

medicine minute

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HONORS

Farr, Shah Elected to Association of University Cardiologists



Maryjane Farr, M.D., a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Section Chief of the Heart Failure, Mechanical Circulatory Support, and Heart Transplantation group, and **Amil Shah, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology, Director of Population Sciences, and Director of the Dallas Hearts and Minds study, have been elected members of the [Association of University Cardiologists](#), an organization that is limited to an active membership of 135 academic cardiologists from across the nation.

Other Internal Medicine faculty members who are in the organization include professors **Joshua Beckman, M.D.**,

James De Lemos, M.D., **Mark Drazner, M.D.**, **Joseph Hill, M.D., Ph.D.**, **Craig Malloy, M.D.**, **Darren McGuire, M.D., M.H.Sc.**, **Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H.**, **Sharon Reimold, M.D.**, **John Rutherford, M.D.**, **Wanpen Vongpatanasin, M.D.**, and **Thomas Wang, M.D.**

Dr. Farr holds the Jackie and Charles Soloman Distinguished Chair in Clinical Excellence.

Dr. Shah holds the Dallas Heart Ball Chair in Cardiac Research.

RECOGNITION

Faculty, Residents Inducted into Honor Society



Two of the four faculty inductees and all four resident inductees at this year's [Gold Humanism Honor Society](#) (GHHS) were from the Department of Internal Medicine. The event also featured a keynote address by **Ellen Kitchell, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine.

Faculty honorees included **Bonnie Prokesch, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, and **Roopa Vemulapalli, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine.

Resident inductees were **Elena Gavrilă, M.D.**, a PGY-1 intern from Craiova, Romania; **Doruk Karaaslan, M.D.**, a PGY-3 trainee from Istanbul, Turkey; **Blake Lackey, M.D.**, a PGY-2 trainee from Coppel; and **Maria Clara Saad Menezes, M.D.**, a PGY-1 intern from Campo Grande, Brazil.

"This is not only in recognition of the exemplary humanism they display in the care of their patients, but also their impact as role models," says **Blake Barker, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the William T. and

Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine and Associate Dean of Students. “I am sincerely grateful for what they do every day, particularly for their lasting influence on others.”

The GHHS was established in 2002 to recognize medical students, residents, physician educators and others for excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and dedication to service. The national honor society currently has more than 160 chapters in medical schools and internship programs.

announcements

RESIDENT MATCH

Department to Welcome New Residents in July



The results of the National Resident Matching Program (the Match) were revealed on March 15. Of the more than 748 applicants interviewed by Internal Medicine, those who matched were from 38 different medical schools (including 11 international institutions).

Beginning in July, the Department will welcome new residents in the following programs:

- 7 Physician-Scientist
- 4 Internal Medicine / Pediatrics
- 2 Internal Medicine / Psychiatry
- 10 Ophthalmology

- 54 Internal Medicine
- 10 Neurology
- 6 Preliminary

“In the end, our efforts paid off and I am thrilled with the Match results,” says **Salahuddin “Dino” Kazi, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Rheumatic Diseases, Vice Chair of Education, and Director of Residency Training. “We have recruited exceptionally talented individuals! Thanks to all who helped in recruiting these superstars!”

Regarding UTSW’s medical students, it was another excellent year with all IM applicants, both categorical and preliminary, finding positions in the Match.

“This was another excellent year, and it marks five consecutive years that all of our IM applicants matched! We had 55 students match into a categorical IM or Med-Peds residency program. We are thrilled to have 15 of our best and brightest students staying on here to train at UT Southwestern,” says **Reeni Abraham, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the William T. and Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine, Head of Fashena College, and Associate Vice Chair for Undergraduate Medical Education. “None of this would be possible without supportive departmental leadership, dedicated IM course directors and the talented faculty and housestaff who have inspired these future physicians on their IM rotations. We are also extremely lucky to have an experienced IM Residency Advising Committee: Drs. Ahmad Anshasi, Rachel Bonnema, Stephanie Brinker, Jessica Campbell, Sarah Collins Kamsickas, Nicole Oakman and Kehinde Odedosu, along with Agatha Villegas. Our team has been intimately involved in many of the national residency application innovations, such as program signaling and structured evaluative letters, which has allowed us to deliver the most updated advice and position our students for success.”

To view the Core Program Match composite, click [here](#).
To view the Other Programs Match composite, click [here](#).

research roundup

ACHIEVEMENT

Li Receives Career Development Award



Li Li, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow in the Chen Liu Lab and recipient of the inaugural Seldin Symposium Basic Science Award, has received a three-year Career Development Award from the American Heart Association. The award will fund his investigation into the role of serotonin receptor signaling in brain-body communication.

