

What's New and Exciting at NYP Emergency Medicine



Dr. Jason Hill ('15), Columbia faculty, has been ordained as a pastor and officiated the wedding of his classmate **Dr. Rosa Estevez** ('15) this past summer.



Dr. Wallace Carter, NYP EM Program Director, has been named to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM). This is the latest of many appointments and accomplishments as Dr. Carter continues to be a national leader in emergency medicine.



Dr. Rahul Sharma was named the Emergency Physician-in-Chief of the Weill Cornell Emergency Department. Additionally, Dr. Sharma was reappointed to the ACEP Emergency Medicine Practice Committee and the ACEP National Quality and Patient Safety Committee. He was also asked to be a speaker at the NYC Health IT Summit due to the success of the Weill Cornell ED Telehealth Program launch.



Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, immediate past Emergency Physician-in-Chief at Weill Cornell Medical Center and current director of EMS, has been awarded the The Lifetime Achievement Award by The Albert Einstein College of Medicine at their commencement in May 2016.



Dr. Teresa Amato ('07) has been named the chairperson of the LIJ-Forest Hills Emergency Department.



Dr. Tony Rosen ('14) has been very active in the geriatric emergency medicine field as a national leader. Dr. Rosen was awarded the prestigious Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging. This award funded by the National Institute on Aging supports career development and research activities. Dr. Rosen's research will focus on the comprehensive analysis of the injury patterns and forensic biomarkers from victims of physical elder abuse and a comparison to injuries from unintentional falls to improve understanding of the phenomenon and increase the ability of health care providers to identify, report, and intervene. He is also the recipient of The Samuels Foundation grant to develop an innovative ED-based, multi-disciplinary Vulnerable Elder Protection Team (VEPT). The VEPT will be a comprehensive intervention available 24/7 to improve identification, comprehensive medical and forensic assessment, and treatment for potential victims of elder abuse or neglect. The VEPT will increase identification and reporting, ensure the safety of these high-risk and complex patients, and decrease the current burden on ED providers. Dr. Rosen was also invited to be a panelist at the White House Elder Justice Forum. Additionally, Dr. Rosen has been selected as a Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative (GEDC) Core Teaching Faculty member for 2016 – 2017. As a GEDC Core Teaching Faculty member, he will participate in the delivery of one GEDC day long multi - disciplinary education and QI session (GEDC Boot Camp/ Booster) hosted by one of 9 health care system collaborative members. Also, Dr. Rosen was named Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Academy of Geriatric Emergency Medicine.



Dr. Brenna Farmer is the recipient of the Weill Cornell Pharmacy Partner Award. She will also be taking over the ACEP Quality Improvement-Patient Safety Section in October 2016.



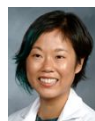
Dr. Dean Straff ('08) has been named the Associate Director of Emergency Medicine at White Plains Hospital.



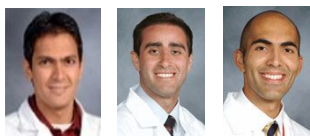
Dr. Satchit Balsari ('08), Cornell faculty, was selected to be the Spotlight Health Scholar at the 2016 Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado. The Aspen Ideas Festival is "the nation's premier, public gathering place for leaders from around the globe and across many disciplines to engage in deep and inquisitive discussion of the ideas and issues that shape our lives and challenge our times." Aspen Ideas Scholars are a diverse group of 300 leaders from all over the United States and 30 different countries selected for their work, accomplishments, and ability to transform ideas into action. He will also be co-teaching the Harvard GenEd course, Contemporary Developing Countries: Entrepreneurial Solutions to Intractable Social and Economic Problems, at Harvard this fall. Dr. Balsari also continues to serve on Cornell University's Internationalization Council. In April 2016, he was invited to be a Spotlight Health Scholar at the 2016 Aspen Ideas Festival.



