



Residents and fellows on the move...

Ilan S. Weisberg, MD, MSc

Fellow (Gastroenterology)

“**After completing my residency in internal medicine** and one additional year as a transplant hepatology fellow at Columbia University Medical Center, I joined Weill Cornell Medical Center for a three year Gastroenterology Fellowship. I have been impressed with the collegiality of the multidisciplinary transplant team comprised of medical hepatologists, transplant surgeons and psychiatrists, social workers, and nursing staff. I have learned to provide high-level care to critically ill patients living with advanced liver disease. This work has made me passionate about advancing the care of patients with chronic hepatitis C, end-stage cirrhosis, and alcoholic liver disease, while participating in scholarly work and becoming part of the national and international hepatology community. I have gained longstanding ties with future collaborators in the transplant community from all over the world. I have been fortunate to travel around the world presenting division-supported work and spending time in a world-famous liver unit where I learned about the care of liver patients from a European perspective. As my fellowship comes to a close, it is impossible not to reflect on the wonderful training and support that I have consistently enjoyed as I look forward to a bright and productive academic and clinical future. The opportunities for training at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center have been tremendous.”

Lee Shearer, MD

Assistant Chief Resident

“I came from Penn to NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Campus (NYP-Weill Cornell) excited by the Primary Care program and the special experience it promised. I have not been disappointed. Being a member of the “PC family” not only has blessed me with invaluable personal and intellectual relationships with my peers and mentors, but it has given me a true academic home. It is the place where I feel most responsible for, and connected to, my patients, where I have the greatest liberty to direct management, where I have time dedicated to scholarly pursuit, and where thinking and learning about medicine is a focus of my day-to-day work. Assuming a leadership role as an Assistant Chief Resident in a busy academic practice is a crash-course in life after residency and represents the pinnacle of the primary care experience. I am responsible for seeing patients, teaching residents and medical students, participating in administrative decisions, and helping to ensure that the practice runs smoothly. We have an opportunity to initiate change and to improve patient care.”



Jose O. Aleman, MD, PhD

Resident

“The residency training program at NYP-Weill Cornell combines the superb academic teaching, vibrant diverse patient population, options for ABIM Research Pathway specialization and breadth of research resources that I looked for in an Internal Medicine residency program as I was completing my medical education at Harvard Medical School. I have been particularly impressed with the quality of my peers, their academic curiosity, and their solidarity through the first months of internship, while adjusting to the rigors of residency. The hospitalist faculty I have interacted with merge the duties of running a medical team with resident teaching in an efficient and invigorating manner. The convenience of living within walking distance of work makes the best use of my precious free hours to enjoy with family or research projects. I have enjoyed relocating to NYC and experiencing first-hand its melting pot of restaurants, activities and museums.”



Nate Bertelsen, MD

Resident

“E.B. White once said “There are roughly three New Yorks...the New York of the man or woman who was born here, who takes the city for granted and accepts its size and its turbulence as natural and inevitable...the New York of the commuter, the city that is devoured by locusts each day and spat out each night...the New York of the person who was born somewhere else and came to New York in quest of something.” I am definitely this third person. I was quite intimidated at first, but if there was anything I couldn’t do, there was always someone right by my side to show me how to do it. The experience can only be defined as a collection of each amazing person who works here, those people who set big examples everyday that motivate our brains and inspire our hearts. I have learned what it means to lead by actions, not words; to put patients first; to maintain your cool in the face of pressure; to demonstrate professionalism; and to find a healthy balance between life’s stressors, demands and priorities. We’ve learned to take true ownership of our patients, to understand what comprises seasoned clinical judgment, and also, to keep reading and have fun. I truly believe I am a different and better person and doctor after my three years in the Weill Cornell Internal Medicine Residency Program. It had nothing to do with some walls and an institutional name and everything to do with the people I had the honor to meet and work with.”

Himisha Beltran, MD

Fellow (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

“With an interest in clinical and translational research, I have been welcomed and encouraged to participate in ongoing and new projects, write papers, and submit research to national conferences. In addition to dedicated laboratory and clinical mentors, I have found all the faculty in the department approachable and interested in teaching. I always feel welcome dropping by offices or calling attendings directly for advice. There is a sense of community within the division and camaraderie among fellows, making Weill Cornell a great place to work. Fellows consistently feel prepared after this training program to pursue a wide variety of career paths. This program provides a solid foundation in hematology and medical oncology that has surpassed my expectations.”





Kelly Axsom, MD

Resident

“I knew I wanted a program that balanced excellent clinical training, research opportunities, and outstanding teaching. I have yet to be disappointed. I have been challenged and encouraged to grow. As residents, we are fortunate to have world-class clinicians who love to teach and mentor, and do so in an open and supportive way. I have been surprised to find that not only have the faculty been sophisticated, inspirational educators, but so are my fellow housestaff. Our residency is continuously evolving; it incorporates house staff ideas to help facilitate our development as academic clinicians. While residency training is challenging emotionally, intellectually and physically, the supportive nature of Weill Cornell's Internal Medicine Residency Program makes it one of the best in the country.”

Tessa del Carmen, MD

Fellow (Geriatric Medicine)

“Having trained in New York City, I knew about NYP-Weill Cornell and expected great clinical, academic and research training. My experience here has far exceeded my expectations. Besides the warm and friendly environment, the faculty and staff bring patient care to the highest level. The amazing research opportunities and the training in academics add to the experience. I am gaining the confidence needed to bring the skills that I have learned to any setting, be it large academic centers, communities, and even when visiting a patient's home.”



