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EMORY | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Eleventh Annual
Celebration of
Faculty Eminence

October 29, 2024

Order of Ceremony

Welcome

Sandra Wong, MD, MS
Dean, Emory University School of Medicine

President's Remarks

Gregory L. Fenves
President, Emory University

Woodruff Remarks

Ravi I. Thadhani, MD, MPH
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Emory University
Executive Director, Woodruff Health Sciences Center

Opening Remarks

Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD
Director of Wellbeing, Resiliency, and Flourishing, Emory at Grady
Professor and Vice Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Chair, Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee

Senior Promotions and Grants of Tenure

Kathy Griendling, PhD
Executive Associate Dean, Faculty Academic Affairs and Professional
Development
R. Wayne Alexander MD Professor of Medicine

Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Awards

Naadira Upshaw, PsyD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
2023 Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award recipient

Dean's Teaching Awards

J. William Eley, MD, MPH
Executive Associate Dean, Medical Education and Student Affairs,
Graduate Medical Education
Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology

Preceptor of the Year Award

J. William Eley, MD, MPH

School of Medicine Mentoring Awards

Bhavin Adhyaru, MD, MS

Associate Professor of Medicine

Member, Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee

Millipub Club Inductees

Guido Silvestri, MD

Executive Associate Dean of Research Strategy

Vice President for Basic and Translational Research, Woodruff Health Sciences Center

Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Emory 1% Awards

Guido Silvestri, MD

School of Medicine Innovation for Impact Awards

Jill Ward, PhD

Assistant Professor of Cell Biology

Member, Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee

School of Medicine Scientific Integrity Awards

Jill Ward, PhD

Scholl of Medicine Excellence in Research Awards

Jill Ward, PhD

Clinical Distinctions

Andrew Furman, MD

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Excellence in Patient Care Awards

Whitney Sherry, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Member, Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee

School of Medicine Innovation in Clinical Care Awards

Whitney Sherry, MD

School of Medicine Distinguished Service Awards

Whitney Sherry, MD

Site-Based Awards

Penny Castellano, MD
Interim Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Professor and Chair of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Hidden Gem Awards

Puja Mehta, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Member, Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee

Regional, National, and International Accomplishments

Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD

Emory School of Medicine Lifetime Service and Leadership Award

Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD

Closing Remarks

Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD

2024 Senior Promotions

Professors

David Alter, MD, MPH (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Leon Bernal-Mizrachi, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Manoj Bhasin, PhD (Pediatrics)
Bradley Carthon, MD, PhD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Richard Castillo, PhD (Radiation Oncology)
Jonathon Cohen, MD, MS (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Robert Cotes, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Joseph Cubells, MD, PhD (Human Genetics)
George Deeb, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Jane Ellis, MD, PhD (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
Shelly-Ann Fluker, MD (Medicine)
Kathryn Garber, PhD (Human Genetics)
Rouba Garro, MD (Pediatrics)
Roshan George, MD (Pediatrics)
Raul Gonzalez, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Michael Gottschalk, MD (Orthopaedics)
Jonathan Grossberg, MD, MBA (Neurosurgery)
Kendra Grubb, MD, MHA (Surgery)
Christopher Ho, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Julie Hollberg, MD (Medicine)
Neeru Jayanthi, MD (Orthopaedics)
Stephanie Jernigan, MD (Pediatrics)
Laura Johnson, MD (Surgery)
Julie Kable, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Heidi Karpen, MD (Pediatrics)
William Keeling, MD (Surgery)
James Lah, MD, PhD (Neurology)
Liyong Lin, PhD (Radiation Oncology)
Akanksha Mehta, MD, MSc (Urology)
Jane Meisel, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Edjah Nduom, MD (Neurosurgery)
William Nicholson, MD (Medicine)

2024 Senior Promotions

Christopher O'Donnell, MD (Medicine)
Gaetano Paone, MD, MHSA (Surgery)
Gustavo Pradilla, MD (Neurosurgery)
Muna Qayed, MD, MSc (Pediatrics)
Jeffrey Rakofsky, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Mara Schenker, MD (Orthopaedics)
Charles Searles, MD (Medicine)
Timothy Slesnick, MD (Pediatrics)
Adam Webb, MD (Neurosurgery)
Bryan Wells, MD (Medicine)
Matthew Wheatley, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Kirsten Williams, MD (Pediatrics)
Cherry Wongtrakool, MD (Medicine)

