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Plenty in our Division to be thankful for! Check out SGIM President Dr. Bussey-Jones' podcast, soak up all our Faculty's SOM Recognitions Awards, and celebrate your colleagues' accomplishments in education, service, and scholarship. Want to submit? Please send us shout-outs for our dedicated faculty and staff, and submit your work to SGIM 2025 – details below!

Sharing our Awesomeness!

Let's create a culture of celebrating the everyday moments that make our hardworking division amazing!



Every day, our GIM faculty and staff do amazing work and now we have a new way to share our Division of GIM everyday awesomeness, shout-outs, recognition, and kudos!

Scan the QR code below or [click here](#) to access the quick nomination form.

Shout-outs can be given anonymously if preferred and will be published in the monthly newsletter.

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Updates from SGIM

SGIM President's Podcast

Introducing the *President's Podcast*, a new series celebrating SGIM's rich history and forward-looking vision as we approach our 50th anniversary. Hosted by SGIM President [Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones](#), the *SGIM President's Podcast* will feature insights from current and past Society of General Internal Medicine Presidents and leaders. These conversations highlight diverse general internal medicine leaders across health care, public health, policy, and academia. These leader reflections will benefit SGIM, its members, and healthcare as we grow, innovate, and meet the challenges of our evolving healthcare environment.

SGIM President's Podcast

Present at SGIM 2025

Now Accepting Submissions for the 2025 Annual Meeting in Hollywood, FL!

Deadline December 19, 2024

- Scientific Abstracts
- Clinical Vignettes
- Innovations in Healthcare Delivery
- Innovations in Medical Education

SGIM Submission Details

6th Annual Diabetes Updates & Technology Symposium



Saturday, December 7

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Emory Conference Center Hotel

Cost: FREE

CME credit:

The Emory University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™] or 3.75 contact hours by ENPDC upon completion of the activity evaluation and by participating in 90% of the activity time.

- Understanding Hepato-Cardio-Renal-Metabolic (HCRM) diseases
- Diabetes Technology Update & Interpretation
- CGM Workshop
- Type 1 Diabetes Management & CGM
- Implementation and overcoming barriers of CGM in primary care

For Physicians, PAs, NPs, Nurses, Dietitians, Pharmacists, and CDCES.

Register for the Diabetes Update & Technology Symposium

Save the date!

April 22, 2025: Bettye Rose Connell Memorial Lecture (in-person) with [Joseph Gaugler, PhD](#)

May 20, 2025: [Health Equity Day](#) (hybrid - Zoom and Grady)



Faculty Recognitions Week recap

Emory at Grady Advocacy Award - **Dr. Maura George**

[Clinical Distinctions](#)

Senior Physician: **Dr. Caroline Collins, Dr. Reema Dbouk, Dr. Marshall Fleurant**

Distinguished Physician: **Dr. Bhavin Adhyaru**

Eminent Physician: **Dr. Stacy Higgins**

[Dean's Teaching Award](#) - **Dr. Bhavin Adhyaru and Dr. Jason Higdon**

[Excellence in DEI](#) - **Dr. Kimberly Manning**

[Excellence in Patient Care](#)

Emory Healthcare: **Dr. Paul Baird and Dr. Dipak Vashi**

Grady Hospital: **Dr. Mikhail Akbashev, Dr. Dylan Baker, and Dr. Marshall Fleurant**

[Preceptor of the Year](#)

Dr. Cheryl Buck-Patterson

[Mentoring Award](#)