Neha Meta, MD

Intern

“Over the last 6 months, my colleagues and I have grown as physicians. We are constantly exposed to interesting pathology and a large volume of cases, allowing us to expand our knowledge base. We are both challenged and supported through our learning experience. Faculty members are enthusiastic about patient care and accessible to the housestaff. We cooperate as a team working with nurses, physician assistants, laboratory techs, pharmacists, medical students and fellow physicians; the goal is to improve patient care. The housestaff are instrumental in suggesting changes for the program, and our suggestions are well received by administration. Of course the best part about being an intern at NYP-Weill Cornell is working with our fellow interns and residents, who are congenial, intelligent and willing to help each other.”



Jonathan Clarke, MD

Resident

“Two years ago at Harvard Medical School, when I was making my decision about residency, I based my choice on three criteria: excellent clinical exposure to a wide range of medical pathophysiology, superb didactic teaching, and a level of responsibility that allowed independent decision-making. The program at NYP-Weill Cornell met all of these criteria. On my interview day, the camaraderie among the housestaff was palpable. Seeing the dedication of faculty to resident education, both on rounds and in morning report, was inspiring. The program has lived up to all my expectations. The faculty's dedication to education is unwavering. As I plan the next phase of my career, I have had the full support of the faculty. And I have had the advantage of treating a diverse spectrum of conditions from community-acquired pneumonia to macrophage activation syndrome; hearing clinical pearls from experienced clinicians; and enjoying unbreakable connections with my peers. I treasure and will bring these aspects of my training into the future as a fellow and a practicing physician.”

2009 Graduate Medical Education



Residency Training Program

The NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus) Internal Medicine Residency Training Program is committed to helping new physicians achieve clinical and academic excellence. Our graduates are highly sought after for careers as clinical educators, physician-scientists and academic-clinicians, as well as in leadership roles in medical administration.

The Internal Medicine Training Program’s balanced emphasis on inpatient and ambulatory settings is augmented through clinical rotations, opportunities for innovative research projects, mentorship by renowned investigators and interaction with expert faculty. Forty-three positions were available for 2008–2009: 4 each in primary care and medical research, along with 35 categorical positions.

Residents-in-training benefit from our affiliations with the three other premier institutions that are immediately adjacent to the hospital, creating one of the world’s great academic medical campuses: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the Hospital for Special Surgery and the Rockefeller University Hospital. Medical house staff rotate through the medical and neurological services at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, the preeminent rheumatology service at the Hospital for Special Surgery and various medical services at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. These sites expose our residents to a diverse patient population in all areas of internal medicine. Though common diseases predominate, residents also encounter a wide range of rare and unusual clinical problems. All rotations emphasize independent, clinical decision making.

Research and Global Health Opportunities

Residents in the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus) Graduate Training Program have a unique opportunity to participate in ongoing research at some of the world’s foremost settings for academic medicine: Weill Cornell Medical College, the Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery. This year, 20-25 residents conducted research projects, 12 of which were submitted for the David E. Rogers Memorial Award. The recipient of this award presents his or her work at Medical Grand Rounds.

Senior residents are encouraged to do a rotation at Weill Bugando Medical Centre in Tanzania. This is a challenging learning experience under the tutelage of full-time faculty from Weill Cornell

Medical College. In addition, the Division of Infectious Diseases sponsors research electives in Brazil and Haiti, among other overseas locations.

Current Residents

Chief Resident

Kirana Gudi, Weill Cornell Medical College

Senior Residents (PGY3)

Amina Hassan Abdeldaim, Weill Cornell Medical College

Valerie Antoine-Gustave, Johns Hopkins University SOM

Ibironke Apata, Johns Hopkins University SOM

Gillian S. Boyd-Woschinko, Jefferson Medical College–Thomas

Jefferson University

Brendan Carolan, National University of Ireland SOM

Lianne Cavell, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Konstantinos Charitakis, University of Crete, Greece

Jason S. Chinitz, University of Pennsylvania SOM

Christopher W. Chu, Northwestern University–Feinberg SOM

Devang Mahendraray Dave, Tufts University SOM

Laura P. Gelfman, Mount Sinai–NYU

Nicole E. Geracimos (Hoff), Jefferson Medical College–Thomas

Jefferson University

Roberto R. Gonzalez, Florida State University COM

James J. Harding, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Lauren C. Hofmann, Columbia University, College of Physicians &

Surgeons

Tanya S. Johns, Weill Cornell Medical College

Albert Sangwon Jung, Temple University SOM

Sameer Shakeel Kadri, Seth G. S. Medical College

Reena Khianey, MCV–Virginia Commonwealth University SOM

Susan Su Yeon Kim, New York Medical College

Won Kim, Weill Cornell Medical College

Rekha Kumar (Babu), New York Medical College

James M. Lebret, University of Minnesota Medical School

Wei Wei Lee, New York University SOM

Lindsay Lief, Temple University SOM

Aileen L. Love, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Alexander Mauskop, SUNY–Downstate COM

Anna Myint Maw, New York University SOM

Jakob I. McSparron, Weill Cornell Medical College

Anuj B. Mehta, Weill Cornell Medical College

David A. Michel, Jefferson Medical College–Thomas Jefferson

University

Tara Naib, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Priya Nori, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Rahul Patri, UMDNJ/RW Johnson Medical School

Lee Shearer, University of Pennsylvania SOM

Nina Sundaram, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Himanshu Verma, Tufts University SOM

Amber L. Wheeler, New York University SOM

Elizabeth S. Won, Brown University SOM

Junior Residents (PGY2)

Rini Abraham, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Subhi J. Al Aref, Weill Cornell Medical College

Kelly M. Axsom, Temple University SOM

Oren E. Bernheim, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Nathan Bertelsen, University of Minnesota Medical School

