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July starts our academic year with a bang! We've got Top Docs, funding, exciting opportunities, eager learners, and hot-off-the-press publications!

☀️ Find seriously cool newsletter updates and spotlight features on our fabulous faculty and staff. Catch the President's Columns by superstar, SGIM President Jada Bussey-Jones! We're bursting with pride! ☀️ Scroll down for more awesomeness! 🚀

GIM Primary Care Track Graduation Dinner



Primary Care Track Welcome Potluck Dinner 2024



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Don't Miss Opportunities!

DOM Faculty Awards Nominations

Nominate yourself or a colleague

Outstanding Publication Award (Clinical/Translation)
– Jr. Faculty (Instructor/Assistant Professor)

Outstanding Publication Award (Clinical/Translation)
– Sr. Faculty (Associate Professor/Professor)

Quality Achievement Award

Shanthi V. Sitaraman Silver Pear Mentoring Award
(Clinical Educator/Service Area)

Shanthi V. Sitaraman Silver Pear Mentoring Award
(Research)

**The new deadline for nominations in these
categories is Monday, July 15th.**

[2024 DOM Faculty Award Nominations - Extended](#)

[Deadline Form](#)

Med Ed Funding

There are three small grant programs being offered via the AAMC's Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA)- the Spark Grants for Innovations in Medical Education, the Innovation in Medical Education grant and the Medical Education Scholarship Research and Evaluation (MESRE) grant for educational research. [Read more here.](#)

NBME Launches New Grant Program

NBME has launched a new grant program for early- and mid-career faculty looking to explore ideas that advance medical education and assessment. The 2024 theme for the Emerging Innovators Grant is Promoting Equitable Assessment in Medical Education. NBME will fund up to four \$25,000 proposals. **The deadline is August 21, 2024.** Topics may include

- Innovative assessment design with an emphasis on equity and fairness
- Bias investigation and bias mitigation in existing assessments
- Innovative program implementation to advance DEI

[Read more here.](#)

EMORY
WOMEN'S HEART
CENTER
presents

18th Annual Women and Heart Disease Conference

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Hyatt Regency Atlanta Perimeter at Villa Christina
Magnolia Ballroom
4000 Summit Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30319

REGISTER NOW!

Course Director
Ijeoma Isiadinso, MD, MPH, FACC, FASNC
Associate Professor of Medicine – Cardiology
Director, Emory Center for Heart Disease Prevention

Co-Director
Telisa Spikes, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor - Emory University
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

For more information or questions, email
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Register for the Women and Heart Disease
Conference



VOLUNTEER AT CLARKSTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (CCHC)!

A free clinic providing primary healthcare
services for uninsured individuals,
predominantly immigrants and refugees

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SATURDAYS 9AM-1PM**



- Looking for practicing physicians and advanced practice providers to serve as clinic preceptors to medical students
- A wonderful **teaching** and **community service** opportunity
- Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up for our listserv
- Questions? Contact clarkstonhealth.volunteer@gmail.com

Emory University School of Medicine
Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, Department of Medicine
Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology
Presents

7th Annual Southeast Review and Update on Medical Care of Older Adults

July 19 - 20, 2024

**Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta
Hotel and Conference Center**
2443 Highway 54 West, Peachtree City, GA 30269

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Presented by the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology and Emory SOM. This course is designed to give medical providers and other members of the multi-disciplinary health care team basic and cutting-edge knowledge for optimizing the delivery of services to the expanding older adult population. This event will be held at the Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta Hotel and Conference Center located at 2443 Hwy 54 West Peachtree City, Georgia, from July 19 - 20, 2024.

**Register for SE Review and Update on Medical Care
of Older Adults**



Dr. Bill Branch and **Dr. Tamara Haynes** received the **Creativity in Practice and Education Award** from the National Academies of Practice for their Kern Fellowship in Interprofessional Leadership. Their fellowship is co-sponsored by WHEA and is part of a collaboration with colleagues from Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, and the University of Indiana School of Medicine.

Dr. Norberto Fas received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award at the 2024 Morehouse School of Medicine commencement. Dr. Fas considers this a team award for the GIM/Hospitalist faculty at the VA.