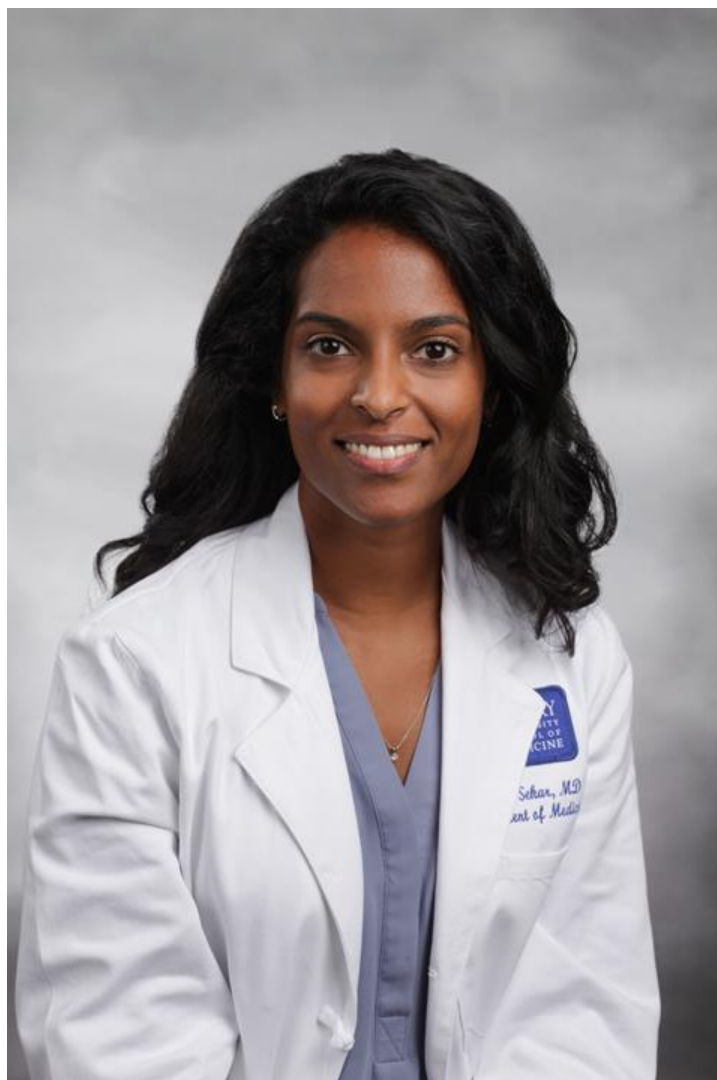
Dr. Tracey Henry

[Senior Promotions](#)

Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker promoted to Professor

Dr. Marshall Fleurant promoted to Associate Professor

Sekar named Associate Clerkship Director



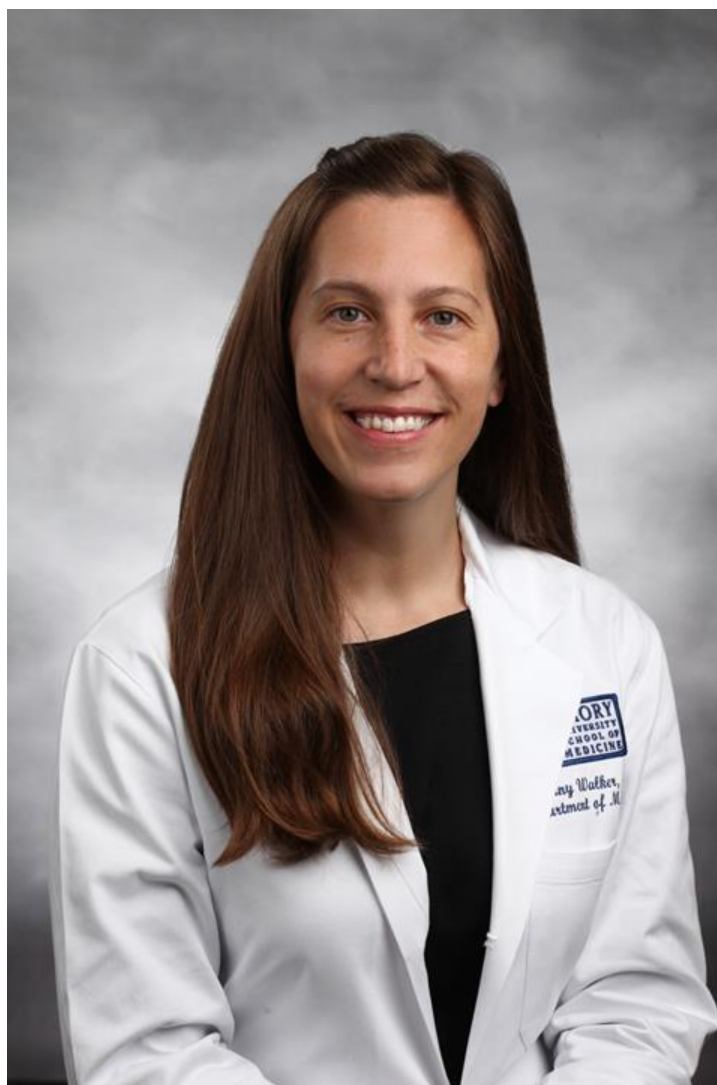
Dr. Dheepa Sekar was selected as the Associate Clerkship Director for the M3 medical student Core Internal Medicine clerkship.