Associate Professor

Bolanle Akinsola, MD (Pediatrics)
Nadia Ali, PhD (Human Genetics)
Emily Allen, PhD (Human Genetics)
Reena Blanco, MD (Pediatrics)
Cady Block, PhD (Neurology)
Katie Bullinger, MD, PhD (Neurology)
Isida Byku, MD (Medicine)
Brian Cabaniss, MD (Neurology)
Michael Carr, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Sarah Caston, DPT (Rehabilitation Medicine)
Luisa Cervantes Barragan, PhD (Microbiology and Immunology)
Gabriela Cohen, MD (Medicine)
Lisa Cranmer, MD, MPH (Pediatrics)
Georgia Davis, MD (Medicine)
Salma de la Feld, MD (Dermatology)
Badi El Osta, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Kari Esbensen, MD, PhD (Medicine)
Heather Faulkner, MD, MPH (Surgery)

2024 Senior Promotions

Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Kiesha Fraser Doh, MD (Pediatrics)
Sarah Freeman, PhD (Pediatrics)
Tomas Garzon-Muvdi, MD, MSc (Neurosurgery)
Olumide Gbolahan, MBBS, MSc (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Eliver Ghosn, PhD, MS (Medicine)
Laura Gilbertson, MD (Anesthesiology)
David Goldsmith, MD, MSc (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Grace Gombolay, MD (Pediatrics)
Stephanie Grant, MD (Anesthesiology)
Peter Gutierrez, MD (Pediatrics)
Tiffany Hailstorks, MD, MPH (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
Jessica Harding, PhD (Surgery)
Lindsey Hartsell, MD (Urology)
Arash Harzand, MD, MBA (Medicine)
Rachel Hershenberg, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Kimberly Hoang, MD (Neurosurgery)
Carrie Hoff, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Andre Holder, MD, MSc (Medicine)
Jennifer Holton, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Wissam Jaber, MD (Medicine)
Anand Jain, MD (Medicine)
Prathap Jayaram, MD (Orthopaedics)
Jie Jiang, PhD (Cell Biology)
Nisha Joseph, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Jordan Kempker, MD, MSc (Medicine)
Sabina Kennedy, MD (Pediatrics)
Jamie Kitzman, MD (Anesthesiology)
Jennifer Kwong, PhD (Pediatrics)
Neil Lall, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Patricia Lantis, MD (Pediatrics)
Aaron Lay, MD (Urology)
Emberlynn Liu, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Anant Mandawat, MD (Medicine)

2024 Senior Promotions

Chad Mao, MD (Pediatrics)
Jessica Maples-Keller, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Annie Massart, MD (Medicine)
Johnathan McKay, PhD, MSCR (Biomedical Informatics)
Mohamad Moussa, MD (Medicine)
Saima Muzahir, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Yuko Nakajima, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Jose Navarrete, MD (Medicine)
David O'Banion, MD (Pediatrics)
Nikolaos Papadantonakis, MD, MSc, PhD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)
Ashishkumar Parikh, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Chhaya Patel, MD (Anesthesiology)
Sagar Patel, MD, MSc (Radiation Oncology)
Andrew Pendley, MD, MBA (Emergency Medicine)
Carmen Polito, MD, MSc (Medicine)
Sudheer Potru, DO (Anesthesiology)
Amit Prabhakar, MD, MBA (Anesthesiology)
Sunil Raikar, MD (Pediatrics)
Christopher Ramos, MD (Surgery)
David Reiter, PhD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Ellen Richter, MD (Anesthesiology)
Amy Rodriguez, PhD (Neurology)
Justin Roper, PhD (Radiation Oncology)
Ofer Sadan, MD, PhD (Neurology)
Colin Segovis, MD, PhD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Ila Sethi, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Elizabeth Sewell, MD, MPH (Pediatrics)
Jay Shah, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Steven Sloan, MD, PhD (Human Genetics)
Geoffrey Smith, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Jennifer Spicer, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Elizabeth Stenger, MD, MSc (Pediatrics)
Kathryn Sutton, MD (Pediatrics)

2024 Senior Promotions

Amy Tang, MD (Pediatrics)

Seema Tekwani, MD, MHA (Medicine)

Hari Trivedi, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

DeJuan White, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Helen Williams, MD, MA (Pediatrics)

Elizabeth Willingham, MD (Otolaryngology)

Michael Woodworth, MD, MSc (Medicine)

Howa Yeung, MD, MSc (Dermatology)

Nicholas Yong, MD, PhD (Neurosurgery)

