Internal Medicine Department Accomplishments 2015-2016
Accomplishments Academic Year 2015-2016

From the Program Director

As the 2015-2016 academic year comes to a close, we pause to reflect on the positive changes we have seen in the Internal Medicine Department in the past several years. It has certainly been an eventful year, with many challenges along the way, and with every change comes an opportunity for growth and learning. I am extremely proud of how our residents, faculty, and staff stepped up and met every challenge with tenacity, integrity, and teamwork. We have seen tremendous growth and achievement in our residency program in many areas, including research and scholarly activity, medical student education, quality improvement, and community service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our department for their invaluable contributions to our program. I am especially grateful to our residents, who with their dedication, compassion, and striving for excellence, are an inspiration to us all.

Jaya Raj, MD
Residency Program Director

From the Chairman

Dear Residents, Students, Staff and Faculty,

It is with great pride that I reflect on the collective accomplishments of the Department of Medicine over the last 13 years. We have collectively built the foundations for an innovative curriculum that is patient-centered. Our residents and faculty have continued to strive to be leaders in education and patient care. The sections within the department have continued to grow and provide High Value Care. Our community partnerships have continued to serve our patients. This year we are proud to add our cardiology fellowship to the Department of Medicine. Our research and scholarly output continues to grow year after year. Over the last decade, it is the people in the department of Medicine who have been its greatest asset and I thank each and every one for giving their very best.

Sincerely,

Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
Robert Craig Academic Chair of Internal Medicine
From the Chief Residents

Dear Family, Friends and Faculty,

It has been a privilege and a worthwhile effort serving as your chief residents, and we would like to extend a sincere appreciation to you all. The success of this year has largely been dependent upon the strong work ethic of our residents, faculty and administrators. You have done a phenomenal job! The legacy of this program is manifested by your many accomplishments this year including CATCH and PCMH, prestigious nationwide presentations, awards and publications, and above all delivering top-quality and compassionate patient care and community service.

At St. Joseph’s hospital the focus has been on a well-balanced curriculum which incorporates diverse and rich clinical experience along with strong didactics. Our training takes place in a variety of settings which includes internal medicine wards, intensive care unit, emergency department, as well as outpatient general internal medicine and subspecialty clinics. In essence, education, patient care and research have been our priority. One strong quality as well is the comaderie that exists amongst the residents, faculty, and staff in our program.

We are fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Radhakrishnan and Dr. Raj, Chairman and Program Director respectively, who have invested in the personal success of each resident. Comprehensive patient care and lifelong learning is modeled on a daily basis by these great leaders. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our faculty, administrators and coordinators who have immensely contributed to the success of our department.

Our years at this institution have been filled with memorable moments and experiences that will hopefully make each one of us lifelong learners and compassionate physicians. With your help and support, our program will continue to grow and there will be no limit to what we all can accomplish. We are grateful for your friendship and support and wish you success and happiness in all your future endeavors.

Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD        Yvette Saquilayan, DO        Libu Varughese, MD
Future Directions

Internal Medicine Categorical Graduating Class of 2015-2016

Raed Al Adham, MD - Hospitalist, Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

James Buckner, MD - Hospitalist, Continuity Care Specialists- Phoenix, AZ

Nana Domfeh, MD – Outpatient Internal Medicine, Mountain Park Health Center West, Phoenix, AZ

Kirat Gill, MD – Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship, UCSF Fresno, San Francisco, CA

Avery Jeffers, MD – Traditional IM, Franklin County Medical Center, Preston, ID

Midhun Malla, MD – Hematology & Oncology Fellowship, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK

Osama Qasim Agha, MD - Academic Hospitalist, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Yvette Saquilayan, DO - Academic Hospitalist, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Libu Varughese, MD – Endocrinology Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

PGY4 Chief Resident of 2015-2016

Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD- Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ
Department Highlights 2015-2016

100% Board pass rate in 2015

100% of Residency Positions filled in the Match

100% of Cardiology Fellowship positions filled in the Match and the first batch of fellows will be starting on July of 2016

ACGME approval of a new Gastroenterology Fellowship

Continued success of the CATCH program; residents completed more than 21 home visits to underprivileged patients with chronic disease

Continued Development/Implementation of Residency Balance & Wellbeing Curriculum

ACHIEVE: Women in Academic Medicine and Science Program

Expanded Science Mentoring Program

100% 3rd year Graduates Completed Quality Improvement Projects

Achieved “Best Quality Indicators”- Academic Hospitalists

Continued NCQA Certification for Patient Centered Medical Home-Internal Medicine Health Center

Continued success of Transitional Care Clinic

Valley Fever Center of Excellence

Dignity Diamond Recipients

Justine Chan, MD  Mohan Dutt, MD  Avery Jeffers, MD

Mohit Pahuja, MD  Tingrui Wang, MD

ASU course “A Systematic Approach to Delivering High Value, Patient- Centered Care”

Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD
Grants

CATCH: IM Clinic in partnership with Foundation for Senior Living awarded funding for CATCH Program. Client Aligned to Community and Hospital Program that coordinates interdisciplinary patient care and home visits.