Sonica Bhatia, UMDNJ/R.W. Johnson Medical School

Jill S. Blumenthal, Weill Cornell Medical College

Rohit Bose, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine

James J. Calloway, SUNY–Syracuse COM

Delia Calo, SUNY–Stony Brook SOM

Marianne Camargo, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Soumya D. Chakravarty, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Jonathan Clarke, Harvard Medical School

Sean E. Collins, Weill Cornell Medical College

Brian P. Cullingford, Georgetown University SOM

Elan S. Diamond, Weill Cornell Medical College

Brian M. Eiss, Georgetown University SOM

Tanya M. Ellman, Weill Cornell Medical College

Laura C. Fanucchi, Emory University SOM

Ann R. Garment, New York University SOM

Ari M. Grinspan, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Lindsay S. Norris Lally, Weill Cornell Medical College

Jean Kyung Lee, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Deborah Y. Chao Lim, Temple University SOM

Julie K. MacPhee, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Kathleen M. M. Mahoney, University of Connecticut SOM

Barbara S. Mendez, SUNY–Buffalo SOM

Lourdes M. Mendez, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Tshaka T. Muchiteni, University of North Carolina SOM

Samantha Nazareth, Brown University SOM

Marissa Newman, UMDNJ/R.W. Johnson Medical School

Crystal M. North, University of Washington SOM

Alyssa M. Parian, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Charlesse M. Pondt, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Lhasa Ray, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Gabriel Rebick, McGill University Faculty of Medicine

Urmara Shah, University of Rochester SOM and Dentistry

Albert Shieh, Weill Cornell Medical College

Magdalena Slosar, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Aaron J. Small, Mayo Medical School

Kakra Soadwa, University of Pittsburgh SOM

Sasha E. Stanton, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Raja Taunk, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Florian Toegel, University of Hamburg

Amy Tyberg, New York Medical College

Elizabeth R. Weiner, SUNY–Stony Brook SOM

Jacqueline K. Yuk Yuen, University of Michigan Medical School

Benjamin A. Zaniello, University of Kentucky COM

Interns (PGY1)

Melissa K. Accordino, M. S. Hershey Medical Center–Penn State University

Jose O. Aleman, Harvard Medical School

John N. Allan, St. Louis University SOM

Brian J. Anderson, George Washington University SOM

Medha Barbhaiya, Weill Cornell Medical College

Nisha Bavalia, UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School

Samantha Brenner, New York University SOM

Scott J. Cameron, SUNY–Syracuse COM

Sean R. Campbell, Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University

Andrew B. Cohen, University of Pennsylvania SOM

Samantha M. Dias, New York Medical College

John P. Egan, George Washington University SOM

Obinna Eneanya, UMDNJ/RW Johnson Medical School



Jarett L. Feldman, *George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences*
Viviana Figueroa Diaz, *Boston University SOM*
James H. Flory, *University of Pennsylvania SOM*
Peter Forsberg, *University of Colorado SOM*
Swathi Gopalakrishnan, *SUNY–Buffalo SOM*
Scott J. Greenberg, *University of Colorado SOM*
Poonam Laxmappa Hosamani, *Feinberg SOM, Northwestern University*
Andrew M. Intlekofer, *University of Pennsylvania SOM*
Flonza Isovski, *New York University SOM*
Connie Eun Jung, *University of Illinois COM*
Nikhil Kumta, *Jefferson Medical College–Thomas Jefferson University*
Dan K. Kunaprayoon, *University of Maryland SOM*
Tara Lautenslager, *UMDNJ/R.W. Johnson Medical School*
Chung-Han Lee, *University of Michigan Medical School*
Daneng Li, *Weill Cornell Medical College*
Eugene Licht, *Weill Cornell Medical College*
Lauren M. Maragh, *Case Western Reserve University SOM*
Ashley N. Maranino, *Albert Einstein COM of Yeshiva University*
Mamta Arvind Mehta, *SUNY–Downstate COM*
Neha A. Mehta, *Feinberg SOM, Northwestern University*
Patricia M. Myers-Gurevitch, *Wayne State University SOM*
Shaji Philip, *Jefferson Medical College–Thomas Jefferson University*
Ravin Ratan, *Tufts University SOM*
Farid Razavi, *New York Medical College*
Paula Roy-Burman, *Keck School of Medicine–University of Southern California*
Geethan Sivananthan, *UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School*
Aaron D. Viny, *Case Western Reserve University SOM*
Ethan M. Weinberg, *University of Maryland SOM*
Joshua Weisbrot, *Albany Medical College*
Melanie E. Zuo, *University of Texas Medical School at Houston*

Class of 2010
Subspecialty Fellowship Appointments

Allergy/Immunology
Reena Khianey, Allergy/Immunology Fellowship
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ

Cardiology
Konstantinos Charitakis, Cardiology Fellowship
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

Jason S. Chinitz, Cardiology Fellowship
Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY
Christopher W. Chu, Cardiology Fellowship
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Alexander Mauskop, Cardiology Fellowship
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

Rahul Patri, Cardiology Fellowship
Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY

Endocrinology
Rekha Kumar, Endocrinology Fellowship
New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

Gastroenterology
Lianne Cavell, Gastroenterology Fellowship
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY
Roberto R. Gonzalez, Gastroenterology Fellowship
Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY

Hematology-Oncology
Rohit Bose, Hematology-Oncology (ABIM Research Pathway)
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

James J. Harding, Hematology-Oncology Fellowship
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

Infectious Diseases
Tanya M. Ellman, Infectious Disease Fellowship
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

Sameer S. Kadri, Infectious Disease Fellowship
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

Nephrology
Tanya S. Johns, Nephrology Fellowship
Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Palliative Care
Laura P. Gelfman, Palliative Care Fellowship
New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine
Brendan Carolan, Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Fellowship
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

Jakob I. McSparron, Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Fellowship
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Rheumatology
Soumya Chakravarty, Rheumatology Fellowship (ABIM Research Pathway)
Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY
Susan Kim, Rheumatology Fellowship
Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY
David Michel, Rheumatology Fellowship
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

Fellowships
The Department of Medicine offers a variety of fellowship training opportunities in each of our Divisions. All of our fellowships emphasize clinical and research training. These programs provide a challenging educational experience under the supervision and guidance of noted experts in their fields and demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that our physicians-in-training emerge as tomorrow’s leaders in their chosen fields.

