

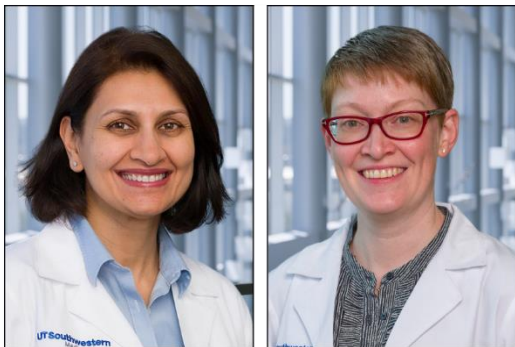
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SERVICE

Jamshed, Wingfield Tapped to Serve Geriatrics Organization



Namirah Jamshed, M.D., and **Sarah Wingfield, M.D.**, both Associate Professors in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, have been selected by the American Geriatrics Society to serve the organization in various capacities.

Dr. Jamshed (left), who serves as Director of Care of the Vulnerable Elderly (COVE) program, has been appointed to the organization's Clinical Practice & Models of Care Committee, which is responsible for advancing the field of geriatrics and providing better care for the growing older adult population.

Dr. Wingfield, who serves as Director of UT Southwestern's Perioperative Optimization of Senior Health (POSH) program, has been invited to join the authoring team for *Geriatrics at Your Fingertips*, an annually updated reference that provides access to the specific information clinicians need to make decisions about the care of older adults.

LEADERSHIP

Allana Participates in CRT Leadership Symposium



Salman Allana, M.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology, recently participated in the Early Career Leadership Recognition Program at the Cardiovascular Research Technologies (CRT) Conference in Washington, D.C. The program is designed to feature current and prospective clinical and academic excellence within the field of interventional cardiology and endovascular medicine.

Dr. Allana earned his medical degree at Aga Khan University in Pakistan. He completed internal medicine residency training at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics in Madison, where he also obtained advanced training through fellowship programs in cardiovascular disease and in interventional cardiology. He also gained advanced training through a fellowship in complex and high-risk coronary intervention (CTO/CHIP) at the Minneapolis Heart Institute.

RECENT JOB CHANGES

Staff Members, Faculty Take on New Roles



We congratulate the following faculty and staff members who recently took on new positions within the Department:

- **Liping Chen** – Sr. Research Associate, Nephrology
- **Maria Goralski** – Research Nurse, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine
- **Mahesh Kathania, Ph.D.** – Instructor, Digestive & Liver Diseases
- **Erik Loyd** – Research Associate, Nephrology
- **Samuel Piaker** – Research Associate, Digestive & Liver

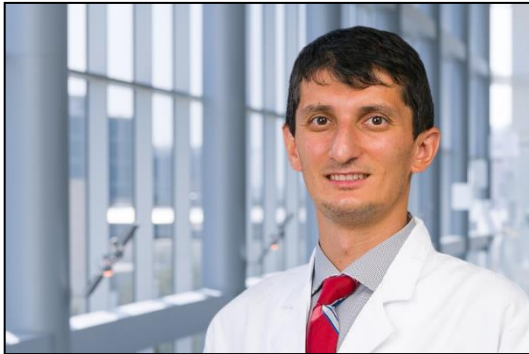
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- **Josue Ramirez** – Histopathology Core, Histology Technician

research roundup

PUBLICATIONS

Interest Group Participants Publish Findings on Rare Blood Disorders



Taha Bat, M.D., an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, and members of the Bone Marrow Failure Interest Group recently published findings on rare hematologic disorders.

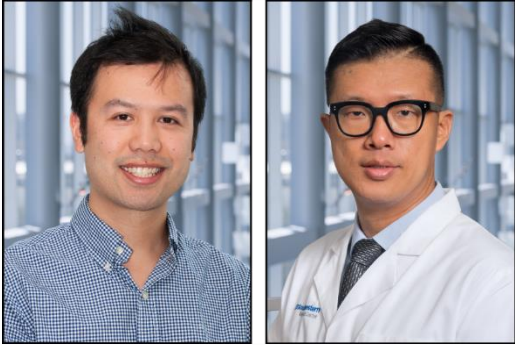
“Part of our mission is to cultivate and support new hematologists,” Dr. Bat says. “Our interest group has more than 30 trainees who are learning about rare hematologic disorders by shadowing hematologists, socializing with them, and participating in robust research.”

