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Faculty Recognition Reception

SPECIAL EDITION

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Faculty Recognition Reception

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Dear Faculty:

Recognizing faculty excellence has become a time-honored tradition at Rush and is part of the celebration at the end of an academic year. Though we had to forgo the lovely reception this time, I extend my congratulations to all the Faculty Excellence Award winners and nominees, and to those of you who have achieved promotions and appointments this year.

Your contributions to science, education, patient care and the community, as well as your limitless resilience during a very tough year, are recognized and applauded.

As faculty, we automatically seize on teachable moments that keep us on the leading edge and enable our students to learn and grow. I don't need to tell you that there has been no shortage of such opportunities this past year. The COVID pandemic has exacerbated many issues we already knew needed to be addressed in health care and in society at large and has propelled us toward those changes. We are the role models — collectively writing the blueprint, navigating the impact, and paving the way to improve health and health care at Rush and beyond.

This is an immense responsibility, but when I joined Rush University as provost more than a year ago, I was struck by the passion, commitment and talent of our faculty, and the responsivity of our students to the examples being set. I knew you had the ability to rise to any challenge, and that has certainly been proven over the past several months.

As we approach this next year with renewed hope, please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership promotions and appointments, and also your day-to-day interactions with students and one another. Your efforts are creating change — locally, nationally and worldwide.

Whatever the new year brings, I am certain that together we have the strength and commitment to persevere and to continue to make a difference.

Susan L. Freeman, MD MS

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Provost and Senior Vice President

Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Professor, Rush University



Dear Faculty:

The 10th year of the Office of Faculty Affairs surely won't be one we forget. As COVID-19 caused tremendous changes in our personal and professional lives, a new normal has been established. Our transformation to remote education happened in merely a week, and the faculty at Rush University rose to the challenge, sought out resources and embraced the online classroom even in situations that weren't ideal.

With confidence, you became first responders, in all aspects, to the collective population. You dove in and started researching mechanisms, interventions and vaccines while gathering more information to aid the world against COVID-19. If ever there was a year to celebrate our faculty, this is it.

I'm proud to share that, despite the commotion of our current time, many of you still took the time to recognize the incredible work performed by your colleagues. This year we have six Excellence Award winners in addition to all of the academic appointments, promotions, achievements, grants awarded and leadership positions earned.

The service that Rush faculty provide to the institutional, local, regional, national and global communities is impactful and impressive. It is an honor for my office, the Office of Faculty Affairs, to support your professional, career and leadership development.

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, Rush University

Faculty Excellence Award Nominees

Excellence in Clinical Service

Neha Gupta, MD
Angela Moss, PhD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC
Peter Revenaugh, MD
Beverly E. Sha, MD

Excellence in Community Service

Ashok A. Jagasia, MD, PhD
Christopher Nolan, MPA

Excellence in Education

Brinda Bradaric, PhD
Alyssa Gage, MS, PA-C
Michael Gottlieb, MD
Katherine M. Schafer, MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC, CNL, CCRN, CHSE
Aimee Szewka, MD
Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD

Excellence in Mentoring

Shaun Cooper, MS
Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN
Raj C. Shah, MD
Nicole Siparsky, MD, FACS
Bobby Tajudeen, MD

Excellence in Research

JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, RN, FAAN

Faculty Award Recipients

Excellence in Clinical Service

Angela Moss, PhD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC

Beverly E. Sha, MD

Excellence in Community Service

Ashok A. Jagasia, MD, PhD

Excellence in Education

Michael Gottlieb, MD

Excellence in Mentoring

Raj C. Shah, MD

Excellence in Research

JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, RN, FAAN

Excellence in Clinical Service

Angela Moss, PhD, APRN-BC



Angela Moss, PhD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, is an assistant professor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing and an adult nurse practitioner who has been with Rush for 14 years. She has studied, participated in and contributed to the development of the College of Nursing Academic Practice Program.

In 2009, Moss was the founding director of a primary care clinic for low-income food service workers near O'Hare Airport in Chicago. Since then, she has established three more clinics around Chicago — all serving populations historically marginalized by traditional health care systems.

Moss was named director of the Rush College of Nursing Faculty Practice program in 2014 and was named the assistant dean in 2018. Under her leadership the program has grown over 550% to represent over 30 community partnerships where Rush faculty clinicians provide over 40,000 hours of direct clinical care in the community.

Jennifer B. Rousseau, DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Moss' colleague in the College of Nursing Faculty Practice, says "Angela's success is attributable to her reflexive 'Yes' response to new opportunities. This characteristic, matched with her compassion and innovative style, come together to help address the problems that plague the delivery of equitable primary care to the most vulnerable populations."

An expert in academic-practice partnerships, Moss approaches each partnership as a unique project and crafts health care delivery models that prioritize improved health outcomes. Recently Moss developed two large new programs: Family Connects, which provides new mothers with postpartum home visits from nurses, and a 100-bed shelter at A Safe Haven for people who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing and have tested positive for COVID-19. Both programs have received recognition from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and extensive coverage in the media.

Moss also supports her colleagues' professional growth and scholarship. She has recommended clinicians for the Research Fellowship program, coordinated multiple faculty and clinician writing groups and provided funds for presentations on timely topics of interest. She has over 50 national conference presentations and peer-reviewed manuscripts on the topic of academic practice partnerships, and regularly consults nationally with other organizations looking to build such programs. She has completed four funded studies evaluating population health outcomes resulting from academic practice partnerships and is the primary investigator for a \$250,000 grant to build and establish an academic practice nurse-managed care delivery model.

In reference to one of the long-time College of Nursing Faculty Practice partners, Chicago Public Schools Lighthouse for the Blind, Tanya Friese DNP, RN, CNL, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, says, "Angela has been instrumental in addressing the educational, emotional and social welfare needs of people who are blind, visually impaired, veterans with disabilities, and individuals with intellectual-developmental disabilities."

Excellence in Clinical Service

Beverly E. Sha, MD



Beverly E. Sha, MD, began her journey at Rush as an internal medicine resident and an infectious disease fellow. She joined the Division of Infectious Diseases, Rush Medical College, as a faculty member in 1991 and became a full professor 2009.

Sha has been the director of the Mark Weiss Memorial Outpatient Clinic for Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical Center since 1998. The clinic's patient satisfaction scores are consistently among the highest of any practice at the Medical Center.

During the past several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rush University Medical Center has provided care for more critically ill patients — and more patients overall — than any other hospital in Illinois. Sha's leadership has been critical to these efforts.

In March 2020, she converted the Infectious Diseases clinic into a dedicated COVID-19 screening clinic, established a drive-through testing area, and relocated the regular Infectious Diseases outpatient clinic to the Professional Building. She also helped lead the Medical Center's work on investigational treatment trials for COVID-19. These trials have allowed approximately 80 moderately and severely ill patients with COVID-19 to receive investigational treatments, some of which have proven to be effective.

For her efforts, Sha was recognized, along with four of her former trainees, as a top doctor in COVID-19 treatment by Chicago Magazine (June-July 2020 issue). From 2008 to 2020, Sha has been listed in Chicago Magazine Top Doctors issue as one of the outstanding infectious diseases physicians in the Chicago area.

"I have been struck by the breadth of her knowledge and the lengths she will go to solve the most difficult clinical problems," says Robert A. Weinstein, MD, the C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine at Rush Medical College. "She is relentless in pursuit of clinical excellence. Bev is exactly the doctor you want for yourself or your family."

Sha has been a part of many research trials and working groups studying HIV and AIDS, and is recognized by physicians across the state as a go-to referred clinician for HIV. Sha has been an investigator in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' AIDS Clinical Trials Group since 1989 and the Rush Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS) since 1994, and has served as principal investigator for the Rush ACTG site since 2006 and the Rush WIHS site since 1998.

In 2015 she led an effort to implement routine HIV and HCV screening in the emergency department at Rush, which has since expanded to 63 primary care clinics across the Rush System, including the Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency department. In addition, she manages a panel of approximately 400 outpatient clinic patients and attends on inpatient wards several times per year.

Sha began caring for a patient, Sherri Wrobell, in 1993 before established therapies were available for treatment of HIV. Through her research, she was able to identify the best treatments for Wrobell and maintain her health. Wrobell was so grateful that in 2019 she established an HIV research and education fund in Sha's name.

Sha is the principal investigator or site principal investigator for multiple funded investigation and has been published in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, such as *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *the Journal of AIDS and JAMA*. In addition, she received the Outstanding Healthcare Advocate Award from the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago in 2007, and in 2017 was given the POZ 100 Award recognizing women committed to ending the HIV epidemic.

Excellence in Community Service

Ashok A. Jagasia, MD, PhD



Ashok Jagasia, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor and director of Global Health in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Rush Medical College and director of Rush Oak Park Otolaryngology. He earned his medical degree at Rush Medical College and completed his residency in otolaryngology at Rush University Medical Center.

Early in his career, Jagasia began making annual trips to the mountainside community of Peralta in the Dominican Republic, where he provides otolaryngology services, including examinations and surgeries, to children and adults who have limited or no access to modern health care. Many of the patients Jagasia sees travel

for many days to see him because that is their only opportunity to receive care.

His intention on trips to Peralta is to provide care within his specialty, but he makes accommodations for whatever the patients need. He has performed sinonasal surgeries, addressed pediatric cases and treated people with thyroid cancers.

Similar health disparities in Chicago neighborhoods led Jagasia to start a free ear, nose and throat clinic in 2018. The clinic is operated in collaboration with Franciscan Outreach, which provides services for people experiencing homelessness in Chicago. Clinic services are provided one to two evenings a month and are provided by medical students and residents at Rush.

The clinic is currently developing a way to bring otolaryngology virtual care to shelters so people will have easier access to care. Jagasia's vision is to provide a specialty otolaryngology virtual care program to many shelters and clinics in Chicago to reach more people who are experiencing homelessness.

"He is building a legacy and is a role model for our residents and for all of us who want to help our communities, both near and far," says Kerstin M. Stenson, MD, FACS, professor in the Department of Otolaryngology, head of the Section of Head and Neck Surgery and director of the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Rush. "His commitment to service is clearly manifested in his actions. His essence comprises clinical ability, empathy and connectedness to humanity."

Outside of Chicago, Jagasia has helped establish expanded health care in rural Illinois communities where there is a need for basic otolaryngology care. Over the last four years, he has served at Gibson Area Hospital in Gibson City, Illinois, where he has seen approximately 2,000 patients and performed over 400 surgeries.