Cardiology
Under the auspices of the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology, this three-year program prepares highly qualified candidates for careers in investigative and clinical cardiology. Our fellows receive comprehensive experience in all major clinical and laboratory aspects of contemporary cardiology under the close supervision of full-time staff. In addition, each fellow is expected to participate in one or more areas of ongoing research during their training. Clinical care is the focus of the first two years, while the third year involves a more intensive, mentored experience in a particular clinical subspecialty or in basic research. An additional year (or more) of training/research in a subspecialty area can be arranged, as indicated/appropriate.

Program Director: Erica C. Jones, MD
Program Coordinator: Lisa Brooks, (212) 746-2218
Duration of Training: 3 years
Number of Positions: 18

2009–2010 Fellows
George Bell, MD
University of Chicago Hospital
Seth R. Bender, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Ryan Broderick, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Jeffrey Chung, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Kirsten Healy, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)
James M. Horowitz, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
James E. Ip, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Arvin dh Kanagasundram, MD
Stanford University Hospital
Maria G. Karas, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Helina Kassahun, MD
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Luke K. Kim, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Joseph M. Lee, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Tara K. Narula, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Danielle Nicolo, MD
Temple University Hospital
Lisa Rosenbaum, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Rajesh Swaminathan, MD
Duke University/Massachusetts General Hospital
Sean R. Wilson, MD
Yale-New Haven Hospital/Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Suzanne E. Zentko, MD
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Cardiology Brooklyn Program
Program Director: Frank Iacovone, Jr., MD
Program Coordinator: Julie Quinonez, (718) 250-6952

2009–2010 Fellows
Amgad Bostros, MBBCh
The Brooklyn Hospital Center
Samir Garyali, BM, BS
The Brooklyn Hospital Center

Praveen Kormerla, BM
The Brooklyn Hospital Center
Chirag Patel, MBBS
The Brooklyn Hospital Center

Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology (CCEP)

This fellowship within the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology provides advanced training in all aspects of invasive electrophysiology. Fellows attain expertise in catheter ablation of complex arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachycardias, as well as device implantation and management, with an emphasis on implantable defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization. The core of the fellowship consists of rotations in the Invasive Electrophysiology Laboratory, but fellows also rotate through the device clinic and inpatient and outpatient consultations. Our fellows also participate in the ongoing basic and clinical research programs conducted within the electrophysiology laboratory.

Program Director: Steven Markowitz, MD
Program Coordinator: Lisa Brooks, (212) 746-2218
Duration of Training: 1 year
Number of Positions: 3

2009–2010 Fellows

Andy Lin, MD, PhD
Stanford University Hospital & Clinic
Apoor Patel, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Interventional Cardiology

A one-year advanced training fellowship in all aspects of interventional cardiology is also available through the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Division of Cardiology. The program emphasizes a systematic, evidence-based approach to diagnostic and therapeutic coronary procedures, and enables fellows to develop expertise in pre- and postprocedural patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Fellows are trained to perform percutaneous coronary interventions using state-of-the-art technologies, and are expected to participate in active clinical research efforts.

Program Director: Robert Minutello, MD
Program Coordinator: Lisa Brooks, (212) 746-2218
Duration of Training: 1 year
Number of Positions: 3

2009–2010 Fellows

Hasan A. Ahmad, MD
University of Colorado Denver
Edward A. Wingfield, MD
Drexel University School of Medicine, Hanemann University

Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluative Sciences Research

With the goal of training post-residency physicians to conduct interdisciplinary health services research, this two-year program requires participation in courses and seminars that are designed to provide both foundations and skills in clinical epidemiology and research. Fellows conduct research in such priority areas as patient safety, information transfer, quality improvement, patient-centered care and education, health-care disparities, and translating research into practice and policy. Our fellows become independent researchers who use methodologically rigorous approaches to address important health issues. Graduates from our program are principal or co-principal investigators on 110 grants totaling more than \$47 million.

Program Director: Mary E. Charlson, MD
Administrator of Educational Programs:
Alison Kenny, (212) 746-1608
Duration of Training: 2 years
Number of Positions: Number varies

2009–2010 Fellows

Christina Arnett, MD
Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles County Medical Center
Melinda Chen, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Jennifer Downs, MD
Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons
Mihir Patel, MD
Thomas Jefferson University

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

This two-year fellowship is a bi-campus program of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Fellows receive didactic and clinical instruction at the inpatient and ambulatory facilities of both hospitals, a combined 1,500-bed medical complex. Fellows also see both inpatients and outpatients with metabolic bone diseases at the Hospital for Special Surgery. The first year of the fellowship is primarily clinical, while the second year emphasizes clinical/translational investigation or basic research. Our fellows are actively involved with patients, receive valuable instruction experience in teaching residents and medical students, and benefit from the support of mentors from a range of disciplines in basic, clinical, and translational research. An optional third year is devoted to further research training.

