



Ted Johnson, MD, MPH

Spring forward to conference season right now! Emory GIM had an outstanding showing at SSGIM in New Orleans – hope to see you at the SGIM annual meeting in Florida in May! [Registration is now open](#), but early bird rates end March 7. [RSVP to Laquanda Jackson for the SGIM President's Reception](#), co-sponsored by our division.

New Zoom Security Resource

The School of Medicine has published a new resource for secure Zoom meetings. This resource can be found on the [SOM Facebook Dev intranet home page](#) under the Quick Links section and by clicking [here](#). It provides guidelines

for
securing Zoom meetings, including configuring participant settings and utilizing registration and authorization features, as well as steps to take in the event of disruptions such as Zoom bombing.

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SGIM President's Podcast



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 discussing the challenges of our evolving healthcare environment.

[Click here for SGIM President's Podcast Episodes](#)

Join Dr. del Rio for coffee and connections!



“Coffee with Carlos” is a series of informal, small-group gatherings where you can connect with Department of Medicine Chair Dr. Carlos del Rio. Sign up today for this opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and engage in lively conversation.

Coffee with Carlos Details:

Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided.

Time: 7:30–8:45 a.m.

- [March 18, 2025: Associate Professors and Professors @ EUH Midtown](#)
- [March 27, 2025: Assistant Professors @ Grady](#)
- [April 1, 2025: Associate Professors and Professors @ Grady](#)
- [April 24, 2025: Assistant Professors @ the VA](#)
- [May 7, 2025: Associate Professors and Professors @ the VA](#)

Please register based on your rank and primary location. Spots are limited to ensure an intimate

group setting, so sign up soon!

Long COVID Clinical Podcast



Long COVID is a complex condition with a wide range of symptoms affecting multiple organs of the body. Primary care physicians often face challenges in understanding and managing Long COVID due to the lack of clear guidelines and evidence-based interventions. This podcast aims to educate clinicians on how to diagnose Long COVID, manage various symptoms, and how to best support patients with this oftentimes devastating condition. [Listen](#) as **Dr. Tiffany Walker** and colleagues talk about the latest research and report on new discoveries as they happen.

Save the date!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 20, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, via Zoom
GIM Monthly Scholarship Meeting
"Securing Industry Funding for Long-Acting Injectable PrEP Research: Strategies, Challenges, and Successes" presented by **Dr. Dylan Baker**, followed by a short overview of alternate funding sources for research and scholarship endeavors – foundations, corporations, industry, and more.

March 28, 8 am-noon, via Zoom
[Faculty Education, Enrichment, and Development Conference](#)
Theme: Artificial Intelligence

Bettye Rose Connell Memorial Lecture
April 22, Miller-Ward Alumni House
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Reception
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM | Lecture
"Dementia Care as a Public Health Priority and Opportunity" presented by [Joseph Gaugler, PhD](#)

May 15, 7 pm, in person in Hollywood, FL
SGIM President's Reception (Co-sponsored by Emory GIM and SGIM)
RSVP: ljack08@emory.edu

May 20, 9 am-2 pm, (hybrid - Zoom and Grady Trauma Auditorium)
[Health Equity Day](#).
"Community Partnerships and Health Equity"
Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones will be the keynote speaker.
Abstract deadline: March 14 at 11:59 pm



ACP Masterships for GIM Faculty!



Three Emory GIM faculty were among the 68 physicians selected nationwide to receive an American College of Physicians Mastership. Congratulations to **Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones** (*pictured above, left*), **Dr. Kimberly Manning** (*pictured above, center*), and **Dr. Stacy Higgins** (*pictured above, right*) for being awarded the Mastership, the highest level of ACP recognition.

Swapping White Coats for Black Tie: GIM Celebrates Johnson's Trailblazer Award



Dr. Ted Johnson, (*pictured above, front left*)

received the 2025 Trailblazer Award from the Atlanta Medical Association! The Trailblazer Award honors a physician or individual for implementing innovative changes that enhance their practice and community, showcasing exceptional leadership in medicine.

Johnson was specifically recognized for his longstanding collaboration with the Atlanta Medical Association and his dedication to improving older adult care through Health Resources and Services Administration support.

How many Emory GIM faculty can you spot in the photo above?

New MedEd Funding for GIM Project



Dr. Robin Klein and Dr. Jada-Bussey-Jones

received a National Board of Medical Examiners Innovators Grant for a project titled "Assessing the Assessors: Development and Implementation of a Faculty Assessment Dashboard to enable Valid and Equitable Assessment."