Awards

Listed in the Phoenix *Top Doctors Magazine 2016* - Sonal Haerter, MD

Golden apple best teaching award/ class of 2016 Creighton- Sonal Haerter, MD

Teaching scholar award/ Creighton medical school 2016- Sonal Haerter, MD

Gold humanism award faculty 2016- Sonal Haerter, MD

Outstanding Educator in Inpatient Medicine” by Creighton University SOM class of 2016- Binh Duong. DO

“Certificate of Appreciation” / St. Joseph’s Foundation for “outstanding patient care” (March 2016)- Binh Duong. DO

Hello Human kindness award (2016)- Midhun Malla, MD

SJHMC Teaching Faculty of the Year Award 2014-2015- Sai-Sridhar Boddupalli, MD

SJHMC Resident of the Year Award 2014-2015- Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD

SJHMC Intern of the Year Award 2014-2015- Shruti Mony, MD

SJHMC Chairs Award 2014-2015- Chris Barreto and Adam Balzer, ANP-C

SJHMC Staff of the Year Award 2014-2015- Lloana Parra

Outreach Projects

CATCH: Internal Medicine Clinic in partnership with Foundation for Senior Living awarded funding for CATCH Program – Client Aligned to Community and Hospital-Program that coordinates interdisciplinary patient care and home visits

Project Mexico: Project Mexico is an outreach medical mission that provides healthcare to a homeless Shelter in Sonoyta, Mexico. The program is run by volunteer faculty physicians, residents, nurses, auxiliary staff and Creighton Medical Students. The mission travels to Mexico every 3 months. It provides medications, clothing, and food to 200 people.

Science & Medicine mentoring program

St Vincent De Paul Internal Medicine Health Center
J Bering; P. Radhakrishnan. Work Life Balance of Women Physicians. (Accepted for publication at ACP National meeting 2016)


Malla, M., Wang, J. The natural history, treatment pattern, and survival of the patients with sarcomatoid bladder carcinoma: A pooled analysis.. Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2015, May; 33(suppl; abstr e15532): suppl; abstr e15532. Pub Status: Published. - ONLINE ASCO abstract publication

Case Clinical Vignette Poster Presentations

Bhallachanda T, Khosla MS, Hawkins M, Roberts M. Hemmophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis: Recognizing it early is winning half the battle.

Buckner II J, Shekel T, Acute HIV Infection Presenting with Pneumocystis Jirovici Pneumonia


Harry R, Khosla MS, Kim HJ, Sachdev M. Autoimmune Pancreatitis Masquerading As Malignancy

Hoshi S, Al-Qaisi S, Hawkins M, MD, Boron A. A Rare Case of Adrenal Microcystic/Reticular Schwannoma in a Young Female.

Arizona Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting
November 2015

First Place Research Poster Prize Winner

J Bering; P. Radhakrishnan. Work Life Balance of Women Physicians

Medical Students Doctor's Dilemma
Jamie Bering
Michael Lehrer
Residents Doctor’s Dilemma

Yvette Saquilayan, DO  
Mohit Pahuja, MD  
Osama Qasim Agha, MD

Oral Presentations


J. Saquilayan. “Matters of the Heart”

Clinical Vignette/Research Poster Presentations

Dutt M, Mony S, Workie B. Venous Thromboembolism in a young female: An underdiagnosed condition

Hoshi S, Al-Qaisi S, Hawkins M, MD, Boron A. A Rare Case of Adrenal Microcystic/Reticular Schwannoma in a Young Female.

Mony S, Khosla MS, Samuel A, Colceriu G. A Rare Case of Lupus and Isolated Mitral Regurgitation

Qasim Agha O, Malla M, Wang J. A Rare Case of Gastric Cancer Presenting as Hearing Loss.

Saquilayan Y. A COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS PROSTATE ABSCESS IN A 47 YEAR-OLD DIABETIC MALE: A CASE REPORT

Varughese L. Lag between Publication and Implementation: Journal Club to Bedside Examining Practicing Physician Behaviors in Prescribing Azithromycin”
SGIM Mountain West Regional Meeting – Denver, CO. October 2015

Featured Clinical Vignette Poster Presentations

Bhallachanda T, Khosla MS, Roberts M. Hemmophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis: Recognizing it early is winning half the battle.

Dasyam S, Varughese, Mircescu M. "Mycobacterium Avium-Intracellulare: An Uncommon Cause of Osteomyelitis"

Khosla MS, Kundranda M. Signet Ring Cell Carcinoma of the Colon.

Mony S, Khosla MS, Samuel A, Colceriu G. A Rare Case of Lupus and Isolated Mitral Regurgitation.

Other National / Regional/ Local Abstracts and Presentations


Radhakrishnan P. EHR Optimization for Internists: Improving Outcomes, Quality, and Safety for Populations of Patients with Chronic Conditions. ACP National Meeting 2016.