Program Director: David Brillon, MD
Program Coordinator: Helen Carey, (212) 746-9939
Duration of Training: 2 years
Number of Positions: 4

2009–2010 Fellows

Peter Dahl, MD
Stony Brook University Hospital/North Shore University Hospital
Vivien L. Leung, MD
Montefiore Medical Center



Hanah Polotsky, MD
Montefiore Medical Center
Orli Rosen, MD
Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center
Aaron Schulman, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Gastroenterology and Hepatology

This three-year program attracts some of the best and brightest trainees who are interested in pursuing a career in academic medicine. Currently, two fellows are accepted into the program annually. The first year is largely consultative, and fellows maintain a weekly ambulatory patient practice. Second-year fellows are expected to be involved in basic or clinical research. Third-year fellows continue the research projects developed in their second year, and have an opportunity to pursue specific areas of interest in inflammatory bowel disease, hepatology, liver transplantation, and cancer screening and prevention. Over the course of their training, fellows generally perform more than 600 upper endoscopies, 300 colonoscopies and a significant number of EUS (endoscopic ultrasound) and ERCPs (endoscopic retrograde cholangio pancreatography).

Program Director: Robert E. Schaefer, MD
Associate Program Director: Brian Bosworth, MD
Program Coordinator: Ming Su, (646) 962-4700
Duration of Training: 3 years
Number of Positions: 6

2009–2010 Fellows

AnnMarie Liapakis, MD
Mount Sinai Medical Center
Yasmin Metz, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Manan Shah, MD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Subha V. Sundararajan, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Douglas M. Weine, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Ilan Weisberg, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)

Geriatric Medicine

With the primary goal of training future clinical and academic leaders in geriatric medicine, this comprehensive fellowship program integrates outstanding, nationally recognized academic and clinical resources. Clinical training occurs in all appropriate geriatric settings: acute hospitals, long-term care facilities, patients’ homes, hospices, continuing care communities and ambulatory clinics. Fellows can participate in a third year of training as clinician-researchers or clinician-educators through our Hartford Center of Excellence. This opportunity provides a sound foundation to transition from the fellowship to junior faculty positions. One year positions also become available from time to time for those unable to do the second year. Board certification can be obtained after completing a one year fellowship.

Program Director: Barrie Raik, MD
Program Coordinator: David Aronson, (212) 746-3539
Duration of Training: 2 years
Number of Positions: 2

2009–2010 Fellows

Tessa M. del Carmen, MD
NYMC Richmond Program
Emily K. Lorch, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Tzivvia R. Moreen, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)
Patricia Wu, MD
St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center



Hematology-Oncology

This three-year fellowship consistently attracts outstanding fellows from a large national pool. A majority of the first year is spent on monthly rotations at various clinical services of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The second year consists mostly of supervised laboratory and/or clinical research. The third year allows fellows to consolidate their educational experiences in diagnosis and management of hematologic/neoplastic disorders, and to continue research training.

Program Director: Ronald Scheff, MD

Program Coordinator: Karen Goldfarb, (212) 746-2061

Duration of Training: 3 years

Number of Positions: 18

2009–2010 Fellows

Jon Arnason, MD

New York University

Paul A. Basciano, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Himisha Beltran, MD

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Karen-Sue Barker Carlson, MD, PhD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Jules Cohen, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Francine Garrett-Bakelman, MD, PhD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Sarika Jain, MD

University of Michigan Hospital

Stephanie Jeske, MD

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Christopher Keir, MD

Tufts-New England Medical Center

Alka Mallik, MD

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Ewelina Morawa, MD

Lutheran General Hospital

Infectious Diseases

Designed to foster clinical and academic excellence, this two-year (clinical) or three-year (research) fellowship provides individualized training through faculty guidance, clinical rotations, mentored research and didactic course work. Graduates of the program are highly qualified for the practice of infectious diseases medicine, bench and clinical research, and for leadership roles in medicine. Inpatient and ambulatory care are emphasized during the first year. The second and subsequent years of fellowship emphasize clinical and basic laboratory research both at home and abroad in Haiti, Brazil, Ghana and Tanzania. In addition, fellows have the opportunity to pursue masters degrees in clinical epidemiology and clinical investigation at Weill Cornell.

Program Director: Linnie Golightly, MD

Associate Program Director: Kristen Marks, MD

Program Coordinator: Leyla Pistone, (212) 746-7587

Duration of Training: 2 years+

Number of Positions: 6

2009–2010 Fellows

Kathryn Dupnik, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)

Dahlene Fusco, MD

Massachusetts General Hospital

Jyoti Mathad, MD

University of Maryland

Meera Pahuja, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Rituparna Pati, MD, MPH

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Michael J. Satlin, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Selin Somersan, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Nephrology and Hypertension

Fellows receive clinical training to treat patients with complicated acid-base and fluid and electrolyte problems, hypertension, acute and chronic kidney diseases, and renal failure requiring replacement therapy with dialysis and kidney transplantation. Our fellows benefit from the vast clinical and research resources of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, the Rogosin Kidney Center and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Fellows undertake a minimum of six months of dedicated elective time in clinical or bench research.

Program Director: Phyllis August, MD

Program Coordinator: Fran Gillen, (212) 746-6115

Duration of Training: 2 years

Number of Positions: 8

2009–2010 Fellows

Stanley D. Crittenden, MD

University of Chicago Medical Center

Aaron Domm, MD

George Washington University Hospital

David L. Epstein, MD

Rhode Island Hospital/Miriam Hospital/Brown Medical School

James Farry, MD

University of Michigan Hospital

Sumie Iwasaki, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)

John R. Lee, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Michelle L. Lubetzky, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Rupesh Mehta, MD

Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School

Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Our three-year training program offers a structured curriculum encompassing rotations in the medical and surgical intensive care units, as well as the opportunity to care for inpatients and outpatients under the supervision of the Division's renowned clinical faculty. All fellows participate in 18 months of clinical or bench research in ongoing studies that include gene therapy for a variety of human diseases such as cystic fibrosis, lung cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Program Director: Ronald G. Crystal, MD

