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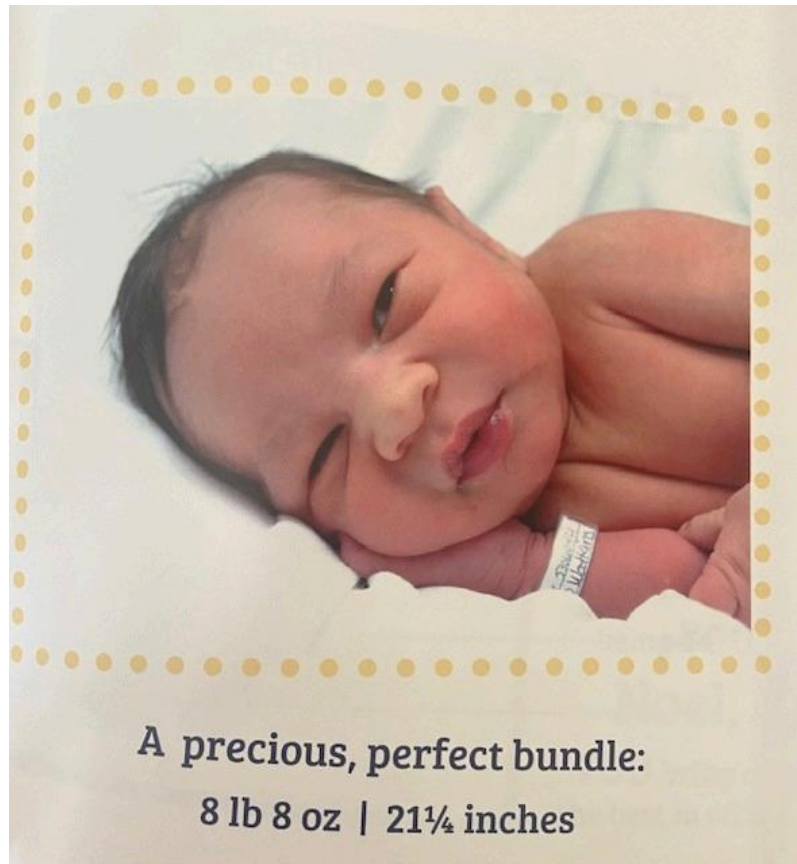
Welcome to our newsletter! We are thrilled to share updates and achievements of our GIM team. In light of recent court rulings, it is important to note that our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion remains unwavering as we strive to create an inclusive environment for our team, learners, and patients. Thanks for all you do!

SGIM 2023 Highlights



Welcome to the GIM Family!

Dr. Hebist Berhane welcomed baby Noel to the world on May 3, 2023! Congratulations to Dr. Berhane and her family!



**Best Wishes in Your New
Endeavor!**



Once upon a time, a 25-year-old woman named **Iris Castro-Revoredo** left her country, the Dominican Republic, to go to Barcelona, Spain, to become an endocrinologist.

An unplanned and unfortunate family event occurred that made her presence needed back home.

Later on, the wind took her to the USA, where she worked her way through English as a second language and the USMLE/ECFMG to become an Internal Medicine doctor. She was happy and devoted to her duties as an Academic, Hospital and End of Life physician, on top of working at the Diabetes Center at Grady.

One day she received a wake-up call from her memory that something was still pending. After some meditation and a few back and forth thoughts on all the possible implications, Dr. Castro-Revoredo decided to go back to training and is now ready to start a 2-year Fellowship in Endocrinology starting July 1st. She is very happy

to have Grady as the first rotation and will be on call at Grady and Midtown the first weekend of the academic year.



Congratulations to **Dr. Nathan Spell III** on his retirement, effective August 25, 2023. Dr. Spell began practicing at Emory in 1998 and will mark 25 years of service in July 2023. He currently serves as the Associate Dean for Education and Professional Development and Executive Director of the Office of Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Spell also leads the Continuous Quality Improvement initiative for the MD program, directs the Emory Healthcare Quality Academy; and serves as Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Medicine.