The project evaluates how faculty assess learner performance in clinical rotations. This is important as increasing evidence shows gender and racial disparities in faculty assessments of learners suggesting bias. With this dashboard, faculty can see how they rate and assess learners in various domains and how they compare to their peers and what is expected of them by the training program. The dashboard will help identify individual patterns in assessment that may indicate bias.

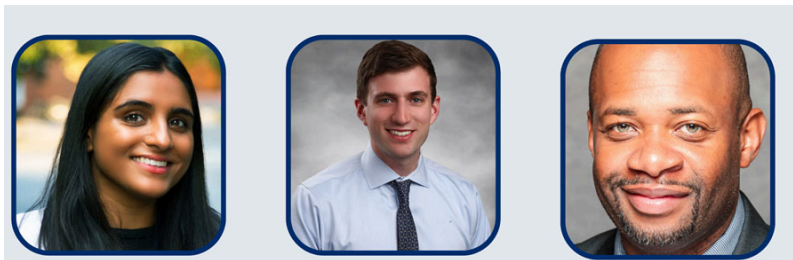


**Announcement from AIM Center Director,
Dr. David Roberts**

Dr. Ted Johnson, MD, MPH, has assumed the role of Co-Director of the Emory [Academic Internal Medicine \(AIM\) Center](#) as of February 15, 2025 with a focus on Phase 2 of the AIM Center. Established through a \$16.5M gift from the Rollins Family Foundations and other donors, the AIM Center initially provided faculty development support at select Emory TEC GIM sites. With its success, an

additional \$26M gift is now expanding AIM's reach across the entire GIM Division, including Emory Clinic GIM, Grady GIM, and the Atlanta VA. This funding will support pilot grants, education, research, and three new endowed professorships, including two rotating Rollins Faculty Development Professorships.

Dr. Johnson's 13-year leadership as Division Director and deep understanding of faculty and programs make him exceptionally suited to co-lead AIM Phase 2. His experience will be instrumental in ensuring the center's continued impact, and I am thrilled he has accepted this role. We look forward to working together to maximize the benefits AIM can provide to faculty across the division. Please reach out to myself or Dr. Johnson with any questions.



Dr. Shub Agrawal selected for SGIM's MedEd Scholarship Faculty Development Program.

Dr. Dylan Baker was named Medical Director, Grady Primary Care Center, effective May 1st.

Dr. Marshall Fleurant was invited to serve as Editor of the 2nd edition of *Trauma-Informed Healthcare Approaches: A Guide for Primary Care*



Dr. Katherine Gielissen has been promoted to Associate Professor, effective Sept. 1, 2025

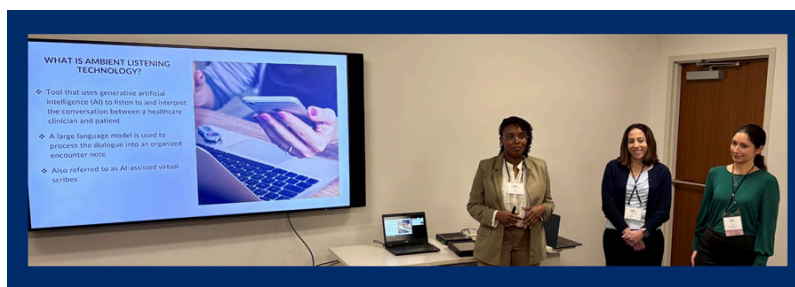
Dr. Tracey Henry, RW Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow, is serving on the Senate Committee on Finance, focusing on decisions related to Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA.

Dr. Mehul Tejani has been promoted to Associate Professor, effective Sept. 1, 2025

Highlights from SSGIM



Emory was well-represented at the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine meeting in New Orleans in February. As President of SGIM, **Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones** provided a national update.



Dr. Mary Solis (*pictured above, left*), **Dr. Reema Dbouk** (*pictured above, center*), and **Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar** (*pictured above, right*) presented a workshop titled "Clinic Notes Complete: How Ambient Listening Technology Transforms Patient Care."



Dr. Mikhail Akbashev presented "Beyond two-by-two tables: Novel approaches to teach evidence-based medicine."



Dr. Britt Marshall (*top, left*), **Dr. Mary Stout** (*bottom, left*), **Dr. Mary Solis** (*top, right*), and **Dr. Alex Galloway** (*bottom, right*) presented "Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) in Primary Care: Hands on Workshop on Reducing Barriers."





Dr. Mehul Tejani presented "Climate Change Adaptation in Graduate Medical Education: how internal medicine residency programs across the South plan for or respond to natural disasters like hurricanes."