Program Coordinator: Diane Hawkins, (212) 746-2908

Duration of Training: 3 years

Number of Positions: 15

2009–2010 Fellows

Anees F. Afroz, MBBS

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Igor Z. Barjaktarevic, MD, MSc

Cabrini Medical Center-Mount Sinai School of Medicine/

NYU Medical Center

Sanjay Dhar, MBBS

Lincoln Medical & Mental Health Center/Mount Sinai Medical Center

Anna Dvorak, MD

NYU Medical Center

Ibrahim M. Hassan, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Sam Parnia, MBBS

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Nida Qadir, MD

NYU Medical Center

Kapil K. Rajwani, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Rachel E. Sackrowitz, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Rheumatology

The Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) rheumatology fellowship combines broad-based, in-depth clinical and research experiences to deliver superb training to medical professionals. The clinical experience focuses on outpatient rheumatology clinics and inpatient Rheumatic Disease Unit (HSS), and inpatient consultative services at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In addition, fellows have access to clinics in office-based orthopedics and other musculoskeletal areas (osteoporosis, neuromuscular disease, radiology and rehabilitation). Fellows also participate in divisional research advancing knowledge in the basic and clinical sciences.

Program Director: Anne R. Bass, MD

Program Coordinator: Janine Fernandez, (212) 774-2189

Duration of Training: 3 years (2 ACGME accredited yrs/1 non-accredited yr)

Number of Positions: 9

2009–2010 Fellows

Sabeen Anwar, MD

Montefiore Medical Center

Kun Chen, MD

North Shore University Hospital

Lindsay J. Forbess, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus)

Diana Goldenberg, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Jessica Gordon, MD

Georgetown University Hospital

Suhail Hameed, MBBS

St. Barnabas Hospital

Arundathi Jayatilleke, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Beverly K. Johnson, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Alana B. Levine, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Ora Beth Singer, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)

Weijia Yuan, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell Campus)



Educational Opportunities in Global Health

The Center for Global Health has long-standing research and training programs in Brazil, Haiti, and in Tanzania. In 2009, more than 90 students, residents, and faculty members participated in programs at one of these Weill Cornell outposts. Participants have an extraordinary opportunity to work with an outstanding cadre of international investigators, deepening their knowledge of medicine from a global perspective.

Haiti

Nearly 30 years ago, a team from Weill Cornell was instrumental in the formation of Groupe Haitien d'Etude du Sarcome de Kaposi et des Infections Opportunistes (the Haitian Group for the Study of Kaposi's Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections, or GHESKIO). Significant support from NIH has enabled Cornell and GHESKIO to produce more than 100 publications, including the first detailed description of AIDS in a developing country (*New England Journal of Medicine*, 1983). In addition to the established AIDS program, Weill Cornell-GHESKIO provides STD and tuberculosis screening and treatment, as well as family planning, health education and counseling programs to more than 125,000 persons each year. Weill Cornell-GHESKIO also conducts NIH-sponsored HIV vaccine and ART clinical trials.

The success of this program is due in large measure to the leadership of Dr. Jean Pape, Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Warren Johnson, Jr., the B. H. Kean Professor of Tropical Medicine. In early 2009, Dr. Johnson, Director of the Center for Global Health, had a new clinical facility named after him in Port-au-Prince.

Brazil

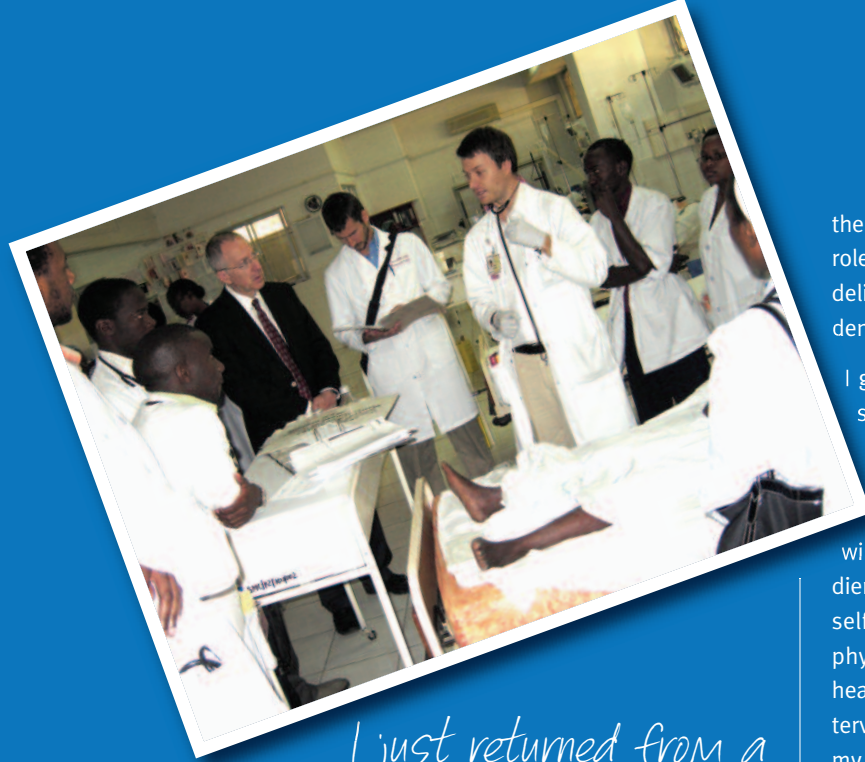
This year marks the 46th anniversary of the collaboration between Cornell University and the Federal University of Bahia. Still growing after four decades, with partners in Natal, Fortaleza, Rio and the Fiocruz, the Cornell-Bahia program may be the longest-running collaboration of its type in the world. To date, more than 20 Cornell faculty members and 100 students and fellows have participated in the program, and in excess of 250 peer-reviewed journal articles have emerged from its research. The program has been funded by the Commonwealth Fund and the Rockefeller Foundation, and since 1979, by the NIH. Current NIH funding supports our Tropical Medicine Research Center and a leptospirosis research program in Salvador, Brazil.

