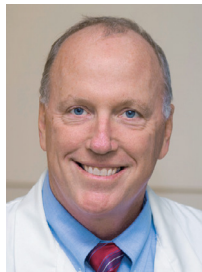
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Chairman's Message



LOUIS RICE, M.D.

Change. It is happening all around us. It can sometimes be associated with discomfort and uncertainty; it can also be associated with anticipation and hope. On a national level we are in the midst of a presidential campaign showcasing two very different visions for this country's future. In our own medical field, we continue to suffer from the aftereffects of the Covid-19 pandemic, with many hospitals, especially smaller ones, struggling to make ends meet. Private equity groups are buying up hospitals and practices, with sometimes disastrous results leaving communities without adequate access to important health care services.

Here in New England we are not immune to these trends. Several Massachusetts hospitals under the Steward for-profit banner have recently filed for bankruptcy protection and have either been closed or sold to other health systems (more on that below). Within the state of Rhode Island, there are concerns that two for-profit hospitals, Roger Williams and Fatima Hospitals, will suffer a similar fate in the not-too-distant future. Revenues at the larger health systems in the state, Lifespan and Care New England, have lagged what is required to maintain and grow state of the art programs and facilities, necessitating difficult choices and deferred maintenance. There is no shortage of challenges facing health care in this state.

Fortunately, as I have noted in prior messages in this forum, we have relatively new leadership in our health systems and in our medical school, and these leaders have forged agreements and started initiatives designed to improve the long-term prospects of the health system, the medical school and ultimately the availability of first-class, cutting-edge health care in our state. Already under way is the formation of the Brown Innovation and Research Collaborative for Health (BIRCH). This initiative aims to align research operations of Lifespan and Care New England with Brown's Division of Biology and Medicine. This unification will leverage the distinctive strengths of each institution, allow for better coordination of core services and promote the submission of larger grants than any of the institutions could submit alone. It should also provide a strong base for philanthropic fund raising, without which no modern research institution can thrive.

Among the more recent major moves includes the historic agreement between Brown University and Lifespan to update their affiliation agreement in groundbreaking ways. Lifespan will rename itself Brown University Health, allowing it to more effectively emphasize to the world its close affiliation with Warren Alpert Medical School faculty. In association with this rebranding, Brown University will have seats on the Brown University Health Board of Directors. Brown has also agreed to invest \$150 million in the health system over the next seven years, after which the flow of funds will move in the opposite direction, as it does in virtually all academic health systems in the U.S. Brown has also agreed to manage investment of a significant portion of Lifespan's endowment, promising the potential of returns significantly higher than Lifespan has historically realized.

Talks are also underway to find ways of coordinating the work of the Lifespan provider practices (Lifespan Physician Group and Coastal) with Brown Physicians, Inc. to create a nearly complete (Orthopedics and Diagnostic Imaging have not been involved in these discussions) combined academic practice, as exists at virtually all



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other academic medical centers in this country. The health system and the practices consider this to be a critically important step in our efforts to deliver State-of-the-Art health care to the citizens of the state and to attract the best and the brightest providers.

Finally, Lifespan has closed a deal to buy two of the Massachusetts hospitals involved in the Steward bankruptcies, St. Ann's Hospital in Fall River and Morton Hospital in Taunton. The ink is barely dry on these agreements and there is much work to be done to assess and stabilize their operations, given the chaos that normally accompanies large bankruptcies. But Lifespan's leadership has correctly (in my view) determined that growth will be important for the ultimate health of the system, and this purchase will facilitate greater movement into the Massachusetts health care market than other strategies being considered. It will be exciting to see how the relationship between these new hospitals and their practices and those currently existing in Lifespan will evolve.

