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Greetings from the UH Department of Medicine!



Current and Former Kuakini Chief Medical Residents

HO'OKUIKAHI AND A HUI HOU, DR. KEN SUMIDA!

The Department of Medicine hosted its Ho'okuikahi event at Café Waiola on August 30, 2024. The evening served as a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Ken Sumida, who has been a cornerstone of medical education as the longtime Director of Medical Education at Kuakini Medical Center. It was also an opportunity to honor and recognize our clinical faculty, including Dr. Steven Lum, who was named Outstanding Preceptor of the Year (2024). Guests enjoyed live music, engaging entertainment, delicious food, and warm camaraderie, making it a memorable tribute to Dr. Sumida's invaluable contributions and a celebration of our dedicated educators.



The Public Option played live music during the celebration. Pictured left to right: Dr. Daniel Donovan, Dr. Jeffrey Miles, Dr. Sandra Loo, and Miguel Torres.



Laurie Tam, MD
Assistant Professor and
Associate Chair,
Undergraduate Medical Education

UME NEWS - LAURIE TAM, MD

I am thankful to Dr. Kuwada for inviting me back to the Department to serve as Associate Chair of Undergraduate Medical Education. While I was sad to leave OME's innovative Learning Community program where I had served as an LC Mentor for the past four years, I am happy to be back "home" in this department and working with such amazing faculty and staff.

Seventy-six (76) 3rd year students have completed the first half of their 3rd year IM Clerkship, half in their inpatient blocks and half in their outpatient clinics. At the same time, our 4th year students completed six elective rotations, with 26 of them applying to IM residencies, including our own UHIMRP and UHPC, as well as programs on the Mainland. We can't wait to see where they all match!

In the meantime, Dr. Flo Kan, Dr. Brandon Takase and I are serving as Faculty Advisors for IMIG, JABSOM's IM Interest Group, to help attract the best JABSOM students to IM and to strengthen their IM exposure and experiences in their first through fourth years.

Thank you to Dr. Kan and Julieta Rajlevsky, our Clerkship Director and Coordinator, respectively, and to all the faculty and staff who teach, mentor and inspire our students!



UH DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE RESEARCH REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Department of Medicine has initiated a Clinical Research Review Committee headed by Associate Chair of Research, Dr. Dominic Chow, to review all research projects initiated by or with JABSOM Dept of Medicine faculty (including medical students, and medicine residents and fellows). The objectives are two-fold: 1) lend the expertise of experienced researchers to ensure a strong study design and 2) assist with IRB proposals. This effort is not an attempt at micromanaging clinical research in the UH DOM but to help ensure the success of research projects and decreasing the work the IRB by improving IRB proposals. Please see Research Review Committee process below.

Contact Lindsey Ramolete by email at lnr@hawaii.edu to schedule Research Review Committee Meeting



Review Committee arranged through Dr. Dominic Chow, Associate Chair for Research, UH Dept. of Medicine



Research team presents an abstract (1-page total or 5 powerpoint slides) to the committee. The abstract should include:

- 1. Introduction including Statement of Need/Problem*
- 2. Hypothesis (-es)*
- 3. Specific Aims to test hypothesis(-es)*
- 4. Anticipated Results*
- 5. Authorship / Mentor(s)*
- 6. Discussion of IRB requirements*



Research Committee will provide additional resources that may enhance or accelerate the research project.



OUR LOGO: EXPLAINED

The University of Hawai'i Department of Medicine logo weaves together elements that reflect our mission, values, and connection to the community. The canoe, shaped like a helping hand, symbolizes the dedication of Internal Medicine physicians guiding patients on their journey toward healing and wellness. The stars represent both the diverse specialties within the department and the aspiration for optimal health. Overlaying the design is the Maui hook constellation, paying tribute to the resilience and recovery of the Maui community following the fires.

FROM BELLY TO BRAIN: GI AND NEURO DOCS SHINE!



“There are examples where manipulating the microbiome can solve human diseases.”
- Dr. Scott Kuwada

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“It’s not just a dream—it’s in the works” [on launching the brain health applied research institute].
- Dr. Kazuma Nakagawa

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We’re excited to share that our Department Chair and Chief of Gastroenterology Dr. Scott Kuwada, and Neurology Division Chief Dr. Kazuma Nakagawa, Chief of the Neuroscience Institute, were both featured in *Honolulu Magazine*. Dr. Kuwada’s article, “The Marvelous Microbiome,” explores the importance of gut health, while Dr. Nakagawa’s piece, “No Brainer,” delves into advancements in brain health and stroke care.

Congratulations to both for their outstanding contributions to these vital health discussions!