Telemedicine Teleprovider Showcase, Phoenix June 2016 (Accepted). R Nordstrom, J Fazio; P Radhakrishnan. Telemedicine in Chronic Disease: Case series of type 2 diabetes mellitus management by e-visit.


Professional and Institutional Committees

American College of Cardiology / Member – Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD
American College of Cardiology / Member – Mohit Pahuja, MD

American College of Physicians, Medical Informatics Committee
Priya Radhakrishnan, MD

American College of Physicians Arizona Chapter:

Chair, Awards Committee - Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
Chapter Meeting Planning Committee – Jaya Raj, MD and Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
Governor's Council – Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
Member, Council of Resident & Fellow Members, IMG Council – Sabyasachi Roy, MD

Dignity Health Medical Group “Scheduling and Patient Access Committee”- Binh Duong, DO

DHMG “Quality Committee- Binh Duong, DO

Society of General Internal Medicine, Mountain West Chapter/ Council member- Jaya Raj, MD
Chair, Program Directors Council / Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center- Jaya Raj, MD

ACP Arizona – Transitions Newsletter:
Editorial Head – Shruti Mony, MD
Co-Editor – Libu Varughese, MD

Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine/Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) Program Planning Committee- Jaya Raj, MD

Clinical Competency Committee Collaborative Learning Community- Jaya Raj, MD

CATCH – Client Aligned to Community and Hospital- Residency curriculum and assessment plan 2013. To support Internal Medicine residents as they develop, lead, and coordinate home care medical visits with social care plans within an interdisciplinary team (In collaboration with the Foundation for Senior Living): MD., Priya Radhakrishnan, MD., Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD. , Taaran Cariappa, MD, Libu Varughese, MD

Cardiac Quality Committee – Moustafa Hazin, DO

Clinic Patient Advisory Committee – Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi MD, John Anwar, MD, Binh Duong, MD, Veena Dhillon

Clinical Task Force Committee for CUSCOM
Sai-Sridhar Boddupalli, MD

Clerkship Directors' Committee
Sai-Sridhar Boddupalli, MD., Sonal Haerter, MD.

Chair, Clinic Patient Advisory Committee – Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD

CME Committee: St. Joseph’s Hospital – Adam Balzer NP, Sonal Haerter, MD, Jaya Raj, MD

Creighton’s Education Policy Committee – Jaya Raj, MD

Creighton Junior Clinical Exam (JCX) Committee
Sai-Sridhar Boddupalli, MD., Sonal Haerter, MD

Co-Chair, American College of Physicians Arizona Chapter Council of Resident/Fellow Members – Libu Varughese, MD
Curriculum Committee – curriculum design for educational conferences and other learning experiences throughout the year

Endocrine leadership of Barrow’s Pituitary Center – James Deer, MD, Garineh Ovanessoff, MD

Graduate Medical Education Committee – Jaya Raj, MD

House-Staff Leadership Council – Libu Varughese, MD, Yvette Saquilayan, MD, Saifuldeen Al-Qaisi, MD, Midhun Malla, MD, Kirat Gill, MD, Manraj Khosla, MD, Taran Cariappa, MD, Justine Chan, MD.

Hospital Peer Review Oversight Committee – Jaya Raj, MD

Promotions and Tenure Committee/Creighton University School of Medicine- Jaya Raj, MD

Junior Clinical Exam (JCX) Committee- Sai-Sridhar Boddupalli, MD, Sonal Haerter, MD

Lung Cancer Screening Clinic: Monica Mircescu, MD, Wesley Shealey MD, Tatyana Shekhel, MD

Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care Continuous Innovation Committee – Priya Radhakrishnan, MD

Physician Clinical Council – Feras Alyafi, MD; Jaya Raj, MD

Recruitment Committee – active in the process of resident recruitment and selection during interview season

Resident Leadership Experience Planning Committee – plan, organize, and execute the annual resident leadership experience.

SGIM Mountain West Chapter Council- Jaya Raj, MD

Steering Committee for AZ Infectious Disease Society – Monica Mircescu, MD

Wellness Committee – promoting the wellness of residents through education and other activities.

Women in Academic Medicine and Science Committee: Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
June 2015
Precision medicine and cancer genomics: An introduction. Presented by Panos Fidias, MD

October, 2015
SJHMC first annual research day. Presented by Anita Kohli, MD.

November, 2015
Women at Increased Risk for Breast Cancer: An individualized approach - Strategies to Reduce Risk. Presented by Sandhya Pruthi, M.D.

December, 2015
Clinical Judgment: Good to Great. Presented by Gurpreet Dhaliwal, M.D.

January, 2016
Dialysis Vascular Access: From biology to technology to process of care. Presented by Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MD, PhD

February, 2015
The Future of Disease Monitoring: Wearable Biosensors, Social Media, and Mobile Health Applications. Presented by Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS

March, 2016
Update in Clinical Management of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Presented by Jeffrey Golden, MD

April, 2016
Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Reconstruction. Presented by Nathalie Zeitouni, MD, FRCP.

May, 2016
2016 Update on Liver Transplant. Presented by Justin Reynolds, MD.