

# medicine minute

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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### CLINICAL CARE

#### O'Leary Co-authors Practice Guidelines for Managing Liver Failure



**Jacqueline O'Leary, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, co-authored "[Practice Guidance on Acute-on-chronic Liver Failure and the Management of Critically Ill Patients with Cirrhosis](#)," published in *Hepatology* by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

Originally from Pontiac, Michigan, Dr. O'Leary holds a bachelor's degree with honors and distinction in biological sciences from Stanford University in Stanford, California. She earned her medical degree at the University of California-San Francisco. She later completed a master's degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

She completed internal medicine residency training at UT Southwestern and then completed advanced training through fellowships in gastroenterology and transplant hepatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She conducted postdoctoral research at the Center for Blood Research at Harvard Medical School.

She joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2017.

## in case you missed it

### EDITORIALS

#### Beckman Discusses Device Therapy in Peripheral Artery Disease



**Joshua Beckman, M.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of Vascular Medicine, recently published "[Coming of Age for Device Therapy in Peripheral Artery Disease](#)" in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

"The tools available to endovascular practitioners that are used to treat patients with peripheral artery disease have been evolving rapidly; however, the results of interventions in vessels below the knees in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia have room for improvement," he writes. "Recent studies suggest that the field of endovascular intervention for peripheral artery disease is maturing into one

of evidence-based medicine, focusing on both device success and clinical outcomes. As the field moves forward with new treatments, the incorporation of clinical outcomes should be standard."

## Articles and Videos Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [Two-Step Screening Strategy Could Reduce Diabetic Heart Failure](#) (Via UTSW Newsroom, with **Ambarish Pandey, M.D.**)
- [A Chinese Drug Made of Insects May Help Cardiac Patients](#) (Via *Texas Monthly*, with **Eric Peterson, M.D.**)
- [Three Ways Oncologists Can Improve Survivorship Care After Cancer Treatment](#) (Via *MedBlog*, with **Jue Wang, M.D.**)
- [Study Suggests Key to Antipsychotic Drug-Induced Obesity](#) (Via UTSW Newsroom, with **Philipp Scherer, Ph.D., et al.**)

## this week

### INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

## Beckham to Discuss Inflammation, Infection in Neurodegeneration on Jan. 12



**David Beckham, M.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Friday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. in D1.502**. His topic: “The Role of Inflammation and Infection in Neurodegeneration.”

Dr. Beckham holds a bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Baylor University. He received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where he also completed internal medicine residency training. He then obtained advanced training through a fellowship program in

infectious diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Prior to joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2023, Dr. Beckham spent 14 years on the faculty at the University of Colorado.

### Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences

- **Tuesday, Jan. 9, Noon:** [Ethics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Newton E. Kendig** (George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences) – “Medical Ethics in the Carceral Setting”
- **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.:** [Special Simmons Cancer Center Seminar](#) with **Dr. Weiping Zou** (University of Michigan) – “Cancer Immune Evasion Mechanisms and Immunotherapy”
- **Wednesday, Jan. 10, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Melissa Mauskar** (Dermatology) – “Geriatric Genital Dermatology”
- **Thursday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m.:** [Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Saad Omer** (Peter O’Donnell Jr. School of Public Health) – “Dispatches from a Consequentialist ID Research Journey”
- **Friday, Jan. 12, Noon:** [Hematology & Oncology Pamela Hearn Isom Lecture](#) with **Dr. Anthony Galanos** (Duke University) – “Grief 101 for the Oncologist: Our Patients, Families, and Each Other”

[More Internal Medicine Events](#)

## on the horizon

### RESEARCH

#### Rajagopalan to Present Inaugural Research Conference on Jan. 16



The Internal Medicine Research Conference begins at **noon on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, in E6.200** with a presentation by **Kartik Rajagopalan, M.D., Ph.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. His topic: “Defining Leptin’s Role in the Response to Influenza.”

Dr. Rajagopalan earned his medical and doctoral degrees at UT Southwestern, where he studied metabolic fluxes during cell proliferation. He then completed his internal medicine residency training and advanced training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Columbia University in New York. His post-doctoral work included investigating the role of leptin

signaling during influenza and COVID infection.

Dr. Rajagopalan joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2023.

Lunch will be provided to those who [register](#) in advance.

### GLOBAL HEALTH

#### Rashdan to Lecture on Providing Cancer Care During Wartime



**Sawsan Rashdan, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, will present the [Global Health Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Tuesday, Jan. 16, at noon** in Clements University Hospital Room 2.109 and over [Zoom](#). Her topic: “Caring Through Chaos: Navigating Cancer Care During Wartime.”

Originally from Syria, Dr. Rashdan earned her medical degree at the Faculty of Medicine of Damascus University. She completed her internal medicine residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine, where she also obtained advanced training through a fellowship program in hematology

and oncology.

Dr. Rashdan joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2016.

## save the date

### NETWORKING

#### Faculty Development Workshop Scheduled for Feb. 27



Faculty members from the departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics will present a faculty development and networking workshop on **Tuesday, Feb. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Faculty Club**. The workshop, "A Rich Life: How to Thrive in Your Academic Career," will focus on clinician and clinician-educator faculty who are in their first seven to 10 years of service.

Led by **Jessica Moreland, M.D.**, a Professor of Microbiology and Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, and **Suzanne Farmer, Ph.D.**, Assistant Vice President for Organizational Development and Training, the workshop will

include an overview of faculty development programs and resources, a faculty panel representing a diverse range of career journeys, and breakout sessions with faculty facilitators.

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

## follow-up

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## Event Honoring Nick Stepaniak to be Held on Jan. 20

The family of Nick Stepaniak invites those who knew him to a Celebration of Life on **Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m.** at [Shenaniganz Rockwall](#), located at 1290 I-30 in Rockwall. Appetizers will be provided.

Look for the next *Medicine Minute* on **Tuesday, Jan. 16**.

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