So a lot of change is in our future. For my part, I think it is much more of the anticipation and hope than the discomfort and uncertainty kind of change. I hope that we will all be willing to pitch in to make these endeavors successful, should we be asked to contribute. But while all of this is important to consider, the most important thing to remember is that as deliverers of health care, our obligation is to do the very best for the patient that is in front of us. The best contribution we can make to a better future is to continue to practice the highest quality, evidence-based care we can and to make sure that this care is available to all in our community. Thank you for all that you do to make these aspirations a reality! ■

Schiffman to Receive Scholarly Activity Award From ACP

Fred Schiffman, MD, division of Hematology-Oncology, has been selected as the 2024-2025 recipient of the *Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine*. The award will be celebrated during the 2025 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting.

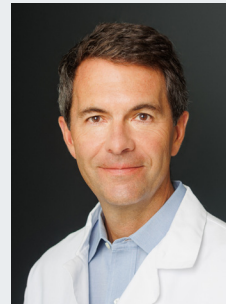
The award is given for outstanding scholarly activities in history, literature, philosophy, and ethics and contributions to humanism in medicine.

Dr. Schiffman has long been recognized as a gifted physician who continuously and tirelessly devotes his time to his fellow physicians, residents and medical students, staff and – most of all – his patients and their families. He has been praised for his compassion and commitment to his patients as well as medical residents, and his long-standing commitment to compassionate care.

In addition to his clinical roles, Dr. Schiffman also serves as Associate Physician-in-Chief at The Miriam Hospital, the Medical Director of the Brown University Health Cancer Institute, the Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine and the Vice-Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. ■

News from the Infectious Diseases Division

Beckwith Appointed Division Director



Curt G. Beckwith, MD, FACP, FIDSA, has been appointed as the Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the affiliated academic hospitals of Brown University Health. Dr. Beckwith was selected after an extensive national search that yielded several highly qualified candidates.

Dr. Beckwith received his undergraduate degree from Colby College and his medical degree from the Warren Alpert Medical School in 1999 after completing the Dartmouth-Brown Program in Medicine. He completed Internal Medicine residency, including serving as Chief Resident, and his Infectious Diseases fellowship at Brown University. He joined the faculty of the Division of Infectious Diseases in 2005.

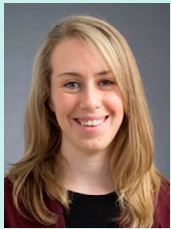
Dr. Beckwith leads a research portfolio funded by the National Institutes of Health focused on improving the diagnosis, treatment and longitudinal care of HIV and hepatitis C virus among persons who use drugs and persons involved with the criminal legal system in the United States. He is the Director of the Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and he is the Associate Director of the Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research. Current NIH funding supports multiple studies examining the use of long-acting antiretroviral medications for HIV treatment and prevention among vulnerable populations.

Dr. Beckwith served as the Program Director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Brown for eleven years prior to becoming the Interim Director of the Division in 2023. He is dedicated to training and mentoring early career clinicians and clinician-scientists. He provides ambulatory care for persons with HIV at the Infectious Diseases and Immunology Center of The Miriam Hospital and attends on the inpatient Infectious Diseases consultation services of the Division. Dr. Beckwith is also a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. ■

New Hires in the Infectious Diseases Division



Calli Dogon, MD joined the Division of Infectious Diseases in August 2024. Calli received her medical degree from the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa and completed her internal medicine residency at Pennsylvania Hospital, University of Pennsylvania Health System. Calli went on to complete her infectious disease fellowship, followed by an advanced HIV / TB fellowship, at Brown University. With her home country close to heart, Calli has a focus and passion for global health and aims to create an educational partnership between Brown and UCT, with a paramount focus on improving patient care. Calli was awarded the Framework in Global Health Grant at Brown to support her research initiative with South Africa. She received the 2024 “Best Abstract Overall” award from the Global Health Initiative for this work.



Rebecca Burns, MD attended medical school at Rush Medical College in Chicago and then returned home to Boston to complete Internal Medicine residency at Boston Medical Center and an Infectious Diseases fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center where she specialized in Transplant and Immunocompromised hosts.