Dr. Sekar practices primary care at Grady Memorial Hospital and supervises residents and students in the primary care clinic and general medicine wards. She is passionate about observation and feedback for learners and has presented nationally on these topics. She also enjoys teaching communication skills, particularly for the benefit of our disadvantaged populations, as well as teaching clinical reasoning.

As the Associate Clerkship Director for the third-year medical student Core Internal Medicine clerkship, Dr.

Sekar will partner with Dr. Jernigan to oversee the eight-week required rotation for all third-year Emory University School of Medicine students. During the clerkship, each student rotates for four weeks at Grady Memorial Hospital and four weeks at one of the following three sites: the Atlanta VA Medical Center, Emory University Hospital, or Emory University Hospital Midtown.

Walker featured in new Long COVID video



Dr. Tiffany Walker was selected by the American Public Health Association (APHA) to feature in the APHA Thought Leadership Film Series for her work in the Long COVID field as Director of the Atlanta Long COVID Collaborative. With approval from Emory and Grady media relations, Dr. Walker was featured and filmed a brief documentary of the work, which debuted at the APHA 2024 annual conference. Click below to watch the video.



Academic Internal Medicine Center Annual Meeting

The AIM Center held its annual November meeting on November 4 at the Emory Conference Center. The faculty from all 3 sites spent time collaborating on current projects and planning future projects. The invited speakers were **Dr. Jason Higdon** and **Dr. Natasha Travis**.



GIM Faculty Presentations



Dr. Stan Sonu spoke at the "Increasing Access to Justice" Forum for the [Legal Services Corporation](#) in his role as Medical Director for the [Health Law Partnership](#). He spoke on the importance of medical-legal partnerships in advancing health equity, one family at a time. Dr. Sonu's talk was very well-received. You can watch the panel in the video recording linked below.

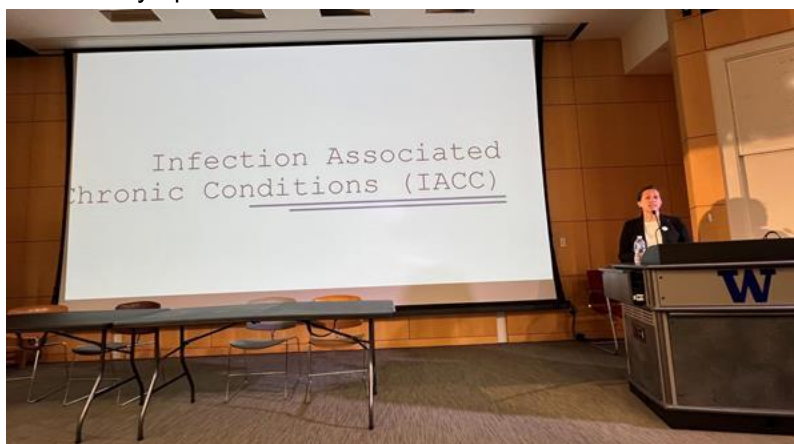
Dr. Sonu was also invited to co-lead a workshop at the 2024 AAMC Learn, Serve, Lead Conference on "Health Justice: How to Build a Medical-Legal Partnership Session." This opportunity has inspired Dr. Sonu further to increase the visibility of medical-legal partnerships across Georgia.



