

Department of Medicine – July 2024

Aloha!

Greetings from the UH Department of Medicine.

This is the inaugural quarterly newsletter in which we will feature highlights for the Department of Medicine.

Announcements:

- ❖ The new Dean, Dr. Sam Shomaker, officially started in his new role July 1st. Dr. Shomaker holds a law degree from Georgetown University, Masters in Management from Stanford and an MD from JABSOM. He previously served as interim dean at the University of Utah, vice dean of JABSOM from 2000-2005, interim dean of JABSOM, dean of the Austin campus for the University of Texas Medical Branch and the dean and vice president at Texas A&M Health Science Center. He brings a wealth of experience back to us here in Hawaii.
- ❖ The new University of Hawaii Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency (UHPC) has launched this month with four new residents!
- ❖ Please welcome Dr. Laurie Tam our new Associate Chair for Undergraduate Medical Education. Dr. Tam has a tremendous wealth of experience as the former DOM Clerkship Director and LCM mentor which will afford the DOM with her comprehensive understanding of all four years of medical school. She will oversee the team – Clerkship Director (Dr. Flo Kan), Associate Clerkship Directors (Dr. Miki Kiyokawa and Dr. Steven Azuma) and Julieta Rajlevsky.
- ❖ The application for the new UH GI Fellowship Training Program (UHGI) has begun!



Scott K. Kuwada, MD, AGAF, FACP
Ken and Gemie Arakawa Endowed Chair



An Invitation from the Chair

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Aloha,

You are cordially invited to our Department of Medicine's Ho'okuikahi (let's celebrate together!)

Join us for an evening filled with joy and festivities, hosted by the ever-charismatic Dr. Ryon Nakasone.

Come join us as we enjoy

- **Live music and entertainment, featuring *The Public Option* (Clinical Faculty, Dr. Sandra Loo).**
- **Delicious food and refreshments.**
- **A special tribute to recognize our dedicated faculty for their years of service, including a heartfelt sendoff for our esteemed Dr. Ken Sumida.**

The Ho'okuikahi will take place on Friday, August 30, 2024:
Location: John A. Burns School of Medicine, JABSOM
651 Ilalo Street Lobby and Waiola Cafe
Honolulu, HI 96813
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

RSVP to:

<https://uhdom.wufoo.com/forms/pamj1wo0lydv4g/>



Philanthropy News

Zilber Family Foundation - \$10,000 gift to DOM directed to the Ken and Gemie Arakawa Endowment Fund at UH Foundation.



Faculty Promotions

Paid Faculty eff. 8/1/2024

Assistant to Associate Professor:

- ❖ Gehan Devendra, MD

Associate to Professor:

- ❖ David Singh, MD

Clinical Faculty eff. 7/1/24

Assistant to Associate Clinical Professor:

- ❖ Lisa Camara, MD
- ❖ Ilan Bernstein, MD

Associate to Full Professor:

- ❖ Michiko Bruno, MD
- ❖ Sandi Kwee, MD, MSc, PhD
- ❖ Beau Nakamoto, MD



Aloha Critical Care Associates is proud to announce that its Chief Executive Officer, **Jonathan Paladino, MD, PhD**, has been selected to serve on the American Board of Internal Medicine Governance Board. He is the only physician from the State of the Hawai'i represented on the national board.

His specific role is with the Medical Specialty Boards for Critical Care Medicine in the design and approval of the initial Certification exam as well as the

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program through the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA) pathway.

ABIM's Specialty Boards are responsible for selecting members and chairs of the Approval Committees annually and as needed. At the spring meeting, the Critical Care Medicine Board reviewed candidate materials for several positions on both committees. The group unanimously voted to approve the following appointment effective July 1, 2024:

Jonathan Paladino, MD, Ph.D., Aloha Critical Care Associates, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Straub Medical Center, Pali Momi Medical Center and **John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii**, Traditional, 10-Year MOC Exam Approval Committee.



Grants/New Grants

U54CA143727- U54/PIPCHE – Pre-Pilot Award

Title: Facilitating Patient Success in Colorectal Cancer Prevention among Pacific Islanders

Role: Co-PI (Kuwada, Diaz, Cassel – Co-PI's)

Award Period: Sept 1, 2025-Aug 30, 2028

NRG-CC005; NCI-2020-00733

Title: Five or Ten-Year Colonoscopy for 1-2 Non-Advanced Adenomatous Polyps (FORTE)

Role: PI (Kuwada)

Award Period: 05/06/24-2028

The NIH Administrative Supplement from the NIMHD

Title: The Role of gp120 on cardiovascular disease in People Living with HIV

PI: Alan Gracia, PhD

Awarded: April 2023

NIH/NHLBI T32

Title: Training in Cardiovascular Research at the University of Hawaii

Role: PI(Seidel), Co-PI(Shohet)

Award Period: Aug 2012 – July 2023

NIH/NIBIVB R01

Title: Directed evolution of a sequence-specific targeting technology for therapeutic gene delivery to the human genome.

