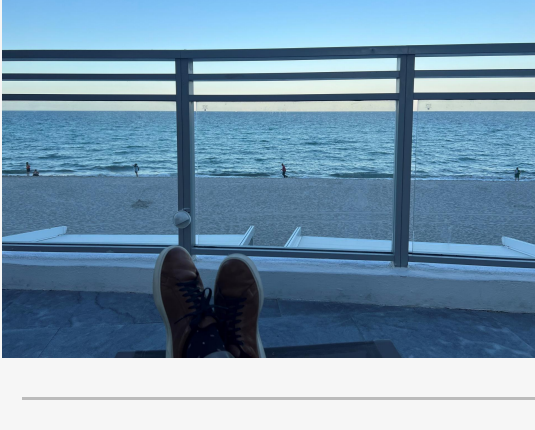




55 Words from the Chair



June means we bid farewell to the Class of 2025 graduates from the FM Residency, the Preventive Medicine Residency/Fellowship and Palliative Medicine Fellowship while getting ready to welcome new classes of learners in July. Please take a few minutes to put your feet up, scroll down, and celebrate all the good news from your colleagues!

Department Announcements

New Expense Request Form

As of March 19, 2025, the Department's policy on spending has been updated. **Please submit a request before making any purchases.** This goes for all SOM operational, discretionary, and professional development spending. This does not include clinical CME or grant spending.

The Expense Request Form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/xmSKDBSuwZ> and [on the department intranet](#).

Once the form is submitted, we will communicate the outcome of the review within 48 hours.

If an expense is purchased on a corporate card or submitted for reimbursement without prior approval, we cannot guarantee that it will be covered by the Department.

Please contact [Jason Freijii](#) if you have any questions.

New Department Letterhead - Mandatory Update

In response to a recent federal [executive order](#), Emory updated our Equal Employment Opportunity statements to remain in compliance by the deadline of **April 21**.

Materials containing any language related to "equal opportunity" and/or "affirmative action" that is not consistent with the [language on this page](#), **should no longer be used after April 21**. That includes our digital letterhead and Emory business cards.

Please discard your old digital letterhead immediately or edit the footer to remove the non-compliant EO/AA language.

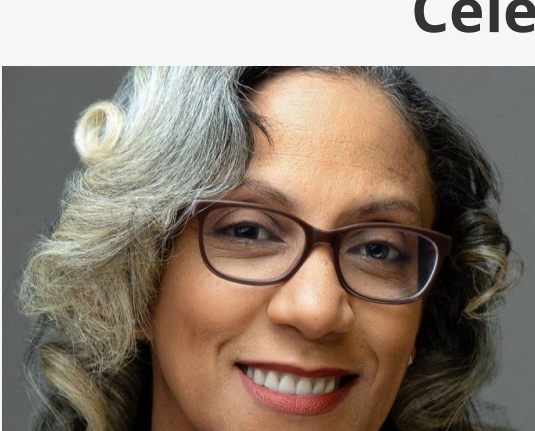
You'll find generic [DFPM letterhead on the department intranet](#).

Opportunities and Events

SOM Faculty Opportunities and Recognitions Calendar

- 2025-2026 [SOM Clinical Distinctions program](#) opens - July 1, 2025
- [SOM Pathways to Leadership Excellence Course](#) applications due - July 8, 2025
- [SOM Faculty Awards nominations](#) due - July 10, 2025
- [Researchers' Day](#) nominations open - July 21, 2025
- [Researchers' Day](#) nominations due - August 4, 2025
- [Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine](#) and Executive Leadership in Healthcare applications due - August 2025
- [CCPR](#) deadline for DFPM faculty - August 31, 2025
- [EM-ProLEAD](#) applications due - October 2025
- Dean's Distinguished Lecture and Award nominations open - December 1, 2025
- [Junior Faculty Development Course](#) applications due - Spring 2026

Celebrating our Successes



Dr. Kim Curseen has been promoted to Professor, effective Sept. 1, 2025.



Dr. Deanna Kaplan received a 2025 Rising Star award from Genomic Press for the development of the Fabla app. This is a competitive, international award given to only a few scientists each year. In [this Genomic Press interview](#), Dr. Kaplan talks about her career journey and her work with innovative ambulatory assessment technologies.



Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha received notes of appreciation from his mentees in the Georgia CTSa TEAMS program. In addition, the program director, Lauren James said, "I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you once again for your incredible dedication to the TEAMS program this year. Your commitment has made a meaningful impact, and we are so grateful for the time, energy, and care you've invested. Thank you for being such a wonderful learning community mentor and for generously paying it forward to our junior faculty."



Dr. Miranda Moore has been invited to join the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*.



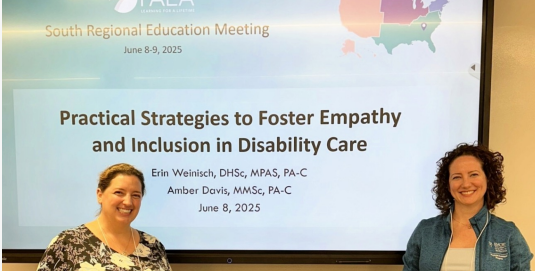
Dr. Tina-Ann Thompson and **Dr. Vinaya Gokki** climbed Stone Mountain with our recruiter, Brittani McKeever. This was a part of the New Provider Cohort activity. Dr. Vinaya is a family medicine faculty physician at Emory St. Joseph's Primary Care, practicing mostly adult medicine with a focus on Women's Health.

Alumni News

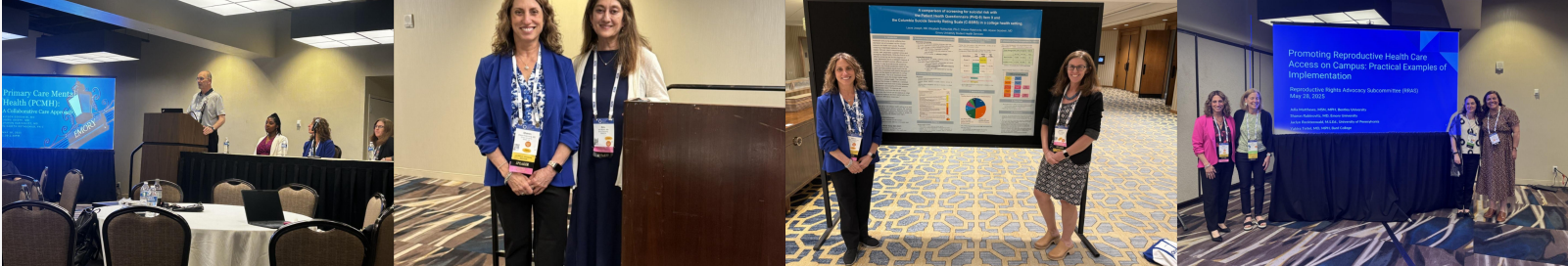


Sandra Valenciano, MD, MPH – graduate of our PM Residency/Fellowship Program, and who has served as Director of the DeKalb County Health Department for the past 4 years – is about to move to Seattle, Washington, to become the Health Officer of Public Health – Seattle & King County.

Recent and Upcoming Presentations



Erin Weinisch, DHSc, MPAS, PA-C and **Amber Davis, MMSc, PA-C** presented at the PA Education Association's South Regional Education Meeting in early June. Their expertise in curricular innovations were highlighted to fellow PA educators across the U.S. The presentations were entitled *"Practical Strategies to Foster Empathy and Inclusion in Disability Care"* and *"From Apprentice to A+: Preparing Learners for Simulated Patient Exams"*.



Student Health Services had 3 presentations at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans and 2 posters.

Posters:

Improving Latent Tuberculosis Infection Management in a University Student Health Clinic (**Dr. Anu Murthy**)

A comparison of screening of suicidal risk with Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) Item 9 and the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) in a college health setting (**Dr. Laura Joseph, Betsy Rothschild MMSc, PA-C, and Dr. Sharon Rabinovitz**)

Presentations:

Promoting Reproductive Health Care Access on Campus: Practical Examples of Implementation (**Dr. Sharon Rabinovitz**)

Bridging the Gap: Primary Care Mental Health - A Collaborative Care Approach (**Dr. Laura Joseph, Dr. Sharon Rabinovitz, and Betsy Rothschild MMSc, PA-C**) developed the presentation, but Betsy was not able to go to the conference).