Amy Zeidan, MD (Emergency Medicine)

Grant of Tenure

Jessica Alvarez, PhD (Medicine)

Michael Borich, DPT, PhD (Rehabilitation Medicine)

Steven Bosinger, PhD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)

Thota Ganesh, PhD (Pharmacology and Chemical Biology)

Trisha Kesar, PhD, MSc (Rehabilitation Medicine)

Elizabeth Leslie, PhD (Human Genetics)

Zhiyong Lin, PhD (Medicine)

Nathalie Maitre, MD, PhD (Pediatrics)

Vasiliki Michopoulos, PhD, MSCR (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

School of Medicine Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award

This award recognizes faculty who have made significant achievements in ensuring that the climate of the school is characterized by inclusivity and organizational equity through leveraging the varied attributes of diversity in our community.

Richard Castillo, PhD (Radiation Oncology)

Kimberly Manning, MD (Medicine)

Monica Parker, MD (Neurology)

School of Medicine Dean's Teaching Awards

Recipients honored by colleagues and students and chosen by the Teaching Awards Committee for their dedication to medical student teaching and their many contributions as course directors and mentors.

Bhavin Adhyaru, MD, MS (Medicine)

Daniel Dressler, MD, MSc (Medicine)

Jason Higdon, MD (Medicine)

Nisha Joseph, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

Akanksha Mehta, MD, MSc (Urology)

Alaina Steck, MD (Emergency Medicine)

School of Medicine Preceptor of the Year Award

This award honors and recognizes a faculty member for outstanding contributions to medical student education.

Cheryl Buck-Patterson, MD (Medicine)

School of Medicine Mentoring Award

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring in the domains of education, service, and/or research to trainees or early career faculty during the past year.

Tracey Henry, MD, MPH (Medicine)

Trisha Kesar, PhD, MSc (Rehabilitation Medicine)

John Oshinski, PhD, MS (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

MilliPub Club Inductees

The MilliPub Club honors and recognizes current Emory faculty who have published one or more individual papers throughout their careers that have each garnered more than 1,000 citations. Faculty whose papers reached the 1,000 citation mark this year are honored tonight.

Bekh Bradley-Davino, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Craig Coopersmith, MD (Surgery)

Joseph Cubells, MD, PhD (Human Genetics)

David Cutler, PhD (Human Genetics)

Raymund Dantes, MD, MPH (Medicine)

Lauren Epstein, MD, MSc (Medicine)

Michael P. Epstein, PhD (Human Genetics)

Charles Gillespie, MD, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

David Goldsmith, MD, MSc (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Sagar Lonial, MD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

Greg Martin, MD, MS (Medicine)

David Murphy, MD, PhD (Medicine)

John Petros, MD (Urology)

Varun Phadke, MD (Medicine)

Brenda Poindexter, MD, MS (Pediatrics)

Ajay Premkumar, MD (Orthopaedics)

Paulina Rebolledo, MD, MSCR (Medicine)

Christine Rostad, MD (Pediatrics)

MilliPub Club Inductees

Nadine Rouphael, MD, MS (Medicine)

Lawrence Scahill, MSN, PhD (Pediatrics)

Ann Schwartz, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Jonathan Sevransky, MD, MHS (Medicine)

Parminder Suchdev, MD, MPH (Pediatrics)

Mehul Suthar, PhD (Pediatrics)

Yilang Tang, MD, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Vin Tangpricha, MD, PhD (Medicine)

Miriam Vos, MD, MSPH (Pediatrics)

David Wright, MD (Emergency Medicine)

Emory 1% Award

The Emory 1% Award honors and recognizes investigators who have received study section review scores in the top one percentile on a grant proposal.

Paul Dawson, PhD (Pediatrics)

Theresa Gillespie, PhD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

Sumin Kang, PhD (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

Christopher LaRock, PhD (Microbiology and Immunology)

Gregory Melikian, PhD (Pediatrics)

Lena Ting, PhD (Biomedical Engineering)

School of Medicine Innovation for Impact Award

This award was established to recognize faculty inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs whose contributions resulted in a significant impact on human health or have the potential to be paradigm-shifting.

Mohammad Khan, MD, PhD (Radiation Oncology)

Stephen Traynelis, PhD (Pharmacology and Chemical Biology)

School of Medicine

Scientific Integrity Award

This award recognizes faculty who have made significant contributions to the promotion of scientific integrity at Emory.