Michael Rossi, MD attended medical school at Rush Medical College. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Boston Medical Center and Infectious Diseases fellowship at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. ■

Flanigan Receives Award



Timothy P. Flanigan, MD is the recipient of The Charles “Bud” Kahn, MD Lifetime Leadership Award. The Miriam Hospital Medical Staff Association sponsors the annual award, which recognizes a Miriam physician for “outstanding leadership over a lifetime of service” and who “exemplifies professionalism and leadership in a variety of ways, to include open communication, collaboration, cooperation, commitment, and integrity.” ■

Community Engagement Spotlight: Street Medicine Program

Since May of 2023, **Natasha Rybak, MD** has been part of the Street Medicine team, a pilot project funded by the Rhode Island Foundation and led by Dr. Rebecca Karb. This program is a joint effort by House of Hope and Project Weber/RENEW, with support from the Rhode Island Foundation, and physicians at BPI and Lifespan to bring consistent and effective street outreach combined with high-quality healthcare into the community by meeting people where they are—in parks, encampments and under bridges. Additionally, Dr. Rybak has been working with other members of the ID division, Dr. Leah Harvey and pharmacy teams to expand access for Hepatitis C treatment beyond the walls of the clinic and to the streets as well. ■

Hospitalist Division’s Journal Passes National Quality Review

The Journal of Brown Hospital Medicine, a peer-reviewed journal published by the Division of Hospital Medicine at The Miriam Hospital has passed the Scientific Quality Review by National Library of Medicine (NLM) for PubMed Central (PMC) – a free full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine (NIH/NLM). PMC will take content back to 2022 as per the current back content policy. ■

Honors for Faculty from the Division of General Internal Medicine

Alisha Crowley, MD has been invited to participate in question writing for the American College of Physicians National Committee for Doctor’s Dilemma. Doctor’s Dilemma is a jeopardy-like contest using medical knowledge questions that takes place annually at the National ACP conference and involves residency programs from across the country. It is a distinct honor to be involved in shaping this event and it is not surprising that Dr. Crowley was selected as she has won similar national competitions herself!

Kate Cahill, MD was awarded the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Dr. Herbert Rakatansky Award in Recognition for Exemplary Professionalism and/or Humanitarian Service. Dr. Cahill is recognized widely as an outstanding medical educator who brings the utmost of professionalism, thoughtfulness, and kindness to all that she does. Congratulations Dr. Cahill!

Mariah Stump, MD was awarded the Rhode Island Medical Society’s Humanism in Medicine Award. Dr. Stump has expertise in lifestyle medicine, acupuncture, and wellness and brings this to her patients, colleagues, and community every day. Congratulations Dr. Stump!

Jennifer Jeremiah, MD, FACP, was the recipient of the Faith T. Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Educator of Residents and Fellows that was presented at this year's ACP Annual Meeting. The award recognizes an ACP member who is a distinguished educator who spends a significant amount of time teaching residents and fellows. Additionally, it was recently announced that Dr. Jeremiah was selected as the recipient of the APDIM Distinguished University Associate Program Director Award, by the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM). This award recognizes an Associate Program Director or Core Faculty at a university-based program for outstanding contributions to the field of graduate medical education and for institutional, regional and/or national contributions based on their work as educators in residency training programs. The award will be presented at the Academic Internal Medicine Week conference in April 2025. We are so appreciative of Dr. Jeremiah's numerous contributions to our program, as well as nationally. ■



Emily Long, MD received her BA in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology at Drake University, IA and her medical Degree from Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa earning a Global Health Distinction Tract for her training in East Africa. She started residency in General Surgery at Iowa Methodist Medical

Center, Des Moines, IA for one and half years before switching to Family Medicine at Ascension-St. Vincent's East in Birmingham, Alabama. She is interested in procedures, teaching, and hopes to build a partnership for learners to travel to and from East Africa in the future. She joined BMAP East Greenwich team in August and has enjoyed getting to know Rhode Island with her husband and two dogs. ■

