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Department of Medicine

# **KATHY GRIENDLING HONORS & AWARDS CELEBRATION**

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5:30 - 7:30 PM

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION

Carlos del Rio, MD  
Chair, Emory University Department of Medicine

## PRESENTATION OF STAFF AWARDS

Aaron Lee, MSHRM, MBA, PHR  
Human Resources Administrator

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## PRESENTATION OF EDUCATOR IMPACT, AME TEACH 12, AND RESIDENCY EDUCATION AWARDS

Karen Law, MD  
Interim Vice Chair of Education

## PRESENTATION OF SHANTHI V. SITARAMAN SILVER PEAR MENTORING AWARDS

Shanthi Srinivasan, MD  
Division Director, Division of Digestive Diseases

## PRESENTATION OF RYSE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

Aaron Lee, MSHRM, MBA, PHR  
Human Resources Administrator

## PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING CLINICIAN AWARD

Anandi Sheth, MD, MSc  
Associate Vice Chair of Faculty Development

## PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Anandi Sheth, MD, MSc  
Associate Vice Chair of Faculty Development

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NANETTE K. WENGER  
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AWARDS*

Nanette K. Wenger, MD  
Professor Emerita, Division of Cardiology

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AWARDS*

Charlie Searles, MD  
Associate Vice Chair of Research and Space  
Management

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Charlie Searles, MD  
Associate Vice Chair of Research and Space  
Management

*PRESENTATION OF R. WAYNE  
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RESEARCH AWARD*

Melissa Alexander, MD, PhD  
Special Guest Presenter

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Kathy Griendling, PhD  
Executive Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs  
and Professional Development

*RECOGNITION OF CLINICAL  
DISTINCTIONS*

Patrick Bowen, MD  
Chair, DOM Clinical Distinctions Committee

*RECOGNITION OF SENIOR  
PROMOTIONS*

Sushma K. Cribbs, MD, MSc  
Vice Chair of Faculty Development

*CLOSING REMARKS*

Sushma K. Cribbs, MD, MSc  
Vice Chair of Faculty Development

“*Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.*”

**- Andrew Carnegie**

# STAFF AWARDS

## *Excellence in Academic Innovation Award*

This award recognizes a staff member or team who have displayed exceptional work and/or produced significant innovations for the Department of Medicine. The innovations will have resulted in meaningful work process improvements and/or work designs.

### ***Nominees:***

*Mary Ann Hall*

*Pam Hancock*

*David Morton*

*Tina Tisdale*

## *Leadership Excellence Award*

This award recognizes a staff member for his/her exemplary leadership accomplishments and contributions to the Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, and Emory University. These nominees have led, served, inspired, and collaborated with broad-ranging impact beyond their regular responsibilities.

### ***Nominees:***

*Chris Bower*

*Shawanna Jackson*

*Rijalda Jasarevic*

*Vidhi Javia*

*Jason VanGalder*

## ***Outstanding Service Award***

This award recognizes a staff member who provides consistent and sustained excellence, exceptional performance, and service to the Division, Department of Medicine, and Emory University. These nominees demonstrate integrity, teamwork, productivity, and customer service.

### ***Nominees:***

*Cynthia Barnes*  
*Melanie Elder*  
*Antonina Foster*  
*Sarah Greer Pearson*  
*Brandi Johnson*  
*Monica Perkins*  
*Danielle Robbins*  
*Christin Root*

## ***Unsung Hero Award***

These staff members go above and beyond the routine call of duty with a high level of commitment, initiative, cooperation, and dedication. These nominees are dependable and trustworthy, instill in their coworkers a sense of responsibility and dedication to the university, and exemplify excellence and integrity in workplace relationships, interactions, and decisions.

### ***Nominees:***

*Walter Asencios*  
*Juliet Brown*  
*Sarah Carnahan*  
*Erna Clyburn*  
*Cherrione Davis*  
*Melanie Elder*  
*Daniel Espinoza*  
*Sarah Greer Pearson*  
*Kimberly Gullat*  
*Fatima Kamal*  
*Lenore Meeks*  
*Stepy Thomas*  
*Marisa Warner*  
*Cecilia Zhang*

## ***Excellence in Basic Science Laboratory Research Support Award***

This award recognizes a staff member who has displayed exceptional effort and made significant contributions in a role focused on basic science laboratory research. These nominees have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty to positively impact research studies/trials, provide guidance to less experienced research staff, and support Principal Investigators/Study Sponsors.