During his time at Gibson Area Hospital, Jagasia has observed that many patients are looking for guidance on how to properly manage their otolaryngology concerns. Jagasia refers patients in need of complex sinus, head and neck or ear surgeries to colleagues at Rush for further care.

Jagasia's work investigating disparities in urban and rural health care was published in an article that appeared in the *Journal of Laryngoscope*, which was awarded first place by the Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society. To promote future expanded health care in rural areas, Rush University Medical Center, in association with Gibson Area Hospital, has finalized a program that focuses on specialty health care in communities outside of large urban areas.

Excellence in Education

Michael Gottlieb, MD



Michael Gottlieb, MD, is the ultrasound director of the Department of Emergency Medicine and program director of the Clinical Ultrasound Fellowship Program at Rush University Medical Center. He joined Rush in 2016 and helped develop the Rush Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

Gottlieb created the ultrasound training program for emergency medicine residents and spends approximately 24 hours per week with the residents while they are on rotation. This is recognized as a significant recruitment tool for the program. Gottlieb is a core faculty member in the program and serves on its program evaluation and conference planning committees. He has been the highest-rated faculty member in the program by residents for three straight years.

“Dr. Gottlieb’s strengths include his incorporation of evidence-based medicine into his practice and his dedication to resident learning,” says one emergency medicine resident. “His informal overviews of topics like anaphylaxis, dangerous causes of syncope or shoulder reduction techniques have shaped my practice. It is a testament to his quality as an educator that I recall his informal lessons months and, in some cases, years later.”

Gottlieb created the first Clinical Ultrasound Fellowship at Rush. As fellowship director, he trains one fellow each year. He is also the course director for annual faculty development courses in ultrasound and teaches ultrasound to Rush medical students during their first and fourth years.

In addition to his roles at Rush, Gottlieb created several national faculty development programs. He co-created the Academic Life in Emergency Medicine Faculty Incubator program, which is an international, yearlong faculty development program that develops advanced education teaching and scholarship skills among clinician educators. He is currently a core mentor and the Chief Academic Officer for the program. He also co-created the Advanced Research Methodology Evaluation and Design in Medical Education yearlong faculty development program for the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, where he serves as the Research and Scholarship Subcommittee chair.

Gottlieb has given over 100 national and international lectures. He has also created dozens of ultrasound training courses across the U.S. He is the chair of the SAEM Education Summit, where he organizes a one-day session on education scholarship for emergency medicine professionals. For the past two years, he has been the Innovation in Medical Education track chair at the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors Academic Assembly. He is the chair of the Emergency Ultrasound Section for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and the secretary and newsletter editor for the Ultrasound Section of American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also featured on numerous education podcasts.

Gottlieb has published 64 book chapters and 230 peer-reviewed papers in the past five years. Much of his research has focused on novel teaching approaches, knowledge dissemination and ultrasound applications. He has also received the prestigious Education Research Grant from the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors to study the impact of driving on podcast knowledge acquisition and retention.

In 2016, Gottlieb received the Ultrasound Research Award from the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound, followed by the AEUS Fellow Education Award the next year. In 2018, he received the AAEM Young Educator Award and was selected for the CORD Academy of Scholarship Distinguished Scholar Award. In 2019, he was honored with the ACEP National Emergency Medicine Junior Faculty Teaching Award and the SAEM Program Committee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Advance the Specialty of Academic Emergency Medicine.

Excellence in Mentoring

Raj C. Shah, MD



Raj C. Shah, MD, is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Rush Medical College, and the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center. His academic focus is the design of collaborative science infrastructures that support clinical trials for the prevention and treatment of age-related conditions that affect diverse older adults.

Shah is a board-certified family physician with a certificate of added qualification in geriatrics. He has extensive experience in the organization and conduct of large-scale, federally funded clinical trials and cohort studies, especially in the areas of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease and disability-free longevity.

Shah is a member of the Steering Committees of the ASPIrin in Reducing Events in the Elderly clinical trial and the PREVENTABLE (Pragmatic Evaluation of Events and Benefits of Lipid-lowering in Older Adults) clinical trial. He also has leadership roles in the Chicago Area Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Network (CAPriCORN), the Illinois Precision Medicine Consortium and the Institute for Translational Medicine.

He was one of the primary founders of the My Career Development Plan, an innovative digital resource that provides the tools for writing a competitive NIH-grade research grant. My Career Development Plan uses videos, templates and sample documents from former mentees who have successfully been funded to guide grant writing. It took Shah and his team over three years to develop the resource, which is now available to faculty and postdocs at Rush through the Rush Mentoring Programs. In conjunction with the program, Shah provides one-on-one feedback on NIH biosketch drafts.

“I do not know how Dr. Shah finds time to provide such detailed and timely feedback to so many mentees, but he does,” says Sandra Gomez-Perez, PhD, RDN, LDN, assistant professor, Department of Clinical Nutrition, College of Health Sciences. “This speaks volumes about his mentoring excellence.”

“When working on a pilot grant at Rush, I had my first exposure to human subjects research and the unique study design challenges that this type of research provides. Dr. Shah is a willing and patient mentor and advocate for me,” says Ryan Ross, PhD, assistant professor, in the Department of Cell and Molecular Medicine, Rush Medical College. “My research portfolio now includes several publications and ongoing efforts using human subjects research, which is directly due to early and ongoing mentorship from Dr. Shah.”

Shah also had led numerous workshops hosted by the Postdoctoral Society. His latest presentation introduced postdoctoral fellows to the CAPriCORN research database. Additionally, Shah led a workshop on crafting an effective NIH biosketch.

He has mentored diverse populations of students interested in health sciences, including those at the high school, college, graduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, Shah has been a thesis advisor in the Master of Science in Clinical Research program at the Graduate College. He has been a faculty member on three federally funded institutional (T32) training grants and a co-mentor or adviser on two federally funded career development (K series) grants.

Excellence in Research

JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, APN, FAAN



JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, APN, FAAN, joined Rush University in 2007 as the College of Nursing's Professor and Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing. She has been the associate dean for research in the College of Nursing since 2008.

For the past three decades Wilbur's research has focused on the development of culturally sensitive, community-based interventions to increase physical activity and improve the health of women. In the 1980s, she began examining midlife symptoms within the context of women's lives.

She applied her family nurse practitioner expertise to develop a program of health promotion research to test the effects of using physical activity as a nonpharmacological alternative to hormone replacement therapy for midlife symptoms. Also, she modified one of the predominately male-oriented self-report measures of physical activity to reflect the uniqueness of women's lives. Publications from this work were among the earliest to address the benefits of physical activity for women's health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Wilbur funding to become part of the Women's Cardiovascular Health Network, which focused on identifying the influence of personal and environmental determinants of physical activity in diverse women across the United States. Seminal findings were published in *Women's Health and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living Research program provided the opportunity to collaborate with a civil engineer and public health experts in global information systems to assess the influence of neighborhood environmental factors on participation in physical activity and the health of women.

Wilbur's early work informed the development of the Women's Lifestyle Physical Activity Program, a cost-effective, evidence-based behavior change intervention tailored to increase physical activity adherence and improve cardiovascular outcomes for African American women. The program has been disseminated and modified for communities in the U.S. and abroad. Current testing of components of the intervention are being done in four National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical trials, including with African American women who have asthma, in pregnant women at risk for pre-eclampsia, a SMART design with working women and with older women with cardiovascular disease.

Since 1987, Wilbur has been continuously funded by the NIH as a principal or co-investigator. Her research has been published in over 160 publications. Her many mentees include NIH NRSA predoctoral fellows, NIH Research Career Develop awardees, a Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health Scholar, a Rush University Kellogg Scholar and a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Scholar.

"Dr. Wilbur has instituted mechanisms to enhance the research productivity of the entire college," says Shannon Halloway, PhD, RN, assistant professor, College of Nursing, and one of Wilbur's mentees. "Among them are the use of think tanks, mock reviews, intensive mentoring of junior faculty in the grant writing process, research workshops and remodeling space for research projects."

Wilbur was named to the Sigma Theta Tau Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in 2013. She is also a member of the National Advisory Council for National Institutes of Nursing Research at the NIH, which is an appointment made by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Faculty Recognition Reception Honorees

Congratulations on your appointments and promotions.

The following is a list of new professors named this past academic year.

Fiscal Year 2020 Professors

Xun Ai, MD

Biophysics and Physiology
Rush Medical College

Anuja Antony, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Sawsan Awad, MD

Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Andrew Bean, PhD

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Marie Brown, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michael Chen, MD

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Edward Cherullo, MD

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Susan Freeman, MD, MS, FACE, FAAPL

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Namni Goel, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Xiu-Ti Hu, MD, PhD

Microbial Pathogens and Immunity
Rush Medical College

Brenda Huber, PhD, ABPP

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Mehmet Kocak, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

Badrinath Konety, MBBS, MBA

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Sarah Livesay, DNP, ARPN, FNCS, FAAN

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Benjamin Mba, MBBS, MRCP (UK), FACP, FHM

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Marcia Murphy, DNP, ANP, FAHA, FPCNA

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, MS, FACEP

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Shalini Reddy, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

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Dino Rumoro, DO, MPH, FACEP

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Barbara Soltes, MD, FACOG

Obstetrics and Gynecology
Rush Medical College

Beth Staffileno, PhD

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

Dean Toriumi, MD

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

David Changli Wei, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

William Whittier, MD, FASN

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

James Wyatt, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

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Fiscal Year 2020 Associate Professors

Charlotte Bai, MD, FACC

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sindhura Bandi, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Edward Blazek, PhD

Radiation Oncology
Rush Medical College

Brandon Barton, MD, MS, FAAN

Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Jay Behel, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Rene Carizey, DO

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Christopher Codispoti, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Manju Daniel, PhD, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Jennifer Earvolino, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Robert Feldman, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Brian Forsythe, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Grant Garrigues, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Eileen Giardino, PhD, MSN, APRN

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Program
College of Nursing

Yasmeen Golzar, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michael Gottlieb, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Nicole Heath, PhD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Tarlan Hedayati, MD

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michelle Heyland, DNP, APRN, PMNP-BC

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

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Fiscal Year 2020 Associate Professors

Keiki Hinami, MD, MS, FACP

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Louis Hondros, DO

Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN

Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Dinesh Kalra, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sonali Khandelwal, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Monica Kogan, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Chien-Ching Li, PhD, MPH