Dr. Maura George was selected as the representative for the Georgia chapter of the American College of Physicians to this year's Georgia Physician Leadership Academy class.



Dr. Tracey Henry has been named a **2024-2025 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program at the National Academy of Medicine**. The RWJF Health Policy Fellows program is the nation's most prestigious learning experience at the nexus of health, science, and policy in Washington, D.C. Since 1973, this nonpartisan fellowship has offered exclusive, hands-on policy experience with the most influential congressional and executive offices in the nation's capital.



Dr. Ted Johnson has been awarded \$5M to continue the Emory Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program, also known as Georgia Gear, for another five years. Georgia Gear facilitates and manages partnerships between academia, primary care systems, and community organizations all over the state of Georgia in pursuit of improved health care and outcomes for older adults in Georgia. More details coming soon about new Georgia Gear initiatives and how Emory GIM faculty will be involved.



Dr. Kimberly Manning delivered the commencement address at Medical College of GA, a particularly notable honor as the MCG students chose her to be the keynote. Click [here](#) to watch Dr. Manning's full commencement speech (timestamp 15:20 - 37.34).



Dr. Jason Schneider was spotlighted by the Department of Medicine for Pride Month.

What does Pride mean to you?

While Pride is a time of celebration, it's important to remember its origins as a riot at the Stonewall Inn in 1969. Even today, with the progress that has been made, we have to remain steadfast in fighting for full equality and inclusion for LGBTQ+ populations.

Tell us about yourself and what led you to where you are today.

I am a cisgender, gay-identified male. Since I was a medical student at NYU I have strived to intertwine my personal identities with my professional life. Training at institutions, like NYU and Emory, that

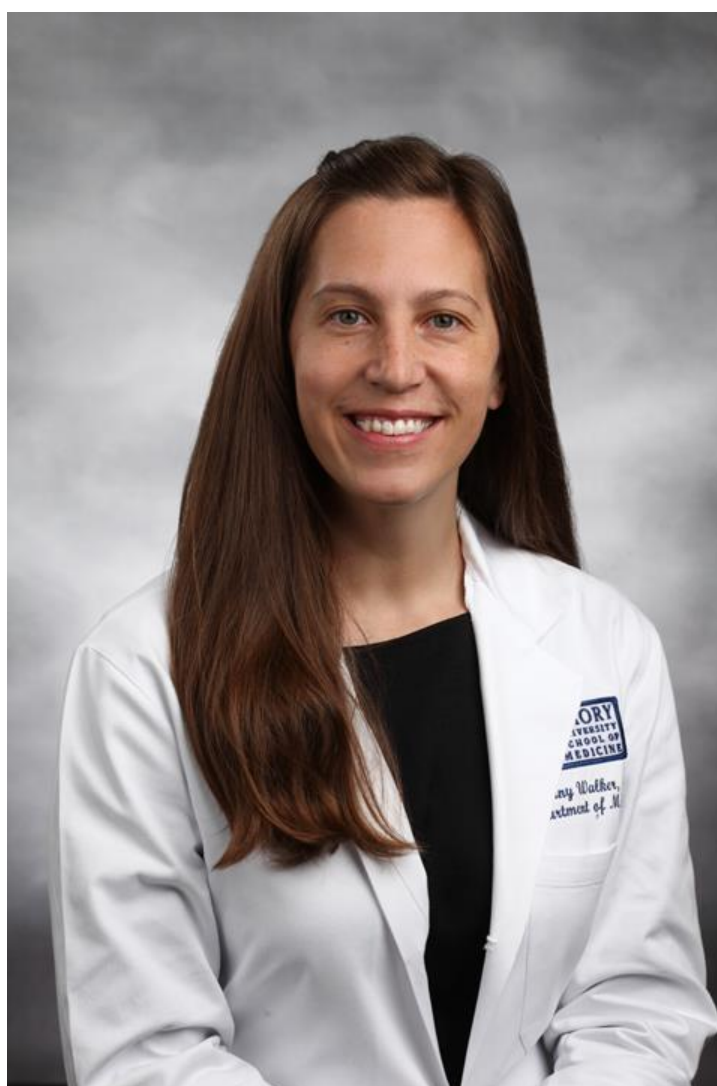
place value in caring for underserved populations, I was inspired to focus my efforts on LGBTQ+ populations. My career has been a mix of efforts in education, policy development, advocacy, and research.