### ***Nominees:***

*Ian Hentenaar*

*Giji Joseph*

*Derek T. Pham*

*Hongyan Qu*

## ***Excellence in Clinical Research Support Award***

This award recognizes a staff member who has displayed exceptional effort and made significant contributions in a role focused on clinical research. Successful nominees are those who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty to positively impact clinical research studies/trials, provide guidance to less experienced clinical research staff, and support Principal Investigators/Study Sponsors.

### ***Nominees:***

*Katie Al-Haroun*

*Ayman Alkhoder*

*Erna Clyburn*

*Lisa Harewood*

*Joffi Musonge-Effoe*

*Fauzia Rashid*

*Aimee Graciela Rivera Solis*

# ***Outstanding Emory Healthcare Staff Support Award***

This award recognizes a staff member employed by Emory Healthcare who has provided exceptional support for the Department of Medicine, collaborating with DOM faculty, staff, and learners to advance the missions of teaching, clinical service, and scholarship.

## ***Nominees:***

*Temekia Cotton  
Keisha Dozier  
Sheila Harris  
Tonya Slacum  
Joanne Van Etten  
Karlene Wortham*

# ***Outstanding Newcomer Award***

This award recognizes a newly-hired staff member for his/her excellent support and exceptional performance during the first year of employment. These nominees have made significant contributions within their work teams, division, the Department, and/or the School of Medicine despite being employed within the Department of Medicine for one year or less.

## ***Nominees:***

*Imani Elsey  
Caitlin Mae Kirkpatrick  
Valerie Lew  
Devin Miller  
Kammeron Newton  
Yasin Parker  
Ebony Providence  
Kat Pugel  
Brian Taylor  
Emily Twa*

# FACULTY AWARDS

## *Educator Impact Award*

This award recognizes faculty who have made outstanding contributions as a medical educator as recognized by their peers.

### ***Nominees:***

*Frehiywot Ayele, MD*

*Gabriela Cohen, MD*

*Nader Dbouk, MD*

*Stacy Higgins, MD*

*Ali Kashkouli, MD*

*Michael Lloyd, MD*

*Annie Massart, MD*

*Frederic Rahbari Oskoui, MD, MS*

*Mark Spencer, MD*

*Jennifer Spicer, MD, MPH*

*Byron (Robbie) Williams III, MD*

## *Academy of Medical Educators* *“Teach 12” Award*

The Academy of Medical Educators (AME) was created to identify, recognize, and honor master teachers. AME's goal is to develop and implement innovative education tools and programs, as well as mentor and train aspiring educators who will act as role models for other faculty.

### ***Nominees:***

*Bruce Aldred, MD*

*Lisa Cassani, MD*

*Maura George, MD*

*Tracey Henry, MD, MPH, MS*

*Azizul Hoque, MD, PhD*

*Audrey Jernigan, MD*

*Lynn Schlanger, MD*



# ***Residency Education Awards***

## **Juha P. Kokko Award**

This award represents the single most outstanding teaching attending the residents work with at any of the hospital sites.

***Mahmoud Abdou, MD***

## **Joyce P. Doyle Award**

The award is presented by the chiefs, at the Roast, to an individual you all feel has shown exceptional dedication toward Dr. Doyle's vision of tirelessly working on behalf of residents to make this the best program in the country.

***Meghan Lane, M. Ed***

## **Golden Apple Awards**

This award recognizes the most outstanding inpatient attending and subspecialist attending at each hospital.