Dr. Li's mentors for his funded research are **Ezra Burstein, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of Digestive and Liver Diseases; **Joel Elmquist, D.V.M., Ph.D.**, a Professor in the Center for Hypothalamic Research, and **Chen Liu, Ph.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Center for

Hypothalamic Research.

Dr. Burstein holds the Berta M. and Dr. Cecil O. Patterson Chair in Gastroenterology.

Dr. Elmquist holds the Carl H. Westcott Distinguished Chair in Medical Research and the Maclin Family Distinguished Professorship in Medical Science, in Honor of Dr. Roy A. Brinkley.

To learn more about the Chen Liu Lab, visit the [lab site](#).

in memoriam

Dr. William Henrich, Former Professor



William L. Henrich, M.D., President of UT Health San Antonio and a former Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern, died on March 14, 2024, after a lengthy illness. He was 77.

“Dr. Henrich presided over the greatest period of expansion in UT Health San Antonio’s 65-year history, accentuated by \$1 billion in ongoing transformational construction projects that will change the city’s health care and biomedical research landscape,” according to UT Health.

A board certified nephrologist, Dr. Henrich was the author of the most widely used dialysis textbook in the world, *Henrich’s Principles and Practice of Dialysis*. He served as dean of the health science center’s Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine from 2006 until 2009, when The University of Texas System Board of Regents appointed him president.

Dr. Henrich held a bachelor’s degree in English from Columbia University. He received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Oregon Medical School, followed by a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. Henrich served as a member of the UT Southwestern faculty from 1978 to 1995.

To read the announcement of Dr. Henrich’s death, click [here](#).



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need to know

REMINDER

Compliance Training Must Be Completed by April 17

If you received an email notification of your compliance training assignment on Monday, March 4, you must complete the mandatory Taleo Learn modules by **Wednesday, April 17**.

To access assigned training in Taleo, click [here](#) (network access required).

in case you missed it

NEWSROOM

Ethnic Minorities Face Higher Risk of Liver Transplant Failure



The risk of dying while awaiting a liver transplant or having a transplant fail for patients with alcohol-associated liver diseases is higher among racial and ethnic minorities, according to research published in [Transplantation](#). The findings could lead to targeted interventions that improve outcomes for high-risk groups suffering from alcohol-associated hepatitis and cirrhosis.

“Our study looked at factors within individual patient populations and uncovered predictors of mortality or graft failure,” says **Thomas Cotter, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases. “Our goal is to

pinpoint areas toward alleviating disparities in liver transplantation outcomes.”

To read the Newsroom article, click [here](#).

hot jobs in internal medicine

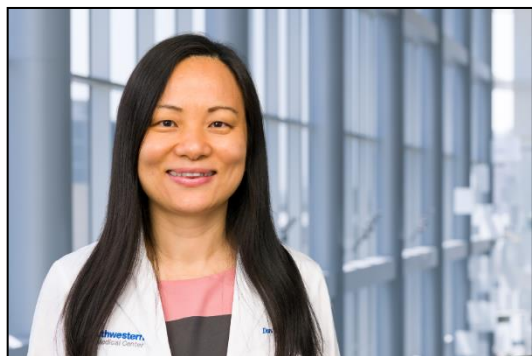
Looking to advance your career? Want to refer a friend? Check this job opening:

- [Department Facilities Administrator](#)

this week

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Tong to Present Research on HFpEF on March 19



Dan (Amanda) Tong, M.D., Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology, will present the [Internal Medicine Research Conference](#) on **Tuesday, March 19, at noon in E6.200**. Her topic: “Bad Blood and Mad Atria – New Players in the HFpEF.”

As a physician-scientist, Dr. Tong’s research and clinical interests are focused on cardiovascular conditions that are closely associated with metabolic diseases, particularly heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF) and atrial fibrillation.

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

To attend virtually, click [here](#).

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

UTMB's Reiser to Discuss Kidney Disease on March 22



Jochen Reiser, M.D., Ph.D., President of the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston and CEO of the UTMB Health System, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Friday, March 22, at 8 a.m. in D1.502**. His topic: “The Path is the Goal: Physician-Science and a Potential New Drug for Kidney Disease.”

Originally from Germany, Dr. Reiser received his medical and doctoral degrees from Heidelberg University. He worked as postdoctoral fellow in molecular and cellular biology and kidney disease at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he also received internal medicine residency training. He then

obtained advanced training through a nephrology fellowship program at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Prior to his appointment at UTMB, Dr. Reiser served in various and progressive leadership roles as a faculty member of Harvard Medical School, the University of Miami, and Rush University.