Health Systems Management
College of Health Sciences

Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L

Occupational Therapy
College of Health Sciences

Mary Beth Madonna, MD

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Saurabh Malhotra, MD, MPH

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Laura Meltzer, MD

Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Pauline Merrill, MD

Ophthalmology
Rush Medical College

Elias Michaelides, MD

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Oyedolamu Olaitan, MBBS

Surgery
Rush Medical College

Agne Paner, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Amanda Persons, PhD

Physician Assistant Studies
College of Health Sciences

Monique Reed, PhD

Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Ruth Rosenblum, DNP, RN, PNP-BC, CNS

Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

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Kathleen Rowland, MD

Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Syed Shah, MD, FACP

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Parikshit (Parik) Sharma, MD, MPH

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michelle Sweet, MD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Antone Tatoes, MD

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Robin Voigt-Zuwala, PhD

Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

R. Mark Wiet, MD

Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Robert Wysocki, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Mary Zonsius, PhD, RN

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

New Endowed Chairs

Fiscal Year 2020

Lena Al-Harthi, PhD

The Thomas J. Coogan Sr., MD, Chair of Immunology

Deborah A. Hall, MD, PhD

The Parkinson's Foundation Chair of Neurological Sciences

Celalettin Ustun, MD

The Coleman Foundation Chair of Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant

Fiscal Year 2021

Andrew Bean, PhD

The Judd and Marjorie Weinberg Presidential Professorship

Susan L. Freeman, MD, MS

The Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Chair

Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc

The James A. Campbell, MD, Distinguished Service Professorship

Nadim J. Hallab, PhD

Crown Family Professor of Orthopedics

Badrinath R. Konety, MBBS, MBA

The Henry P. Russe, MD, Deanship of Rush Medical College

Katalin Mikecz, MD, PhD

The Jorge O. Galante, MD, DMSci, Professorship of Orthopedic Surgery

Frank Phillips, MD

The Ronald L. DeWald, MD, Endowed Professorship of Spinal Deformities

Anna Spagnoli, MD

John W. and Helen H. Watzek Professor of Biochemistry

Haimanot (Monnie) Wasse, MD, MPH

Muehrcke Family Professor of Nephrology

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Adrienne Adams, MD, MS

Council Member-at-Large

American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

Neelum Aggarwal, MD

Co-Chair

Sex Differences and Diversity PIA

Alzheimer's Association International Society

to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment

Representative

Organized Medical Staff Section

American Medical Association

Sarah Ailey, PhD, APHN-BC, CDDN

Board President

Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education

Pete (Sukhpreet) Batra, MD, FACS, FARS

Working Group Leader

Chair, Governance and Administration Workgroup

American Rhinologic Society

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD

Co-Chair

International Relations Committee

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Anuradha Bhama, MD

Oral Examiner

Subcommittee Chair

Young Surgeons Committee

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Torrey Birch (Boland), MD

Council Member

Parent Council

I-ACQUIRE Pediatric Stroke Study

Susan Buchholz, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN

President-Elect

National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

Richard Byrne, MD

Director, National Certification Board

American Board of Neurological Surgeons

Treasurer

Society of Neurological Surgeons

Ana Capuano, PhD

Vice Chair-Elect

PIA Design and Data Analytics

Alzheimer's Association International Society to

Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment

Susanna Chubinskaya, PhD

Chair, Board of Directors

President

Orthopaedic Research Society

Christopher Codispoti, MD, PhD

President

Illinois Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Stephanie Crowley McWilliam, PhD

Director-at-Large

Sleep Research Society

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Board Member-at-Large

Midwest

Association of Community Health Educators

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH

Board Member

Vascular Neurology Article-Based Committee

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, FAAN

Chair

State Committee that Studies Nursing Workforce

Illinois Nursing Workforce Center

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Andrew Dennis, DO, FACS, FACOS

Division Chief
Medical Bureau
Illinois State Police

Melinda Earle, DNP

Vice Chair
Heartland Alliance Health

Deborah Edberg, MD

Alternate Delegate
American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD

Board of Directors
Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs

Board of Advisers
Epic Geriatrics Board

Sheila Eswaran, MD, MS

Course Director
HCC Symposium
Co-Chair
Medical Advisory Committee
Great Lakes Chapter
American Liver Foundation

Marielle Fricchione, MD

Medical Director
CDPH COVID Medical Epidemiology Bureau Leadership

Sherine Gabriel, MD, MSc

Daniel Burnham Fellowship
Leadership Greater Chicago

Crystal Glover, PhD

Steering Committee
Outreach, Recruitment and Engagement
Alzheimer's Disease Centers
National Institute on Aging

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Medical Director
Warren Barr Gold Coast

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President-Elect
Ultrasound Section
American Academy of Emergency Medicine

Vice Chair
Scholarship Pillar
Academy for Scholarship in Education
Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine

Board of Directors
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians

Chair
Education Summit
Society of Academic Emergency Medicine

Marilyn Griffin, MD

Chair
66th Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee
Pediatrics Program
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Khushboo Gupta, MBBS

Executive Board
Indo-American Society of Nuclear Medicine

Board of Directors
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

Shannon Halloway, PhD

Appointed Representative
Finance Committee
Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

Appointed Representative
Article of the Year Committee
Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing

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President-Elect
Board of Directors
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians

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Co-Chair
Multidrug-Resistant Organism Task Force
Illinois Department of Health

Chair
Diagnostics Committee
Infectious Diseases Society of America

Board Member
President-Elect
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Barbara Hinch, DNP

Appointed Chair
Governance Committee
Gamma Phi- Sigma Theta Tau

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Secretary
Journal Club Interest Group
Society for Simulation in Healthcare

Josie Howard-Ruben, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCN

Chair Elect
Sigma Gamma Phi Chapter

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Course Director
Basic Concepts of Device Management
Medtronic

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Vice President
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

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Division Representative
Priorities for Low-Resource Countries Committee
International Pediatric Nephrology Association

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Steering Committee
Women in Medicine Summit

Dinesh Kalra, MD

Division Representative
Education Committee
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

Director of Education
Education Committee in USA
Society of Cardiovascular CT

Jisu Kim, MD, MS

Course Director
Internal Medicine Curriculum Development
Jilin International Medical Conference Center

Alana Kirby, MD, PhD

Co-Chair
Peer Review Education and Mentorship Program
International Parkinson and Movement Disorders Society

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD

Board Member
American Nurses Credentialing Center

Board Member
Political Action Committee
Tennessee Nurses Association

Lauren Koffman, DO, MS

Steering Committee
Midwest Regional Chapter
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Neha Kramer, MD

Chair
Education
International Neuropalliative Care Society

Laura Laursen, MD, MS

Deputy Medical Director
Planned Parenthood of the Great Plains

External Awards

Leadership Positions

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH

Elected Member
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honors Society

Phillip LoSavio, MD, MS

Co-Chair
Home Study Course Workgroup
(Trauma, Critical Care and Sleep)
American Academy of Otolaryngology -
Head and Neck Surgery

President-Elect
Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society

Gina Lowell, MD

Advisory Board
Family Connects Chicago, Citywide Advisory Council
Chicago Department of Public Health

Advisory Board
Best Babies Zone: East Garfield Park
CityMatCH

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Chair
Hip Topic
Orthopaedic Research Society

Saurabh Malhotra, MD, MPH

Board of Directors
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

Councilor
Illinois Chapter
American College of Cardiology

Board of Directors
Intersocietal Accreditation Commission

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Financial Analysis, Approval and Strategies
Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders

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Leader
Future Leaders Group
Gastroenterology Organizational Leadership
Development Program
American Gastroenterological Association

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Chair
Annual Meeting
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Illinois

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Orthopaedic Research Society

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Zone 2
AmSECT

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Board of Advisers
Partnerships in International Research and
Education Program
Institute of Neurobiology, University Puerto Rico

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Chair
Virtual Course for Athlete's Hip
Orthopaedic Learning Center
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Chicago Chapter
Institute of Medicine

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President
Chicago Chapter
Society for Neuroscience

External Awards

Leadership Positions

Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO

Board Member
American College of Cardiology Midwest Region

Appointed Representative
CLCD/GPM Joint Science Subcommittee
Cardio Oncology
American Heart Association

Co-Chair & Moderator
Novel Concepts in Cardio-Oncology
Populations with Unique Cardiovascular Risk
Scientific Sessions
Chair
Cardio-Oncology
Scientific Sessions
American Heart Association

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Board of Health
State of Illinois

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Acting Chair
ICU Interest Group
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

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President
Foundation of American Society of Retina Specialists

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Elected Councilor
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians
Virtual Meeting
American College of Emergency Physicians

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International Society for Medication Adherence

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International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal
Disease

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Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

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Director of Procedural and Simulation Workshops
Rocky Mountain Emergency Medicine Conference

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Invited Session Chair
OLC International Oncology Conference - Chicago

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Special Interest Group
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Digital Health Special Interest Group
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President
Chief Volunteer Officer
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External Awards

Leadership Positions

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Chair
Working Group on IEC Coordination
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State of Illinois

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Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine

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Research and Scholarship Subcommittee
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma

Co-Chair
Firearm Safety Toolkit Development Committee
Injury Prevention and Control Committee
Committee on Trauma
American College of Surgeon

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Association of University Programs in Health
Administration

Advisory Board
MPH Steering Committee
University of Cincinnati

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Advocate
Neurology on the Hill
American Academy of Neurology

Annabelle Volgman, MD

Chair
Women in Cardiology
American Heart Association

Lakshmi Warrior, MD

Advisory Board
Northern Illinois Chapter, Governor’s Council
American College of Physicians

Markus Wimmer, PhD

Chair
Orthopaedic Implant Section
Orthopaedic Research Society

Megan Worthington, AuD

Board of Directors
Illinois Academy of Audiology

Laura Zimmermann, MD, MS, FACP

Co-Founder & Clinical Director
Illinois Medical Professionals Action
Collaborative Team

External Awards

Honors & Awards

Bradley Appelhans, PhD

Fellow
Society of Behavioral Medicine

Grace Banner, MD

National Faculty Award
Excellence in Resident Education
Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics
and Gynecology

Richard Berger, MD

102nd Recipient of the Washington Award
Western Society of Engineers

Anuradha Bhama, MD

Young Surgeon Spotlight
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery

Lynne Braun, PhD, CNP, FAHA, FAANP,
FPCNA, FAAN

Sage Award
Power of Nursing Leadership
University of Illinois at Chicago

Susan Buchholz, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN

Fellow
American Academy of Nursing

Cherie Burke, DNP

Lois Marie Wygonik School of Nursing Scholarship
Duquesne University

Catherine Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN

Certificate of Recognition
Distinguished Service as Co-Chair of the Executive
Committee
Illinois Asthma Partnership
Illinois Department of Public Health