In retirement, he has accepted a leadership position as chair of internal medicine at the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) in Asheville, N.C., where he will direct the growth of this recently created department to develop a strong healthcare workforce in rural western North Carolina. Before his departure, he will be working with leadership, faculty, and staff to ensure a smooth transition in his roles with Emory.

Kudos and Congratulations!



Dr. Shub Agrawal has been selected to be one of the [bedside fellows for the Society of Bedside Medicine](#) for 2023-2024! Dr. Agrawal was also awarded a "[Building Trust through Diversity, Health Care Equity, Inclusion and Diagnostic Excellence in Internal Medicine Training](#)" [grant](#) sponsored by AAIM, ABIM, ABIM Foundation, ACP, the Josiah H. Macy Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The grant will fund the Health Equity Case Competition, including partnering with a local community organization and building a toolkit that enables other organizations to host case competitions and effectively partner with community organizations.



Iris Castro-Revoredo received funding from Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. for a project entitled, "A parallel-group treatment, phase 2, double-blind, three-arm study to assess efficacy and safety of finerenone plus empagliflozin compared with either finerenone or empagliflozin in participants with chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes."



Dr. Tracey Henry was awarded SGIM Association of Chiefs and Leaders of GIM (ACLGIM) Leadership Award. Henry serves as SOM's EMPACT director, DEIRA curriculum thread director, and assistant health director of Grady Primary Care Center.



Dr. Jason Schneider received funding from GlaxoSmithKline LLC. for a project entitled, “A phase 4, randomized, open-label, three-arm study to evaluate implementation strategies for the delivery of cabotegravir for HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) across clinical settings for adult (>18 years) Black cis- and transgender women without HIV infection living in the United States Ending the Epidemic (EHE) territories.”



Dr. Sara Turbow's article, "[Trends and Demographic Disparities in Diabetes Hospital Admissions: Analyses of Serial Cross-Sectional National and State Data, 2008-2017](#)," published in *Diabetes Care*, is one of two papers selected for the 2023 Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Award for Outstanding Research, sponsored by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and AcademyHealth. Dr. Turbow will be recognized during the 2023 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 24-27 in Seattle.





Dr. Erica Brownfield and Dr. Maura George received funding from ScholarRx for a project entitled, “Expanding metacognitive awareness in students through the creation of bricks concerning social medicine topics.”

Update on the new GIM Academic Internal Medicine Center

Below is a list of the newly selected [Academic Internal Medicine \(AIM\) Center](#) faculty and site leads. Also included are current and soon to be faculty of the Seavey Clinic. Together, these physicians make up the new academic team focused on GIM faculty career growth,

collaboration and cohesiveness of the Emory GIM faculty practices and other GIM sites. The AIM Center will also help bring together the resources and tools all GIM faculty need to be successful as physicians, teachers, scholars and university faculty. The AIM Center is on track for a formal launch on Sept. 1, 2023. Other leadership and support positions will be announced in the next issue of the GIM newsletter..

Seavey Clinic/1365



**AIM Center Director and
Seavey Site Lead:**
Dr. David Roberts

Medical Director: Dr. Jennifer Zreloff

Faculty:

Dr. Rachel Annam	Dr. Jonathan Masor
Dr. Sharon Bergquist	Dr. Clyde Partin
Dr. Gabriella Bernal	Dr. David Roberts
Dr. Jason Higdon	Dr. Kim Shumate
Dr. Tom Jarrett	Dr. Beth Tong
Dr. Tom Lall	Dr. Jennifer Zreloff

1525 Clifton



1525 Site Lead:
Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar

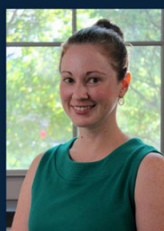
Medical Director: Dr. David Propp

Resident Clinic Director: Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar

Faculty:

Dr. Reema Dbouk
Dr. Kajal Patel
Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar
Dr. Mary Solis
TBD
TBD

Midtown Office Tower



MOT Site Lead:
Dr. Caroline Collins

Medical Director: Dr. Dylan Stentiford

Resident Clinic Director: Dr. Britt Marshall

Faculty:

Dr. Meghana Anugu
Dr. Melody Bowen
Dr. Caroline Collins
Dr. Britt Marshall
Dr. Catherine Park
Dr. Natasha Travis



Congratulations to our GIM faculty Top Docs!