Judith Fridovich-Keil, PhD (Human Genetics)

School of Medicine

Excellence in Research: Rising Star Awards

This award was established to recognize assistant professors who engage in outstanding and cutting-edge research that advances our knowledge base in meaningful ways.

Steven Sloan, MD, PhD (Human Genetics)

Marina Sorrentino Hernandez, PhD, MSc (Medicine)

Hari Trivedi, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

School of Medicine

Excellence in Research: Trailblazer Awards

This award was established to recognize associate professors who engage in outstanding and cutting-edge research that advances our knowledge base in meaningful ways.

Steven Liang, PhD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Chrystal Paulos, PhD (Surgery)

Xiaofeng Yang, PhD (Radiation Oncology)

2024 Clinical Distinctions

Senior Physician

Ankit Agrawal, MD (Medicine)
Sagar Amin, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Saja Asakrah, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Daniel Bell, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Sonam Bhalla, MD (Pediatrics)
Sherri Bogard, MD (Medicine)
Brendan Browne, MD, MS (Urology)
Elena Cabb, DO, MPH (Medicine)
Sheryl Caberto, MD (Medicine)
Hila Calev, MD (Medicine)
Caroline Collins, MD (Medicine)
Reema Dbouk, MD (Medicine)
Travis Douglass, MD (Medicine)
David Elwood, MD (Surgery)
Christina Faya, MD (Anesthesiology)
Vanessa Fields, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Monica Gavaller, MD (Medicine)
Samantha Goldstein, DO (Medicine)
Liliana Guevara-Bermudez, MD (Medicine)
Tiffany Hailstorks, MD, MPH (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
Nadine Harris, MD (Medicine)
Matt Hogan, MD (Medicine)
Dawn Howard, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Malavika Kapuria, MD (Medicine)
Ajay Kasi, MD (Pediatrics)
Kelly Kaysen, MD (Medicine)
Inho Kim, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Priya Kohli, MD (Medicine)
Susan Kunihiro, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)
James Kuo, MD (Pediatrics)

2024 Clinical Distinctions

Neil Lall, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Megan Lawley, MD, MPH (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
Rebecca Leleiko, MD, MS (Medicine)
Kiran Maddu, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Jimi Malik, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Aparna Mark, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Ishan Mehta, MD (Medicine)
David Minkoff, MD (Medicine)
Julie Mitchell, DO (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Michael Muro, MD (Anesthesiology)
Anu Murthy, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Deepa Nagarajan, MD (Medicine)
Sathya Naidu, MD (Medicine)
Kushal Nandam, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Sneha Neurgaonkar, MD (Medicine)
Justin Palanci, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Prathima Pangulur, MD (Medicine)
Dipan Patel, MD (Surgery)
Ravi Pathak, MD (Anesthesiology)
Lailama Paykargar, MD (Medicine)
Isaac Pena, MD (Medicine)
Melissa Piotrowski, MD (Emergency Medicine)
Giorgio Roccaro, MD, MSCE (Medicine)
Michele Romej, MD, MBA (Anesthesiology)
Rajasree Roy, MD (Medicine)
Hasan Saiyed, MD (Medicine)
Gabriel Santamarina, DPM (Medicine)
Boris Severinsky, OD (Ophthalmology)
Jay Shah, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Sowmya Siragowni, MD (Medicine)
Lakshmi Sridharan, MD (Medicine)
Fariha Sultan, MD (Medicine)
Tamara Taylor Ball, MD (Pediatrics)
Vinai Vishwanath, MD (Anesthesiology)

2024 Clinical Distinctions

Stacey Watkins, MD, PhD (Medicine)

Malia Willis, MD (Medicine)

Senior Psychologist

Rachel Ammirati, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Kelli-Lee Harford, PhD (Pediatrics)

Kallio Hunnicutt, PhD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Naadira Upshaw, PsyD (Pediatrics)

Distinguished Physician

Bhavin Adhyaru, MD, MS (Medicine)

Faiz Ahmad, MD (Neurosurgery)

Thanayi Barone-Smith, MD (Anesthesiology)

Karima Benameur, MD (Neurology)

Zachary Bercu, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Nehal Bhandari, MD (Pediatrics)

Brian Bobzien, MD (Anesthesiology)

Jason Brown, MD (Medicine)

Rebecca Burger, MD (Pediatrics)

Gabriela Cohen, MD (Medicine)

Dominic Cruz, MD, MS (Medicine)

Andrea Dillard, MD (Anesthesiology)