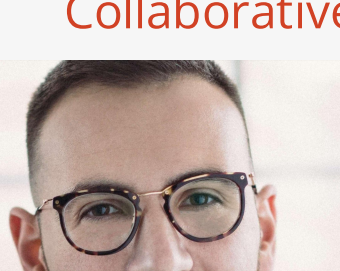
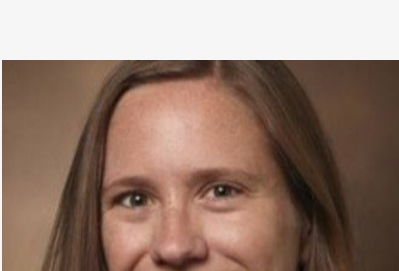
Tuberculosis Screening and Testing: Beyond the Basics (**Dr. Anu Murthy**)

Dr. Sharon Rabinovitz also presented "A Family Medicine Guide to Supporting Youth with Parents with Substance Use Disorders" at the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians at their summer meeting.



FPM Publications

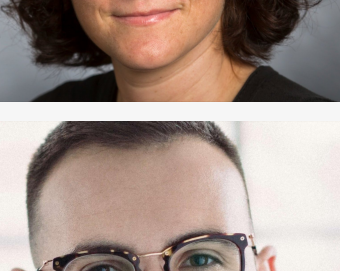
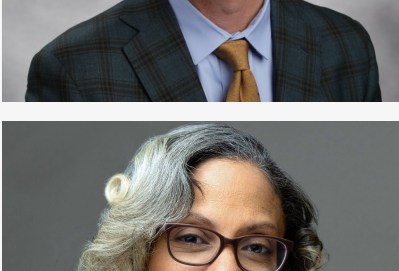
Collaborative Publications



Dr. Rebecca DePew and **Dr. Dio Kavalieratos** published *Serious Illness Conversations in Inpatient Transfer: Caregiver Perspectives*. *J Palliat Med*

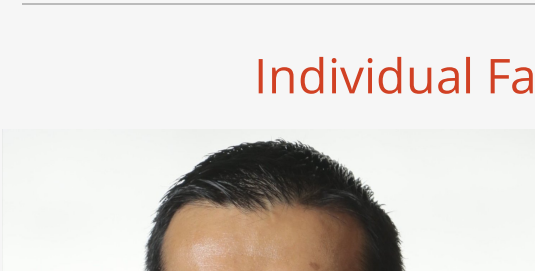


Dr. Ted Johnson and **Dr. Jennifer Mascaro** published *Effects of a Workplace Well-Being Program on Professional Quality of Life Among Health Care Personnel*. *Jt Comm J Qual Patient Saf*



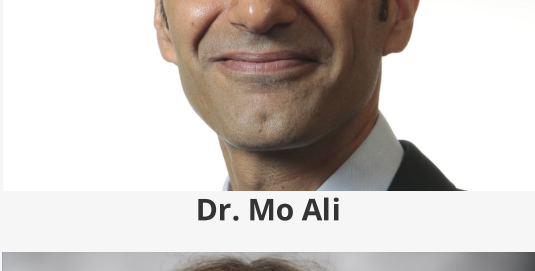
Dr. Dio Kavalieratos and **Dr. Kim Curseen** published *Telehealth Allows for Flexibility and More Equity: Provider Perspectives on Telehealth for Outpatient Palliative Care for Underserved Patients*. *J Palliat Med*

Individual Faculty, Staff, and Learner Publications



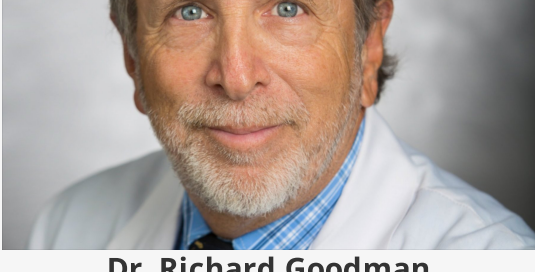
Dr. Mo Ali

- [Capturing the Additional Cardiovascular Benefits of SGLT2 Inhibitors and GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Beyond the Control of Traditional Risk Factors in People With Diabetes](#). *Value Health*
- [Correction to: Methods and participant characteristics in the Cancer risk in vegetarians consortium: a cross-sectional analysis across 11 prospective studies](#). *BMC Public Health*
- [Diabetes prevalence, awareness, and control in the United States, 2017-2023](#). *Diabetes Metab*
- [REPRIEVE final results: What does it mean for guidelines in low- and middle-income countries?](#) *J Int AIDS Soc*
- [Self-Care Behaviors and Associated Factors Among Hypertensive Patients at Dessie Referral Hospital, Northeast Ethiopia](#). *Int J Hypertens*