Susanna Chubinskaya, PhD

Leadership Award for the Office of Faculty Affairs/
Mentoring Programs
Group on Women in Medicine and Science
Association of American Medical Colleges

Melissa Crane, PhD

Early Stage Investigator Fellowship Award
Academy of Behavioral Medicine

Ivan Da Silva, MD, PhD

Fellow
Neurocritical Care Society

Vaskar Das, PhD

Young Investigator Award for Basic Science
American Society of Anesthesiologist

Jieun David, MD

Travel Award Recipient
Children’s Hospitals Neonatal Consortium

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, FAAN

Outstanding Policy Award
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

Teresa Deshields, PhD, ABPP

Outstanding Education and Training Award
American Psychosocial Oncology Society

Ruth Dubyel, DO, MBA

Excellence in Teaching Award
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Raechel Ferry-Rooney, DNP, APRN-ANP-BC

State Award for Excellence
American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Power of Nursing Leadership Pinnacle Award
NP of the Year
Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nursing

Carlo Franco, MD

Career Achievement Award
Chilean Society of Anesthesiologists

Sherine Gabriel, MD, MSc

Excellence in Medical Education
National Medical Fellowships

External Awards

Honors & Awards

Linda Gruenberg, DO

Distinguished Life Fellow
American Psychiatric Association

Shweta Gupta, MD, MBA, FACP, CHCQM

Osler Award
Subspecialty Medicine Teaching
Department of Medicine
Cook County Health

Deborah Hall, BS

William H. Harris, MD Award
Co-Author
Orthopedic Research Society

Drayton Hammond, PharmD, MBA, MSc

Junior Investigator of the Year Award
Critical Care Practice and Research Networks
American College of Clinical Pharmacy

Kristen Haut, PhD

Faces of the Future
Society for Research in Psychopathology

Barbara Hinch, DNP

Educational Fund Travel Grant
Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing

Sara Hock, MD

Emerging Leader Award
Emergency Medicine Section
International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare
Society for Simulation in Healthcare

Jian Huang, PhD

Team Travel Grant
The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

Joshua Jacobs, MD

Distinguished Investigator
Orthopaedic Research Society

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD

Fellowship
National Academies of Practice

Mehmet Kocak, MD

Certificate of Merit
Imaging Evaluation of the Spinal Hardware:
What Residents and Fellows Need to Know
Annual Meeting
Radiological Society of North America

Carl Lambert, MD, FAAFP

New Scholar Program Participant
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine

Salina Lee, MD

Outstanding Community Service Award
Midwest Asian Health Association

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM

Joseph J. Kleiner Award
Best Article Published
“Hyperglycemia Activates the CD27-CD70 Axis
on Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells”
Clinical Laboratory Science

Michael Lin, MD, MPH

Fellow
Infectious Disease Society of America

Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD, MHS

Alliance Award: Founders
American Academy of Neurology

PSG Junior Investigator Travel Scholarship
Parkinson’s Study Group

Congress Fellowship Scholarship
Pan American Section

International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society

Adrienn Markovics, MD, PhD

Early Career Faculty Travel Grant
The American Association of Immunologists

Gaurav Marwaha, MD

Clinical Educator of the Year
Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology

Nicolas Moore, PhD, MLS(ASCP)

Member of the Year Award
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science –
Illinois

Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Kirk Packo, MD

The Packo Award
American Society of Retina Specialists

Honored Guest

Lifetime Achievements Practice of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Ophthalmology

Anthony Perry, MD

Clinician Award
Healthcare Design

Robin Pourzal, PhD

William H. Harris, MD Award
Co-Author and Co-Mentor
Orthopedic Research Society

Jochen Reiser, MD, PhD

Hero of Medicine Award
HALO

Dino Rumoro, DO, MPH

Lifetime Achievement Award
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians

Palmi Shah, MBBS

Cum Laude Award
Certificate of Merit
Radiologic Society of North America

Editors Recognition Award With Distinction

Radiographics

Beth Staffileno, PhD

Outstanding Partnership Award
Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships Research
Interest Group
Annual Research Conference
Midwest Nursing Research Society

Colleen Stiles-Shields, PhD

Excellence in Publishing
Area of Spina Bifida Clinical Research
Illinois Spina Bifida Association

Joyce Tam, PhD

Foundation Early Career Psychologist Scholarship
American Board of Professional Psychology

Leah Tatebe, MD

Cox-Templeton Injury Prevention Award
Manuscript “Heroes In Crisis: Trauma Centers Should
Be Screening for and Intervening On Post-Traumatic
Stress In Our Emergency Responders”
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma

Steven Taylor, OTD, OTR/L

Occupational Therapist of the Year
Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

Alexandra Vardouniotis, MS, MLS(ASCP)cm, SBBcm

Educator of the Year
President’s Award
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science –
Illinois

Annabelle Volgman, MD

Red Dress Award
Woman’s Day

Gregory White, MD

Best Abstract
Artificial Intelligence LIRADS HCC
Chicago Radiological Society

Jingyun Yang, PhD

Peer Review Awards
Clinical Medicine
Publons

Lan Zhao, PhD

Mid-Career Faculty Travel Grant
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

External Awards

Honors & Awards

Rush Awards

Sawsan Awad, MD
Medical Student Teaching Award
Rush Medical College

Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT
Teaching Excellence Award
Respiratory Care Program
Rush University

Fred Brown, DNP, RN, CENP
Winning Idea
Shark Tank
Nursing Research Symposium
Rush University

Edie Chan, MD
Philip E. Donahue Attending Surgeon of the Year
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Laura Deon, MD
Rush Public Voices Fellow
OpEd Project
Rush University

Andrew Dorsch, MD
Rush Public Voices Fellow
OpEd Project
Rush University

Melinda Earle, DNP
Daisy Award
Women’s, Children’s and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE
Leslie Nan Burridge Endowed Faculty Scholar
Parkinson’s Disease Research
Rush Medical College

Stephen Gore, MD
SCORE Award Recipient
Clinical Education
Rush Medical College

Neha Gupta, MD
Teaching Excellence Award
Psychiatry
Rush Medical College

Marilyn Hallock, MD, MS
WOW Award for Exhibiting Rush I CARE Values
Rush University Medical Center

Physician of the Year
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Nicole Heath, PhD
Rush Values Award
Rush University Medical Center

Ryan Jacobson, MD
Residents’ Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
Neurology
Rush Medical College

Aikaterini (Katie) Kompoliti, MD
Award PF-MDS-1813 for Parkinson’s Foundation
Institutional Movement Disorder Fellowship
Rush University Medical Center

Stephen Korbet, MD, MACP, FASN
Distinguished Alumni Award
Research and Education
Rush University Medical Center

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH
Kenneth M. Boyer Award
Excellence in Leadership
Pediatrics
Rush University Children’s Hospital
Rush University Medical Center

Karen Lui, MD
Resident Excellence In Teaching and Mentoring
Attending of the Year
Rush University Children’s Hospital

Rush Awards

Stelios Mantis, MD
Heroes of the Week
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN
MVP Award
College of Nursing

Colleen Nash, MD
Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatrics Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Suwon Nopachai, MD, MPH
Golden Apple Award
Pediatric Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO
Faculty Teaching Award
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Laura Pabalan, MD
Outstanding Faculty Educator
Rush Medical College

Naomi Parrella, MD
Public Voices Fellow
OpEd Project
Rush University

Claudia Perez, DO, MS, FACOS
National Doctor’s Day Philanthropy Recipient
Rush University Medical Center

Kathleen Rowland, MD
Teacher of the Year
Family Medicine Residency
Rush Copley Medical Center

Joy Sclamberg, MD
Surgery Faculty of the Year
Nonsurgeon
General Surgery
Rush Medical College

Pamela Semanik, PhD, APN
Kellogg Faculty Scholar
Rush University

Mervat Sha’ini, MD, MA
Excellence in Teaching Award
Psychiatry Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Kathryn Solka, PhD
Positive Rush SCORE Report
Rush Medical College

Christine Tsai, MD
Outstanding Teacher Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

Rebecca Van Horn, MD
Rush Public Voices Fellow
OpEd Project
Rush University

Elizabeth Van Opstal, MD
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award
Phoenix Award
Rush Medical College

Sara VandenBranden, MD
Spirit Committee Shining Star Award
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
Rush University Medical Center

Laura Vanpuymbrouck, PhD
Faculty Award for Excellence in Education
College of Health Sciences
Rush University

Marylouise Wilkerson, MD
Best “Off Service” Teaching Attending of the Year
Residency Program
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sarah Won, MD, MPH
Attending Teaching Award
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Rush Leadership Positions

Amina Ahmed, MD, MS
Associate Chief Medical Officer
Health Cancer Service Line
Rush University System for Health

Anuja Antony, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS
Co-Director
Breast Cancer Service Line
Rush University Medical Center

Bradley Appelhans, PhD
Chair
Institutional Review Board
Rush University

Andrew Arndt, MD
Program Director
Thoracic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Associate Program Director
Cardiothoracic Residency
Rush Medical College

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD
Vice Chair
Research, Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Steve Attanasio, DO
Director
Medical Director, CICU
Rush University Medical Center

Sawsan Awad, MD
Director
Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship
Rush Medical College

Edward Barker, PhD
Chair
University Assessment Committee
Rush University

Pete (Sukhpreet) Batra, MD, FACS, FARS
Chair
Obstetrics and Gynecology Chair Search Committee
Rush Medical College

Marta Batus, MD
Associate Director
Hematology Oncology Fellowship Program
Rush Medical College

Director
Elective Medical Oncology Rotation
Rush Medical College

Andrew Berenz, MD
Interim Medical Director
Neonatal ICU
Rush University Medical Center

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD
Acting Vice Chair
Faculty Affairs
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Rakhee Bowker, MD
Co-Medical Director
Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Center

Cynthia Boyd, MD, MBA, FACP
Senior Vice President and Interim Chief Compliance Officer
Rush University System for Health

Fred Brown, DNP, RN, CENP
Interim Associate Vice President
Perioperative and Interventional Services
Rush University System for Health

Michael Brown, MD, MACM, FACP, AGAF, FACG
Director
Section Services
Rush Oak Park Hospital

Rush Leadership Positions

Ana Chee, PhD
Chair
Pain Treatments and Addictions Research Day
Center for Compulsive Behavior and Addiction
Rush University Medical Center

Christina Chen, MD
Associate Director
Pediatric Discipline M1-M2 Curriculum
Rush Medical College