James Dolak, MD, PhD (Anesthesiology)

Barry Fields, MD, MEd (Medicine)

Thomas Fox, MD (Pediatrics)

Lokesh Guglani, MD (Pediatrics)

M. Reza Hassanyar, MD (Medicine)

Heather Hipp, MD (Gynecology and Obstetrics)

Gayatri Joshi, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Sheetal Kandiah, MD (Medicine)

Ashima Lal, MD (Family and Preventive Medicine)

2024 Clinical Distinctions

Gerald Lee, MD (Pediatrics)
Denise Lo, MD (Surgery)
Annie Massart, MD (Medicine)
Ashish Mehta, MD, MSc (Medicine)
David Murphy, MD, PhD (Medicine)
Christina Noyes, MD (Anesthesiology)
Ashish Patel, MD (Radiation Oncology)
Sumir Patel, MD, MBA (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Cedric Pimentel, MD (Neurology)
Carmen Polito, MD, MSc (Medicine)
Stephanie Pouch, MD, MS (Medicine)
Meena Prasad, MD (Medicine)
Alejandro Sardi, MD (Medicine)
Joanna Schindler, MD (Anesthesiology)
Yoo Mee Shin, MD (Medicine)
Boris Spektor, MD (Anesthesiology)
Gautam Sreeram, MD (Anesthesiology)
Cinnamon Sullivan, MD (Anesthesiology)
Colin Swenson, MD (Medicine)
Saiprakash Venkateshiah, MD (Medicine)
Anna Von, MD (Medicine)
Linsheng Zhang, MD, PhD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)

Distinguished Psychologist

Mindy Scheithauer, PhD (Pediatrics)

2024 Clinical Distinctions

Eminent Physician

Joyce Akwe, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Amy Chen, MD, MPH (Otolaryngology)
John Delgaudio, MD (Otolaryngology)
Boadie Dunlop, MD, MS (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Elizabeth Genega, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Lara Harik, MD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Taylor Harrison, MD (Neurology)
Kiran Hebbar, MD (Pediatrics)
Stacy Higgins, MD (Medicine)
Shannon Kahn, MD (Radiation Oncology)
Stephanie Keller, MD (Pediatrics)
Vita Kesner, MD (Neurology)
Ketevan Kobaidze, MD, PhD (Medicine)
Noble Maleque, MD (Medicine)
Yuri Okuizumi-Wu, MD (Pediatrics)
Jeffrey Olson, MD (Neurosurgery)
Doug Parker, MD, DDS (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)
Maria Piraner, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Edward Richer, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)
Joseph Shelton, MD (Radiation Oncology)
Dustin Smith, MD (Medicine)
C. Arturo Solares, MD (Otolaryngology)
Stephanie Wechsler, MD (Pediatrics)

Eminent Psychologist

Cheryl Klaiman, PhD (Pediatrics)

Excellence in Patient Care

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

These faculty members are recognized for achieving NRC patient experience survey scores of 96% or higher, during the period of August 2023 to June 2024.

Hillary Bashaw, MD, MS (Pediatrics)
Matthew Clifton, MD (Pediatrics)
Reuven Cohen, MD (Pediatrics)
Kristina Cossen, MD (Pediatrics)
Tancia Daley, MD, MPH (Pediatrics)
Eric Felner, MD, MSCR (Pediatrics)
Jasmin Forte, MD (Pediatrics)
Sobenna George, MD (Pediatrics)
Laurence Greenbaum, MD, PhD (Pediatrics)
Lokesh Guglani, MD (Pediatrics)
Nitika Gupta, MD (Pediatrics)
Pranav Gupta, MD (Pediatrics)
Philip Holt, MD (Pediatrics)
Mohan John, MD (Surgery)
Sabina Kennedy, MD (Pediatrics)
Roberta Leu, MD (Pediatrics)
Sampath Prahalad, MD (Pediatrics)
Kelly Rouster-Stevens, MD, PharmD, MSCI (Pediatrics)
Cary Sauer, MD, MSc (Pediatrics)
Sarah Varghese, MD (Pediatrics)

Emory Healthcare

These faculty members achieved the 99th percentile for Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores within their respective specialty between August 2023 to July 2024.