Dr. Rama Rao and Dr. Mark Suguitan (PGY-3) published a book chapter in *Critical Care Toxicology* on the topic of Scombroid poisoning.



Dr. Leanne Stratton ('16) has been selected for the University of Pittsburgh Critical Care fellowship.



Drs. Satchit Balsari ('08), **Greg Simon** (PGY-4), and **Chris Rafie** (PGY-4) completed the needs assessment for the Global EM division's 3T project in India. They will now help design emergency care intervention at the primary clinics in Moradabad district in Uttar Pradesh by harnessing technology, task shifting, and training.



Dr. Sarah Buchman (PGY-4) has been awarded the Cornell Distinguished Housestaff Award. This award is presented annually to one member of the housestaff from each department for all-around excellence. Award recipients are selected by Department Chairs and Residency Program Directors.



Dr. Tony Dajer will present his MCIC-sponsored study of 64 closed malpractice claims at the Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference in Hollywood, CA.



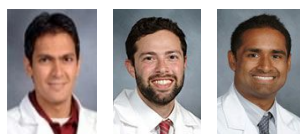
Dr. Abra Fant ('15) has been named Assistant Residency Program Director in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University as well as the new Director for Patient Safety / QI for McGaw Medical Center.



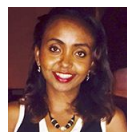
Dr. Rana Biary ('12) has been named the Director of the Toxicology Fellowship at the New York City Poison Control Center.



Dr. Aleksandr Tichter ('08), Assistant Program Director, was named Resident Track Chair for CORD Academic Assembly 2017.



Dr. Satchit Balsari ('08) conceptualized and orgnaized the "Exchanging Health Information" seminar, made possible by a grant given by Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University. The "advanced seminar" grant, few of which are provided annually, allowed the Seminar to invite leading clinicians, computer-scientists, and policy makers from the US and India to identify and propose solutions to technical and legal barriers to health information exchange in emerging economies. **Dr. Alex Fortenko** (PGY-2) and **Dr. Mark Shankar** (PGY-4) helped design and execute the program, and will draft follow-up initiatives in the coming months.



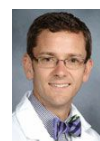
Dr. Tsion Firew served as a project leader to do a countrywide assessment of emergency medicine capacity in 22 facilities across Ethiopia.



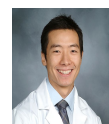
Dr. Satchit Balsari ('08), **Dr. Mark Shankar** (PGY-4), and **Dr. Alex Fortenko** (PGY-2) piloted the innovative workshop, mHealth Toolbox, at the International Congress of Emergency Medicine in South Africa, in April 2016. The two-day workshop was attended by over 75 participants including doctors, programmers and investors engaged in mobile health tech development. They will be hosting a 3 day exhibit at ACEP in Las Vegas in October 2016.



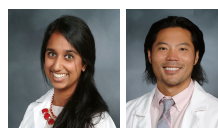
Dr. Jeremy Simon is an editor of the most recent version of *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Medicine*. Dr. Simon was also recently appointed to the ACEP Ethics Committee.



Dr. Kenneth Perry ('16) was named to the Health Care Advisory Committee for Senator Tim Scott (R-SC). He also presented his work on "Reimagining Research: The Scholarly Project and Quality Initiatives" at the Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC in May 2016. Good luck to Dr. Perry as he moves to South Carolina where he will continue working on QI projects at his new hospital.



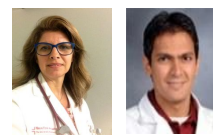
Dr. Evan Ou's (PGY-4) musical talent has led to his selection as first violinist for the Music & Medicine Orchestra.



Dr. Jupin Malhi (PGY-3), along with **Dr. Robby Tanouye** ('15), has been conducting research on the use of productivity metrics in residency education. Dr. Malhi has presented her work at both CORD and SAEM in 2016.



