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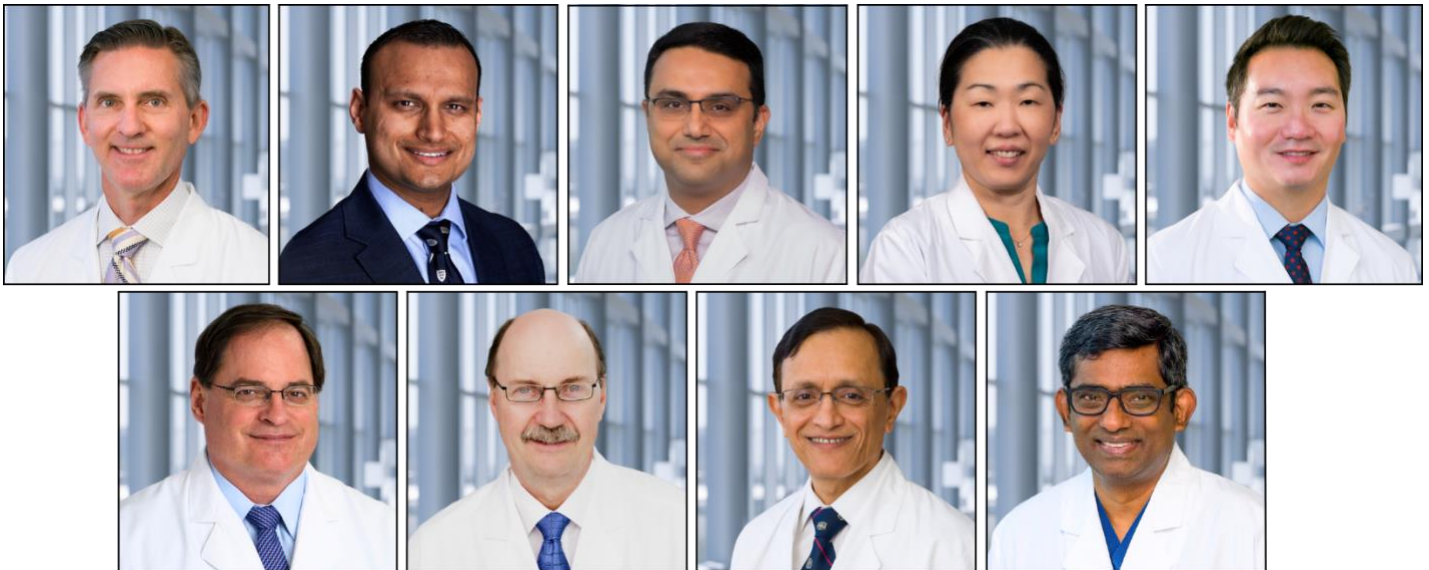
PATIENT CARE

UTSW Heart Valve Team Performs Milestone Procedure

The Heart Valve Team recently performed its 1,000th transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedure, a milestone that has been achieved by only a few hospitals nationally.

“TAVR has become a transformative therapy for treatment of aortic valve disease,” says **Anthony Bavry, M.D.**, a Professor in the Division of Cardiology and Director of the Structural Heart Program. “It is performed by using a catheter, usually inserted through the groin, to replace the aortic valve.”

An alternative to open-heart aortic valve replacement, the minimally invasive procedure can significantly reduce patients’ pain and recovery time.



The Heart Valve Team includes Cardiology division faculty, from top left, Professor **Anthony Bavry, M.D.**, Assistant Professor **Amit Goyal, M.D.**, Professor **Dharam Kumbhani, M.D.**, Associate Professor **Ki Park, M.D., M.S.**, and Assistant Professor **Weiyi Tan, M.D., M.P.H.**, and Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery faculty, from bottom left, Associate Professor **Lynn Huffman, M.D.**, Professor **Michael Jessen, M.D.**, Associate Professor **Suresh Keshavamurthy, M.D.**, and Associate Professor **John Murala, M.D.**

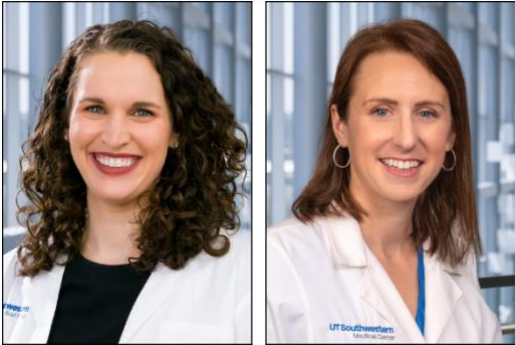
Dr. Kumbhani holds the Jim and Norma Smith Distinguished Chair for Interventional Cardiology.

Dr. Jessen holds the Frank M. Ryburn, Jr., Distinguished Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery and Transplantation.

announcements

MEDICAL EDUCATION

UTSW Medical School Designated NICHE Partner



After launching an IDD (intellectual and developmental disabilities) and Neurodiversity curriculum in the ambulatory clerkship earlier this year, UT Southwestern Medical School has been designated a [NICHE](#) (National Inclusive Curriculum for Health Education) Medical School Partner.