Can you share more about your LGBTQ+ work at Emory?

Currently, I serve as the chair of the SOM's LGBTQ+ Faculty Affinity Group. I was a co-founder of the Gender Center at Grady, offering interdisciplinary care for transgender and gender-diverse people in metro Atlanta. I have seen patients there since our launch in 2017. Additionally, I currently have two active research projects addressing healthcare needs for transgender women.

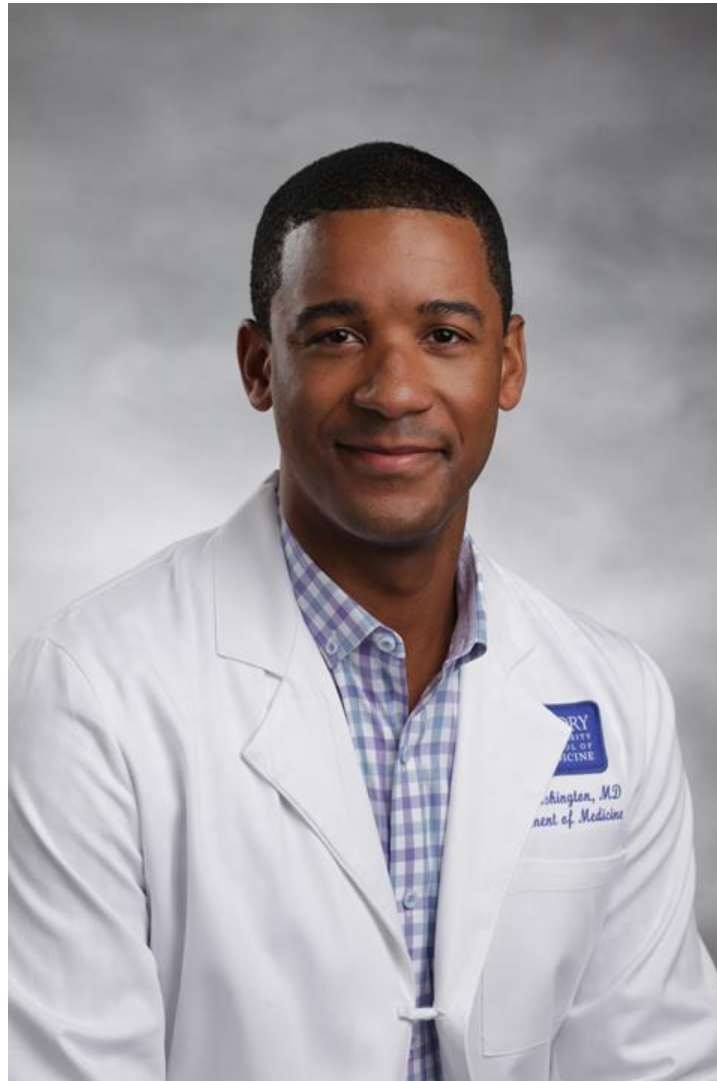


Dr. Sara Turbow was appointed as an Associate Editor for the CDC's *Preventing Chronic Disease* Journal. Dr. Turbow is also principal investigator for the Atlanta Interprofessional Student Hotspotting program, which received a 2024 **President's Grant from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation**. The program addresses the need for more experiential interprofessional education by fostering collaborative, patient-centered care among high-cost, high-need patients and teams of 5-7 students from local medical, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, and social work programs.



Dr. Tiffany Walker received the Wilhelmina Jenkins ME/CFS Service Award. This award honors Wilhelmina Jackson, who has 40 years of experience in advocacy for ME/CFS (Myalgic encephalomyelitis/Chronic fatigue syndrome), a disease that can be very disabling for people and can

last life-long in many. Dr. Walker was honored for her efforts to improve awareness and treatment of ME/CFS and to better understand the overlap between Long COVID and ME/CFS. [Learn about #MEAAction.](#)



Dr. Colin Washington received the 2024 Grady Golden Apple Award. Congratulations, Dr. Washington!