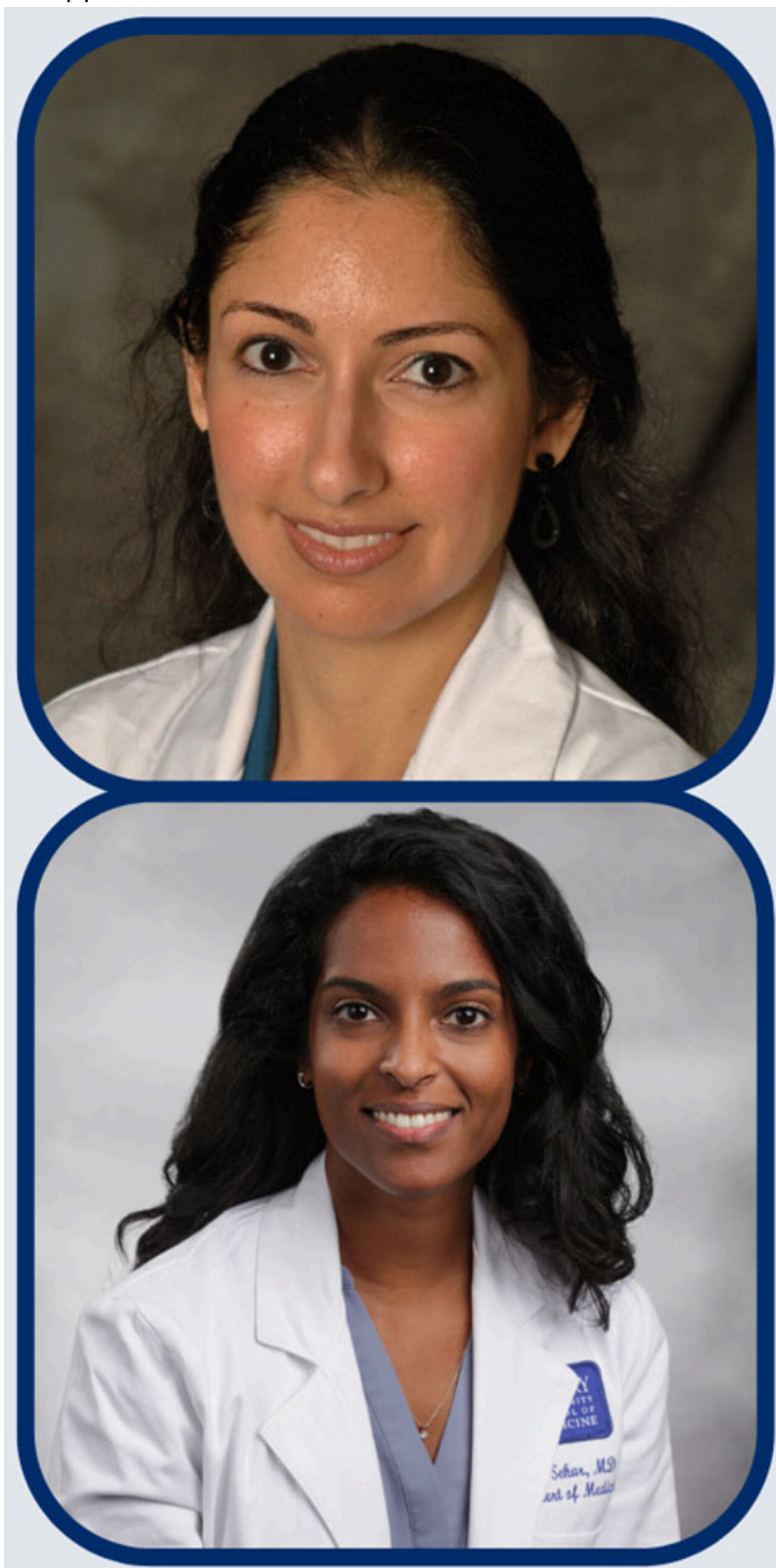


Dr. Chris Masi presented “Innovation Contest and Perceptions of Work among Employees in Primary Care.”

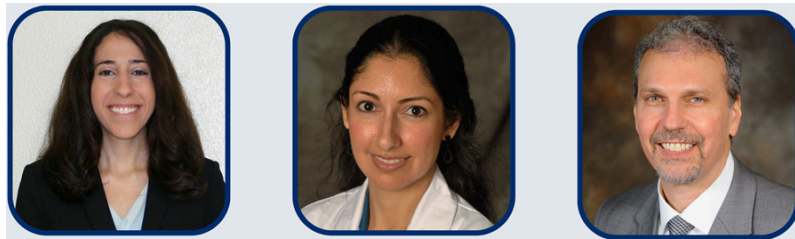


Dr. Alex Galloway (*top, left*), **Dr. Shub Agrawal** (*bottom, left*), **Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar** (*top, right*), and **Dr. Dheepa Sekar** (*bottom, right*) presented "Make it Count: Turn Each Clinic Staffing Encounter

into Direct Observation and Feedback
Opportunities."



