



Grand Rounds for Wednesday, January 8, 2014

"Treating Lupus Nephritis in 2014"

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Grand Rounds are held every Wednesday from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

Location: Myrna Daniels Auditorium, 1st floor, Milstein Family Heart Center, 173 Fort Washington Ave.

Announcements

Dr. Karina Davidson

5-year new R01, NIH/NHLBI

"Depression Screening RCT in ACS Patients: Quality of Life and Cost Outcomes"

Dr. Tim Wang

2-year Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research [to support Dr. Jorge Caviglia (mentor: Dr. Robert Schwabe)]

"Myofibroblasts in Gastrointestinal Cancers"

Save the Date!

Friday, February 7, 2014

Glomerular Disease: Update 2014.

9:00am-5:30pm. [Click Here](#) to register.

Friday, March 7, 2014

Update in Kidney Transplant, 2014

8:30am-5:00pm. [Click Here](#) to register

Message From The Chair's Office

**THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION'S
HUMANISM AND EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS**

These residents were selected for this award for exemplifying the spirit of humanism in their commitment to teaching and their dedication to patient care.

The Department of Medicine received 3/6 awards given.

Class of 2016 RESIDENT TEACHING AWARD WINNERS:

Samuel Bernard, Department of Medicine

Dr. Samuel Bernard's dedication to instructing and supporting those on his team is unquestionable: he often donated time at the expense of personal engagements to review patients' charts or teach students even on his busiest days. He is relentlessly dedicated to teaching and has an amazing way with patients and was able to connect and to explain effectively what was being done for them. His mentorship and enthusiasm is truly inspiring. One student recalled, "The passion Dr. Bernard demonstrated for his patients combined with the value he placed on many contributions to their care were characteristics that inspired us to become not just a dedicated physician, but also a dedicated teacher."

Brian Block, Department of Medicine

Dr. Brian Block's is an amazing resident and role model. There was one particular patient who was suffering from metastatic melanoma and was likely going to pass away during that hospital admission. Brian not only discussed the prognosis and management, but he also incorporated the family's religious beliefs. He had discussions with the family about the meaning of suffering, prolongation of life, and death, so that the medical team could best understand their beliefs and desires. One student said, "Brian motivates me to provide empathetic and humanistic medical care for my patients."

Matthew Pianko, Department of Medicine

Dr. Matthew Pianko makes extraordinary efforts for his patients, taking hours and hours out of his busy day to talk to patients, and still having time to complete his responsibilities and teach students too. He once made sure that a congenital HIV patient who was having a tough time had access to art supplies and other diversions, which made a big difference in his quality of life. Dr. Pianko also has a "commitment to the best education for medical students, and would often sit down with students the night before presentations to answer questions about the patient or the presentation itself." One student said, "Dr. Pianko was by far the most attentive and supportive resident that I met during this rotation."

Circle of Excellence:

Many other excellent resident-teachers were nominated. We would like to recognize the other finalists for their commitment to teaching by noting them in the Circle of Excellence.

Bryan McColgan – Department of Medicine
Michaela Restino – Department of Medicine

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