Emory Healthcare proudly leads *Atlanta* magazine's 2023 "Top Doctors" list with more physicians than any other metro Atlanta health system. The July issue of *Atlanta* magazine can be found on newsstands and you can click [here](#) to access the [digital version](#).

Congratulations to our division of General Internal Medicine Top Docs (*pictured above, left to right*): **Dr. Paul Baird**, **Dr. Dimple Shah**, **Dr. Christine Stoltz**, and GIM division director **Dr. Ted Johnson**, a Geriatrics Top Doc!

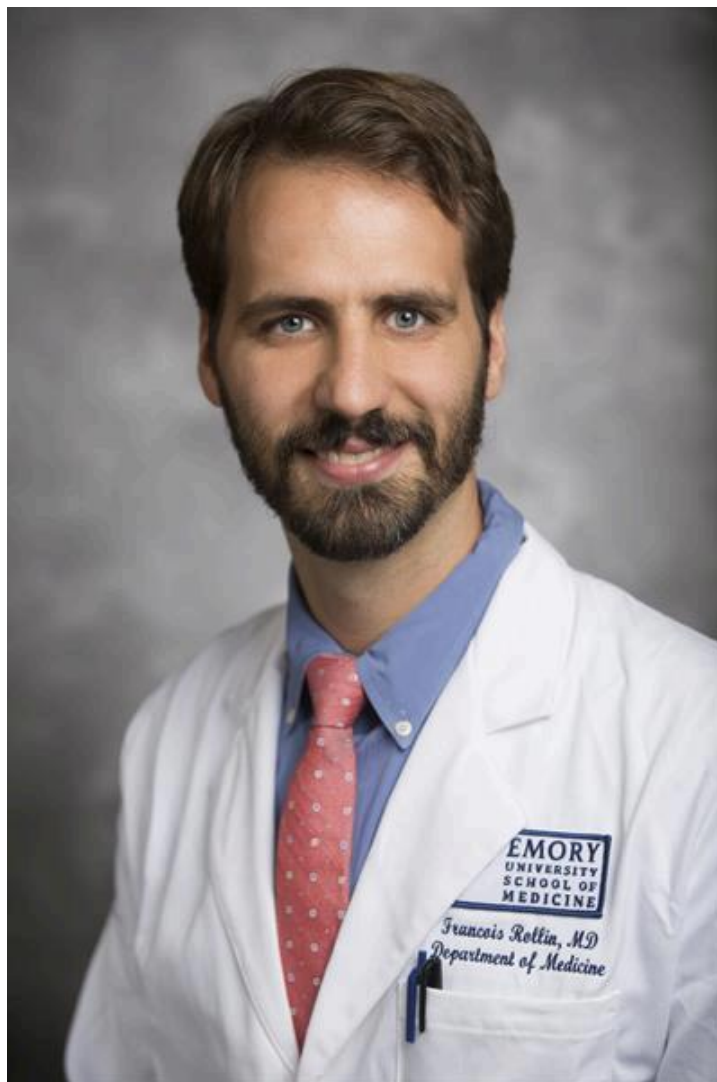
Attending the 2023 National Medical Association Scientific Convention and Assembly?