New Hires in the Division of General Internal Medicine



Kara R. Greenwald, MD, received her B.A. and M.D. from the University of Rochester. She completed her residency in Categorical Internal Medicine at New York University School of Medicine in 2011. She then worked as a primary care physician and hospitalist at Bellevue Hospital Center for NYU. In 2017 she started at Weill Cornell

Primary Care as a primary care physician. During her time at NYU/Bellevue she had a leadership role in the primary care office. She taught medical residents and students both in the hospital and office. At Cornell she was a clinical mentor to medical students and precepted the practice of medicine course for first year students. She has an interest in quality improvement and patient safety. Kara joined the BMAP East Greenwich Team in July. She is excited to live in Rhode Island with her husband and toddler.



Nicholas Harford, MD received his B.Sc. and M.D. at St George's University School of Medicine, Grenada. His residency was completed at Yale New Haven Hospital, Griffin Hospital and the Connecticut Institute for Communities (FQHC) in Danbury, CT, serving populations with limited access to health care. His

experience includes committee work on Patient Safety, Medical education and Wellness. He joined the BMAP East Providence team in July.

News from the Cardiovascular Institute

Cardiovascular Institute Earns Highest Rating From Society of Thoracic Surgeons

The Brown University Health Cardiovascular Institute has earned a three-star rating from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons for its results in isolated mitral valve replacement and repair surgery.

The three-star rating is the highest-quality rating from STS and places Lifespan among the top institutes for mitral valve replacement and repair surgeries in the U.S. and Canada. Also, Lifespan Cardiovascular Institute ranked in the 90th percentile for operative mortality in aortic valve repair, mitral valve repair and coronary artery bypass graft surgery.

"Taking care of patients' cardiovascular disease is a team sport that involves a wide multitude of practitioners working alongside each other collaboratively," said Dr. Afshin Ehsan, director of minimally invasive cardiac surgery and director of quality at the cardiovascular institute. "At the Lifespan Cardiovascular Institute, we have all these pieces of the puzzle performing at a very high level to give patients the excellent care they need, and that translates to the excellent quality results we have had."

The STS rating is calculated using a combination of quality measures for procedures performed by an STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database participant. There are only three three-star isolated mitral valve replacement and repair surgery programs, one of which is Lifespan's, and the other two are in Connecticut.

Dr. David M. Shahian, chair of the Task Force on Quality Measurement, reflected that "Participation in the database and public reporting demonstrates a commitment to quality improvement in health care delivery and helps provide patients and their families with meaningful information to help them make informed decisions about health care." ■

Honors for Faculty

CVI's CV Rehab team received LPG Academic Multidisciplinary Award 2024 for outstanding care through integrated services.

CVI was awarded TMH ED Consulting Service of the Year Award 2024.

Leanne Burke was selected to receive a 2024 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence for the state of Rhode Island! This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated advocate in each state who has made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and recognition of nurse practitioners.

Gaurav Choudhary, MD was elected by the NAIPI National Association of IDeA Principal Investigators (NAIPI) Committee as the COBRE/CTR/I-RED representative for the Northeast Region IDeA states.

Rachna Kataria, MD was invited to be part of the planning committee of the ACC Round Robin on Evaluation and Management of Cardiogenic Shock with a goal to prepare and publish an ACC Concise Clinical Guidance on this topic. She will be representing women in cardiogenic shock and representing our non-VAD, non-txp referral center that offers our often-challenging patients some incredible care and expertise in the community.

Rachna Kataria, MD was accepted to the ACC Clinical Trials Research Program. The program provides participants with mentorship, knowledge on how to succeed in clinical trials research and the opportunity to build their professional network with clinical research experts and industry leaders.

Marwan Saad, MD received the Dean's Positive Champion of Learning Environment Award of Brown University in June 2024.