2024 Emory Health Equity Day Poster Presentation and Award Winners



**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Professional
Development Poster Category:**

**Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones, Dr. Kimberly Manning,
Dr. Danielle Jones:** *"Increase in promotion actions
immediately following a URiM faculty development
program."*



**Community, Advocacy, and Policy Poster
Category:**

Dr. Mark Spencer: *"Policing, Incarceration, and
Health: A Novel Curriculum for Medical Students"*

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

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Jed Mangal

WHAT ARE YOUR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

I serve as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine with a Secondary Appointment in Psychiatry, balancing clinical duties on the Medicine-Psychiatry Unit and on the Internal Medicine Wards at Grady Memorial Hospital with teaching roles (I enjoy both UME and GME). I also contribute to several committees at Grady, including the Ethics Consultation Committee, Restraints Committee, and Emory at Grady Faculty Development Champions.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?

I place a high value on a fun and collaborative team atmosphere, where the enjoyment of working together is as important as the serious business of providing safe and effective patient care—especially where it leads to the vibrant exchange of ideas with others. At Emory there is joy in engaging with students and colleagues as we challenge each other's thinking and refine our ideas, which often leads to deeper understanding and more innovative solutions in both medicine and psychiatry.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I enjoy running 5Ks, often with my kids in a stroller (we don't win often...or ever), mixing and imbibing craft cocktails, and playing golf badly—a great exercise in humility that approximates that needed clinical practice.



Congratulations to **Atlanta Top Docs 2024** from Emory GIM!

Pictured below, top row, left to right: **Dr. Britt Marshall** and **Dr. Dimple Shah**. Bottom row, left to right: **Dr. Christine Stoltz**, and **Dr. Natasha Travis**! See the full list of Top Docs [here](#).



Congratulations to **Emory GIM** **Faculty** nominated by their colleagues and

learners and recognized on Educators Day by the School of Medicine



Bhavin Adhyaru, MD

Dr. Bhavin Adhyaru is an exceptional small group advisor, known for his encouraging demeanor, vast knowledge, and unwavering support. With a knack for inspiring growth, he fosters an environment where members feel empowered to excel. His wealth of expertise ensures insightful guidance, while his supportive nature instills confidence and trust. Dr. Adhyaru's dedication to nurturing each individual's potential truly sets him apart as a remarkable advisor. He has been an amazing small group leader. He's a fantastic teacher who explains concepts clearly and leads every small group session with clear objectives. He is always there for his mentees and checks in with us regularly, especially as we've gone through rotations and had various experiences. We know he is there to support us both inside and outside the classroom.



Maura George, MD

Dr. Maura George is a small group advisor, course director for Community Learning and Social Medicine, track director for the Health Equity and Policy residency track, and a peer mentor. She is an educator at all of these levels. She has over a decade of experience in the field of social medicine and is able to curate experiences appropriate for each learner's level of training. She is thoughtful and constantly takes feedback to adapt her courses and make them better with each iteration.



Jason Higdon MD

Dr. Jason Higdon is a tremendous inspiration and role model to many levels of learners at Emory and beyond. As Educational Lead in the Seavey Clinic, he has championed intra-professional team-based practice and education, implementing programs to improve clinical decision making, creating exceptional operational protocols, launching a comprehensive orientation process, and offering weekly conferences to students, residents, and many healthcare professionals. He chairs the medical student program for the American College of Physicians, motivating students to submit abstracts, participate in workshops and begin their career-spanning involvement as active organization members to expand their professional impact. He is most deserving of this recognition for his continued focus on improving medical education.



Pam Vohra-Khullar, MD

Dr. Pam Vohra-Khullar is the director of the Outpatient Experience (OPEX) for medical students and the resident clinic at 1525 Clifton Road. She is a strong advocate for students and residents in these roles and is dedicated to ensuring a supportive learning environment. In her role as site lead for the Academic Internal Medicine Center, she fosters the professional development of her colleagues at the 1525 clinic as well as an environment of growth and collaboration.