### **Emory University Hospital**

*Daniel Hunt, MD (Inpatient Attending)*

*Kunal Bhatt, MD (Subspecialist)*

### **Emory University Hospital Midtown**

*Audrey B. Jernigan, MD (Inpatient Attending)*

*Jason Cobb, MD (Subspecialist)*

### **Grady Memorial Hospital**

*Colin Washington, MD, MPH (Inpatient Attending)*

*Michael Gallagher, MD (Inpatient Attending)*

*Patricia Cheung, MD, MPH (Inpatient Attending)*

*Sarah Johnson, MD (Subspecialist)*

### **Atlanta VA Medical Center**

*Jason Williams, MD (Inpatient Attending)*

*Caroline Coleman, MD (Inpatient Attending)*

*Ethel Weil, MD (Specialist)*

# Shanthi V. Sitaraman Silver Pear Mentoring Award

This award recognizes Department of Medicine faculty who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring to early career faculty within the Department of Medicine during the past year.

One award will be given in each of the two categories:

*Mentoring of faculty primarily in the clinician educator or service area*  
*Mentoring of faculty primarily in the research area*

## **Nominees:**

*Vasilis Babaliaros, MD*  
*Jada Bussey-Jones, MD, FACP*  
*Saria Hassan, MD MPH*  
*Tracey Henry, MD, MPH, MS*  
*Manpreet Malik, MD, FHM*  
*Jeanie Park, MD, MS*  
*Anandi Sheth, MD, MSc*  
*Camille Vaughan, MD, MS*

## ***RYSE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award***

The RYSE Diversity and Inclusion Award recognizes Department of Medicine faculty who have made significant contributions to fostering a diverse and inclusive DOM community through their service, teaching, mentoring, and research efforts.

## **Nominees:**

*Gina Lundberg, MD, FACC*  
*Francois Rollin, MD, MPH*  
*TaRessa Wills, MD*  
*Laila Woc-Colburn, MD*

## ***Outstanding Clinician Award***

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding clinical and collaborative care for patients.

### ***Nominees:***

*Dylan Baker, MD*  
*Laurence Balter, MD*  
*Hyung Seok (Daniel) Oh, MD, MBA*  
*Frederic Rahbari Oskoui, MD, MS*  
*Giorgio Roccaro, MD, MSCE*  
*Yoo Mee Shin, MD*  
*Jonathan Waltuck, MD*

## ***Quality Achievement Award***

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to clinical quality improvement, or quality improvement within teaching, leadership, or research.

### ***Nominees:***

*Michael Balk, MD*  
*Susmita Parashar, MD, MPH, MS*  
*Sujit Suchindran, MD, MPH*  
*Stacey Watkins, MD, PhD*

# Nanette K. Wenger Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated outstanding service and citizenship to the Department of Medicine.

One award will be given in each of the three faculty ranks:  
Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor

## ***Nominees:***

*Jason Cobb, MD*

*Jonathan Colasanti, MD, MSPH*

*Allen Dollar, MD*

*Dan Dressler, MD, MSc, MHM, FACP*

*Monica Farley, MD*

*Prateek Gandiga, MD, FACP*

*Lauren Gensler, MD*

*Madeleine Hackney, PhD*

*Laura Hansen, PhD*

*Tracey Henry, MD, MS, MPH*

*Azizul Hoque, MD, PhD*

*Rebecca Levit, MD*

*Sam Lim, MD, MPH*

*Meredith Lora, MD*

*Anant Mandawat, MD*

*Lesley Miller, MD*

*Willie Smith Jr., MD*

*Athanasios Tiliakos, MD*

*Boghuma Titanji, MD, MSc, DTM&H, PhD*

*Katina Tsagaris, DO, MPH*

# Outstanding Publication Awards

This award recognizes faculty who have produced outstanding basic and clinical/translational (including quality improvement and health services) research publications, at the following faculty ranks:

*Instructor/Assistant Professor*  
*Associate Professor*  
*Professor*

## **Nominees:**

*Vasilis Babaliaros, MD*  
*Ahmed Babiker, MBBS, MSc*  
*Emily Cartwright, MD*  
*Adam Greenbaum, MD*  
*Janice Lea, MD, MSc, FASN*  
*Doan Nguyen, MD, PhD*  
*Jinhu Wang, PhD*  
*Michael Woodworth, MD, MSc*  
*Philip Yang, MD, MS*  
*Young-sup Yoon, MD, PhD*

# R. WAYNE ALEXANDER EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

This award recognizes significant contributions to medical knowledge realized through a body of research over an individual's career in either basic research or clinical and translational research.