Zehra Tombul B.S., a second-year medical student, was first author of [a study in the *British Journal of Haematology*](#) that focused on genetic factors influencing the risk of bone marrow failure diseases which highlighted potential targets for future therapeutic interventions. Additional authors from UT Southwestern were research assistant **Merve Ozturk, M.D.**, second-year medical student **Ahmet Toprak, B.S.**, Associate Professor **Ibrahim Ibrahim, M.D.**, second-year medical student **Munevver Duran, B.A.**, and Dr. Bat.

Dr. Bat also joined colleagues from the U.S., Italy, and France to publish [a study in the journal *Blood*](#) on paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria and its association with thromboembolic disease, providing novel insights into its pathogenesis and potential therapeutic strategies.

FUNDING

Lam, Kim Receive AHA Grants



Nicholas Lam, Ph.D., and **Han Kyul Kim, Ph.D.,** both Instructors in the Division of Cardiology, have received grants from the American Heart Association (AHA).

Dr. Lam, left, was awarded the AHA Career Development Award and the AHA Second Century Early Faculty Independence Award. He opted for the three-year Faculty Independence Award for his project, “Induction of Cytokinesis in Multinuclear Cardiomyocytes to Treat Heart Failure.”

Originally from Melbourne, Australia, Dr. Lam holds a bachelor’s degree in reproductive and developmental biology from the University of Melbourne and a degree in stem cell biology from Monash University with honors, where he also earned a doctorate in cardiac regeneration.

He completed two postdoctoral fellowships at UT Southwestern, studying molecular biology in the lab of **Eric Olson, Ph.D.,** and heart regeneration in the lab of **Hesham Sadek, M.D., Ph.D.,** who will serve as his primary mentor. Dr. Lam joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2020.

Dr. Kim was awarded a three-year Career Development Award for his investigation into the role of “Metabolic Acidosis for Treating Hypertension and Sympathetic Overactivation in Chronic Kidney Disease.” He will be mentored by **Wanpen Vongpatanasin, M.D., Masaki Mizuno, Ph.D., Scott Smith, Ph.D.,** and **Orson Moe, M.D.**

Originally from South Korea, Dr. Kim received his doctoral degree in exercise physiology from the University of Florida. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Cardiology Division’s Hypertension section at UT Southwestern and then joined the faculty in 2021.

Dr. Olson holds the Pogue Distinguished Chair in Research on Cardiac Birth Defects, the Robert A. Welch Distinguished Chair in Science, and the Annie and Willie Nelson Professorship in Stem Cell Research.

Dr. Hesham holds the J. Fred Schoellkopf, Jr. Chair in Cardiology.

Dr. Vongpatanasin holds the Fredric L. Coe Professorship in Nephrolithiasis Research in Mineral Metabolism and the Norman and Audrey Kaplan Chair in Hypertension.

Dr. Smith, a Distinguished Teaching Professor, holds the Jere H. Mitchell, M.D. Distinguished Professorship in Clinical Research.

Dr. Moe holds the Donald W. Seldin Professorship in Clinical Investigation and the Charles Pak Distinguished Chair in Mineral Metabolism.

alumni news

DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Former Geriatrics Fellow Joins DCMS Board of Directors



Neerja Bhardwaj, M.D., M.P.H., has been appointed to the Dallas County Medical Society Board of Directors.

Dr. Bhardwaj is founder and president of Specialists in Geriatric and Palliative Care Medicine. She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology and anthropology from Emory University in Atlanta. She then received a master’s degree in maternal and child healthcare at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. She obtained her medical degree at SABA University School of Medicine and completed internal medicine residency training at Louisiana State University, followed by fellowship training in geriatric medicine at UT Southwestern,

where she also served as an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine.

“I am honored and humbled to be chosen to serve the Dallas medical community by being a member of the medical board,” she said to the *Dallas Medical Journal*. “I hope and pray the next two years of work I do with the amazing DCMS leadership team will help strengthen the medical community and the Dallas community at large.”



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this week

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Health Equity Committee Members to Present Case Studies on April 5



Members of the Internal Medicine Health Equity Committee will present case studies during Internal Medicine Grand Rounds on **Friday, April 5, at 8 a.m. in D1.502**. Their topic: “Exploring Some Complexities of Bias and Health Equity.”