FDA Permits Marketing of First Point-of-Care Hepatitis C RNA Test



Dr. Lesley Miller, Dr. Shelly Fluker, and the Grady Liver Clinic were part of this historic work that will drastically move the needle on hepatitis C elimination! Drs. Miller and Fluker led two phases of the study informing this approval, one study for feasibility and the second as one of 16 sites testing the device to inform FDA approval. Dr. Miller also presented on this study at a recent GIM research meeting.



Dr. Catherine Park (pictured above left) received funding from The Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research 2024 Pilot and Feasibility Program for her project titled "I Can Do This! Managing My Diabetes: A Pilot Project using a Novel Word Game-based Workbook Intervention to allow People Living with Diabetes to Increase their Diabetes Self Efficacy." **Dr. Saria Hassan** (pictured above right) is co-investigator on the project.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Laquanda Jackson

During Staff Appreciation Week, **Ms. Laquanda Jackson**, Administrative Manager for the Division of General Internal Medicine, was spotlighted by the School of Medicine.



What do you love most about your job?

My unwavering dedication to Emory, demonstrated through my 31 years of service, has not only been a personal journey but also a testament to the wonderful people here. Working in academia requires a team of professionals who are hardworking, dedicated, and show compassion and empathy when needed.

Describe your path to Emory and your current role.

I was laid off from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) when President Clinton entered office in 1993. Dr. Schonberger was so impressed with my work at the CDC that he recommended me to interview with Dr. Henry Kahn at Emory University. I became a secretary in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in 1993. I was promoted to Administrative

Assistant in 1996 and started working with the Student Programs Family Medicine Course in 2005 under the leadership of Dr. Michael Lane. With the leadership of Dr. Joanne Williams in 2007, the Family Medicine Course was revamped to OPEX (Outpatient Experience) for first-year medical students to focus on understanding the relationship between the patient, the doctor, the health care team, and the community. In 2012, OPEX moved to the Department of General Internal Medicine under the leadership of Dr. Bussey-Jones, where I continued to run the program under the current leadership of Dr. Pamela Vohra. In addition to working as program coordinator for OPEX, I support faculty in the general internal medicine department. In my 30 years at Emory University, I obtained a master's degree in sociology from Georgia State University and finally became an Emory alum when I graduated with an MPH in 2023 from Rollins School of Public Health.

What is the most interesting project you've worked on in your role?

The most interesting project is the OPEX program, which I have worked on since its inception in 2007. Working on OPEX has extended my skills and knowledge. I have established collaborations with outside healthcare systems such as Kaiser, Veterans Affairs, Piedmont, WellStar and other community healthcare programs to extend preceptor services to students in those areas. I have also implemented and hosted a yearly Faculty Preceptor Appreciation Dinner that has expanded to include the Department of Pediatrics and Ambulatory Care. I have adapted to new technologies and learning management systems, such as moving to ACEMAPP, CANVAS, OASIS and 25 Live. Lastly, I have worked with the State of Georgia in submitting documentation to the Georgia Preceptor Tax Incentive Program, which was implemented in 2014 to provide tax incentives for physicians to precept medical students.

What is one thing you wish others knew about your job/field?

Working with medical students is not just a job but a joy and a privilege. Witnessing the growth and development of first-year medical students into proficient doctors is a truly rewarding experience. It reminds of the profound impact we can have on shaping the future of healthcare.

Dr. Pam Vohra-Khullar says, "Ms. Laquanda Jackson has been working in the Division of General Internal Medicine (GIM) since 2012. She came to GIM from the Department of Family Medicine and celebrated 30 years with the School of Medicine (SOM) in July 2023. She has made many important contributions to GIM to support our team and initiatives. Her invaluable contributions have supported our large presence and multiple events at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. She also facilitates the OPEX (Outpatient Experience) required course for first-year Emory medical students, working tirelessly to assign students to physician preceptors across the community, ensure good communication between preceptors and students, and implement programmatic updates. She is dedicated and passionate about her work, which is demonstrated by the daily tasks she does to ensure the success of the OPEX program and GIM. She is an inspiration to all who work with her."