Dr. Chris Masi led three poster presentations at the

Department of Medicine Research Day. "Innovation contest and perceptions of work among employees in Primary Care" included inter-professional collaboration with the School of Nursing. "Novel strategies to reduce EHR in basket volume in Primary Care" was a collaboration with colleagues from GIM (**Dr. Kennard Hood, Dr. Reema Dbouk, and Dr. Jennifer Zreloff**) as well as from Geriatrics and other SOM departments. "Data availability and quality metric performance" had collaborators from other SOM departments.

Dr. Tiffany Walker (pictured right) provided the keynote address for the University of Washington Long COVID RISE Symposium.



GIM faculty win Best Clinical Poster at DOM Research Day

Dr. Alex Galloway, Dr. Dheepa Sekar, Dr. Shub Agrawal, Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar, Dr. Britt Marshall, Dr. Danielle Jones, and Dr. Dylan Baker were all part of the team!

An Innovative Population Health and EMR Curriculum

* Alex Galloway MD, Dheepa Sekar MD, Shub Agrawal MD, MBA, Pamela Vohra-Khullar MD, Britt Marshall MD, Danielle Jones MD, Ashli Arora MD, Dylan Baker MD

INTRODUCTION

- Health systems are investing in informatics to improve patients' health and align with quality focused reimbursement models
- Resident physicians need training to use these Electronic Medical Record (EMR) tools
- Teaching these skills in resident primary care clinic is challenging due to limited time
- We developed and implemented an asynchronous curriculum to address this gap
- We distributed an end-of-year survey to residents

OBJECTIVES

- Use the EMR to identify and address population health care gaps at a clinician panel level
- Develop and assess resident skills in practice-based learning and systems-based practice through a novel longitudinal multi-site population health curriculum

We implemented an innovative EMR-based population health curriculum.

Identify Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACME requirements Health system metrics Interest in EMR Skills
Build Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health system leaders Residency program leaders Faculty preceptors Chief Resident
Decide Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health system priorities Resident learning needs
Implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify provider panel patients in need of intervention Use EMR tools to address gap (portal messages, letters, orders) Guides included teaching points
Analyze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident surveys EMR data Patient outcomes

RESULTS

- End-of-year survey (n=79, 46% response rate)
 - 58% participated in the curriculum
 - 61% agreed that the topics were relevant to their training
 - 17% participated "often" which was defined as completing the activity in more than 3 different topics
- Barriers included lack of dedicated time and feelings that interventions lacked efficacy

DISCUSSION

- Health system and residency priorities aligned in key areas, e.g., hypertension, diabetes, cancer screening
- Asynchronous curriculum allowed for flexibility in delivery but limited resident engagement
- We are implementing a new model this academic year which includes in-person sessions and more focused targets

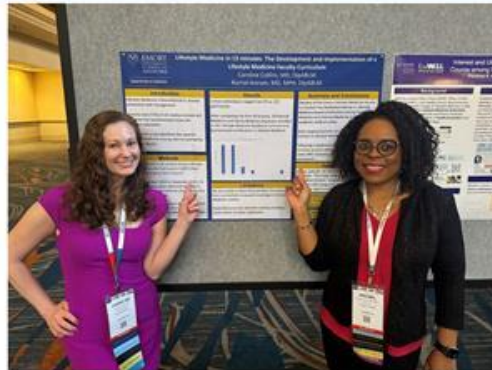
NEXT STEPS

- Improve resident engagement by integrating into clinic flow
- Evaluate impact on patient outcomes at clinic and provider level

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AIM Center Faculty - Past and Future Presentations

Let's Celebrate – Team of Annam and Collins



Poster presentation at the American Lifestyle Medicine Conference on **The Development and Implementation of a Lifestyle Medicine Faculty Curriculum**

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Let's Celebrate – Team of Bernal, Solis and Vohra-Khullar



