



East Valley Internal Medicine Residency Program Newsletter

December 17, 2021

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step- Lao Tzu

ACGME Site Visit Date Set

The Dignity East Valley Internal Medicine Residency Program will be having its initial accreditation site visit on January 19, 2022. Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the site visit will be done remotely through Zoom. The site visit will be meeting with hospital CEO Mark Slyter, DIO/CMO Dr. Roger Bies, Chair of Internal Medicine Dr. Michael Zgoda, Program Director Dr. Allan Markus, Associate Program Director Dr. Bruce Bethancourt, and Acting Program Coordinator Jennifer Urias. In addition, key faculty members (up to 6) were selected to represent the faculty including: Assistant Program Director of Diversity/Inclusion Dr. Rachel Bond, Assistant Program Director of Wellness Dr. Melanie Cloonan-Schulte, Core Faculty Members Drs. Amit Waghray, Anthony Salibi, and Michael Maguire, and Subspecialty



Accreditation Council for
Graduate Medical Education

Director for
Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Azam Faroogui.
Invitations for specific
Zoom meetings will be
coming directly from the
ACGME site visitor, Dr.
Helena Balon. Any
questions or concerns
about the site visit should be directed to either
Dr. Markus allan.markus900@commonspirit.org
or Jennifer Urias
(jennifer.urias@commonspirit.org)

Our internal medicine consultation team from ECG will be holding a Mock Site Visit on January 4, 2022 which will mimic the schedule for January 19, 2022. These invitations will come from our ECG consultants.

Core Conference Series and Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Dates Set

After polling our subspecialty directors and core internal medicine faculty and taking account work-life balance issues, we decided to start with the Core Conference Series to be on Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 pm when the Internal Medicine residents arrive. This series replaces the traditional daily didactic noon conference series. Different subspecialties will give sets of lectures on one day that allow focused attention and review of board questions related to a specific topic of medicine. In addition to the subspecialties, other topics including Wellness, Diversity, Team-based approaches to medicine, High Value Care, and other topics will be included. We will have a monthly "Great Debates" where faculty and residents will work together to pick a controversial topic in medicine and debate the two sides. There will also be a monthly journal club that will review journal articles and also touch on skills in reading and analyzing the literature.

Lastly, the Internal Medicine Residency program kicked off the East Valley IM Grand Rounds Series on December 7, 2021 with Dr. Allan Markus speaking on Milestones 2: A Beginner's Guide to Using Milestones and EPA's. Thanks to Staci King of our CME department, faculty who attended received CME and Internal Medicine and subspecialists were able to get MOC credit through the ABIM.

A special sign-up for presentation at Grand Rounds has been circulated to our subspecialty and core faculty members for future dates. Grand Rounds will always be the FIRST Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm and will be held in the Morrison Auditorium and also available by Zoom. Mark your calendars and look for the email invitations!!!

Program Coordinator and Associate Program Director Hired

The Dignity East Valley IM Residency Program has been busy hiring faculty and staff members and is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Associate Program Director, Dr. Shalini Chaliki and a new Program Coordinator, Mrs. Valerie Hill.



Dr. Chaliki is originally from Scottsdale, AZ. She did her medical school training at UMKC School of Medicine as part of the combined BA/MD program and then did her Internal Medicine Residency training at UCF/HCA GME Consortium-Gainesville, North Florida Regional Medical Center. She served as their

Chief Resident/Junior Faculty while working as the Associate Medical Director/Inpatient

Palliative Care Consultant at Haven Hospice. She subsequently went to Memorial Sloan Kettering where she is now completing her Hospice and Palliative Care fellowship. She will be working with Dr. Markus on development of the ambulatory clinic bringing her unique talents of ambulatory/inpatient and palliative care medicine for training residents. She will be starting with us in September 2022.

Mrs. Valerie Hill comes to us from Mesa Community College where she has worked in administrative support for 30 years. She has supported faculty and students during this time and excited to take on this new challenge and opportunity. She will start in January 2022.



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Please join me in welcoming these new members to the team.



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Melanie Cloonan-Schulte MD FACP- Assistant Program Director Wellness and Outpatient Medicine



Melanie Cloonan-Schulte, MD FACP is a board certified internist with a private solo practice in Chandler, AZ. Her areas of special interest are preventive care and lifestyle medicine, endocrinology, and geriatrics. She has been involved in medical

education as a preceptor in the outpatient clinic for St Joseph's Internal Medical residents and as an ambulatory rotation site for nurse practitioner students, medical students, and medical residents. She is Vice President of the Arizona State Physicians Association and Chair of the ACP AZ chapter wellness committee. Her dedication to promoting a healthy lifestyle has also led her to teach Zumba and strength training fitness classes and become a red belt in karate.

Q: What are you most excited about with the new residency

A: I am most excited about sharing my enthusiasm for outpatient primary care practice with residents and helping them navigate work-life balance

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you are not working?

A: I can't pick just one! I love game or movie nights with my husband, children and close friends, dressing up and going out dancing, and time alone to read (preferably poolside)

Q: Where is your favorite place to go out to eat in Chandler or Gilbert?

A: Unfortunately, my favorite restaurant- Havanna Cafe- closed down, but I love a good burrito from Costa Vida

Q: Other than being a physician, what other careers interested you when growing up?

A: I never considered a career outside of medicine growing up, but wanted to be a veterinarian until I realized euthanizing animals was a major part of that job and switched to human medicine. If I were to pick a second career outside of medicine today, I would love to be a costume designer, minister, or judge

Q: If you had the chance to interview any person from past or present who would it be and what would you ask?

A: I would interview Ruth Bader Ginsburg about continuing your vocation past the age of 80 and how she managed to maintain such a close friendship with her ideological opposite, Antonin Scalia



**Happy Holidays to all and may you,
your family, and friends have a
healthy and happy New Year!!**

**Thank you for what you do every
day to help our patients and the
people of the East Valley!!**