Drs. Emmagene Worley (PGY-3) and **Mark Shankar** (PGY-4), mentored by **Dr. Robby Tanouye** ('15), have been pioneering EMCAPS: Emergency Medicine Competency Assessment of Patient Satisfaction, a point-of-care electronic patient satisfaction survey. Their work was presented at the 2016 CORD conference in Nashville, TN.

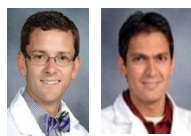


In November 2016, **Drs. Josyann Abisaab**, Cornell faculty, and **Satchit Balsari** ('08), in collaboration with colleagues from the Cornell Law School, organized the two-day conference: Beyond Survival: Livelihood Strategies for Syrian Refugees. The conference was attended by academics, experts and practitioners from universities, UN agencies, governments and the private sector engaged in the Syrian Response.

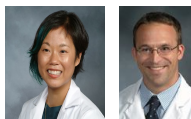
Conference proceedings included a set of research priorities for US universities studying the Syrian conflict.



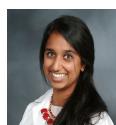
Dr. John Arbo ('10), Cornell faculty, continues his sepsis research supported by a 2-year CTSC Pilot Funding Grant and a 2-year NIH Loan Repayment Award. His study is titled "*A Composite Hemodynamic (Heart Rate Variability) and Plasma Biomarker (Circulating Mitochondrial DNA) Measure for the Early Detection of Severe Sepsis.*"



Dr. Satchit Balsari's ('08) research on international disaster preparedness is supported by the Harvard FXB Center's Hong Kong Disaster Resilience and Response Program. In 2015-16, he wrote three Harvard case-studies on disaster preparedness, the latest of which on Hurricane Sandy was co-written with **Dr. Kenneth Perry** ('16).



Drs. Leeanne Stratton ('16), **John Arbo** ('10), and **David Berlin** (MICU) have successfully submitted a chapter entitled "Vasopressor Therapy in Sepsis" to be published in an upcoming issue of *Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America*.



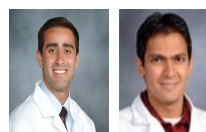
Dr. Jupin Malhi (PGY-3) continues to be a leader in the NYP resident community as the Co-Chair of the Cornell Resident Forum and the Resident Representative to the Joint GME Committee for NYP. She is also involved at the national level as a member of the CORD Academic Assembly Program Committee and the CORD Resident Track Planning Committee.



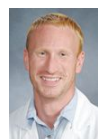
Dr. Bernard Chang, Columbia faculty, was elected to the Stanford University Medical Center Board of Governors. He is also a co-investigator on an R01 grant to test biopsychosocial mechanisms of the posthospital syndrome model of early rehospitalization in acute coronary syndrome patients.



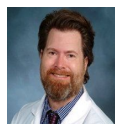
Drs. Kenneth Perry ('16), **Dr. Mark Shankar** (PGY-4), and **Dr. Emmagene Worley** (PGY-3) co-authored a book chapter titled, "*Healthcare Delivery System Reform*" for the annual EMRA Policy Handbook.



In early 2016, **Dr. Satchit Balsari** ('08) received a grant from the Harvard South Asia Institute and Tata Trusts to conduct research on mHealth assisted task shifting initiatives in health care in the primary care in rural and semi-urban India. **Dr. Greg Simon** (PGY-4) and Binghamton University graduate Raghav Goyal conducted the field-research.



Dr. Peter Steel ('11), Assistant Director of Operations at the Weill Cornell Emergency Department, is the co-lead of the WCMC Enhanced ED Care Coordination Project to reduce admissions, reimbursement denials, and increase funding for ED care coordination.



Dr. Jonathan St. George ('09), Cornell faculty, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from Weill Cornell Medical College.



Dr. Saleena Subaiya ('15), has been working with the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Program as a Fellow to help run Kenya's largest measles and rubella vaccination campaign.



Dr. Flavio Gaudio, Cornell faculty, is the founding medical director of the WCMC Nurse Practitioner Residency in Emergency Medicine.