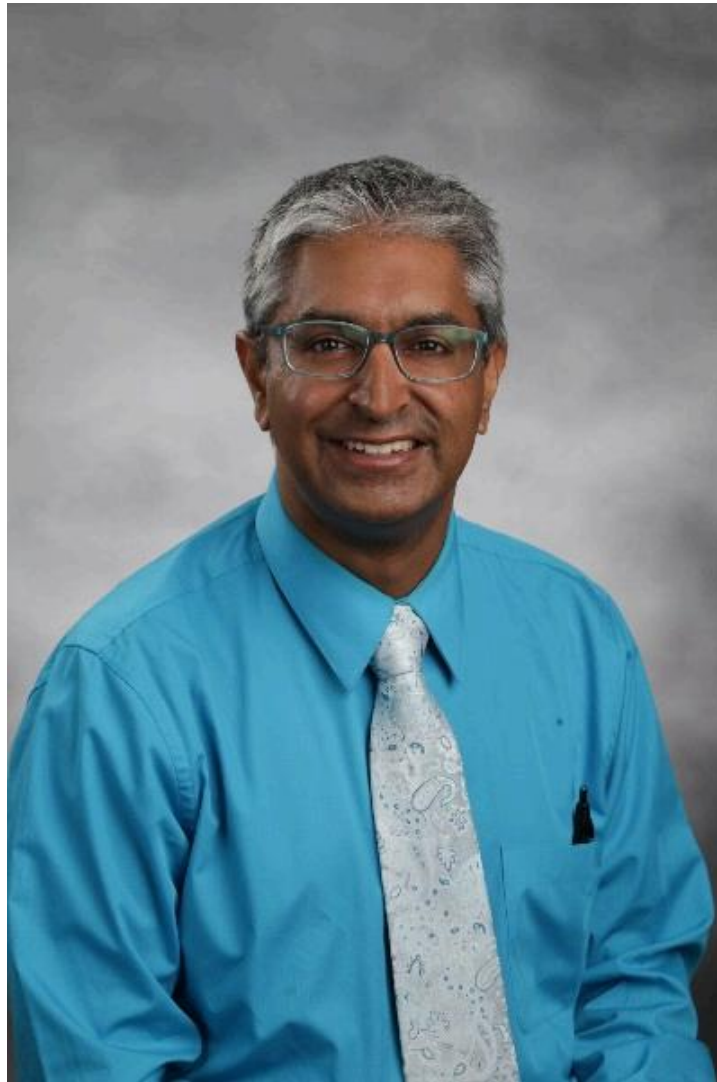


Dr. Natasha Travis is the Chair of the National Medical Association (NMA) Emory Engagement Committee as appointed by the Associate Dean for Community Engagement, Equity & Inclusion/Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer. If you will be speaking at or attending the NMA Conference, please let Dr. Travis know by [visiting this webpage](#). You can also see the list of confirmed Emory speakers/presenters.

**Congratulations to our New GIM Faculty
Small Group Leaders!**

Dr. Francois Rollin (*pictured below left*) and **Dr. Mehul Tejani** (*pictured below right*) have been named Small Group Leaders for Emory School of Medicine.





Seavey Clinic - Clinic of the Future



Former Dean of the Emory School of Medicine Dr.
Vikas Sukhatme supported the Seavey Clinic with

a grant to be a site for a Clinic of the Future. **Dr. Sharon Bergquist** provided details on what that means.

The Clinic of the Future:

Background: An increasing number of genetic and multi-omic tests at various stages of development are rapidly becoming available that may increase predictive accuracy for disease conditions, better assess stages of health and rate of aging, and serve as clinical biomarkers for evaluating efficacy of health-promoting interventions.

Aim: Evaluate the 1) clinical utility of select biomarkers, preferentially developed at Emory SOM, as adjuncts to established risk assessment tools and 2) changes in outcomes from clinical pathways that integrate biomedical, bioinformatic, and computational tools.

Vision: to be a leading national center for human healthspan and lifespan optimization.

GIM Grady Office Certified Green!





In a effort led by **Dr. Stacie Schmidt** and Issa Lee-Hall, Grady GIM has achieved Bronze status from [Green Offices at Emory program](#) by achieving 50.96% of applicable points. Dr. Schmidt will be presenting action items for moving forward towards silver certification at an upcoming Grady section meeting.

New Green Space at Grady FOB!

Dr. Richard Pittman led a team effort to refresh some neglected green space behind the Grady Faculty Office Building. With the support of Grady Admin, GIM residents, and GIM faculty and staff, Dr. Pittman organized a work day on May 8 to clean up the area and plant a variety of perennials. Pictured below: the planting team and the final results!