SGIM Award Winners



Dr. Reema Dbouk (*above, left*), **Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar** (*above, center*), and **Dr. Chris Masi** (*above, right*) won Best Poster in the Innovation category for “Novel Strategies to Reduce EHR In Basket Volume in Primary Care.”



Dr. Tracey Henry won the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine Regional DEI Award



Dr. Mark Spencer won the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine Regional Advocacy and Community Service Award.

Emory Ambulatory Team to Present at SGIM



Dr. Alex Galloway, Dr. Eva Rimler, Dr. Dylan Baker, Dr. Shub Agrawal, Dr. Britt Marshall, Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker, and Dr. Dheepa

Sekar (pictured above left to right, top to bottom) will present their poster "Improving Outpatient Evaluations: Leveraging New innovations for In-the-Moment Feedback in Resident Clinic" at the [Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting](#), May 14-17 in Hollywood, FL.

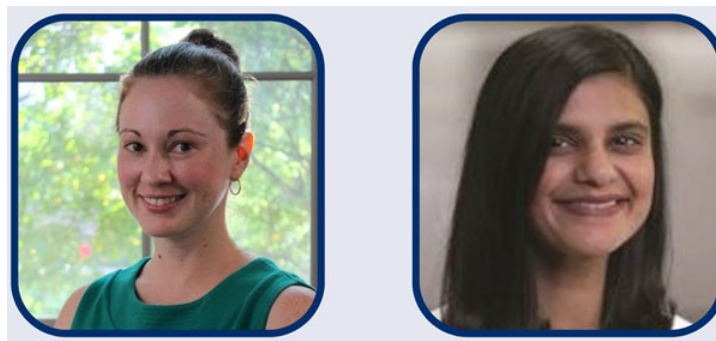
News and Media Appearances



Decaturish | [From the Olympics to the World Cup, Let's Not Repeat Our Mistakes](#) (Op-ed by Dr. Dylan Baker)



Health Central | [For your heart's sake, make breakfast a priority](#) (Dr. Sharon Bergquist quoted)



Emory Health Digest | [Straight talk about the new weight loss drug](#) (Dr. Caroline Collins and Dr. Meghana Anugu interviewed)



WABE-FM | [Improv artists, health experts team up to help caregivers assisting people with memory loss](#) (Dr. Ted Johnson interviewed)

WANF-TV 📺 | [Georgians caring for loved ones with dementia learn caregiving skills through improv](#) (Dr. Ted Johnson quoted)



Atlanta Journal-Constitution | [Warnings about moderate alcohol use and cancer require more patient education, Atlanta doctors say](#) (Dr. Frederick Turton quoted)



WAGA-TV  | [Concerns over US measles outbreaks](#) (Dr. Neil Winawer interviewed)

WAGA-TV  | [FDA approves new non-opioid pain reliever](#) (Dr. Neil Winawer interviewed)



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 [contact Dr. Saria Hassan](#), Associate Vice Chair for Research!

GIM-Wide Monthly Scholarship Support Meeting

March 20, 2025



**“Securing Industry Funding for Long-
Acting Injectable PrEP Research:
Strategies, Challenges, and Successes”
Dr. Dylan Baker**

**This will be followed by a short overview of how
to identify alternate sources of funding for
research and scholarship endeavors –
foundations, corporations, industry, and more.**

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

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

[GIM's Medical Education special issue](#) includes 6 articles by Emory GIM faculty!