Nishant Shah, MD selected as the next Editor (formally Course Director) of the ACC's Clinical Nuclear Cardiology course.

Peng Zhang, MD was elected by the medical school faculty to serve on Brown's Medical Faculty Executive Committee (MFEC) from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027. ■

New Hires At the Cardiovascular Institute



Shirlene Obuobi, MD is a cardiologist with the Lifespan Cardiovascular Institute. She earned a medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, where she also completed a cardiology fellowship, an internal medicine residency, and an internship in the department of medicine. Her clinical interest is in women's heart health. Her research interests include health equity and narrative and graphic medical communications, that use storytelling or comic book formats to educate at risk and underserved populations about cardiovascular disease. Her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed publications and journals. Dr. Obuobi extends her interest in the human heart writing romance novels, two of which have been published.



Toi Spates, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist with the Lifespan Cardiovascular Institute. She earned a medical degree from the University of Mississippi. At Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, she completed an internal medicine residency as well as fellowships in cardiovascular disease, advanced cardiovascular imaging in echocardiography and cardiac MRI and in adult congenital heart disease. Her clinical interests include the care of patients with not only general cardiac complaints but also those adults with a history of complex congenital heart conditions. When she is not caring for patients, she enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and creating wheel thrown ceramic art. ■



News from the Gastroenterology Division

New Hires



Paige McLean Diaz, MD is the newest addition to the Brown Medicine Gastroenterology practice at East Providence. After completing her medical degree at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, she went on to pursue postgraduate training in internal medicine and gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital (2017-2023), finally completing an advanced fellowship in transplant hepatology at the University of Chicago (2023-2024). Dr. McLean Diaz's clinical and research interests are focused on integrating addiction medicine into care for patients with alcohol-associated liver disease, addressing health disparities, particularly for underrepresented patients with chronic liver disease, and optimizing access to liver transplantation.

Amer Malik, MD graduated from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, United Kingdom. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Brown University, and his Fellowship Training at Stanford University School of Medicine, specializing in interventional pancreatico-biliary endoscopy. His experience is varied and includes positions as Co-Director of the GI Pathophysiology and Endoscopy Training Courses, Chief VA Medical Center, President of the University Medical Group and Coordinator of the Liver Biliary Pancreas Center at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, RI. He is active in Volunteer Work and was awarded the Presidents Volunteer Service Award by President Obama. His recent research interests include Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and ergonomics in endoscopy. Clinical interests include Gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD), Barrett's Esophagus, Colon Cancer and Colon Cancer Screening and Pancreatico-Biliary disorders.



Banreet Singh Dhindsa, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. Dr. Dhindsa specializing in biliary disease, gastrointestinal oncology, Zenker's diverticulum, Achalasia, Barrett's esophagus, and therapeutic endoscopy, including diagnostic and interventional endoscopic ultrasound, advanced tissue resection, and endoluminal stent placement.

Dr. Dhindsa earned a bachelor's degree in medicine and bachelor's degree in surgery degree from Bharati Vidyapeeth University Medical College in Pune, Maharashtra, India. He participated in a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Nebraska, where he served as a chief fellow. He also did a fellowship in advanced endoscopy at New York University's Langone Medical Center under world-renowned physician Dr. Gregory Haber. In addition, Dr. Dhindsa completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Medical Center. He won multiple awards in his residency, including the Barbara O Rourke Teaching Award

and Researcher of the Year. He has collaborated with researchers in the United States and abroad and has over 50 peer-reviewed publications in prestigious journals such as Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE). In addition, he is the recipient of the ACG Auxiliary award and has won multiple Presidential Poster Awards and Poster of Distinction Awards. He serves on the editorial board of BMC Gastroenterology and was an associate editor of ACG Case Reports Journal. He is a current ACG educational affairs committee member and previously served on the ASGE GI fellows committee. He was also a CAPER (Collaborative Alliance of Pancreatic Education and Research) scholar and writes CME questions for the American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG). He is a peer-reviewer for several high-impact journals, such as Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (GIE), Pancreas, and Nature Scientific Reports. ■

