

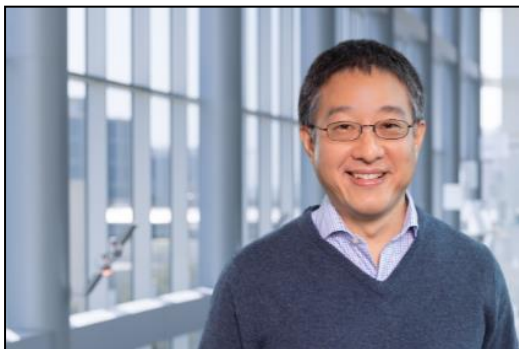
# medicine minute

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## kudos

### SERVICE

#### Hoshida Appointed Member of NIH Study Section



**Yujin Hoshida, M.D., Ph.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases and Director of Liver Tumor Translational Research, has been invited to serve as a member of the Cancer Prevention Study Section, which is a part of the Cancer Diagnosis, Prevention and Therapeutics Review Branch of the Division of Translational and Clinical Sciences in the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health.

Members of the study section review applications addressing nutrition, dietary, natural and other chemopreventive factors, and their use in intervention for cancer risk and inhibition of

cancer progression.

Dr. Hoshida specializes in molecular classification, prognostic prediction, molecular targeted therapies, and chemoprevention for liver cirrhosis and cancer. Over the past decade, he has led multiple international translational genomics projects focused on liver cirrhosis and cancer, including the Precision Liver Cancer Prevention Consortium. These projects utilize high-throughput omics technologies and integrate clinical and cross-species systems biology analyses.

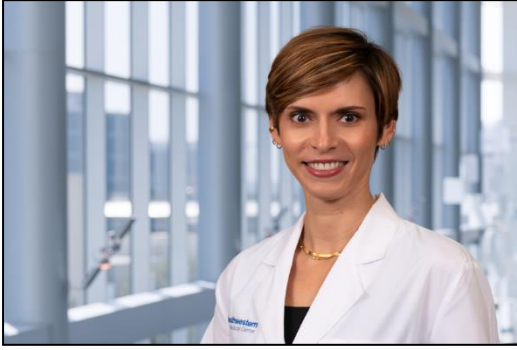
*Dr. Hoshida holds the H. Ray and Paula Calvert Chair in Gastroenterology Oncology in Honor of Udit Verma, M.D.*

*To learn more about Dr. Hoshida's research, visit the [Hoshida Lab site](#).*

## research roundup

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Promising Results in Phase 3 Trial for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia



In a phase 3 clinical trial, **Oksana Hamidi, D.O.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Endocrinology, and researchers at 54 centers in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Israel investigated an experimental drug called crinecerfont for treating congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH). CAH is a genetic condition that disrupts hormone production by the adrenal glands. Typically, patients receive glucocorticoids to manage CAH, but these high doses can lead to side effects, including obesity, insulin resistance, hypertension, and decreased bone density.

The trial, reported in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#), found that crinecerfont helped reduce and control excess adrenal androgens independently of glucocorticoids. After 24 weeks, patients taking crinecerfont were able to decrease their glucocorticoid doses by an average of 27.3 percent. This promising result brings crinecerfont closer to potential approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

#### CLINICAL RESEARCH

### Hobbs Assumes Leadership Disease-Oriented Clinical Scholars Program



**Helen Hobbs, M.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development, has succeeded **Charles Ginsburg, M.D.**, a Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, as head of the Disease-Oriented Clinical Scholars (DOCS) Program.

The non-degree program aims to advance research in clinical departments by supporting trained physicians and scientists who investigate pathophysiology and the treatment of human diseases.

Dr. Hobbs' career underscores the significance of research into biological processes affecting health. Her groundbreaking work on cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death globally, has led to the development of innovative therapies that lower dangerously high cholesterol levels.

*Dr. Hobbs holds the Dallas Heart Ball Chair in Cardiology Research; Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair for the Study of Human Growth and Development; and the Philip O'Bryan Montgomery Jr., M.D., Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology.*

*To learn more about the Disease Oriented Clinical Scholars program, click [here](#). To learn more about Dr. Hobbs' research, visit the [Hobbs-Cohen Lab site](#).*

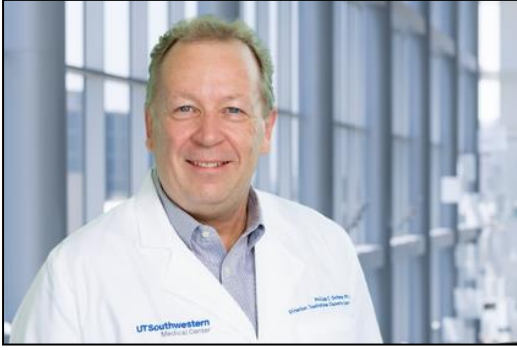


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## in case you missed it

#### IN THE NEWS

### Researchers Identify Rare Genetic Mutation Linked to Obesity



**Philipp Scherer, Ph.D.**, a Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of the Touchstone Diabetes Center, offered his perspective to CNN on [a new research study](#) from the U.K. that uncovered a genetic explanation of why obesity occurs in some people.

“It is an exciting study in that it puts a new gene on the map,” Dr. Scherer says. “It’s an actual gene, rather than just a genomic locus with a mutation somewhere where we don’t understand. ... We think we’re looking at a gene here that we can further study.”