## **Nominees:**

*Hanjoong Jo, PhD*  
*Colleen Kelley, MD, MPH*  
*Roberto Pacifici, MD*  
*Molly Perkins, PhD, FGSA*  
*W. Robert Taylor, MD, PhD*  
*Susan Wall, MD*

# Team Science Award

Newly established in 2024, this award is designed to celebrate the Department of Medicine's (DOM) culture of collaboration by recognizing research teams that demonstrate innovative and impactful advances in science and high quality, productive teamwork.

## **Nominees:**

### **Emory Inspire Project:**

*Molly Perkins, PhD, FGSA*

*Alexis Bender, PhD*

*Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA*

*Regine Haardorfer, PhD*

*Kenneth Hepburn, PhD*

*Candace Kemp, PhD, FGSA*

*Michael Lepore, PhD*

*Miranda Moore, PhD*

*Regina Shih, PhD*

*Mi-Kyung Song, PhD, RN, FAAN*

### **"IDBiostat" of the MACS-WIHS Combined Cohort Study:**

*Christina Mehta, PhD, MSPH*

*Rachael Abraham, PhD, MSc, CPH*

*Chetna Bedi, PhD*

*Antonina Foster, NP*

*Tsungirirai Maramba, MPH*

*Anna Rubtsova, PhD, MSc*

*Heqiong (Maggie) Wang, MPH, MD*

*Qian Yang, PhD, ME*

### **The Satellite Trials Group of Emory (STaGE):**

*Larry Busse, MD, MBA*

*Amy Anderson, RN, BSN*

*William Bender, MD, MPH*

*Siva Bhavani, MD*

*Jamie Felzer, MD, MPH*

*Ishan Mehta, MD*

*Caitlin Ten Lohuis, ACNP-BC*

*Venu Velagapudi, MD, MBA*

*Hirushi Weerasinghe, MD*

*Avanthika Wynn, MD*

*Phillip Yang, MD, MS*

## Effectiveness of Smallpox Vaccination to Prevent Mpox in Military Personnel

*Vincent Marconi, MD*

*Boghuma Titanji, MD, MSc, DTM&H, PhD*

*Lauren Epstein, MD, MSc*

# DIVISION GEMS

This award honors Department of Medicine faculty who have made quiet but outstanding and impactful contributions (in any of our mission areas) that may escape external recognition.

*Bruce Aldred, MD | Infectious Diseases*

*Jennifer Brandt, MD, MPH | Rheumatology*

*Gabriela Cohen, MD | Geriatrics and Gerontology*

*Tina Hang, MD | Digestive Diseases*

*Scott Hoff, MD | Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

*Britt Marshall, MD | General Internal Medicine*

*Jessica Nave, MD | Hospital Medicine*

*Francisco Pasquel, MD, MPH | Endocrinology*

*Alejandra Valdivia Cortes, PhD | Cardiology*

*Sana Waheed, MD | Renal Medicine*

# CLINICAL DISTINCTIONS

## Senior Physician

Ankit Agrawal, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Sherri Bogard, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Elena Cabb, DO, MPH | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*  
Sheryl Caberto, MD | *Renal Medicine*  
Hila Calev, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Caroline Collins, MD | *General Internal Medicine*  
Reema Dbouk, MD, FACP | *General Internal Medicine*  
Travis Douglass, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH | *General Internal Medicine*  
Monica Gavaller, MD | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*  
Samantha Goldstein, DO | *Hospital Medicine*  
Liliana Guevara-Bermudez, MD, FACP | *Hospital Medicine*  
Nadine Harris, MD | *Infectious Diseases*  
Matthew Hogan, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Dawn Howard, MD, MPH | *Hospital Medicine*  
Malavika Kapuria, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Kelly Kaysen, MD | *Rheumatology*  
Priya Kohli, MD, MPH, FACC | *Cardiology*  
Rebecca LeLeiko, MD, MS | *Cardiology*  
Ishan Mehta, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*  
David Minkoff, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Deepa Nagarajan, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Sathyabama Naidu, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Sneha Neurgaonkar, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Prathima Pangulur, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Lailama Paykargar, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
J. Isaac Pena, MD, FACP | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*  
Giorgio Roccaro, MD, MSCE | *Digestive Diseases*  
Rajasree Roy, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Hasan Saiyed, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Gabriel Santamarina, DPM, AACFAS | *Endocrinology*  
Sowmya Siragowni, MD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Lakshmi Sridharan, MD, FACC | *Cardiology*  
Fariha Sultan, MD | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*  
Stacey Watkins, MD, PhD | *Hospital Medicine*  
Malia Willis, MD | *Hospital Medicine*