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2023–2024 DOM Clinical Distinctions Program is accepting nominations

The Clinical Distinctions program is designed to recognize Emory faculty who have devoted a majority of their time and careers to providing excellence in clinical care. Distinctions are awarded at three levels: Senior Physician, Distinguished Physician, and Eminent Physician. Program guidelines, distinction criteria, and required supporting documents may be found [here](#). Please email [Leigh Partington](#) if you are interested.

If you are interested in submitting an application for the Clinical Distinctions program, there are internal division resources to assist you in writing your clinical service statement and **internal GIM deadlines that you must meet (see below)**.

July 10 – Nominee names for all three categories (Senior Physician, Distinguished Physician, and Eminent Physician) due to Leigh Partington.

August 2: Senior Physician candidate final materials due

August 11: Distinguished Physician candidate final materials due

August 24: Eminent Physician candidate final materials due

Approved Clinical Distinctions take effect September 1, 2024.

GIM Faculty Honored by Residents



Dr. Mikhail Akbashev

Golden Apple Teaching Award, Inpatient Attending
(Grady)

Dr. Jennifer Lom

Golden Apple Teaching Award, Inpatient Attending
(Grady)

Dr. Lesley Miller

Outstanding Research Mentor

**Congratulations to all of the GIM faculty
who were nominated by their colleagues
and trainees for
2023 Educators Appreciation Day!**



Outreach Projects



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5 Things Every Georgian Should Know About the Annual Wellness Visit

The Annual Wellness Visit is a way older Georgians, and their Primary Care Providers, can monitor their health and work to prevent future illness. We asked Georgia Memory Net's Dr. Ted Johnson to share the five things every Georgian should know about the Annual Wellness Visit:

- 1. What is the Annual Wellness Visit?**

An Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a check-up for seniors that Medicare covers each year. During the visit, your provider reviews your medical history, checks your current health, and makes a prevention plan to help you stay healthy.
- 2. Who qualifies?**

You must have Medicare, not be in a hospital, and be over 65 years of age. If you receive other services or treatments during the visit Medicare may charge a fee. Before getting any additional services, talk to your primary care provider about what is covered and any potential costs.
- 3. What is the Mini-Cog?**

The Mini-Cog test is part of the AWV that checks a person's thinking ability. It only takes a few minutes and can help detect early signs of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. However, it's not a diagnosis, and further testing may be necessary to confirm any cognitive impairment.
- 4. What's next if dementia symptoms are found?**

If your provider believes you're showing signs of dementia, Georgia Memory Net (GMN) is available to help with accurate and accelerated diagnostic services. If diagnosed, GMN specialists will develop a treatment plan for you based on your needs, and you can work with your primary care provider to help manage your symptoms and maintain your quality of life.
- 5. How do I find info on referrals to GMN?**

If you're worried about your memory or thinking skills, ask your primary care provider to refer you to Georgia Memory Net. You can get information for patients and providers at gamemorynet.org.

Sponsored by the Georgia Department of Human Services

gamemorynet.org/Referral

Dr. Ted Johnson was interviewed by Georgia Public Broadcasting Next magazine on the five things every Georgia should know about their annual wellness visit. Access the June 2023 issue [here](#).



Dr. Lesley Miller was interviewed by the AMA on what patients should know about viral hepatitis.

[Read more.](#)



Dr. Neil Winawer was interviewed by WAGA-TV about what it means now that the World Health Organization has ended the COVID-19 emergency declaration. Click here for the whole interview: [COVID public health emergency declared over](#)



The research corner is a place to share research-related opportunities, tips, and more. If you have any suggestions for things to include, please let [Dr. Saria Hassan](#) know!

GIM-Wide Monthly Research Meeting Launches in October

Starting Thursday, October 19th at 12:30pm and on the third Thursday of the month moving forward, we will bring all GIM sections together to highlight exciting clinically-relevant research led by our own faculty. An opportunity to foster collaboration between sections and beyond. Specific skill-building activities of relevance to the academic advancement of all GIM faculty will be incorporated. Mark your calendars now: Oct 19th @ 12:30pm!

Highlight your research on digital displays in the new Health Services Research Building (HSRB-II)!

For instructions on how to share research on the digital displays of the building please click [here](#).