*Dr. Scherer holds the Gifford O. Touchstone, Jr. and Randolph G. Touchstone Distinguished Chair in Diabetes Research, and the Touchstone/West Distinguished Chair in Diabetes Research.*

To read the entire CNN article, click [here](#). To learn more about Dr. Scherer’s research, visit the [Scherer Lab site](#).

### Articles and Videos Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [Take Summer Heat Health Risks Seriously, UTSW Experts Caution](#) (Via UTSW Newsroom, with **Craig Crandall, Ph.D.**)

## personnel updates

### DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

#### Lancaster Appointed Cardiology Division Administrator



**Justin Lancaster, B.S.**, has accepted a position as Division Administrator in the Division of Cardiology.

Mr. Lancaster holds a bachelor’s degree in healthcare management from Trident University in Cypress, California, and is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Prior to joining UT Southwestern, he served for three years as Director of Clinical Operations for 12 outpatient family medicine practices across South Riverside County, California, as well as operations manager for numerous treatment facilities during his 21 years of active duty in the Navy.

## events

### HEALTHCARE OBSERVANCES

#### July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

## NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Minority Mental Health Awareness Month is a time to focus on the unique challenges that affect the mental health of racial and ethnic minorities in the U.S. This annual observance was established in 2008 to honor [Bebe Moore Campbell](#), an American author, journalist, teacher, and mental health advocate who brought awareness to the mental health struggles of racial and ethnic minority communities through her personal experiences with a family member's mental illness.

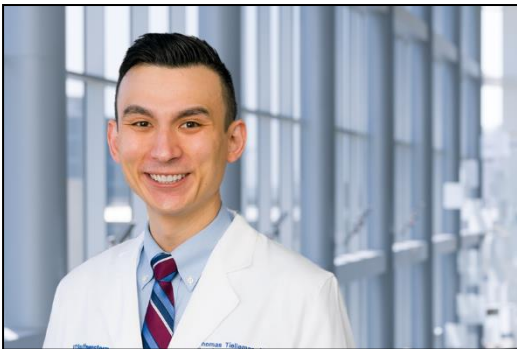
About half of all people in the United States will be diagnosed with a mental disorder at some point in their lifetime, but certain social determinants of health, like experiencing trauma, lacking support systems, and having limited access to health care, can leave racial and ethnic minority and American Indian/Alaska Native populations at increased risk for many preventable mental health problems, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health.

*The learn more about how to help spread awareness of minority mental health, click [here](#).*

### this week

#### INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

### Tielleman to Discuss Organ Preserving Endoscopy on July 12



**Thomas Tiellemann, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Digestive & Liver Diseases, will present the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on **Friday, July 12, at 8 a.m.** in D1.502. His topic: "Organ Preserving Endoscopy: An Introduction to Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection."

Originally from San Antonio, Dr. Tiellemann holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology with honors from Trinity University. He earned his medical degree at UT Southwestern, where he completed internal medicine residency training, and fellowships in gastroenterology and advanced therapeutic endoscopy. He specializes in therapeutic endoscopy, biliary disorders, and pancreatic cancer prevention.

Dr. Tiellemann joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2021.

#### Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences

- **Tuesday, July 9, Noon:** [Mental Health Awareness BRG Panel Discussion](#) – "Empowerment Through Authenticity"
- **Friday, July 12, Noon:** [Cardiometabolic Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Muthiah Vaduganathan** (Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital) – "Guideline Directed Medical Therapy for Heart Failure and the Kidney"
- **Friday, July 12, Noon:** [Hematology & Oncology Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Gabrielle Rocque** (University of Alabama at Birmingham) – "Integrating Research and Clinical Care Delivery"



**Internal Medicine Events Calendar**

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## reminders

### PHYSICIAN RECOGNITION

## Nominations Being Accepted for Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards



Nominations are being accepted through **Tuesday, July 23**, for the 2024 Leaders in Clinical Excellence Awards.

Established in 2018, these awards recognize clinical faculty for their exceptional contributions to the care of patients, to the education and training of the next generation of health care professionals, and to UT Southwestern overall.

For more details, click [here](#).

### INFLUENCERS

## Health Equity Committee to Present Lecture Series



The Internal Medicine Health Equity Committee has announced a summer lecture series focused on how UTSW faculty members are making a positive difference in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

**Elaine Duryea, M.D.**, an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, will lecture on **Wednesday, July 31, at noon**. Her topic: "Improving Maternal Postpartum Access to Care: Reducing Maternal Morbidity."

To join the July 31 lecture via Zoom, click [here](#).

**Emmanuel Ohuabunwa, M.D.**, an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, will lecture on **Wednesday, Aug. 7, at noon**. His topic: "What's in a Name." This lecture will be co-presented by the Internal Medicine Health Systems Track.

To join the August 7 lecture via Zoom, click [here](#).

**Stephanie Nguyen, D.O., M.P.H.**, a Family Medicine staff physician at Parkland Health, will lecture on **Wednesday, Aug. 21, at noon**. Her topic: "Refugee Healthcare at Parkland."

To join the August 21 lecture via Zoom, click [here](#).

## correction

An announcement in the July 2 edition incorrectly identified July as National Minority Health Month. Although important, the observance is recognized during April, not July.

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When we learn of a mistake, we acknowledge it with a correction. If you spot an error, please let us know at [IMNews@UTSouthwestern.edu](mailto:IMNews@UTSouthwestern.edu).

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