## Distinguished Physician

Bhavin Adhyaru, MS, MD, FACP | *General Internal Medicine*

Jason Brown, MD, AGAF, FACG | *Digestive Diseases*

Gabriela Cohen, MD | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*

Dominic Cruz, MD | *Hospital Medicine*

Barry Fields, MD, MEd, FAASM | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Reza Hassanyar, MD | *Hospital Medicine*

Sheetal Kandiah, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, FSSCI | *Infectious Diseases*

Annie Massart, MD, FHM | *Hospital Medicine*

Ashish Mehta, MD, MSc | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

David Murphy, MD, PhD, FCCM | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Carmen Polito, MD, MSc | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Stephanie Pouch, MD, MS, FAST | *Infectious Diseases*

Meena Prasad, MD | *Digestive Diseases*

Alejandro Sardi-Freitez, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Yoo Mee Shin, MD | *Hospital Medicine*

Colin Swenson, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Saiprakash Venkateshiah, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Anna Von, MD | *Hospital Medicine*

## Eminent Physician

Joyce Akwe, MD, MPH, FACP | *Hospital Medicine*

Stacy Higgins, MD, FACP | *General Internal Medicine*

Ketino Kobaidze, MD, PhD, FHM, FACP | *Hospital Medicine*

Noble Maleque, MD, FHM, FACP | *Hospital Medicine*

Dustin Smith, MD, SFHM | *Hospital Medicine*

# 2024 SENIOR PROMOTIONS

## Associate Professor

Isida Byku, MD, FACC, FSCAI | *Cardiology*

Gabriela Cohen, MD | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*

Georgia M. Davis, MD | *Endocrinology*

Kari Esbensen, MD, PhD, FACP | *Hospital Medicine*

Marshall Fleurant, MD, MPH | *General Internal Medicine*

Eliver Ghosn, PhD | *Rheumatology*

Arash Harzand, MD, MBA, FACC, FSVM, RPVI | *Cardiology*

Andre Holder, MD, MS | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Wissam S. Jaber, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Anand Jain, MD | *Digestive Diseases*

Jordan Kempker, MD, MSc | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Anant Mandawat, MD | *Cardiology*

Annie Massart, MD, FHM | *Hospital Medicine*

Mohamad Moussa, MD, SFHM | *Hospital Medicine*

Jose Navarrete, MD | *Renal Medicine*

Carmen Polito, MD, MSc | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Jennifer Spicer, MD, MPH | *Infectious Diseases*

Seema Tekwani, MD, MHA | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

Michael Woodworth, MD, MSc | *Infectious Diseases*

## Professor

Shelly-Ann Fluker, MD, FACP | *General Internal Medicine*

Julie Hollberg, MD | *Hospital Medicine*

William J. Nicholson, MD | *Cardiology*

Chris O'Donnell, MD, FACP, SFHM | *Hospital Medicine*

Charles D. Searles Jr., MD, FAHA, FACC | *Cardiology*

Bryan Wells, MD | *Cardiology*

Cherry Wongtrakool, MD | *Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*

## Professor with Tenure

Colleen Kelley, MD, MPH | *Infectious Diseases*

Molly Perkins, PhD | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*

Camille Vaughan, MD, MS | *Geriatrics and Gerontology*

## Grant of Tenure

Jessica Alvarez, PhD, RD | *Endocrinology*

Zhiyong Lin, PhD | *Cardiology*

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