Noteworthy Lectures & Events

- **Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.:** [Family & Community Medicine Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Rupini Alla** (Family Medicine) – “Addressing Sleep Apnea in Primary Care”
- **Wednesday, March 20, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Erica Chu** (Geriatric Medicine) – “ICU Delirium and Beyond: The Patients Are Not the Only Ones Confused”
- **Wednesday, March 20, Noon:** [Excellence in Immunology Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Mark Sundrud** (Dartmouth Health) – “Bile Acids in Intestinal Immune Regulation”
- **Wednesday, March 20, Noon:** [Psychiatry Faculty Development](#) with **Dr. Kari Wolf** (Southern Illinois University) – “Oh, the Places You'll Go! Keys to Leading Up”
- **Thursday, March 21, Noon:** [Renal Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Erika Ingrid Boesen** (University of Nebraska) – “Renal Vulnerability to Iron-mediated Inflammation and Damage in Lupus Nephritis”
- **Friday, March 22, Noon:** [Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Centger Distinguished Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Lee Kraus** (Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences) – “Role of Site-specific ADP-ribosylation in Cancer”



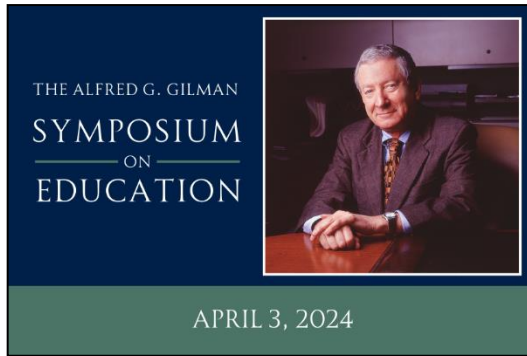
Internal Medicine Events Calendar

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upcoming events

SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY OF TEACHERS

Gilman Educational Symposium Scheduled for April 3



The 13th annual [Alfred G. Gilman Symposium on Education](#) will be held on **Wednesday, April 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** as a hybrid event. Sponsored by the Southwestern Academy of Teachers, the event will focus on “Developing the Next Generation of Leaders in Medicine.”

The keynote address will be delivered by **Joshua Hartzell, M.D.**, a retired Army colonel who currently serves as faculty within the Center for Health Professions Education at Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Hartzell is an expert in mentorship and leadership development for faculty and trainees in academic medicine.

Additional presentations will be given by **Reuben Arasaratnam, M.D., M.P.H.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, and **Hina Mehta, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hospital Medicine, among others. Workshop leaders include **Won Lee, M.D.**, and **David Finklea, M.D.**, Associate Professors in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, **David Greenberg, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, and **Thomas Dalton, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine. **Paige Della-Penna, M.D.**, a second-year resident, and **Namirah Jamshed, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, will provide updates on their grant projects.

*Dr. Lee and Dr. Greenberg are Distinguished Teaching Professors.
Dr. Jamshed holds the Professorship in Geriatric medicine, in Honor of Vivienne Roche, M.D.*

To register for the event, click [here](#).
To view the symposium agenda, click [here](#).

reminders

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Experts to Speak on Urolithiasis at Mineral Metabolism Event

The third **Pak Symposium on Mineral Metabolism Research** is scheduled for **Friday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the T. Boone Pickens Auditorium (NG3.112). The focus of this year’s conference will be urolithiasis, a condition that occurs when kidney stones pass into the urinary tract.

Fredric L. Coe, M.D., a Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago, will present the keynote address: “Interactions Between Crystal Deposits, Inflammation and Renal Physiology in Pathogenesis of Calcium Renal Stones.”

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

UPDATE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Annual CME Conference Scheduled for April 13

The annual Update in Internal Medicine CME Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13, from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The one-day live event will again be offered as a hybrid learning experience, with synchronous in-person and online presentations in addition to pre-recorded on-demand content. The presentations will be available for up to one year after the conference, totaling 16 units of CME credit and the opportunity to apply for MOC within the timing requirements of the ABIM rules.

To learn more or to register for the event, click [here](#).

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Registration Now Open for GI Conference

“What’s New in GI,” a one-day, in-person CME course on **Saturday, April 20**, will provide attendees with practical information that can be applied today in their clinical practice.

Directed by Associate Professor **Neha Patel, M.D.**, and Assistant Professor **David Fudman, M.D.**, from the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, the course is designed for gastroenterologists, GI surgeons, internal medicine physicians, family practice physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other healthcare providers who have an interest in gastroenterology.

To learn more or to register for the event, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY

Join Team UTSW at the Take Steps Walk on April 20

UT Southwestern is sponsoring the **Take Steps Walk**, an annual event that benefits the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, on **Saturday, April 20**, at Oak Point Park in Plano. Its purpose is to help accelerate research, advance treatments, and provide education and support programs to improve quality of life for patients living with inflammatory bowel disease.

UTSW will have a walk team at the event. Employees, family members, and friends are welcome to join the team.

To join the team, contact [Susan Hughes](#).

Look for the next *Medicine Minute* on **Tuesday, March 25**.
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