Dr. Richard Goodman

- [Infectious versus chronic conditions: time to dismantle silos in public health](#). *The Lancet Regional Health - Americas*



Dr. Jodie Guest

- [Posttraumatic stress disorder and its associations with morbidity and mortality among veterans with HIV, AIDS](#)
- [Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and its Associations with Sexually Transmitted Infections among Veterans](#). *Sex Transm Dis*



Dr. Jane Lowers

- [The needs, preferences, and experiences of LGBT+ people living with dementia: a systematic review with thematic synthesis](#). *BMC Geriatrics*
- [Older Adults Without Family Caregivers Need Better Access to Medicaid Support Services](#). *J Am Geriatr Soc*



Dr. Dio Kavalieratos

- [The Scope of Clinical Practice of Inpatient and Outpatient Pediatric Palliative Care Within Pediatric Oncology](#). *Pediatr Blood Cancer*



Dr. Ambar Kulshreshtha

- [ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Dementia: 2024 Update](#). *J Am Coll Radiol*
- [The association between pulse wave velocity and cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease](#). *J Alzheimers Dis*



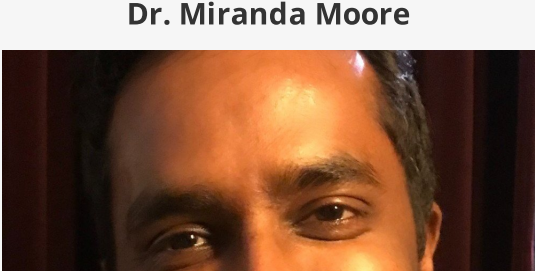
Dr. Miranda Moore

- [Protocol for the 2024 CERA Department Chair Survey](#). PRIMER
- [Protocol for the 2024 CERA General Membership Survey](#). PRIMER
- [Relationship of Hair Cortisol Concentration With Perceived and Somatic Stress Indices: Cross-Sectional Pilot Study](#). *JMIR Form Res*



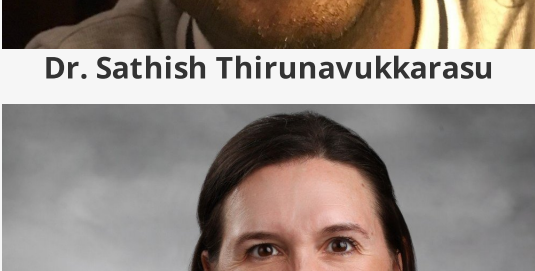
Dr. Sathish Thirunavukkarasu

- [The effectiveness of lifestyle interventions in reducing cardiovascular risk and risk factors in people with prediabetes: A systematic review and meta-analysis](#). *Nutr Metab Cardiovasc Dis*
- [Global, Regional, and National Burden of Nontraumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage: The Global Burden of Disease Study 2021](#). *JAMA Neurol*



Dr. Sara Turbow

- [Sustained Monomorphic Ventricular Tachycardia Accurately Detected by Wearable Technology](#). *JACC Case Rep*



Dr. Ali John Zarrabi

- [Attitudes of U.S. Muslims Toward Psychedelics](#)
- [Buprenorphine for Cancer Pain-The Safest Opioid, and Patients With Cancer Cannot Get It](#). *JAMA Oncol*

Media and Public Appearances



- [WXIA-TV](#) | [The Take: HHS changes COVID shot recommendations](#) (**Dr. Jodie Guest** interviewed)
- [MSNBC](#) | [Americans deserve more news than the CDC is providing](#) (**Dr. Jodie Guest** quoted)
- [WTLX-TV](#) | [Emory students & faculty receive warm welcome in Bainbridge while providing free healthcare to migrant workers](#) (Emory Farmworkers Project featured, **Dr. Jodie Guest** quoted)