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Greetings from the UH Department of Medicine!



2025 MATCH DAY

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[Match Day 2025: A Class Committed to Hawai'i](#)

Congratulations to everyone who matched! Of the Class of 2025, 41% will stay to train in Hawai'i for residency, and over 60% of graduates are entering primary care residency training programs!

A total of 25 of our graduates matched to Categorical Internal Medicine or Primary Care Internal Medicine programs-- check out their names and programs below!

Madeleine Chai - Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles
Shin Chang - Boston University Medical Center
Elise Chong - Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii
Jonathan Hu - Stanford Health Care
Roxana Hu - University of California, Irvine
Sameer Kejriwal - University of California, Los Angeles
Josuha Kepler - University of California, San Diego
Kelli Kokame - Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii
ZoeAnn Kon - University of California, Los Angeles
Tiffany Kurozawa - Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii
Kevin Liu - University of Hawaii
Jonathan Loi - Riverside Community Hospital, CA
Scott Nishioka - University of Hawaii

Julia Oehlers - University of Hawaii
Riley Parks - University of Utah
Shantel Pascual - University of Hawaii
Kylie Popovich - University of Hawaii, Primary Care
Ayumi Sakamoto - University of Minnesota
Jason Seto - Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Katelyn Shirai - University of Hawaii
Kaitlyn Takata - University of Hawaii
Luke Taylor - University of Utah
Kelly Watanabe - Stanford Health Care
Jiaming Xue - HCA Medical City Healthcare, Arlington
Angeline Zhou - University of Washington, Primary Care



ANNOUNCING OUR NEW GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The University of Hawaii Gastroenterology Fellowship Program is commencing on July 1, 2025. The primary training site is the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu but opportunities for electives are available at other healthcare systems in Hawaii. The Queen's Medical Center is a 600-bed tertiary referral center and houses multiple endoscopy centers including advanced endoscopy, and a liver clinic and liver transplant center. We look forward to welcoming our incoming fellows as they gain the skills and knowledge to become future leaders in gastroenterology!



2025 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS (ACP) SCIENTIFIC MEETING

On March 8, 2025, the ACP Hawai'i Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting was held at the Honolulu Country Club. Attendees explored engaging topics in internal medicine, including talks on colorectal cancer screening and chronic kidney disease, a panel on climate change in health, and a discussion of the Schatz Lecture on DEI. The meeting allowed healthcare professionals at every stage of their career-- ACP members, residents, medical students, and nonmembers alike-- to network, collaborate, and share their research and expertise in their field. Along with the poster sessions and awards ceremony, attendees enjoyed wellness massages, delicious meals, and a friendly game of Doctor's Dilemma, where teams put their medical knowledge to the test in a fun and friendly competition!



Dr. Kuo Lian and Dr. Scott Kuwada



Dr. Lisa Camara, Helen Victor, Dr. Sam Evans, and Dr. Ryon Nakasone



Kevin Benavente, DO



Thanaboon Yinadsawaphan, MD



Amanda Wasko, MD

ABSTRACT WINNERS

Resident Research First Place:
Kevin Benavente, DO

Resident Research Second Place:
Thanaboon Yinadsawaphan, MD

Resident Research Third Place - Tie:
Yusuke Miyatani, MD
Toru Nakata, MD

Student Research First Place:
Ho Hyun Lee

Student Research Second Place - Tie:
Mason Caldwell
Chirstyn Okuno

Top Resident Case Report:
Joanna Reinhardt, MD

Top Student Case Report:
Lauryn Liao

Top Fellow Research:
Aarthi Sridhar, MD

Top Resident of the Year:
Amanda Wasko, MD

Top Hospitalist of the Year:
Christina Chong, MD
Catherine Ho, MD



Yusuke Miyatani, MD (right)
Toru Nakata, MD (left)

RESEARCH ROUNDUP

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) has gifted JABSOM a Good Skin Knowledge Grant to educate children in Hawai'i about hair, skin, and nail health. Led by MS2s Heather Zimmerman and Kirsten Chun, the Dermatology Interest Group and their mentor Dr. Greg Sakamoto visited schools across O'ahu and Lāna'i.



Greg Sakamoto, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
[Read more here](#)
[JABSOM Receives Good Skin Knowledge Grant.](#)

Dr. Jatinder Lachar was accepted to the Queen's Medical Center - John Hopkins Faculty Research & Innovation Mentorship Program which is run via collaboration with the John Hopkin's Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety & Quality. This will allow him to further publish some of the great quality and patient safety work being done at the Queen's Medical Center.



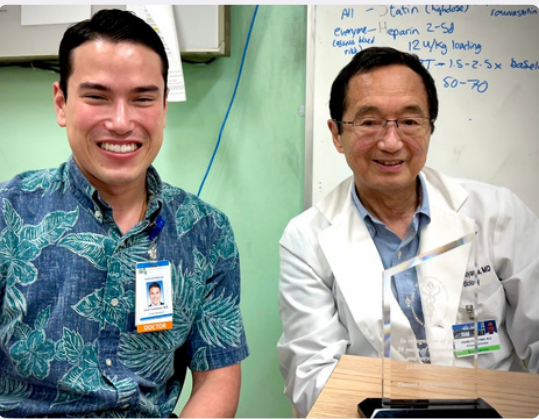
Jatinder Lachar, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor

[Read the article here](#)
[Impact of a multidisciplinary team model on discharge efficiency and accuracy in internal medicine resident teams](#)

Drs. Christina Chong, Travis Watai, Jatinder Lachar, and Yoshito Nishimura authored a recent *Internal Medicine Journal* publication, "Impact of a multidisciplinary team model on discharge efficiency and accuracy in internal medicine resident teams". Their findings explore how multidisciplinary teaching (MDT) incorporating dedicated case managers and social workers into IM resident teams improved accuracy and efficiency of discharge planning.