Tanzania

Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital established a formal affiliation with Bugando in 2006 with support from Dean Gotto and the TOUCH Foundation. Dr. Robert Peck is currently based in Tanzania to coordinate the educational exchange. Physicians from WCMC provide hands-on training on the wards, while Tanzanian residents and faculty have the opportunity to train in New York. Faculty from both institutions work together on curriculum development. In 2009, 66 WCMC clinical residents and faculty visited Bugando to teach in anatomy, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, pediatrics, physiology, psychiatry, and surgery.

Father Peter Le Jacq, MD, an alumnus of Weill Cornell and a Maryknoll priest, worked in Mwanza, Tanzania between 1987 and 1997 and helped to found the medical college at Bugando Medical Centre. BMC is an 850-bed tertiary care hospital serving a population of 12 million. ●

Nate Bertelsen, MD Tanzania Journal



I just returned from a six-week elective at Bugando Medical Centre in Mwanza, Tanzania, as a senior medicine resident from New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Campus. I am very grateful to all the people at NYPH-Weill Cornell and particularly at Bugando who made this outstanding experience possible.

Growing up with a Danish father, Italian-American mother, and siblings born in Kenya, I met my Turkish wife while studying abroad in Madrid. I was first interested in global health when I visited India in high school with my father, who is an architect and has designed hospitals and schools exclusively in Africa and Asia for almost 40 years. We visited clinics and schools for “untouchable” children in urban and rural India, and I will never forget how outraged I became. There were doctors from all over the world among the many global visitors to our home in Minneapolis. I was impressed by the articulate and efficient manner in which they could promote change on a very real, tangible scale in the communities where they worked.

My experience in Tanzania has reinforced my career goal to focus primarily on global public health and medical education. When I told one of my residents in medical school of these interests, he said he was excited to see that I was still planning to do what I wrote about in my personal statement from when I applied to medical school. Residency at NYP-Weill Cornell made this possible in a very real way, providing me

the time and support to go abroad with such a structured teaching role in Bugando, while also enjoying the opportunity to develop and deliver a weekly Primary Care Case Series in Global Health for residents at NYP-Weill Cornell once I returned home to New York.

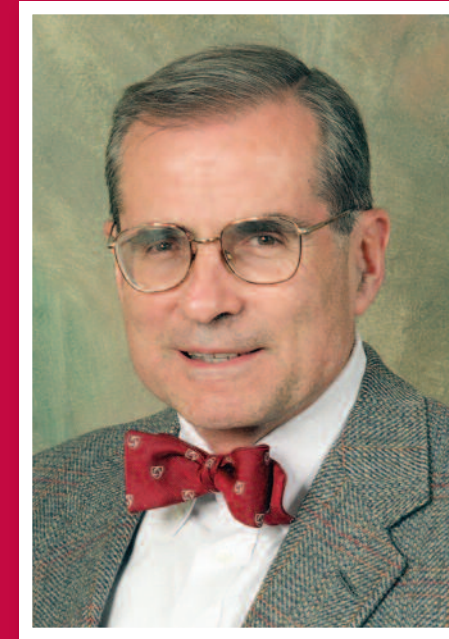
I get so excited about global health because so often what may seem to be insignificantly tiny interventions can truly save lives. Cleaning up the drinking water and providing real sanitation will lead to double-digit mortality benefits. Teaching girls to read will raise national life expectancy, and keeping parents alive will help prevent their sons from falling into the armies of child soldiers that still painfully remind us that history stubbornly repeats itself. When disease and poverty become inseparable, we as physicians must remember that putting roofs over our patients’ heads and food in their bellies can be perhaps the most important interventions we can promote. When I was in Tanzania, I realized that my medical training was often the last thing that a person might need, after teachers, engineers, health economists, supply chain managers, agricultural specialists, and human rights lawyers took their turns first. In fact, I realized that garbage collectors might be the most important front-line health workers we have—get rid of them, and you can count on everyone getting sick very soon.

That said, nothing struck me more clearly than how much we had to learn from our Tanzanian hosts. Nobody knows the problems of Tanzania better than Tanzanians, and Tanzanians are the only true cornerstones to real and sustainable solutions in Tanzania. Leonardo DiCaprio said in a film on Africa, it is far too easy for Westerners to march in with their “laptops and hand sanitizer” and mistakenly think they can simply figure everything out. To paraphrase Adam Smith: beware those actions in the name of virtue far more than those of vice, because the acts of the virtuous are not bound by the limits of morality that often keep vice in check.

Any seasoned veteran of global health I have heard speak has always reinforced the same piece of advice: one’s listening skill is the most important, practical and effective tool one can ever bring abroad. Every Tanzanian I met in that heartwarming country left a lasting impression to help guide my career. It seems that everyone wants to change the world; going to Tanzania certainly changed mine.

Photo Caption: Dr. Nate Bertelsen with Cornell University President, Dr. David Skorton and Dr. Robert Peck during morning rounds in the ICU at Weill Bugando Medical Centre in Tanzania.