Laurel Cherian, MD, MS
Assistant Dean
Advising
Rush Medical College

James Connors, MD, MS, FAHA
Deputy Director
Neurosciences Service Lines
Rush University Medical Center

Interim Chair
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Brett Wayne Cox, MD
Chair
Radiation Oncology
Rush University

Elizabeth Culnan, PhD
Associate Director
Behavioral Sleep Medicine Training Program
Rush Medical College

Mohammad Daaif, MD
Medical Director
Stroke
Rush Copley Medical Center

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH
Director
Outpatient Vascular Neurology Clinic
Rush University Medical Center

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Chair
Pharmacy, Nutrition and Therapeutics Committee
Rush Medical College

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Director & Founder
Advanced Interdisciplinary Movement Disorders
Supportive Care Clinic
Rush University Medical Center

Susan Freeman, MD, MS
Provost
Rush University

Michael Hanak, MD, FAAFP
Associate Chief Medical Officer, Population Health
Rush University System for Health

Sara Hock, MD
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Medicine Simulation Fellowship
Rush University Medical Center

Diane Howard, PhD, MPH
Chair
Health Systems Management
College of Health Sciences

Ravi Iyengar, MD
Medical Director
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Shivi Jain, MD
Director
Diagnostic Bone Marrow Services
Rush University Medical Center

Sara Jandeska, MD
Co-Director
Health Equity
Global Health Program
Rush Medical College

Rush Leadership Positions

Jill Jeffe, MD

Associate Chair
Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee
Rush University

Meenakshi Jolly, MD, MSc

Co-Director
Master of Science for Clinical Research
The Graduate College

Neha Joshi, MD

Director
Flexible Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy Program
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

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Chair Elect
Golden Lamp Society
Rush University

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Director
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
Division
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Dean
Rush Medical College

Senior Vice President
Clinical Affairs
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Library Director Search Committee
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Chair
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Program Design Subcommittee
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Elected Vice Chair

Core Workgroup
Rush Medical College

Medical Director

Pediatric Palliative and Supportive Care
Rush Medical College

Andras Ladanyi, PhD

Course Director
Robotic Resident Training
Rush Medical College

Vice Chair

Robotic Committee
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
Rush Medical College

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Chair
Health Equity Writing Group
Center for Community Health Equity

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Collaborator & Scientific Advisor
Pediatric Steering Committee
Rush Copley Medical Group

Alejandra Lastra, MD

Program Director
Sleep Medicine
Rush Medical College

Daniel L'Heureux, MD

Chair
Medical Imaging/Radiology
Rush Oak Park Hospital

Rush Leadership Positions

Nupur Mittal, MD

Associate Program Director
Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fellowship
Rush Medical College

Co-Director

AYA Sarcoma Program
Rush University Medical Center

Nicholas Moore, PhD

Chair
Faculty Council
College of Health Sciences

Meghan Moran, PhD

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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Review Board
Comparative Research Center
Rush University Medical Center

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Assistant Program Director
Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Training Program
Rush Medical College

Brieann Muller, MD

Co-Director
Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship
Rush Copley Medical Center

Director

Fetal Cardiology Conference
Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Center

Associate Director

Fellowship Board Review
Rush Medical College

Associate Director

Fellow Didactic Teaching Program
Rush Medical College

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Co-Chair
Reunion Committee
Rush Medical College

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Executive Board Member
Social Media Initiative Leader
Women's Leadership Council
Rush University Medical Center

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD

Course Director
Cellular and Molecular Immunology course
Rush Medical College

Division Chief

Allergy & Immunology
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Saurabh Malhotra, MD, MPH

Chair
Cardiovascular Ischemia Noninvasive Evaluation Task
Force
Rush Medical College

Gaurav Marwaha, MD

Medical Director
Radiosurgical Program
Rush University Medical Center

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN

Associate Chair
Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Karen Mayer, PhD, MHA, RN

Vice President of Patient Care Services/CNO
Rush Oak Park Hospital

Brian McCulloch, MD

Board Liaison
Pediatric Review of Department
Rush Medical College

Neal Mehta, MD

Program Director
Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine
Fellowship
Rush Medical College

Rush Leadership Positions

Carter Neugarten, MD

Director
ED/Palliative Care Service Line
Rush Medical College

Frances Norlock, DO, MPH, FACP

Head
Telehealth Visit Experience Subcommittee
Ambulatory Care Network
Cook County Health

Rebecca O’Dwyer, MD

Program Director
Neurology Residency
Rush Medical College

Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO

Director and Founder
Cardio-Oncology Biannual Patient Education Series
Rush University Medical Center

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Interim Chief Financial Officer
Rush University System

Peter Papagiannopoulos, MD, MS

Surgical Director
Rush Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease Center
Rush University Medical Center

Nicolas Patonai, MD

Associate Program Director
Anesthesia Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Amanda Persons, PhD

Steering Committee
Pain Treatments and Addictions Research Day
Rush University

Yoona Rhee, MD, ScM

Associate Director
Transplant Infectious Diseases Service
Rush University Medical Center

Jennifer Rousseau, DNP

Vice Chair
University Curriculum Committee
Rush University

Jonathan Rubenstein, MD

Chair
Ophthalmology
Rush Medical College

Dino Rumoro, DO, MPH

Acting Dean
Rush Medical College

Anne Sammarco, MD, MPH

Director
M4 Urological and Gynecological Elective
Rush Medical College

Debra Selip, MD, MBA

Associate Medical Director
NICU, Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Ami Shah, MD

Chair
Pediatric Subspecialty Operations Committee
AMITA Health

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Alejandro Vargas, MD

Medical Director
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Markus Wimmer, PhD

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The Graduate College
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Other Awards and Honors

Sandeep Amin, MBBS

America's Most Honored Professionals
Americanregistry.com

Pete (Sukhpreet) Batra, MD, FACS, FARS

Designation
IL TopDocs

Alan Blank, MD

40 Under 40
Crain's Chicago Business

Rakhee Bowker, MD

Who's Who in the World
Marquis Who's Who

Melody Cobleigh, MD

Best Doctors
Chicago Magazine

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH

Designation
IL TopDocs

Designation

Best Doctors In America

Other Awards and Honors

Susan Glick, MD, MHPE

America's Most Honored Doctors
Top 1%
Americanregistry.com

Exceptional Women in Medicine

Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

Neha Gupta, MD

America's Best Physicians 2020
National Consumer Advisory Board

Sara Jandeska, MD

Exceptional Women in Medicine
Castle Connolly Medical

Latania Logan, MD, MSPH

Designation
IL TopDocs

Phillip LoSavio, MD, MS

Designation
IL TopDocs

Timothy Lubenow, MD

Top Doctors
Chicago Magazine

Specialist

Illinois Top Pain Management

Andrea Madrigrano, MD

Top Doctor
Castle Connolly Medical

Abhimanyu Mahajan, MD, MHS

Dean's List
University of Cincinnati

Elizabeth McAninch, MD

Top Doctors
Chicago Magazine

Reshma Mohiuddin, DO

Notable Healthcare Heroes
Crain's Chicago Business

Meghan Moran, PhD

40 Under 40 Chicago Scientists
Halo Cures

Elizabeth Nye, MD, FACOG

Doctor of the Year
Top 100 Registry

Max Pitlosh, MD

Top Doctors
Chicago Magazine

Barbara Soltes, MD, FACOG

Top Doc in Women's Health in Chicago
Castle Connolly Medical

Donald Tanis, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Top Doctors
Interventional Cardiology
Castle Connolly Medical

Murali Vinta, MD, MPH, FACOG

Top Doctors
Chicago Magazine

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2020

Neelum Aggarwal, MD

1R01 AG063689

Anti-Amyloid Treatment in Asymptomatic Alzheimer's Disease (H8A-MC-LZAZ(a)/ADC-040-A4)

1R01 AG053798

TRC-PAD Program: In-Clinic Trial Ready Cohort (TRC) Study

1R01 AG053798

Global Alzheimer's Platform Trial-Ready Cohort for

Preclinical/Prodromal Alzheimer's Disease

National Institute on Aging

University of Southern California

Xun Ai, MD

1R01 HL146744-01

Heart-Platelet Crosstalk: JNK, AF and Thrombogenesis

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Lena Al-Harathi, PhD

1R21 MH122241-01

cART Effects on Glial Cells

National Institute of Mental Health

Bradley Appelhans, PhD

R01 HL141706

Circadian and Sleep Pathways to Cardiometabolic

Disease Risk: Role of Neurobehavioral Processes

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

University of Utah

Zoe Arvanitakis, MD

1R01 AG062624

Metformin in Alzheimer's Dementia Prevention (MAP)

National Institute on Aging

Columbia University Medical Center

1R56 NS109908

Mechanisms of Estrogen Signaling and Neuroprotection

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Mariam Aziz, MD

5UM1 AI068632

Randomized Phase I Study of Infectivity, Safety &

Immunogenicity of Single Dose of Recombinant

Live-Attenuated Resp. Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccines

RSVÎNS2/Î1313/Î1314L or RSV276 or Placebo, Delivered

as Nose Drops to RSV-Seroneg Infants 6 to 24 Months of Age

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Johns Hopkins University

Lisa Barnes, PhD

1R01 AG066134

Blood Pressure and ADRD in African Americans:

the Jackson Heart Study

National Institute on Aging

Columbia University Medical Center

RF1 AG050782

Early Vascular Contributions to Dementia Risk in

African Americans

National Institute on Aging

University of California - Davis

1R01 AG064950

Proteomics of Hypertension and Alzheimer's Disease

in African Americans

National Institute on Aging

Vanderbilt University

U54 MD012523

The Joint Effects of Individual and Neighborhood

Social Stressors on Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's

Disease Risk

National Institute on Minority Health and Health

Disparities

University of Illinois at Chicago

David Bennett, MD

U01 AG061356

Multi-Omic Network-Directed Proteoform Discovery,

Dissection and Functional Validation to Prioritize

Novel AD Therapeutic Targets

7U01 AG046152

Pathway Discovery, Validation and Compound

Identification for Alzheimer's Disease

P50 AG008702

Alzheimer's Disease Research Center - Overall

National Institute on Aging

Columbia University Medical Center

1R56 AG062633

Elucidating the Role of Plasma Cholesterol in

Alzheimer's Disease using Mendelian Randomization

National Institute on Aging

Emory University

5P30 AG021334

Older Americans Independence Center

National Institute on Aging

Johns Hopkins University

1R01 AG064786

Genome-wide Mapping and Integrative Analysis of

Brain DNA 6mA Methylome in AD

National Institute on Aging

University of Florida

R01 AG058639

BRAIN-ICU-2 Study: Bringing to Light the Risk Factors

And Incidence of Neuropsychological Dysfunction

(Dementia) in ICU Survivors, 2nd Study

National Institute on Aging

Vanderbilt University

2R01 NS086736

Clinical-Pathological Study of Cognitive Impairment in

Essential Tremor

National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Yale University

3UM1 HG009444

ENCODE Mapping Center-A Comprehensive Catalog of

DNase I Hypersensitive Sites

National Human Genome Research Institute

Altius Institute for Biomedical Sciences

Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, MD, PhD

R01 MH91131

A Family Genetic Study of Autism and Fragile X Syndrome

National Institute of Mental Health

Northwestern University

Jeffrey Borgia, PhD

1R01 CA230778

Investigation of CXCR7 Signaling in EGFR TKI Resistant

NSCLC

National Cancer Institute

Loyola University Chicago

R01 CA223490

Profiling Genome-Wide Circulating ncRNAs for the Early

Detection of Lung Cancer

National Institutes of Health

University of Hawaii

Susan Buchholz, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN

R21 NR018281

An Innovative Mobile Health Intervention to Improve

Self-care in Patients With Heart Failure

National Institute of Nursing Research

University of Illinois at Chicago

Aron Buchman, MD

1RF1 AG064312

Integrative Motor Activity Biomarker for the Risk for

Alzheimer's Dementia

National Institute on Aging

Brigham & Women's Hospital

1R01 AG059732-01A1

Elucidating the Molecular Drivers of Impaired Mobility

within and Outside the CNS in Alzheimer's Disease and

Related Disorders

National Institute on Aging

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2020

John Burns, PhD

1UM1 NS112874-01

Transition from Acute to Chronic Pain in Total Knee Arthroplasty Patients: Identifying Resilience and Vulnerability Profiles

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

5R21 NR016930

Bright Light Treatment at Home to Improve Symptom Management of Fibromyalgia Syndrome

National Institute of Nursing Research

University of Michigan

James Connors, MD, MS, FAHA

1U01 NS106513

Anticoagulation in ICH Survivors for Prevention and Recovery (ASPIRE) Study

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

University of Cincinnati

Stephanie Crowley, PhD

1R01 HL146772-01A1

Adolescent Circadian Misalignment: Mechanistic Studies of Sleep and Light

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

1R01 HL148271

METS-Sleep: Gut Microbiota and Cardiometabolic Risk Across the Epidemiologic Transition

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Loyola University Chicago

Robert Dawe, PhD

1K25 AG061254-01A1

Quantifying Lower Extremity Joint Motion in Community-Dwelling Older Adults to Elucidate Its Contributions to Mobility Limitations, Incident Mobility Disability, and Falls

National Institute on Aging

Jie Deng, PhD

R01 DK112281

The Effects of Capsinoids on Brown Adipose Tissue Recruitment and Activation in Obesity

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Northwestern Feinberg College of Medicine

Denis Evans, MD

R01 AG051635

Nonlinear Models of Cognition Preceding AD in a Biracial Population Sample

7RF1 AG057532

Factors Influencing Decline in AD Trends in a Biracial Population Study

R01 AG058679

Preserving Cognitive Resilience: A Biracial Parent-Offspring Study Rush Subcontract

National Institute on Aging

University of California - Davis

Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE

U01 NS100610

Dementia with Lewy Bodies Consortium

National Institutes of Health

Cleveland Clinic

Namni Goel, PhD

5R01 DK117488

Impact of Daytime vs. Delayed Eating Schedule on Weight and Metabolic Markers Among Obese Persons: An Examination of Circadian-Mediated Mechanisms

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pennsylvania

Francine Grodstein, ScD

5R01 DK115473

Role of Vitamin D in the Prevention and Progression of Urinary Incontinence

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

University of Alabama

Neha Gupta, MD

2R44 MH114725

Integrating a Suite of Mental Health Apps for Depression in a Healthcare Setting

National Institute of Mental Health

Adaptive Health, LLC

Vineet Gupta, PhD

1R01 CA244938

Exploiting Integrin Signaling to Overcome Resistance to Immunotherapy

National Cancer Institute

Washington University in St. Louis

Shannon Halloway, PhD

1R01 NR018443-01A1

Lifestyle Physical Activity and Cognitive Training Interventions: Preventing Memory Loss in Older Women and Cardiovascular Disease

National Institute of Nursing Research

Joao Filipe Inacio-Mamede, PhD

1K22 AI140963-01A1

Direct Live-Cell Visualization and Quantification of Interactions Between Infectious HIV Particles in Primary Targent Cells

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

1R01 AI150998-01A1

Functionally Defining HIV-Host Interactions During the Early HIV-1 Lifecycle

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Northwestern Feinberg College of Medicine

8P50 AI150464

Center for the Structural Biology of Cellular Host Elements in Egress, Trafficking, and Assembly of HIV (CHEETAH Center)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

University of Utah

Tricia Johnson, PhD

1R01 MD013969-01A1

Reducing Disparity in Receipt of Mother's Own Milk in Very Low Birth Weight Infants: An Economic Intervention to Improve Adherence to Sustained Maternal Breast Pump Use

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

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Niranjan Karnik, MD, PhD

1R01 MH117168

Predicative Analytics Applied to Integrated Administrative Emergency Response Datasets in Chicago

National Institute of Mental Health

University of Chicago

1UG1 DA049467-01

Great Lakes Node of the Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Ali Keshavarzian, MD

1R01 DK123733

Glycomic Modulation of Gut Microbiome During HIV Infection

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

The Wistar Institute

1U19 AG063744

The Alzheimer's Gut Microbiome Project

National Institute on Aging

Duke University

Melissa Lamar, PhD

1R01 AG062711-01A1

Culturally Relevant Contributors to Cognitive and MRI Changes in Older Latinos

National Institute on Aging

Alan Landay, PhD

UM1 AI106701

Laboratory Center, AIDS Clinical Trials Group

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

University of California - Los Angeles

R01 AG062383

Sialic Acid Modulation of HIV Associated Chronic Inflammaging

National Institute on Aging

The Wistar Institute

R01 HL148094

Immunophenotyping for Precision Medicine for Cardiovascular Disease in People Living with HIV

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2020

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Sally Lemke, DNP

1R01 MH118382

Preventing Suicide in African American Adolescents

National Institute of Mental Health

DePaul University

Elizabeth Lynch, PhD

1R01 NR018463-01A1

Alive Blood Pressure Project: A Church-Based

Intervention to Improve Blood Pressure

National Institute of Nursing Research

Ruben Markosyan, PhD

R01 AI053668

The Mechanism of Arenavirus Entry into Cells

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Emory

Pauline Merrill, MD

5G1 EY028091

ADalimumab vs. Conventional ImmunoSupprESSION for Corticosteroid-Sparing for Uveitis (ADVISE) Trial

National Eye Institute

Johns Hopkins University

Dan Nicholson, PhD

T32 AG020506

Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Training Program in Aging and Dementia

National Institute on Aging

Northwestern University

Nicholas Osteraas, MD, MS

U01 NS099043

Sleep for Stroke Management And Recovery Trial

National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke

University of Cincinnati

Aloka Patel, MD

1R01 MD013969-01A1

Reducing Disparity in Receipt of Mother's Own Milk

in Very Low Birth Weight Infants: An Economic

Intervention to Improve Adherence to Sustained

Maternal Breast Pump Use

National Institute on Minority Health and Health

Disparities

Victoria Poole, PhD

7K01 AG064044-02

A Multimodal Imaging Model to Predict Mobility in

Older Adults

National Institute on Aging

Kyle Popovich, MD

1R01 AI146079-01A1

A Multi-Level Genomic and Spatial Analysis of

MRSA Transmission

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Jitesh Pratap, PhD

1R21 CA245609-01-Rev

Regulation of Autophagy in Bone Metastasis

National Cancer Institute

Liudmila Romanova, PhD

1R01 AG064226

Differential Clearance of Pyroglutamate Abeta

through Arachnoid and Meningeal Lymphatics in

Alzheimer Disease

National Institute on Aging

Wright State University

Ryan Ross, PhD

5U01 AI034993

Chicago WIHS Consortium - WIHS V

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

1K01 AR073923-01A1

Sclerostin Regulation of Skeletal Mineralization and

Phosphate Metabolism

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal

and Skin Diseases

Julie Schneider, MD, PhD

R01 AG064233

In-Vivo MRI-Based Prediction of TDP43 Pathology

in Aging

National Institute on Aging

Illinois Institute of Technology

1R01 AG067482-01

Characterizing TDP-43 Related Hippocampal

Degeneration and Memory Loss in Aging

National Institute on Aging

2P01 AG14449

Neurobiology of Mild Cognitive Impairment in the Elderly

National Institute on Aging

St. Joseph Hospital

R01 AG061028

Leveraging Existing Aging Research Networks to

Investigate TBI and AD/ADRD Risk (LEARN TBI & AD)

National Institutes of Health

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Beverly Sha, MD

R01 AG054366

Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in

HIV - REPRIEVE

National Institute on Aging

University of California - Los Angeles

U01 HL146245

MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study: Cook County

Clinical Research Site (CC_CRS)

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

7UM1 AI068636

Leadership and Operations Center (LOC), AIDS Clinical

Trials Group (ACTG)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Raj Shah, MD

1P30 AG064200

Roybal Translational Research Center to Promote

Context-Specific Caregiving Mastery for Informal

Caregivers of Community-Dwelling Persons Living with

Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders

National Institute on Aging

Emory University

1U19 AG062682

ASPIrin in Reducing Events in the Elderly - eXTension

National Institute on Aging

Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute

Latha Soorya, PhD

R44 MH121965

Automated, Quantitative and Scalable System for Social

Processes in Behavioral Health

National Institute of Mental Health

Argus Cognitive

Anna Spagnoli, MD

7R01 AR074049-02

Fate and Regulation of Fracture-Induced Prx1 Cells

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal

and Skin Diseases

Rick Sumner, PhD

1T32 AR073157-01A1

Post-Doctoral Training in Joint Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal

and Skin Diseases

Jordan Tasse, MD

5UH3 HL138325

Chronic Venous Thrombosis:Relief With Adjunctive

Catheter-Directed Therapy - The C-TRACT Trial

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Washington University in St. Louis