Paul Baird, MD (Medicine)
David Chou, MD (Otolaryngology)
Jonathon Cohen, MD, MS (Hematology and Medical Oncology)

Excellence in Patient Care

Danny Eapen, MD (Medicine)
Destin Hill, MD (Orthopaedics)
Heather Hipp, MD (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
Heba Iskandar, MD, MSCI (Medicine)
Adam Klein, MD (Otolaryngology)
Eric Knauer, MD (Surgery)
Neil Lava, MD (Neurology)
Janice Lea, MD, MSc (Medicine)
Elizabeth McCord, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
Douglas Murphy, MD (Surgery)
Wendy Ann Neveu, MD, PhD (Medicine)
Lawrence Phillips, MD (Medicine)
Chad Ritenour, MD (Urology)
Dipak Vashi, MD (Medicine)
Jose Villalon Gomez, MD, MPH (Family and Preventive Medicine)
Stacy Westerman, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Henry Wu, MD (Medicine)

Grady Memorial Hospital

Units in the Grady Health System are being recognized for positive trend from Q1 to Q2 of 2024 on the Press Ganey Satisfaction Survey. Faculty representatives have been selected to accept the award.

Mikhail Akbashev, MD (Medicine)
Dylan Baker, MD (Medicine)
M. Andrew Davis, MD (Surgery)
Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Thaer Idrees, MD (Medicine)
Sarah Johnson, MD (Medicine)
Katherine Kohler, MD (Surgery)
Abiodun Kukoyi, MD (Medicine)
Sung (Sam) Lim, MD, MPH (Medicine)
Rosa Pasculli, MD, MBA (Orthopaedics)
Christopher Ramos, MD (Surgery)

Excellence in Patient Care

Dhyana Sankar, MD (Medicine)

Erika Sigman, MD (Neurology)

Nicki Zelenski, MD (Surgery)

School of Medicine

Innovation in Clinical Care Awards

This award was established to recognize faculty who demonstrate a visionary approach to problem solving, performance improvement, and clinical program development and implementation within the clinical care setting.

Brandon Kitay, MD (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)

Hong Li, MD, PhD (Human Genetics)

School of Medicine

Distinguished Service Awards

This award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding service and citizenship to the Emory community and/or Atlanta and the surrounding region.

Khaalisha Ajala, MD, MBA (Medicine)

Hernan Bello Velez, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Michael Frankel, MD (Neurology)

Anant Mandawat, MD (Medicine)

Frank Minja, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Site Based Awards

To recognize the diversity of contributions from our clinical sites, we offered each hospital system the opportunity to share their most important and meaningful award for inclusion in this annual event.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Arthur M. Blank Hospital (AMBH) Transition Team

Alison Bolt (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

Linda Cole, MBA, BSN, RN (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

Kristen Cranmer, MSN, RN CPNP (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

Jim Fortenberry, MD (Pediatrics)

Amanda Grindle, MSN, RN, CNL (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

Stephanie Jernigan, MD (Pediatrics)

Emory Healthcare

For superb management of the water main crisis at EUHM

Ken Cardona, MD (Surgery)

Jesse Jacob, MD (Medicine)

Adam Webb, MD (Neurosurgery)

Wendy Wright, MD, JM (Neurology)

For outstanding leadership in H & V service line development and growth

Yazan Duwayri, MD, MBA (Surgery)

Michael Halkos, MD, MSCR (Surgery)

Angel Leon, MD (Medicine)

For outstanding leadership in developing the new imaging service line

Amit Saindane, MD (Radiology and Imaging Sciences)

Site Based Awards

Grady Memorial Hospital

Emory at Grady Advocacy Award

Maura George, MD (Medicine)

Terri McFadden, MD (Pediatrics)

Lauren Orenstein, MD, MSc (Dermatology)

Atlanta VA Medical Center

Excellence in Clinical Research at the Atlanta VA

Luke Brewster, MD, PhD (Surgery)

Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH (Surgery)

Jeanie Park, MD, MSc (Medicine)

Shanthi Srinivasan, MD (Medicine)

Camille Vaughan, MD, MSc (Medicine)

Hidden Gems

These faculty members have been nominated by their department leadership in recognition of their outstanding, but often unnoticed or unrecognized, contributions to Emory or beyond.

- Faiz Ahmad, MD** (Neurosurgery)
- Anjan Bhattacharyya, MD** (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences)
- Travis Blalock, MD** (Dermatology)
- Suchitra Chandrasekaran, MD** (Gynecology and Obstetrics)
- Karen Conneely, PhD** (Human Genetics)
- Michael Davis, PhD** (Biomedical Engineering)
- Elizabeth Draganova, PhD** (Biochemistry)
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– Alfred North Whitehead

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