Dr. Steven Moss lecture at Digestive Disease Week Conference

Dr. Steven Moss was invited to give a lecture on H pylori Management Challenges in North America at the AGA Barry Marshall (Nobel Laureate 2005) and Adrienne Marshall Symposium: Helicobacter pylori Management: Around the world in 90 minutes. Digestive Disease Week, Washington, DC, May 19, 2024. ■

Faculty Honored with Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching

The Beckwith Family Research and Education Fund has been established at The Alpert Medical School through generous gifts to the endowment from the Beckwith Family Foundation. The endowment Fund is used to support the education and research mission of the Department of Medicine, with an emphasis on the education and training of medical residents.

Each year the Fund supports the presentation of the Annual Brown Medical School Department of Medicine Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching. This award is to recognize superb teaching by its faculty. The recipients are nominated and chosen by students, residents, physicians, program and course directors in the Brown Medical School Department of Medicine. Each winner is presented with a plaque and a cash prize.

The Beckwith Family Award recipients are:

Sebhat Erqou, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
of Medicine

Denise Fernandes, MD
Assistant Professor
of Medicine

Matthew Lynch, MD
Assistant Professor
of Medicine

Michael Picchioni, MD
Associate Professor
of Medicine

Matthew Quesenberry, MD
Assistant Professor
Medicine

James Rudolph, MD
Professor of Medicine
(Research Scholar)
Professor of Health Policy
& Practice

Martha Sanchez, MD
Assistant Professor
Medicine

Recently Awarded Grants

Michael Bernstein, Infectious Diseases, received a grant for \$156,344.00 from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences for the project "COBRE Center on Opioids and Overdose - Phase 2 - Project 2: Optimizing open placebos for chronic pain patients"

Ghada Bourjeily, Pulmonary, received a grant for \$250,000.00 from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine for the project "Role of maternal nutrition and stress in sleep health disparities in pregnancy"

Benedito Carneiro, Hematology Oncology Cancer Center, received \$579,844.00 from AstraZeneca for the clinical trial "A Modular Phase I/IIa, Multi-centre, Dose Escalation, and Expansion Study of AZD3470, a MTA Cooperative PRMT5 Inhibitor, as Monotherapy and in Combination with Anticancer Agents in Patients with Advanced/Metastatic Solid Tumours That are MTAP Deficient." Dr Carneiro also received \$477,898.00 from AstraZeneca for the clinical trial "An Open-label, Randomised, Phase I, Multi-centre Study to Investigate the Biological Effects of AZD5305 Alone, Darolutamide Alone, and in Combination Given Prior to Radical Prostatectomy in Men with Newly Diagnosed Prostate Cancer (ASCERTAIN)"

Bum-Rak Choi, Cardiology, received \$257,036.00 from the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity for the project "Repurposing propranolol to treat sickle cardiomyopathy: Role of non-adrenergic signaling." He also received \$67,522.00 from Brown University for the project "Interdependence of Post-MI Local Revascularization and Remuscularization by Engineered Human Myocardium on Cardiac Remodeling and Regeneration."

Susan Cu-Uvin, Infectious Diseases, received a grant for \$41,093.00 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the project "Providence/Boston Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) - Implementation Science Scientific Working Group (SWG)"

Amanda Fernandes, Endocrinology, received \$42,299.00 from Spruce BioSciences, Inc for the clinical trial "A Phase 2 Study to Evaluate the Safety, Efficacy, and Pharmacokinetics of SPR001 (Tildacerfont) in Children Aged 2 to 17 Years with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia." She also received \$61,906.18 from Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, INC., for the clinical trial "A 12-Week, Phase 2 Open-Label, Sequential Dose Cohort Study To Evaluate The Safety, Efficacy, And Pharmacokinetics Of Crn04894 Treatment In Participants With Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia"

Stefan Gravenstein, Geriatrics, received a grant for \$117,203.00 from Insight Therapeutics for the project "Estimating the effect of recombinant herpes zoster vaccination on dementia risk: a target trial approach in US nursing homes."

