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Message from the Chairman

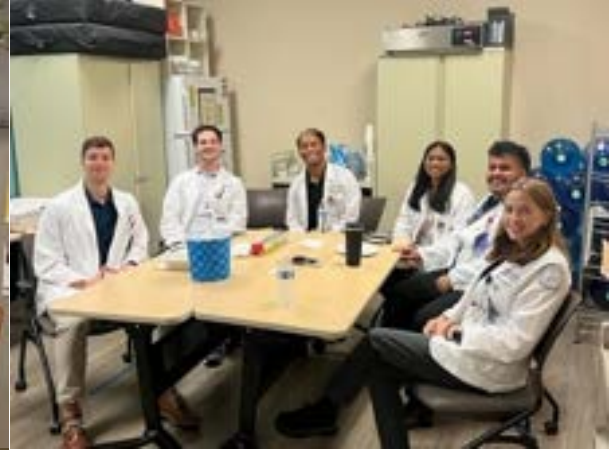
In this issue, we celebrate the two-year anniversary for IMpact. In the last two years, IMpact has chronicled the contributions of our faculty, staff, and trainees in the pursuit of excellence in patient care, research, and community outreach. In this issue, a new feature called "Alumni Spotlight" is added. This new feature is edited by Dr. Ples Spradley, a new alumni. We invite you to contribute stories and suggest new features. Looking forward to more anniversaries for IMpact!



Aspiring Doctors' Clinic Needs Faculty Mentors

UAMS 12th Street Health & Wellness Center is a community-based, student-led, interprofessional health and wellness center that provides free health screenings and health management services for people in

the community. It began in 2012 under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Gath and sees around 1000 community members per year. It not only provides basic health and wellness screenings, but also dental and women's services. Volunteering is a great way to spend the summer! In the picture below on the left, volunteer Emerson Smith is a third-year medical student at UAMS, and volunteer Victoria Veith is a student at Hendrix College. In the picture below to the right, UAMS medical students Muhannad Abdin, Michael Connolly, Jared Canonigo, Swetha Sirigineedi, Alexis Loyola, and Brylie Ritchie spoke about the fact they learn so much on top of serving their community. It's a true collaborative environment.



Preceptors needed!

After students see the patients, they bring the cases before a group of preceptors who help diagnose. If you would like to serve as a preceptor, it is not only personally satisfying, but it also aids with promotion and tenure.

To volunteer, contact Dr. Elizabeth Gath at ecgath@uams.edu

Help us welcome our newest colleagues

Faculty



Anup Kumar Trikannad, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hematology and Oncology



Sindu Iska, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hematology and Oncology



Hira Imad Cheema, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hematology and Oncology



Anusha Muddasani, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hematology and Oncology



Asis Shrestha, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hematology and Oncology



Fares Mashal, M.B.B.S.
Assistant Professor
Hospital Medicine



Omar Alqaisi, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Hospital Medicine



Farah Mazahreh, M.D.
Instructor/ Chief Resident
General Internal Medicine



Tatsiana Savenka, M.D.
Instructor/ Chief Resident
General Internal Medicine



Morgan E. Tripod, M.D.
Instructor/ Chief Resident
General Internal Medicine



Muthukumar Radhakrishnan, M.D.
Instructor
Pulmonary and Critical Care



Ples Spradley, M.D.
Assistant Professor
General Internal Medicine

Interns



New Residents are greeted by Chief Residents and Dr. Ples Spradley



Staff



Welcome, Deanna Stiles

Deanna Stiles has accepted the role of Department Administrator in Internal Medicine. In addition, Deana will also remain the Senior Service Line Administrator, a position she has held since September 2021. Internal Medicine is excited to welcome her to this new adventure!



Caroline Knetzer
*Assistant Service Line Administrator &
Division Administrator- Cardiology*



Laura Garrett
*Program Coordinator
Hematology and Oncology*



Cassandra Johnson
*Program Coordinator
Hematology and Oncology*



Antoinette King
*Program Manager & Fellowship Coordinator
Hematology and Oncology*



Britney Rancifer
*Program Manager and Fellowship Coordinator
Endocrinology*



Katelin Goss
*GME Program Coordinator
Internal Medicine Residency*



Hayley Knapp
Program Coordinator
Education Coordinator



NFID Names Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD, as Medical Director

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has announced the appointment of Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD, as its new medical director. As director, his duties will include building vaccine confidence, addressing health equity issues, increasing awareness of disease prevention and treatment, and strengthening NFID partner collaborations. [Click here](#) to read more. Congratulations, Dr. Hopkins!



In the news...

Several Arkansas news stations featured Dr. Joseph Henske this month. Fox 16 News and KARK 4 News interviewed Dr. Henske regarding the shortage of Mounjaro for diabetics. [Click here](#) to see the interview.



Congratulations...

Dr. Spyridoula Maraka recently published the results of an important study in an article titled, "Determinants for Thyroid Hormone Replacement Therapy in Subclinical Hypothyroidism: A Multicenter Electronic Health Records-Based Study" stemming from a collaboration among UAMS and three other academic health centers. Dr. Maraka, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Program Director of the Endocrinology Fellowship, was the senior author on the article found in *Thyroid*, the journal of the American Thyroid Association. To read Dr. Spyridoula's article, [click here](#).

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The objective of the Internal Medicine DEI committee is to advance the overall mission of UAMS to improve the health and overall well-being of Arkansans and neighboring regions by increasing diversity and equity among faculty, staff, and students that will spread to the world.

Have a question, suggestion or concern for the DEI committee? We want to hear from you. [Click here](#) to leave questions or comments confidentially and a representative will contact you directly.

Farewell to Kelley Suskie

On behalf of the department of Internal Medicine, we want to thank Kelley Suskie for over 23 years of service to UAMS, and we wish her the very best as she moves forward.