Dr. Shelly-Ann Fluker

[Factors Associated with Medical Students' Attitudes About Cost-Conscious Care: A Mixed-Methods Multi-school Study](#)



Dr. Katherine Gielissen

[How Internal Medicine Clerkship Directors Are Using Entrustable Professional Activities: A National Survey Study](#)



Dr. Maura George

[Community Partners' Perceptions of the Benefits and Burdens of Participating in a Community](#)

[Engagement Course with Medical Students](#)



Dr. Tracey Henry

[How Are We Teaching Advocacy? A National Survey of Internal Medicine Residency Program Directors](#)



Dr. Britt Marshall, Dr. Catherine Park, Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar, and Dr. Saria Hassan: ["Life with Diabetes": A Pilot Study on an Experiential Continuous Glucose Monitoring Curriculum for Resident Physicians](#)

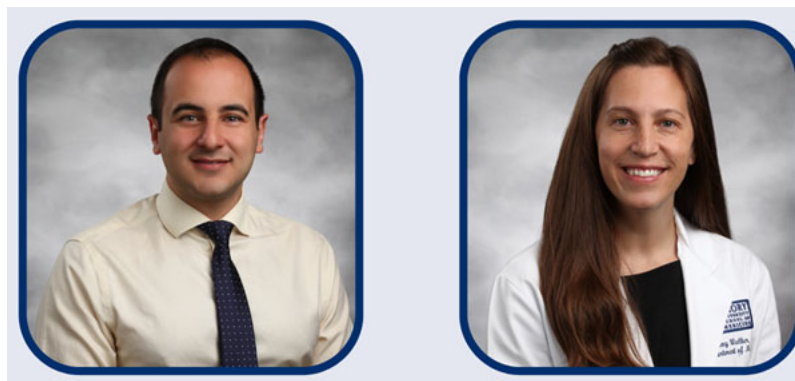




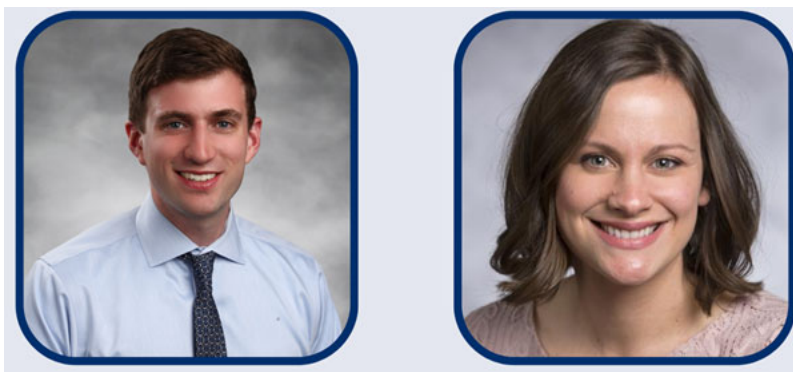
Dr. Dheepa Sekar

[Belonging as a Core Trait Within the Practice of Medicine](#)

Recent Collaborative Faculty Publications



Dr. Mikhail Akbashev and Dr. Tiffany Walker
published [Leadership & professional development:
Developing expertise in traditionally subspecialty
topics.](#)



Dr. Dylan Baker and Dr. Meredith Lora

published [Early Implementation of Long-Acting Injectable Cabotegravir for HIV Prevention in a Safety Net Hospital-based Primary Care Center in U.S. South](#)

Recent Faculty Publications

Correction from January issue: Two publications that were attributed to **Dr. Pamela Vohra-Khullar** should have been listed for **Dr. Meredith Lora**. Dr. Lora's publications are listed below.



Dr. Blake Anderson

[Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA and biomarkers in device-captured droplets from the lung](#)

[Development and Evaluation of a Model to Manage Patient Portal Messages](#)



Dr. Katherine Gielissen

[Procedural Entrustment Alignment Between Pediatric Residents and Their Preceptors in the Pediatric Emergency Department.](#)



Dr. Saria Hassan

[Assessing cardiovascular disease risk and social](#)

[determinants of health: A comparative analysis of five risk estimation instruments using data from the Eastern Caribbean Health Outcomes Research Network.](#)



Dr. Tracey Henry

[How Are We Teaching Advocacy? A National Survey of Internal Medicine Residency Program Directors.](#)



Dr. Ted Johnson

[A multisite feasibility study of integrated cognitive-behavioral treatment for co-existing nocturia and chronic insomnia.](#)

[Updating STEADI for Primary Care: Recommendations From the American Geriatrics Society Workgroup.](#)



Dr. Meredith Lora

[Articulating What Makes Sense: An Exercise in Clinical Reasoning.](#)

[Missed and Delayed Diagnoses of Acute Human Immunodeficiency Virus \(HIV\) Infection in a Southern Opt-Out HIV Testing Environment Without Reflex HIV RNA Testing](#)

**Dr. Jason Schneider**

[Preference for Long-Acting Injectable PrEP Compared With Daily Oral PrEP Among Transgender Women in the U.S.: Findings From a Multisite Cohort](#)

[Preference for Long-Acting HIV Prevention Methods Among Transgender Women Vulnerable to HIV in Eastern and Southern United States: Findings from the LITE Study.](#)

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