GIM Faculty in the Media



Dr. Shelly Fluker was recently featured on the [Curbsiders TEACH](#) Podcast (Episode #38: Pearls from Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine). She was joined by Jen Olenik, MD, (University of Pennsylvania) and Carolyn Chan, MD, MHS, (University of Cincinnati College of Medicine) to discuss innovative educational techniques, including gamification and other strategies to engage learners, their favorite workshops on feedback literacy, reducing bias in didactics and assessment, remediation in clinical reasoning, and addressing professionalism with a growth mindset!



The Urban Health Initiative's [Sprouting Readers program](#) was recently profiled by *The Saporta Report*. This is one of the many initiatives that Emory

[Urban Health Initiative](#), co-directed by **Dr. Stacie Schmidt**, supports. GIM faculty are welcome to volunteer and become honorary members of UHI.



The research corner is a space to share research-related opportunities, tips, and more. Please email [Dr. Saria Hassan](#) with suggestions!

GIM-Wide Monthly Research Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our last monthly meeting! Slides and recordings from the sessions can be found on the [GIM Division Intranet](#).

Next TWO Meetings: JULY and AUGUST cancelled. We will resume in September.

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 return in August 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](#)**

Does my study need IRB review?

Given much of the confusion around this topic after the November meeting, we have worked with the IRB to generate a step-by-step guide to help you answer this question. Please review the PowerPoint [here](#) which hopefully makes things somewhat more clear!

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



Recent Collaborative Faculty Publications

Dr. Francois Rollin, Dr. Shub Agrawal, Dr. Alex Galloway, and Dr. Colin Washington
published [Contextualization of observed racial differences in biomarkers to avoid racial essentialism](#)

Dr. Francois Rollin and Dr. Tracey Henry
published [Incorporating Anti-racist Principles Throughout the Research Lifecycle: A Position Statement from the Society of General Internal Medicine \(SGIM\)](#).

Dr. Sara Turbow and **Dr. Jennifer Lom** published [Where and what separates rural from urban hospital closures?](#)

Dr. Sara Turbow and **Dr. Tiffany Walker** published [Care fragmentation and readmission mortality and length of stay before and during the COVID-19 pandemic: data from the National Readmissions Database, 2018-2020.](#)

Recent Faculty Publications

Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones

[PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Beyond Roadblocks: Navigating Mounting Threats to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Medicine](#)

[PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Embracing Uncontested Elections: An Unexpected Pathway to Increase Engagement and Diversity to Sustain SGIM](#)

Dr. Rosette Chakkalakal

[Test and Treat for Prediabetes: A Review of the Health Effects of Prediabetes and the Role of Screening and Prevention.](#)

Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker

[Factors Influencing Primary Care Career Choice: A Multi-Institutional Cross-sectional Survey of Internal Medicine Primary Care Residency Graduates](#)

Dr. Katherine Gielissen

[How well do workplace-based assessments support summative entrustment decisions? A multi-institutional generalisability study.](#)

[Twelve tips for integrating podcasts into medical education curricula.](#)

Dr. Maura George

[Community Partners' Perceptions of the Benefits and Burdens of Participating in a Community Engagement Course with Medical Students.](#)

Dr. Saria Hassan

[Association of collaborative care intervention features with depression and metabolic outcomes in the INDEPENDENT study: A mixed methods study.](#)

Dr. Kimberly Manning

[Microaggressions: Be An Active Bystander.](#)

Dr. Michael Saenger

[Qualitative Evaluation Informs the Implementation of a Telehealth Program to Manage Chronic Pain.](#)

Dr. Mark Spencer

[Like the rest of us, incarcerated people should have access to their medical records.](#)

Dr. Jason Schneider

[Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Transgender Women With and Without HIV in the Eastern and Southern United States.](#)

Dr. Antoine Trammell

[Hamstrings-quadriceps strength ratio could be related to falls in community-living older adults.](#)

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