[Read the article here](#)
[Serial biomarker measurements may be helpful to predict the successful application of high flow nasal cannula in COVID-19 pneumonia patients](#)

Drs. Reid Ikeda, Andrew Pham, Gehan Devendra and colleagues were published in *Scientific Reports* for their article "Serial biomarker measurements may be helpful to predict the successful application of high flow nasal cannula in COVID-19 pneumonia patients". The study investigates how monitoring C-reactive protein (CRP) and D-dimer levels can help predict the effectiveness of high flow nasal cannula (HFNC) therapy in COVID-19 pneumonia patients facing acute respiratory failure.



MAHALO AND A HUI HO, DR. OSAMU FUKUYAMA

After 42 incredible years of service, Dr. Osamu Fukuyama retired on December 31, 2024. As a Clinical Professor of Medicine, he has been a dedicated mentor, educator, and leader since joining our faculty in 1983. In 2023, he was honored with a recognition plaque for his lasting contributions. We are truly grateful for his years of commitment and wish him all the best. Thank you, Dr. Fukuyama, for your warmth and aloha!

RECOGNIZING WITH ALOHA, DR. BILL LOUI

With heartfelt aloha, we announce that Dr. William "Bill" Loui is stepping down as Hematology Division Chief. For over 25 years, Dr. Loui has been a dedicated educator and mentor to countless students and residents, earning three UHIMRP Excellence in Clinical Teaching awards along the way. Mahalo Dr. Loui, for your unwavering dedication!



WELCOME TO THE DEPT



Meet Dr. Michael Tanoue,
our new Cardiology
Division Chief!

We are truly fortunate and thankful for our outstanding clinical faculty. We are pleased to introduce our newest Clinical Assistant Professors:

- Mohammed Ali, MBBS – QMC Punchbowl, *Hospital Medicine*
- Pamela Barnes, MD – QMC Punchbowl, *Hospital Medicine*
- Bryan Aaron Ganzon, MD – QMC Punchbowl, *Hospital Medicine*
- Ashley Ono, MD – QMC West, *Hospital Medicine*

Thank you for volunteering to support JABSOM’s mission!



Gehan Devendra, MD
Division Chief, Critical Care
Associate Professor

HO’OMAIKA’I DR. GEHAN DEVENDRA

Dr. Devendra is the third physician from Hawai’i to be named fellow by the American Thoracic Society (ATS), recognizing his contributions to pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. He joins a select group as one of only two practicing ATS Fellows in the state, alongside Dr. Phil Verhoef, and will be the only ATS Fellow at Queens. This prestigious achievement reflects his academic endeavors and leadership in the field.

HO’OMAIKA’I DR. BRYAN BROWN

Dr. Brown was recognized as an outstanding reviewer by the Journal of Graduate Medical Education (JGME). Dr. Brown received an average reviewer rating of 80 or higher and reviewed at least one paper in the past year with a reviewer rating of 95 to 100.



Bryan Brown, MD
UHPC APD
Clinical Assistant Professor



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KEIKI CORNER



“My Scouting America Family. Scouting America Troop 1023 sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin in Hilo, Hawaii. (I'm the guy standing 2nd from the right next to my wife Pat who is the Troop's Secretary.)”

- Aaron H. Morita, MD, FACP
Troop Committee Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster,
Eagle Scout (Recipient of the National Outstanding Eagle
Scout Award by the National Eagle Scout Association)

SAVE THE DATES

APRIL GRAND ROUNDS

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- Apr 1
 - Kelly Shibuya, MD - Beyond Recurrent Infections: Immunodeficiencies in Adults
- Apr 8 - JABSOM OME GR
 - Jason Kenji Higa, PhD - TBA
- Apr 15
 - Acosta Andres, MD, PhD - Obesity, and Phenotypes to Predict Response to GLP1s
- Apr 22
 - Mary Sadler, PharmD - Top 5 Medication Safety Stories of the Year (*Working Title*)

DOM FACULTY MEETING - APR 2, 2025

UH LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION - MAY 7, 2025

UH FINAL EXAMS - MAY 12-16, 2025

JABSOM AWARDS CEREMONY - MAY 14, 2025

CONVOCATION - MAY 17, 2025*

HOLIDAYS

- Good Friday 4/18/2025
- Memorial Day 5/26/2025
- King Kamehameha Day 6/11/2025
- Juneteenth 6/19/2025 (not observed)

*Ceremonies begin at 9:30 am.
Those who wish to participate in the processional
and sit onstage, please notify hvictor@hawaii.edu
no later than April 25th. Regalia is required.

WANT TO BE FEATURED?

Want to be featured in next quarter’s eNewsletter?
Please direct your exciting, newsworthy updates to the *Inside IM* team at
uhdomed@hawaii.edu.

We’re eager to hear from you!