

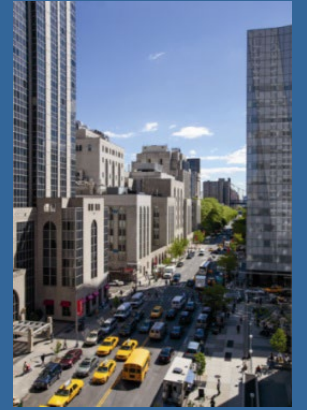


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What's New In Medicine

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What's New in Medicine, the newsletter of the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine, provides the latest updates on the department's research breakthroughs, new faculty recruits, and honors and awards.

To submit information for consideration for future newsletters, please contact Suzanne Ross directly at suross@med.cornell.edu.

Message from the Chair



It is always an exciting time of the year in the Weill Department of Medicine as we welcome the results of the match. We very much appreciate the efforts of many of our faculty in the interview and recruitment process. This year, our program, under Dr. Kirana Gudi's leadership, welcomes a total of 45 new graduates who will join us in June as interns. 36 of these are in our Categorical program, 4 in Primary Care, and 5 in the Medical Research track (2 in Hematology/Oncology, 2 in Gastroenterology, and 1 in Rheumatology). They come from 27 medical schools across the country. There are 28 women and 17 men, with 11 underrepresented in medicine and 10 are Weill Cornell graduates. Special thanks to Margie Daly and Karla Jacome for their efforts and to Drs. Adrian Majid, Helene Strauss, Alexandra King, Peggy Leung, Jeff Silberzweig, Todd Cutler, and Kyu Rhee for their leadership.

We continue to recruit the most outstanding medical school graduates to our program, which bodes well for our future.

Tony

Anthony Hollenberg, M.D.
Sanford I. Weill Chair

News



WDOM Physician-Scientists Play Key Role in Possibly Curing HIV Infection by Special Stem-Cell Transplant

Drs. Koen Van Besien, Jingmei Hsu, and Marshall Glesby have led a clinical trial involving a patient living with HIV who has now been free of the virus for 14 months. [Read more](#)



Dr. Iliev and Colleagues Publish Critical Advance in *Cell*: Gut Fungi Influences Neuroimmunity and Behavior

Using a mouse model, researchers have revealed molecular signals that connect a specific group of fungi in the gut to cells throughout the host's body, including immune cells and neurons. [Read more](#)

Women Physicians from the WDOM Highlighted as Portrait of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell Unveiled at NYP's Lower Manhattan Hospital

Dr. Blackwell was the first woman in the United States to become an M.D. The occasion was in honor of National Women Physicians Day held on February 3, 2022. [Read more](#)

Clinic for Gender Affirming Care Opens in the Weill Department of Medicine

In a welcoming environment, the team is committed to providing individualized gender affirming hormone treatment. When feasible, the team suggests in person appointments for initial visits but will also accommodate patients for virtual visits. [Read more](#)



Dr. Prigerson's Research on Prolonged Grief Disorder Highlighted in *The New York Times*

Dr. Prigerson, who has been working to include prolonged grief disorder as a classified, diagnosable psychiatric disorder, provided perspective and insights on the topic based upon her research studies over the years. [Read more](#)

Two Physician-Scientists Training in the WDOM's Medical Research Track Receive ASCI's Emerging-Generation Award

Dr. Rachel Niec and Dr. Melanie H. Smith have each received an Emerging-Generation Award (2022) from the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI). [Read more](#)



Dr. Morales Receives 2022 Pilot Grant Award of the Mastercard Diversity-Mentorship Collaborative

This one-time grant will support Dr. Morales's project focused on understanding the role of an oncoprotein, Wilms' Tumor 1, in HIV-Associated Kaposi Sarcoma. [Read more](#)

News Flashes

- Congratulations to WDOM faculty who recently received a promotion:
Sanjai Sinha, M.D. - Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine
- The WDOM congratulates **Dr. Tracy K. Paul**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Cardiology, on her recent honor from the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF). Dr. Paul has been named as one of the Forum's *40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health*. Since 2016, NMQF has selected 40 minority health leaders under the age of 40 who have been leading the charge to better patient outcomes and build sustainable healthy communities. [Read more](#)
- As part of Diabetes Awareness Month, two members of the WDOM's Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism were interviewed on Health Professional Radio. **Anyanate Jack, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, and **Rachel Stahl, M.S., B.A.**, Staff Associate in Medicine, provided valuable information on their team-based approach for patients with diabetes. One of their patients, Ms. Jean Ford, was also interviewed and relayed how the team-based care she received guided her to remission. Check out these informative and uplifting interviews:
Dr. Jack and Rachel Stahl: [Diabetes Awareness – Endocrinologist and Registered Dietician](#)
Ms. Jean Ford: [Diabetes Patient Success Story](#)
- Congratulations to **Dr. Susana Morales**, Vice Chair for Diversity in the WDOM, on being honored with the 2022 Physician of the Year Award from the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA). The award will be presented as part of the Leadership Awards Gala & Dinner at the NHMA's 25th Annual Conference: Addressing Social Determinants and Well-Being.

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