National Institutes of Health Grants

New Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2020

Alejandro Vargas, MD

U01 NS100699

Multi-Arm Optimization of Stroke Thrombolysis Stroke Trial

National Institutes of Health
University of Cincinnati

Allison Wainer, PhD

1R01 MH122726-01

3/4: Improving the Part C Early Intervention Service Delivery System for Children With ASD: a Randomized Clinical Trial

National Institute of Mental Health

Robert Wilson, PhD

1R56 AG066127

Adaptive Testing of Cognitive Function Based on Multi-Dimensional Item Response Theory

National Institute on Aging
University of Chicago

Lei Yu, PhD

R01 AG038651

Role of Impaired Cognitive States & Risk Factors in Conversion to Mixed Dementia

National Institute on Aging
University of Kentucky

Andrew Zloza, MD, PhD

R44 CA156781

Riluzole Prodrugs for Melanoma and ALS

National Cancer Institute
Fox Chase Chemical Diversity Center

Foundation and Other New Grants

Mitra Afshari, MD, MPH

Fostering Inclusivity in Research Engagement for Underrepresented Populations in Parkinson's Disease

Michael J. Fox Foundation
Massachusetts General Hospital

Robert Balk, MD

CF Learning Network: Implementation Phase

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

RUMC Cystic Fibrosis Center

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

CF Lung Transplant Transition Regional Dissemination Network (LTT RDN)

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
The Dartmouth Institute

Mgdalena Bednarczyk, MD

Pilot Grant

Frailty Assessments and Individualized Report Clinical Model and Centralized Research Database for Vulnerable Older Adults
Center for Excellence in Aging

David Bennett, MD

Immunomodulation to Promote Cerebrovascular and Cognitive Health

American Heart Association
Stanford University

Mary Jo Fidler, MD

ALCMI-010

LIBERTI: Role of Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA) from Liquid Biopsy in Early Stage NSCLC Resected Lung Tumor Investigation

Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute

George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC

Advancing Interprofessional Spiritual Care in Clinical Settings

John Templeton Foundation
George Washington University

Drayton Hammond, PharmD, MBA

Elucidation of Actual and Potential Cost Avoidance Generated From Recommendations From Clinical Pharmacist Who are and are not Board Certified in ICU and ED

Board of Pharmacy Specialties

Dana Hayden, MD, MPH

PCS-2018C1-10949

Protocol for the Comparison of Surgery and Medicine on the Impact of Diverticulitis (COSMID) Trial

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
University of Washington

Elizabeth Kravis, MD, PhD

Together Strong NPC Foundation
University of Illinois at Chicago

Timothy Kuzel, MD

Overcoming Drug Resistance in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer with Novel Combination of TGF-Receptor Inhibitor LY2157299 and Enzalutamide

The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
Johns Hopkins University

Alan Landay, PhD

Pilot Grant

Frailty Assessments and Individualized Report Clinical Model and Centralized Research Database for Vulnerable Older Adults
Center for Excellence in Aging

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM

Research Fund Grant
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Education

Foundation and Other New Grants

Mia Levy, MD, PhD

Clinical Decision Support for Precision Breast Cancer Managing Treatment Burden and Capacity in Patients Undergoing Treatment for Breast Cancer
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Vanderbilt University

Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L

COVID Research Grants
Telehealth Intervention to Address Early Intervention Access Disparities Among Underserved Families Project
Rush Translational Science Consortium

Martha Morris, ScD

US POINTER - Study Site - U.S. Study to Protect Brain Health through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk
Alzheimer's Association
Wake Forest University Health Sciences

James Moy, MD

Improving Medication Adherence with Telehealthcare Medication Therapy Management to Change Health Outcomes in Adolescents and Young Adults with Asthma (MATCH)
Parental Response Using a Daily Digital Diary to Capture Respiratory Symptoms in Young Children With Recurrent Respiratory Tract Illnesses American Lung Association [ALA] Novel Digital Diary
Asthma BMI Baseline Study (ABBS)
American Lung Association
Northwestern University

Cesar Ochoa, MD, MPH

Down Syndrome Natural History Study
LuMind Research Down Syndrome Foundation

Nicklas Pfanzelter, MD

DORA Trial: Phase III Trial of Docetaxel vs. Docetaxel and Radium-223 for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (mCRPC)
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium

Thea Price, MD

The Comparison of Outcomes of Antibiotic Drugs and Appendectomy (CODA) Trial
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute PCORI
University of Washington

Alexander Rackman, MD

Pilot Grant
Frailty Assessments and Individualized Report Clinical Model and Centralized Research Database for Vulnerable Older Adults
Center for Excellence in Aging

Yoona Rhee, MD, ScM

Healthcare Worker Exposure Response and Outcomes of Hydroxychloroquine Trial (HERO-HCQ Trial)
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Duke University

Lydia Royeen, MOT, OTR/L

Pilot Grant
Frailty Assessments and Individualized Report Clinical Model and Centralized Research Database for Vulnerable Older Adults
Center for Excellence in Aging

Girish Sharma, MD

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Registry
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Steven Taylor, OTD, OTR/L

Age-Friendly Adult Centered Telehealth Training (A-FACTT) to Promote Competency and Confidence in the Use of Telehealth
Center for Excellence in Aging

Vincent Traynelis, MD

Prospective Radiographic and Clinical Evaluation of Surgical Treatment for Cervical Deformity: a Multi-Center Study
International Spine Study Group Foundation

Srinivas Vourganti, MD

Phase 1/2 Study of Modern Immunotherapy in BCG-Relapsing Urothelial Carcinoma of the Bladder
Hoosier Cancer Research Network

Allison Wainer, PhD

14089-TOSU
Rethinking Stakeholder Roles in ASC Interventions: Moving from Participants to Engaged Collaborators
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Ohio State University

Other Federal and State Grants

Puja Agarwal, PhD

Association of Strawberry Consumption With Cognitive and Motor Decline as well as Brain Neuropathologies in Older Adults
California Strawberry Commission

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW

1T1 MP39069-01-00
Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program COVID
Health Resources and Service Administration

May Hayden, MD

75D30119 C06582
Evaluating Changes in Skin Cultures and Skin Microbiome Due to Chlorhexidine vs. Soap Bathing in Patients Requiring Acute or Long Term in Healthcare Facilities
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
University of California – Irvine

75D30119 C06549

Evaluating Emergence of Resistance and Changes in Clinical Pathogens Following Introduction of Chlorhexidine Bathing
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Cesar Ochoa-Lubinoff, MD, MPH

R01 FD006003
A Prospective Natural History Study of Angelman Syndrome for Therapeutic Development
Food and Drug Administration
Boston Children's Hospital

Hale Thompson, PhD

1K12 HS026385
A Chicago Center of Excellence in Learning Health Systems Research Training (ACCELERAT)
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Northwestern University

Allison Wainer, PhD

1H79 SM082299-01
Building Early Connections
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Center for Mental Health Services

Rush Research Mentoring Program Awards

Fiscal Year 2020 Cohn Fellows

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD

Associate Professor
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Lionel C. Clement, PhD

Assistant Professor
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Kristen Haut, PhD

Assistant Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Kevin C. Jones, PhD

Assistant Professor
Radiation Oncology
Rush Medical College

Lauren M. Little, PhD, OTR/L

Associate Professor
Occupational Therapy
College of Health Sciences

Dominika A. Winiarski, PhD

Assistant Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

2019 Symposium Abstract Winners

Jori E. Fleisher, MD, MSCE

Associate Professor
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Kristen Haut, PhD

Assistant Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

Simona Radice, PhD

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

2019 Symposium Poster Winners

Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD

Associate Professor
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Eduardo Molina-Jijon, PhD

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Gian D. Pal, MD, MS

Assistant Professor
Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

2019 Mentee of the Year

Allison Wainer, PhD

Assistant Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College

2019 Mentor of the Year

T. Celeste Napier, PhD

Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Rush Medical College
Director of the Center for Compulsive
Behavior and Addiction

2019 Postdoctoral Mentor of the Year

Niranjan S. Karnik, MD, PhD

The Cynthia Oudejans Harris, MD, Professor of Psychiatry
Associate Dean for Community Behavioral Health
Rush Medical College
Director of the Great Lake Nodes, National Drug
Treatment Clinical Trials Network
Co-Director of the Institute for Translational
Medicine KL2 Training Program

Rush Health Care Heroes

Throughout the first several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rush put out a call to recognize the selfless and inspiring actions of colleagues in the Rush community. We are delighted to share some of the faculty who were nominated as Health Care Heroes, along with some words submitted by their nominators.

Hassan A. Ahmad, MD

Internal Medicine, Allergy and Immunology
Rush Medical College

"Hassan has offered many words of encouragement and support to the allergy fellows during this difficult time. When we received the tentative redeployment schedule, he stayed cool and collected. He helped relieve the anxiety that everyone was experiencing."

Elizabeth Davis, MD

Internal Medicine, General Medicine
Rush Medical College

"Since championing efforts to screen and test our peers experiencing homelessness, Dr. Davis has brought screening to organizations that needed it most. All the while, she has been caring for patients as an attending hospitalist, and teaching medical students and residents involved in the health equity curricula."

Stephanie Dietz, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

"She organized a collection to buy a day's worth of meals for everybody in EVS to make sure they were aware that their work was sincerely appreciated and recognized by the hospital medicine staff. She also managed to get another day's worth of meals donated by a local restaurant for the EVS group!"

Bonnie Ewald, MA

Health Systems Management, College of Health Sciences

"Bonnie organized and led a project that enabled social workers and nurses to call Medicare older adults at risk for COVID complications. This project utilized a new risk algorithm and interdisciplinary staff from four Rush departments. As a result, hundreds of patients have been called and referred to services."

Amie Gamino, MD

Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Rush Medical College

"Dr. Gamino worked tirelessly to restructure the program to meet the current needs of the pandemic. She is a role model to all of us and is one of the reasons I joined the Pulmonary and Critical Care faculty."

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW

Internal Medicine, Rush Medical College

"Robyn's leadership has allowed the team of care managers and patient navigators to be responsive to internal and community needs to redeploy staff in needed areas of the hospital and community to address mental health, social service and education needs."

Edward Gometz, MD

Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Care
Rush Medical College

"Gometz has been that consistent, calm voice and advocate at the nursing home rehab facility where he accepts Rush patients after hospitalization to help bring resources and build a plan to protect them."

Manya Gupta, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

"Dr. Gupta has come in on her days off to bring wellness packages to the residents and give other colleagues a day off if they need it to run errands, see their family or just rest. She is a truly selfless hero."