Emily Bufkin, M.D. (left), and **Kylie Cullinan, M.D.** (right), both Assistant Professors in the Division of Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, received a \$15,000 grant to implement curriculum enhancements that address gaps in medical education regarding patients with IDD. The NICHE program, an initiative of the American Academy of

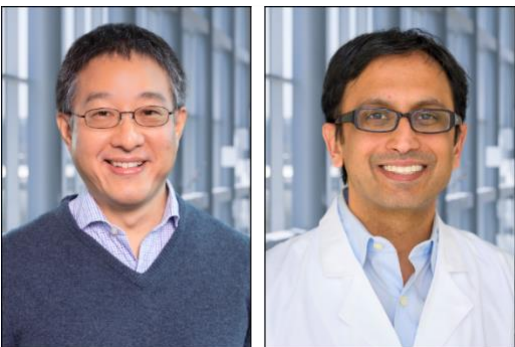
Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, provides training in the field of developmental medicine and helps build medical careers that are inclusive of individuals with IDD across the lifespan.

“The curriculum is a multimodal, including a two-hour didactic workshop on the diagnoses of IDD and Neurodiversity, a half-day clinical experience where students apply skills learned in the workshop, and an optional community engagement opportunity,” says Dr. Bufkin, who serves as Program Director for the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency. “We have partnered with [29 Acres](#), the [Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas](#), and [Special Olympics Texas](#) to incorporate this curriculum into the ambulatory clerkship, which is required for graduation.”

research roundup

PUBLICATIONS

Hoshida and Colleagues Validate Biomarker for Liver Cancer Risk



Yujin Hoshida, M.D., Ph.D. (left), Director of Liver Tumor Translational Research, and **Amit Singal, M.D.** (right), Medical Director of the Liver Tumor Program and Chief of Hepatology, both Professors in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, participated in a prospective statewide and nationwide multicenter study that validated an integrative molecular- and clinical-variable-based score for predicting liver cancer risk. Their findings, to be published this week in *Gastroenterology*, could result in individualized and cost-effective risk assessment and early detection of liver cancer to increase the chance of a cure.

“This is the first liver cancer risk-predictive biomarker successfully validated at this scale,” Dr. Hoshida says. “We expect that the biomarker will guide which patients with cirrhosis should be more closely monitored for developing liver cancer. Additionally, with this biomarker, high-risk patients can be prioritized for cancer-preventive therapies.”

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

Dr. Singal is a Dedman Family Scholar in Clinical Care and holder of the Willis C. Maddrey, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Liver Disease.

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

CLINICAL RESEARCH

OCR to Host Town Hall on Value Analysis Process

The Office of Clinical Research will host a virtual town hall outlining the Value Analysis process and how it relates to clinical research on **Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 2–3 p.m. via Teams.**

Value Analysis is an equipment vetting process designed to reduce unnecessary costs, increase effectiveness, and improve safety and outcomes across UTSW's hospital and hospital-based clinics.

For more information, visit the [Value Analysis website](#) (requires VPN or campus network). To join the virtual town hall, click [here](#).

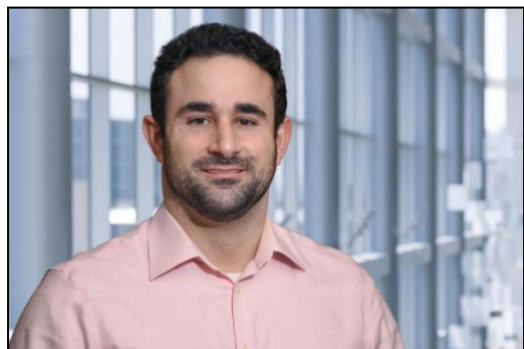


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ADMINISTRATION

Rav Appointed Division Administrator of Hematology and Oncology



Kobi Rav, M.P.A., has been appointed Division Administrator of the Division of Hematology and Oncology. He joins the Division with more than a decade of experience in healthcare administration, finance, and operations.

Mr. Rav holds a bachelor's degree in finance and investments from the City University of New York's Baruch College and a master's degree in management from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

In his most recent role as Department Administrator for the Molecular and Cellular Biology department at Baylor College of Medicine, Mr. Rav oversaw various functions including financial management, human resources, IT, and faculty support for a team of 220 personnel. Leading a staff of 12, he focused on team development, process improvements, and implementing technological solutions to enhance finance reporting.