Presenters are (upper row, from left) **Zahid Ahmad, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Endocrinology; **Carolee Estelle, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine; **Rina Mauricio, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiology; (lower row, from left) **Sawsan Rashdan, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hematology and

Oncology; **Henriette Mathis, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Hospital Medicine; and **Alecia Nero, M.D.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Hematology and Oncology.

Noteworthy Lectures & Events

- **Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 a.m.:** Thirteenth Annual [Alfred G. Gilman Symposium on Education](#) with keynote address by **Dr. Joshua Hartzell** (Uniformed Services University)
- **Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m.:** [D-FW Palliative Medicine Interest Group Lecture](#) with **Dr. Julie Childers** (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) – “Care at the Crossroads: Substance Use Disorders, Chronic Pain, and Palliative Care”
- **Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Su Min Cho** (Geriatric Medicine) – “The Impact of Virtual Reality on the Care for Older Adults”
- **Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m.:** [GI Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Niloy Jewel Samadder** (Mayo Clinic – Arizona) – “Cancer Genomics: Population Screening to Early Detection to Precision Interception”
- **Wednesday, April 3, 4 p.m.:** [Carole Mendelson Visiting Professorship Lecture](#) with **Dr. Catherine Bollard** (George Washington University) – “Virus-specific T Cell Therapies: Broadening Applicability”
- **Thursday, April 4, Noon:** [Moss Heart Center Seminar Series](#) with **Dr. Li Qian** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
- **Thursday, April 4, Noon:** [Rethinking Public Health for the 21st Century](#) with **Dr. Katelyn Jetelina** (Your Local Epidemiologist) – “Integrating Knowledge Translation as a Core Component”
- **Friday, April 5, 8 a.m.:** [Pak Symposium on Mineral Metabolism Research](#) with keynote address by **Dr. Fredric L. Coe** (University of Chicago) – “Interactions Between Crystal Deposits, Inflammation and Renal Physiology in Pathogenesis of Calcium Renal Stones”

- **Friday, April 5, Noon:** [Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center Distinguished Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Jinming Gao** (Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center) – “Amplify Tumor Signals by Nanotechnology for Precision Cancer Therapy”
- **Friday, April 5, 1 p.m.:** [Endocrine Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Kartik Rajagopalan** (Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine) – “Defining Leptin’s Role in Influenza Infection”



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noteworthy

CARDIOLOGY SEMINAR

Vanderbilt’s Jonathan Mosley to Speak on April 12



Jonathan Mosley, M.D., Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University, will present a Cardiology Seminar on Friday, April 12, at noon in E6.200. His topic: “Following the Money, Genome First.”

Dr. Mosley holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and computer science from Dickinson College. He received his medical degree and his doctoral degree from Case Western Reserve University and completed internal medicine residency training at Vanderbilt, where he also obtained fellowship training. Additionally, he holds a master’s degree in

epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Mosley focuses his research on developing approaches that integrate genetic data sources including electronic health record systems and large epidemiological studies, to identify genetically-modulated risk factors and biomarkers that impact health and disease.

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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](#).

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Seldin Symposium Scheduled for April 19

The ninth annual **Donald W. Seldin Research Symposium** will be held on **Friday, April 19**, with events scheduled throughout the day.

The keynote address will be delivered by **William G. Kaelin Jr., M.D.**, a Professor of Medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Nobel Prize laureate, at **8 a.m. in D1.502**. His topic: “New Treatments for Anemia, Ischemia, and Cancer Emerging from Studies of von Hippel-Lindau Disease.”

The Seldin-Smith Physician Scientist Lecture will be presented by **Steven E. Mansoor, M.D., Ph.D.**, an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University, at **noon in D1.502**. His topic: “From Molecular Structure to Drug Development: How Structural Biology can Impact Cardiovascular Medicine.”

Poster presentations ranging from fundamental biology to quality improvement will be displayed along the McDermott Center Plaza, with in-person sessions from **11 a.m. to noon** and from **1 to 2 p.m.**

The symposium concludes with presentations by the **Foster Fellows** and selection of the **Seldin Scholar** at **8 a.m. on April 26 in D1.502**.

To learn more, visit the [Seldin Symposium web site](#).

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

GI Conference Scheduled for April 20

“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, April 9**.
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