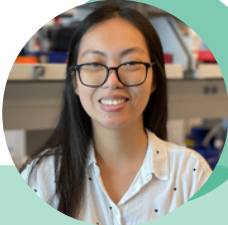
RESEARCH ROUNDUP

Dr. Dominic Chow’s AIDS Center will be submitting a HIV focused R01 in January and Ola Hawaii had a successful NIH site review 2 weeks previously.

Dr. Ralph Shohet’s graduate student Katie Lee defended her thesis (and graduated this past Saturday),

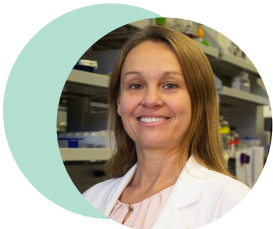
The Cardiovascular Center of Research (CCR) received a 15%ile score on an R21 on methamphetamine cardiomyopathy and await a funding decision.

CCR T32 trainee Anna Nilsson has obtained F31 predoctoral funding.



Katie Lee, PhD
[Read more here](#)
[JABSOM PhD Student Finds Connection Between Healthy Hearts and PKM2](#)

[See the KHON2 feature on Anna Nilsson, PhD candidate’s work in Dr. Marianna Gershenson’s lab here](#)
[This school is unlocking Hawai’i’s research potential](#)



Michelle Seidel Tallquist, PhD
Professor of Medicine
Director, Cell & Molecular
Biology Graduate Program

HO’OMAIKA’I, DR. MICHELLE TALLQUIST!

Dr. Michelle Tallquist, Professor of Medicine at JABSOM and Director of the Cell and Molecular Biology program, was selected to participate in the UH President’s Emerging Leaders Program (PELP). As part of its 10th cohort, she had the opportunity to further develop her leadership and mentorship skills, empowering her to impact the next generation of researchers.

WELCOME TO THE DEPT



Meet Lindsey Ramolete, our new Program Specialist!



Meet Dr. Jodi Kagihara, our new DME at Kuakini!



Meet Dr. Michiko Bruno, joining us as full Professor!

WELCOME OUR 2024 VOLUNTEER FACULTY ADDITIONS

Thomas Aldan, MD
Nephrology, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group
Hiroshi Ashikaga, MD, PhD
Cardiology, Queens Health System
Lopa Basu, DO
Hospital Medicine, Straub Medical Center
Ethan Charles Chun, MD
Hospital Medicine, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group
Abraham Chyung, MD, PhD
Neurology, Queens Health System
Roui De Castro, MD
Primary Care, Queens Health System
Summer Douban, MD
Hospital Medicine, Wilcox Medical Center
Spring Golden, MD
Dermatology, Golden Dermatology
Suzanna Grima, MD
Dermatology, Straub Medical Center
Francisco Halili, MD
Hospital Medicine, Straub Medical Center
Joseph Kipta, MD
Neurology, Straub Medical Center
Neha Kumar, MD
Pulmonary/Critical Care,
Aloha Critical Care Associates LLP
Jason Kuniyoshi, MD
Hospital Medicine, Queens Health System

Manuel Lam, MD
Hospital Medicine, Queens Health System
Tagai Musaev, MD
Dermatology, Premier Dermatology Hawaii
Kelly Paschke, DO
Cardiology, Queens Health System
Mary Paul, MD
Primary Care, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (Kauai)
Kimble Poon, MD
Cardiology, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group (Maui)
Cuong Quach, DO
Hospital Medicine, Queens Health System
Jodie Sasaki, MD
Dermatology, Oahu Dermatology LLC
Jacob Shreve, MD
Hematology/Oncology, Adventist Health
Huidy Shu, MD, PhD
Neurology, Pali Momi Medical Center
Bryce Tanaka, MD
Primary Care, Queens Health System
Randi Taniguchi-Fu, MD
Primary Care, Molokai General Hospital
Chad Tao, MD
Pulmonary/Critical Care, Queens Health System
Richard Wang, MD
Pulmonary & Critical Care, Queens Health System

CALLING OUT RESIDENT CANDIDATES!

Both UHIMRP and UHPC are interviewing candidates for FY 25-26 slots. Interviews run through January 2025. If you are interested in interviewing, contact rikeda@hawaii residency.org or jyess@hawaii.edu.

SAVE THE DATES

JANUARY GRAND ROUNDS

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- Jan 7 - Canceled
- Jan 14 - JABSOM OME GR
 - Martina Kamaka, MD; Lee Buenconsejo-Lum, MD - JABSOM Mo’okuauhau
- Jan 21
 - Marc Coel, MD - Updates in Nuclear Medicine
- Jan 28
 - Bradley Tokeshi, MD; Taryne Imai, MD - Lung Cancer Screening

DOM FACULTY MEETING – FEB 5, 2025

LCME SITE VISIT – JAN 27 AND 28, 2025

HOLIDAYS

- Martin Luther King day 1/20/25
- Presidents Day 2/17/25
- Prince Kuhio Day 3/26/2025

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!