Omar Hyder, Cardiology, received \$414,350.63 from Medtronic for the clinical trial "The SPYRAL AFFIRM Global Clinical Study of Renal Denervation with the Symplicity Spyral Renal Denervation System in Subjects with Uncontrolled Hypertension (SPYRAL AFFIRM)"

Hina Khan, Hematology Oncology Cancer Center, received \$157,896.00 from AstraZeneca for the clinical trial "A Modular Phase I/IIa, Open-label, Multi-center Study to Assess the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Preliminary Efficacy of Ascending Doses of AZD5335 Monotherapy and in Combination with Anti-cancer Agents in Participants with Solid Tumors"

James Klinger, Pulmonary, received \$107,334.00 from Gossamer Bio, Inc. for the clinical trial "A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Oral Inhalation of Serlutinib for the Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH)"

Gideon Koren, Cardiology, received a grant for \$732,634.00 from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for the project "Gene therapy for long QT syndrome type 2."

Bryce Perler, Gastroenterology, received a grant for \$70,000.00 from Brown University for the project "A community-based Produce Prescription intervention to improve nutrition security in marginalized populations who are disproportionately impacted by nutrition insecurity and obesity"

Glenn Radice, Cardiology, received a grant for \$205,000.00 from the National Institute on Aging for the project "Regulation of Mechanical Coupling in Aging Myocardium."

Alexander Raufi, Hematology Oncology Cancer Center, received \$969,000.00 from AbbVie, Inc for the clinical trial "A Phase 1 open-label study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ABBV-400 as monotherapy in select advanced solid tumor indications"

Natasha Rybak, Infectious Diseases, received \$83,786.00 from Insmid Incorporated for the clinical trial "A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Active Comparator, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of an Amikacin Liposome Inhalation Suspension (ALIS)-Based Regimen"

Ankur Shah, Renal Diseases, received \$116,550.00 from AstraZeneca for the clinical trial "A Phase III, Randomised, Double -Blind, Active-controlled Study to Assess the Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability of Baxdrostat in Combination with Dapagliflozin Compared with Dapagliflozin."

Navneet Singh, Pulmonary, received a grant for \$100,000.00 from the American Thoracic Society for the project "The Liver is an Inflammatory Mediator of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension"

Wenliang Song, Cardiology, received a grant for \$516,085.00 from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for the project “Differential thrombogenesis effects of EPA and DHA mediated by HDL.” Dr Song also received a grant for \$33,311.00 from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for the project “Impact of Dysfunctional HDL on Platelet Function and in vivo Thrombosis.”

Karen Tashima, Infectious Diseases, received \$246,732.00 from 60 Degrees Pharmaceuticals, Inc for the clinical trial “Double-blind Placebo-controlled Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Oral Tafenoquine plus Standard of Care versus Placebo plus Standard of Care in Patients Hospitalized for Babesiosis.” She also received \$250,100.00 from Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc. for the project “Clinical Evaluation of the ID NOW CT/NG Test - Registrational Study (Protocol: 2308801)”

Shuping Tong, Gastroenterology, received a grant for \$442,802.00 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the project “A splicing-generated protein of hepatitis B virus in chronic viral infection.”

Corey Ventetuolo, Pulmonary, received a grant for \$100,000.00 from the American Heart Association for the project “Retinal Vascular Imaging as a Window into Pulmonary Vascular Remodeling in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension”

Jeremy Warner, Hematology Oncology, received a grant for \$732,687.00 from the National Cancer Institute for the project “The COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium (CCC19) Registry.” ■