National SGIM Workshop
Acceptance to present on In-basket
curriculum for residents

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Let's Celebrate – Team of Collins and Dbouk



National SGIM Workshop
Acceptance to present on
Motivational Interviewing

Let's Celebrate – Sharon Bergquist

Presented at the American Lifestyle Medicine Conference on **Transforming an Experimental Behavior Change Program From Employee Wellness to Patient Care: Emory Healthy Kitchen Community**

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Let's Celebrate – Caroline Collins

Presented nutrition lecture/workshop at Fall SOM Wellness Festival

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Let's Celebrate – Team of Dbouk, Solis and Vohra-Khullar

Workshop Acceptance to present on **"Transforming the Resident Clinic Experience: The Role of Ambient Listening Artificial Intelligence Technology in Ambulatory Resident Education"** at Academic Internal Medicine Week 2025.

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Let's Celebrate – Reema Dbouk

Presented on Ambient Listening at EPIC conference in August 2024.

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Let's Celebrate – Natasha Travis

Presented at the 2024
Georgia Department
of Public Health
Hepatitis C Training

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Let's Celebrate – Pam Vohra-Khullar

National SGIM Workshop
Acceptance to present on
**Enhancing Outpatient
Precepting**

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Let's Celebrate – Pam Vohra-Khullar

National SGIM Workshop
Acceptance to present on
**AI Tools for the Medical
Educator**

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A graphic with a yellow background. In the top left is a circular portrait of Dr. Saria Hassan, Associate Division Director, Research. Below it is a light blue paper with the text "GIM Scholarship Corner" in blue. A magnifying glass is positioned over the paper. In the bottom right is the Emory University School of Medicine logo and the text "Division of General Internal Medicine". At the bottom left, it says "scholarship-related opportunities, tips, and more".

Dr. Saria Hassan,
Associate Division
Director, Research

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scholarship-related opportunities, tips, and more

The scholarship corner is a space to share opportunities to help further the scholarship interests of our GIM faculty!

If you have any ideas of things to include please let saria.hassan@emory.edu know!

GIM-Wide Monthly Scholarship Support Meeting

No meeting in December due to the winter holidays. Kick off the new year right by joining us on **January 16, 2025**.

Slides and recordings from the sessions can be found on the [GIM Division Intranet](#).

SGIM Abstract Submissions due December 19th!

Need help writing or reviewing your abstract before submission? Reach out to saria.hassan@emory.edu

Need project funding support?

- Faculty can apply for up to \$1000 for project support
- Funds will be distributed on a rolling basis
- Applications will be reviewed monthly
- To access the application, click [here](#)

Need a Master of Public Health student assistant?

- MPH students can be very helpful on research projects as they bring skills they are learning in their program
- MPH students are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week as long as the work fulfills one of their MPH program competencies
- Students are back so applications need to go in **NOW** for Fall semester

- If you are interested in having an MPH student work with you to support a project, please complete the application form [here](#)



Recent Collaborative Faculty Publications

Dr. Danielle Jones and **Dr. Tracey Henry** published [Recommendations for Clinicians, Technologists, and Healthcare Organizations on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: A Position Statement from the Society of General Internal Medicine.](#)

Dr. Francois Rollin, Dr. Jennifer Lom, Dr. Lesley Miller, and Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker published [Real world experience in treatment of chronic hepatitis C in patients with compensated and decompensated cirrhosis](#)

Medical Student Julia Shuford and **Dr. Mark Spencer** published [What the Astronomical Rise in Incarceration Means for Women's Health](#) at MedPage Today.

Recent Faculty Publications

Dr. Saria Hassan

[Combining quality improvement and critical care training: Evaluating an ICU CPR training programme quality improvement initiative at the National Hospital in Tanzania.](#)

Dr. Emily Pinto Taylor

[Navigating the Ethical Challenges of Clinical Decision-Making for Patients with Mental Illness Presenting with Self-Inflicted Burns.](#)

Department of Medicine Calendar



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