Alumni Then and Now



H. Franklin Bunn, MD
1961–1964

“My three years as a medical resident at New York Hospital were full of many rich memories. The most intense tutelage during my internship was a month on H5 with a legendary resident, Martin Gardy. To this day I have tried to adhere to his maxims of meticulous chart review, critical reading of the literature, and listening carefully not only to the patient’s heart and lungs but also to what he or she has to say. While an intern, a 14-year-old patient with thalassemia major came under my care. I followed Alfred regularly in outpatient clinic and during frequent readmissions for progressive heart failure. His death during my senior residency was a very moving experience. Alfred was one of the bravest and most gallant patients I have ever encountered. He was my prime motivation to become a hematologist and study hemoglobin disorders. I am indebted to so many of my colleagues at New York Hospital for what I have learned, for lasting friendships, for my debut in research, and for career guidance. I feel very blessed to have spent three very happy and productive years in one of the nation’s premier medical residency programs.”

Biography

Dr. Bunn has been a Director of the Hematology Division at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and an Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He is one of the world’s leading authorities in disorders of hemoglobin, such as thalassemia and sickle cell disease. He completed a fellowship at the Thorndike Laboratory at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Bunn directed the Harvard-Markey Program in Biomedical Sciences that gives graduate students training in the pathophysiology of disease. He was President of the American Society of Hematology (1992-93) and recipient of the Stratton Medal and the Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology.



Henry Masur, MD
1972–1974

“Having served as a resident at a large medical center in New York City, I saw a volume of patients and a diversity of diseases that gave me a clinical experience that rivaled the exposure which any of my medical school classmates obtained anywhere else in the United States. My role models at Cornell, who were full time clinicians in the community, worked as clinician educators, and were funded investigators. They helped me recognize my strengths and interests and helped me design a path for career development. My exposure to Tony Fauci, Chuck Steinberg, Harvey Klein, Jeremiah Barondess, Ralph Nachman and so many others really did set a high standard for what the profession of medicine should be, and what work ethic and intellectual level I should strive for.

The residents, fellows, and faculty I worked with at Cornell have also been an enduring resource for research collaborations, professional initiatives, and career advancement. As I look at my career as a Department Chair at the National Institutes of Health, and at my advancement to President of the Infectious Disease Society of America, and at opportunities to lead national and international initiatives, my training years were a launching pad that provided the tools and the lifelong contacts that have enhanced my professional growth.”

Biography

Dr. Masur is the Chief of the Critical Care Medicine Department at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. After completing his house staff training at The New York Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital, he did his fellowship in infectious diseases at Cornell, and joined the faculty there. While on the faculty at Cornell, he wrote one of the first published descriptions of HIV/AIDS. At the NIH, he has focused on HIV-related opportunistic infections, and on the management of infections in critically ill patients. He is a past President of the Infectious Disease Society of America, a Master of the American College of Physicians, a member of ASCI and AAP, and the Co-Editor of major guidelines on HIV management and on ICU related infections.



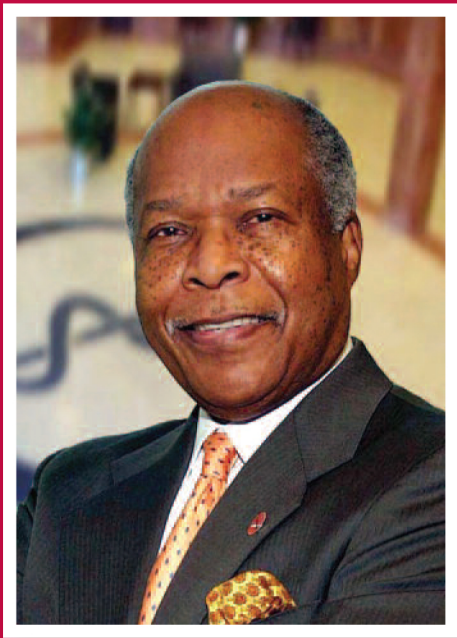


Jonathan I. Ravdin, MD
1976–1979

“**Serving as resident and Assistant Chief Resident** was an absolutely phenomenal experience; it truly prepared me to become an academic physician. Key aspects of the program included talented, hard-working resident colleagues; wonderful and intense patient experiences; daily opportunities to be a learner and a teacher; a strong commitment to excellence; and helpful and involved role models and mentors who supported us in reaching high in performance and career expectations. The Chief Residents were great role models. Inspiring faculty and academic leaders took a somewhat naive resident and provided the direction needed to enter an enormously satisfying career in Global Health, Infectious Diseases, Amebiasis Research, Medical Education, and Academic leadership. I have no doubt that my training was a fundamental building block of my career. I was very fortunate to have been a Cornell resident.”

Biography

Dr. Ravdin is the Dean and Executive Vice President of the Medical College of Wisconsin. After serving as an Infectious Disease and Geographic Medicine Faculty member at the University of Virginia, he moved to Case Western Reserve University as Professor of Medicine and International Health, Vice Chairman of Medicine and Chief of Medicine at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, and served as Chairman of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He has received 27 years of continuous funding support from the National Institutes of Health. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians.



Louis W. Sullivan, MD
1958–1960

“**An important period in my professional development was the time I served as an intern,** then as a first-year resident in internal medicine. I was truly inspired by the great teachers and clinicians, and by my knowledgeable fellow interns and residents. I witnessed their commitment to providing the highest quality of care to the patients they served. I experienced a very steep learning curve during those years, transitioning from observant medical student to active, responsible physician. This learning curve was augmented by the active research programs in cardiology, hematology, infectious diseases, neurology and other fields. All of this was enhanced by the warm relations among the house staff, attending physicians, nurses and administrators. I appreciate very much those, dynamic, wonderful years.”

Biography

Dr. Sullivan is Chairman of the Board of the National Health Museum, Chairman of the Sullivan Alliance and President Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine, of which he was the founding Dean and President. Dr. Sullivan served as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Co-Chair of The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and as Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on Black Colleges and Universities. With 59 honorary degrees, he served on the faculties of the medical schools at Harvard, Seton Hall and Boston universities.