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Mary K Hayden, MD

Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases
Rush Medical College

“Dr. Hayden provided opportunities to younger faculty to be involved in clinical and research aspects during the pandemic and demonstrated how much she cares for us as people and not just as her faculty.”

Sayona John, MD, FNCS, FAAN

Neurological Sciences, Rush Medical College

“Dr. John worked endlessly to adapt our neurological ICU into a unit capable of offering all the leading-edge care for COVID patients. She worked days and nights coordinating our staff, training our residents, fellows and nurses, and in a matter of few days, made it all happen.”

Sabrina Jones, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

“Dr. Jones has been a true team player by giving superior patient care while remaining committed to resident and fellow education.”

Mia Levy, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine, Hematology, Oncology and
Cell Therapy, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Levy led by example: She was granted emergency clinical privileges and volunteered to take the first week on the COVID cancer inpatient service and advocated on behalf of her whole team.”

Jia-Liang Li, PhD

Neurological Sciences, Rush Medical College

“Jia-Liang and his friends organized the Chicago Chinese Community Anti-Covid19 Fundraiser and donated 5,000 surgical masks to Rush.”

Susan Lopez, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

“Suzi is one of our newest faculty and has worked tirelessly to ensure adequate and clear communication for our patients with low health literacy and or those with limited English proficiency. She compiled a list of frequently asked questions, arranged for translation into Spanish and made the resource available to all of us to provide to our patients during the inpatient stay. She also advocated to translating our discharge information into Spanish.”

Hannah Manella, MS, RD, LDN

Clinical Nutrition, College of Health Sciences

“Since COVID has started, she began working with Culinary Care to get meals delivered to the infusion room for patients to take home with them or eat during their treatment. This service gave our patients something to look forward to and eased their mind during this trying time. She also arranged for nonperishable food items to be donated and placed in a goody bag for patients to take home with them.”

Steven Mosakowski, MBA

Cardiopulmonary Sciences, College of Health Sciences

“From the start of this pandemic, Steve has been working hard day and night, seven days a week, to make sure we have everything we need to take extraordinary care of our patients. As the director of our department, he constantly motivates our staff to keep on moving forward during these hard times.”

Prema Nanavaty, MD

Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and
Sleep Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Every day Dr. Nanavaty is not only on the frontlines caring directly for critically ill patients but also behind the scenes organizing schedules and workflow, and preparing protocols for the teams. Despite the long hours and hectic days, she always manages to stay calm, positive and in good spirits.”

Rush Health Care Heroes

Patty Nedved, RN, MSN, CENP, FABC

Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing

“Patty was such a support for me through it all. She sent a daily text message to check on how I was doing — offering up love and prayers that were as palpable as my waning and waxing fears. I cannot thank her enough for her compassion.”

Kathryn (Katy) Perticone, MSN

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Rush Medical College

“Ms. Perticone is a hero for her untiring work in supporting the well-being of Rush staff, working in high-stress areas of the hospital with the greatest risk of exposure. She is a major piece in the efforts to maintain our workforce now and in the days ahead.”

Anupama Rao, MD, FACC, FSCMR

Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Rao has been extremely diligent about making sure her staff have what we need at all times. Her concern, especially for the pregnant sonographers, has been incredibly appreciated. Dr Rao even offered to donate PTO to allow them to stay at home safe.”

Carrie Richardson, MD, MHS

Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, Rush Medical College

“Patients are grateful for Dr. Richardson’s willingness to see them for urgent appointments without hesitation in the midst of this pandemic.”

Steve Rothschild, MD

Family Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Rothschild has worked tirelessly making sure we are all doing our best to help our patients while also taking care of our needs. If he asks us to volunteer, he will be the first one to sign up. He is the example of what it means to be in this together.”

Joy Sclamberg, MD

Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine
Rush Medical College

“By leading with a calm but serious voice, Dr. Sclamberg has made this situation feel as if we are attacking it as a team — not individuals. Her leadership and guidance has been a beacon of light.”

Paola Susan, MD, MBA

Family Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Paola Susan has numerous times volunteered without hesitation to assist during this pandemic at a nursing home, the emergency room and ambulance bay in addition to her responsibilities as a clinician and teacher. She is always thinking of others.”

Anjali Tannan, MD

Ophthalmology, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Tannan has been at the forefront of our clinic, making sure we are prepared to handle any COVID-related issue. She is a great leader, role model and an amazing teammate.”

Betty Tran, MD, MS

Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep
Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Tran has always been an excellent critical care physician, but during these difficult and uncertain times she has shown exceptional strength and has readily served her patients. She is a fierce patient advocate, works incredibly hard to provide the best possible care for her patients and remains a dedicated teacher.”

Rebecca Van Horn, MD

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Van Horn joined the Army Reserve. I think this is a fantastic example of a leader of Rush’s program for veterans — joining the ranks, leading from the front. Seeing doctors sign up to serve is absolutely inspiring and patriotic.”

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Julia Bassett, MBA

Health Systems Management, College of Health Sciences; and Rachel Smith

“Julia Bassett and Rachel Smith coordinated meal delivery for our patients, employees and community members who are facing food insecurity due to COVID-19. This tremendous effort has resulted in coordinating employee volunteers to deliver over 100 boxes of food each Friday with community partner Top Box. Health care happens in our walls, but these two make sure it also meets our community members exactly where they are.”

Christopher Bruti, MD

Internal Medicine, Rush Medical College; and

Suparna (Nina) Dutta, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

“Using their exceptional organizational skills, mental flexibility and ability to creatively think outside the box, Drs. Dutta and Bruti revamped the entire hospitalist schedule and unit structure within days to accommodate our community’s and institution’s urgent needs. I believe they have elevated the presence of the Division of Hospital Medicine, and Rush Medical Center as a whole, in all respects.”

Camille Hawkins, MD; Anila Khan, MD;

Nicole Prabhu, MD

Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

“The medicine chiefs have done an amazing job coordinating resident coverage for several of the COVID floors and COVID ICUs. The structure and staffing of these units have changed dozens of times as the COVID census has evolved, and they have put in countless extra hours making sure the hospital is appropriately staffed with their residents.”

Kathleen Oskvarek, CRNA and

Victor Oskvarek, CRNA

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Program
College of Nursing

“The Oskvareks have been with Rush’s Anesthesia Department for a combined total of over 30 years. During this pandemic, they have stepped up to provide care for COVID-19 patients and have been the voice of reason and comfort for fellow CRNAs. They, along with the anesthesia residents, created the COVID-19 airway protocol, and one of them has been at nearly all COVID intubations in the ICU.”

All Faculty

“They have been gracious, grateful and resourceful. They have been creative in generating new assessments. They have made their online sessions fun for their students and have been a source of comfort and normalcy to students who are, like the rest of us, a bit unnerved by all of what is going on.”

All Therapists

“Rush’s therapists see the potential of what every patient can become. Fighting through all obstacles, they are helping their patients achieve their maximum outcomes.”

Emergency Department

“I admire the way the doctors, nurses and techs work effortlessly to ensure not only the safety of one another but provide the patients a sense of ease and the best of care during this difficult time.”

Infectious Diseases Team

“Mike Lin, MD, MPH; Beverly Sha, MD; and Mary Hayden, MD, have been phenomenal in leading the clinical aspect of this crisis. They have all tirelessly stepped up to meet the clinical challenge.”

Internal Medicine Residents, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellows and Attendings, and all Staff in the MICU and CICU

“They guide patients and families through difficult and life-altering decisions, and deal with morally complex situations. They strive to be the patient’s advocate and do what is right for them. Patients, families and the Rush community are lucky to have these clinicians.”

Perfusion Team

“The perfusion team helps with daily ECMO care, physical therapy, technical support and with anything else they can to help get patients well and out of the hospital.”

Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows

“Even before the surge schedule was in place, the fellows of the pulmonary and critical care division stepped up to take care of the sickest COVID patients. In addition, they have continued to teach the residents and support other teams that are involved in the care of these patients. We are lucky to have such a phenomenal group of fellows!”

Radiology Department

“They provide the best patient care possible and at the same time provide the best images — like true Picassos!”

Respiratory Care Therapists

“The respiratory care faculty at Rush University have continued to conduct online education for their students while simultaneously stepping up to work with their colleagues in respiratory care at Rush University Medical Center. All respiratory therapists are at the heart and soul of the critical care work at the Medical Center as they provide the best possible care for patients hospitalized with COVID-19 who are on respirators. In addition, they are working with many others at Rush to conduct a clinical trial looking at the importance of proning while caring for those with COIV-19 who are on respirators. And they have included second-year respiratory care students in the delivery of exemplary service to patients. This group epitomizes the teacher-practitioner model that is the core of Rush. They, including the respiratory care students supervised by licensed respiratory therapists, exemplify a hero’s story!”

Rush Health Care Heroes

2020-21

Teaching Academy Series

All Rush University faculty are invited to participate in the 2020-21 Teaching Academy Series.

The following is a tentative schedule of presentation topics:

July 21, 2020

Educational Technology

Presented by Lynette Washington, MATD; and
Brandon Taylor, MS, MOT

Aug. 18, 2020

Engaging Students Remotely

Presented by Lynette Washington, MATD; and
Brandon Taylor, MS, MOT

Sept. 15, 2020

Multiple Levels of Simulation

Presented by Michelle Sergel, MD

Oct. 20, 2020

Where to Publish?

Presented by Scott Thomson, MS, MLIS, AHIP

Nov. 17, 2020

*Strategies for Success in Conducting
Educational Research*

Presented by Adam Wilson, PhD

Dec. 15, 2020

*Teaching and Implementing the 4Ms of an
Age-Friendly Health System in Clinical Settings*

Presented by Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD;
Magdalena Bednarczyk, MD;
Carline Guerrier, MSN, APN, AGPCNP-BC;
Klodiana Myftari, PharmD;
Rebecca O'Dwyer, MD

Jan. 19, 2021

Assessment of Student Learning

Presented by JK Stringer, PhD

Feb. 16, 2021

Accessibility in the Health Sciences

Presented by Marie Lusk, MBA, MSW, LSW

March 16, 2021

*Leveraging the IBR (Interest-Based Relational)
Approach for Resolving Conflict*

Presented by Janet Shlaes, PhD, MBA, MA

April 20, 2021

Things to Consider When Becoming a PI

Presented by Rick Sumner, PhD; and
Alan Landay, PhD

May 18, 2021

Persuasive Communications

Presented by Rebecca Darmoc, MS

June 15, 2021

*Self-Awareness and Social Awareness
for Effective Problem Solving*

Presented by Nicole Russo-Ponsaran, PhD

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