Opportunities to strengthen research skills

QUAL-WORKS offers a series of training workshops on qualitative research. They offer three types of workshops: scheduled workshops, individual mentored sessions, and customized workshops. Click [here](#) for more information.

Extramural and intramural funding opportunities

The School of Medicine curates a list of funding opportunities for Emory researchers. Click [here](#) to see the most current lists:



Important Survey on GIM Research

In an effort to strengthen research/project-related activities within Emory GIM and promote collaboration between our sections, **please take 5 minutes to complete a brief survey.**

This survey will collect information regarding your experience with research/projects and

understand the breadth of your current project-related activities. The goal is to understand your needs and interests so we can better align GIM divisional activities and opportunities! Projects can be research, scholarship, quality improvement, education, and other activities outside your clinical work that can be considered academic. Click [here](#) to access the survey or scan the QR code.



Department of Medicine publishes a weekly newsletter called **What's UP in DOM Research**. Subscribe by clicking [HERE](#).



Collaborative Publications:

Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker, Dr. Sarah Koumtouzoua, and **Dr. Lesley Miller** published [Large-Scale, Primary Care-Based Hepatitis C Treatment in an Urban, Medically Underserved Patient](#)

[Population](#) describes 20 years of growth and success in the Grady Liver Clinic.

Dr. Emily Pinto-Taylor and Dr. Tracy Vettese:
[Care Throughout the Journey - The Interaction Between Primary Care and Palliative Care](#)

Dr. Francois Rollin and Dr. Stan Sonu published an editorial: [Reflective Errors: A Call for a More Careful Use of Race in Research](#)

Dr. Bhavin Adhyaru:
[A Case of Cardiac Sarcoidosis Masquerading As Heart Failure With Ventricular Arrhythmia.](#)

[Idiopathic remitting seronegative symmetrical synovitis with pitting edema syndrome with underlying history of malignancy.](#)

[Improving Communication in a Large Urban Academic Safety Net Hospital System: Implementation of Secure Messaging.](#)

Dr Blake Anderson:
[Outpatient treatment of COVID-19 and incidence of post-COVID-19 condition over 10 months \(COVID-OUT\): a multicentre, randomised, quadruple-blind, parallel-group, phase 3 trial](#)

Dr. Tracey Henry:
[Maintaining Medicaid makes Georgia healthier](#)

Dr. Lesley Miller:
[Characteristics and outcomes of black and white patients hospitalized with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis: A nationwide analysis.](#)

Dr. Emily Pinto-Taylor:
[End-Stage/Advanced Heart Failure: Geriatric Palliative Care Considerations](#)

Dr. Jason Schneider:
[Stigma, Social and Structural Vulnerabilities, and Mental Health among Transgender Women: A partial least square path modeling analysis.](#)

Dr. Tiffany Walker:

[Development of a Definition of Postacute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#)

Save the Date!

Primary Care Grand Rounds

*You're
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Emory at Grady

First Wednesdays at noon

Grady sponsors a monthly Primary Care Grand Rounds webinar for Primary Care Physicians and APPs. Participants who complete and return the evaluation form will get 1 hour CME credit.

- **August: Urology update**

Dr. Aaron Lay

- **Sept.: Diabetes insulin management update**

Dr. Joseph Oliva

- **October: Telemedicine and how to do effective video visits**

Aiyana Cottman/ Dr. Aerica

Summers

- **Nov.: Safe use of anticoagulants**

Dr. Mikhail Y. Akbashev/ Alyssa

Utz

- **Dec.: TBD**

Click [HERE](#) to join the monthly webinar every first Wednesday at noon.

Click [HERE](#) for recordings of previous sessions.

Register for the Grady at Emory Primary Care
Grand Rounds webinar series

Webinar: Expert Clinical Insights in Dementia Care for your Patients

You're
invited!



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Third Wednesdays at noon

Join the Georgia Memory Net Network for our new monthly webinar series on **brain health topics for primary care providers**. Participants must register in advance for this free webinar. **.5 hour CME credits** available.

Click [HERE](#) for recordings of previous sessions.

Register for GMNsights monthly webinar
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