Mr. Rav's experience also includes serving as Director of Budget Planning and Finance at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where he managed a \$40M budget and developed strategies to reduce costs and increase revenue. His extensive healthcare finance background includes roles at Columbia University Medical Center, where he provided financial guidance for clinical operations exceeding \$1.3B, and at NYU Langone Medical Center, where he improved grant management and financial oversight.

need to know

DIPLOMATE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

ABIM Eliminates Two-Year MOC Point Requirement for Diplomates

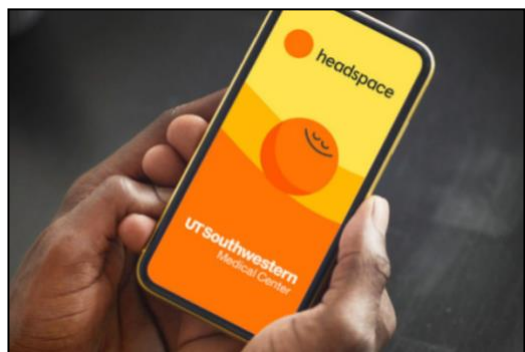
The American Board of Internal Medicine has removed the requirement for diplomates to earn points every two years (the two-year Maintenance of Certification point requirement) to be considered "Participating in MOC." Diplomates who were expected to meet the two-year point requirement by the end of 2024 are no longer required to do so. Additionally, diplomates currently reported as "Certified, Not Participating in MOC" due to missing the two-year point requirement will have their status updated to "Certified, Participating in MOC" if all other MOC requirements are met.

This programmatic change is the direct result of feedback from physicians, who said it was confusing and did not provide added value. The requirement to earn 100 MOC points every five years to be reported as “Certified, Participating in MOC” remains in effect.

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

WELLNESS

New Benefit for Students and Non-Employee Trainees



Headspace support services have been expanded to include UT Southwestern students, non-employee trainees, and their dependents. [Enrollment in the service is free](#) and grants users access to guided meditation, mindfulness exercises, and sleep support to help manage stress, build resilience, and navigate life’s challenges.

Additionally, users can utilize a one-on-one, text-based mental health coaching to set and achieve their well-being goals. All interactions with Headspace, whether through the app, phone, or website, are completely confidential and occur solely between the user and Headspace’s coaches and licensed

providers.

in case you missed it

News and Digital Media Featuring Internal Medicine Colleagues

- [The Influence of Family and Community in Medicine: The Story of Drs. Rajeev and Mamta Jain](#) (via the *Dallas Medical Journal*, with **Mamta Jain, M.D.**)
- [Race for the Cure: Komen Funding Innovative Breast Cancer Research in North Texas](#) (via KXTA-TV, with **Isaac Chan, M.D., Ph.D.**)

this week

INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

Stanford’s Eldrin Lewis to Discuss Heart Failure Outcomes on Nov. 1



Eldrin Lewis, M.D., M.P.H., a Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Cardiovascular Medicine Division at Stanford University will deliver the [Internal Medicine Grand Rounds](#) lecture on Friday, Nov. 1, at 8 a.m. in D1.502. His subject: “Patient Reported Outcomes in Heart Failure: An Important Pathway into Transforming Care.”

Dr. Lewis earned his bachelor’s degree in pre-medicine from Penn State University and his medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He also earned a master’s degree in clinical effectiveness from the Harvard School of Public Health. He

completed his internal medicine residency training and two clinical fellowships — one in cardiovascular medicine and one in advanced heart failure and transplant — at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

A clinician-scientist who specializes in the care of patients with advanced heart failure, Dr. Lewis is an internationally recognized expert on heart failure, heart transplant, and quality of life for patients with heart failure.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Yin to Speak About Interferon Signaling in IBD on Nov. 1



Jianyi Yin, M.D., Ph.D., a Physician Scientist Training Program Fellow in the Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, will present the [Internal Medicine Research Conference](#) on **Friday, Nov. 1 at noon in D1.502**. His topic: “Role of Type 1 Interferon Signaling in Inflammatory Bowel Disease.”

Dr. Yin received his medical education and obtained his doctorate at Nanjing University. He served as a research fellow at Johns Hopkins University before completing internal medicine residency training at UT Southwestern.

Noteworthy Lectures & Conferences

- **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m.:** [Geriatrics Grand Rounds](#) with **Dr. Ramona Rhodes** (Geriatric Medicine) – “Disparities in the Field of Aging: A Look at How Race and Age Intersect”
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30, Noon:** [Excellence in Immunology Lecture Series](#) with **Dr. Kodi Ravichandran** (Washington University) – “Eating a Good Apoptotic Meal: Lessons from Phagocytes”
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m.:** [William H. Snyder III, M.D. Lecture](#) with **Dr. Lynne Kirk** (Geriatric Medicine) – “How Well-Being Relates to Fulfilling Professional Responsibilities”
- **Thursday, Oct. 31, Noon:** [Nephrology Journal Club](#) with **Dr. Shota Watanabe** (Nephrology) – “Glucose Absorption in Peritoneal Dialysis”



Internal Medicine Events Calendar

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reminders

LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES

Bajaj, Reed to Speak About Quality Improvement on Nov. 12



The Leadership Lecture Series continues on **Tuesday, Nov. 12, at noon** with a presentation **Puneet Bajaj, M.D., M.P.H.**, an Associate Professor in the Division of Rheumatology and Internal Medicine Quality Officer, and **Gary Reed, M.D., M.S.**, a Professor in the William T. and Gay F. Solomon Division of General Internal Medicine. Their topic: Quality Improvement.

All lectures are virtual, informal, and brown bag. Faculty, APPs, administrators, and trainees are welcome to attend.

To join the virtual event, click [here](#).

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