Alumni Spotlight

Jennifer Dillaha, M.D.



Dr. Jennifer Dillaha is the director of the Arkansas Department of Health. Appointed by the governor in 2022, she has been with the Arkansas Department of Health since 2001, serving as chief medical officer, medical director for immunization, and medical director for Outbreak Response.

Read more by [clicking here!](#)

Bisset Lecture

College of Medicine
Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

Save the Date:

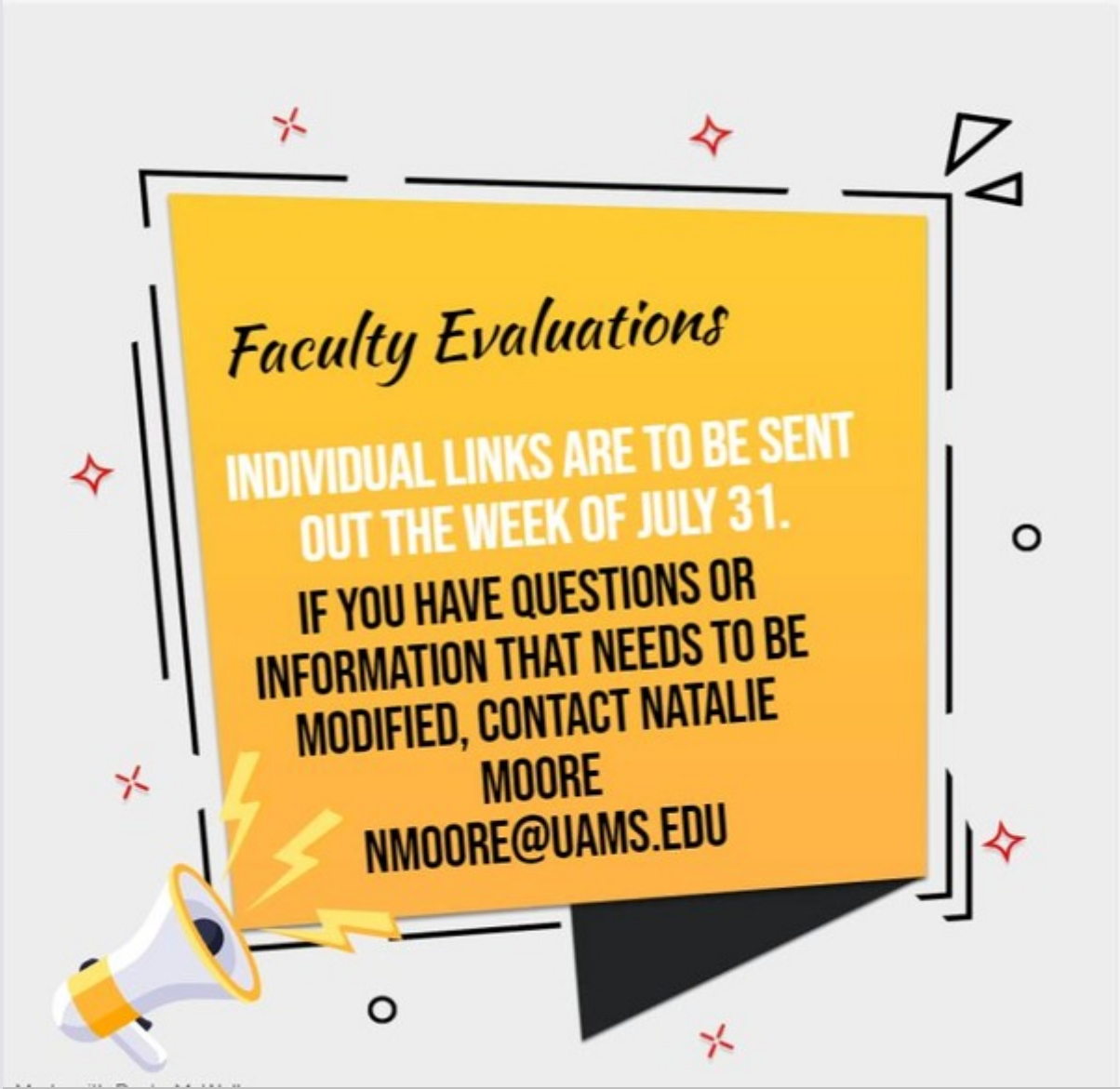
Thursday, September 14th, 2023
Location: TBA
12:00 - 1:00 PM

"Beyond Guideline Directed Medical Therapy: Foundational and Emerging Device Therapies for Heart Failure"



Guest Speaker

William T Abraham, MD, FACP, FACC, FAHA, FESC, FRCPE
Professor of Medicine, Physiology, and Cell Biology
College of Medicine Distinguished Professor
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
The Ohio State University



Grand Rounds for August

August 3	Nephrology	Dr. Sreelakshmi Ravula	Flozination- use of SGLT-2 inhibitors from a Nephrologist's Perspective
August 10	Gastroenterology	Dr. Sumant Inamdar	Contemporary Management and Innovation in Treatment of Acute Pancreatitis
August 17	General Internal Medicine	General Internal Medicine	TBA
August 24	Hospital Medicine	Hospital Medicine	TBA
August 31	Pulmonary	Khaled Khasawneh	Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Reasons to Diagnose and Treat

The Department of Internal Medicine is the largest department in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The department is home to approximately 150 full-time faculty members, 81 residents, and 68 fellows serving two residency programs and twelve fellowship programs. Dr. Edward T.H. Yeh, a cardiologist and physician/scientist, is a pioneer in the field of onco-cardiology.

Questions, comments, or suggestions for future newsletters? Email Amy McFarland at AMcfarland@UAMS.edu or Natalie Moore at NMoore@uams.edu.