Role: PI(Owens)

Award Period: Apr 1021-March 2025

NIH/NHLBI K99-R00

Title: Epigenetic regulation of the hypoxic response in the mouse heart

Role: PI(Knutson)

Award Period: Sept 2021-Aug 2026

Clerkship News – Florence Kan, MD Clerkship Director



Medicine Inductees to AOA!

From left to right:

Marcus Iwane, MD, Mark Valdez, MD, Kevin Benavente, DO, Nicole Chong, MD, Natsumi Hamahata, MD and Bryan Bryan Brown, MD



Clinical Faculty Award – Dr. Steven Lum

Steven M. C. Lum, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor, was recognized at the 2024 Preceptor Appreciation Brunch held on June 23rd at JABSOM. Dr. Lum has served on our clinical faculty since 2005, teaching and inspiring dozens of medical students who completed their outpatient clerkship rotations in his clinic. Dr. Lum's invaluable contributions to our mission have earned him high praise from our learners, as reflected by their comments:

"Dr. Lum is fantastic. I had a phenomenal experience working with him. He is an exceptional teacher, mentor, and role model. I've never seen a doctor more beloved by his patients.

Not only did he enhance my clinical knowledge, but also taught me about the importance of building strong relationships with patients. I will miss being in his clinic quite a bit."

"His patients always say they hope he never retires, and it's easy to see why."

"His passion for primary care and patient continuity was infectious!"

News from our Division Chiefs –



Update – Gehan Devendra, MD

Grants/Continuing

- 2022 NIH U54MD007601 (PI) Ola HAWAII -The development and persistence of post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV2 (PASC) in Hawaii
- 2022 University of Texas grant RF 00280-SU00161 (Co-I) Machine Learning Based approaches to Understand Lung cancer Disparities
- 2023 NIH U54HG013243 (Co-I) Genomics in Lung Cancer Applied
- 2024 AIM Ahead (MPI) Deep Machine Learning algorithms in Lung Cancer

Publication

- Yoon H, Dean LS, Jiarom B, Khadka VS, Deng, NeurukarVK, Chow DC, Shikuma CM, Devendra G, Koh Y, Park J Single cell RNA sequencing reveals characteristics of myeloid cells in pulmonary PASC Front Immunol. 2024 Jan 8 PMID 10800799

New Faculty

- No new faculty this past year but we will get 3 new faculty this coming year.



Pain & Palliative Care Team Updates – Daniel Fischberg, MD

Dr. Gabriel Wishik-Miller joined the team in September following completion of the Harvard Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship Training Program. Gabriel brings extensive experience in international medicine and Addiction Medicine to his role at Queen's. Gabriel's primary role is on the Manamana inpatient Pain & Palliative Care consultation service. He also has a busy half-day Supportive Oncology clinic in the Manamana Queen's Cancer Center.

Dr. Faryal Michaud has joined the Supportive Oncology clinic where she also has a busy half-day clinic in the Manamana Queen's Cancer Center. Faryal, a Certified Life Coach, brings extensive expertise in palliative medicine as well as a focus on mindfulness to her compassionate whole-person care.

Ms. Sylvia Lee, LCSW will be the newest member of the team. Sylvia's training included mentorship and supervision with the PPC social workers and the team is delighted that she will join the team full-time on the Manamana inpatient consultation service in September.





Pulmonary Update – Sam Evans, MD

New Faculty

- We are excited to welcome back Dr Katsufumi Nishida, former UHIMRP Chief Medical Resident who has been practicing Pulmonary, Critical Care and

Sleep Medicine with Oregon Lung Specialists, LLC in Springfield Oregon since 2012. Dr Nishida will be practicing at Straub Clinic and Hospital.

- Congratulations to Miki Ueoka, Former UHIMRP Chief Medical Resident, who has just completed her Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at UCLA. Dr Ueoka will be doing another year of training at UCLA in Interventional Pulmonology.



- **Travel/Leave reminders** – alert hvictor@hawaii.edu of any planned trips by emailing dates of travel/designated coverage at least 2 weeks prior to leaving
- **Annual Faculty Report** – Availability on-line through July 31, 2024.
<https://apps.jabsom.hawaii.edu/facultyreporting>
- **Have you moved** or changed your contact information, please let us know by emailing hvictor@hawaii.edu

New Hires –

*Masayuki Nogi, MD
Associate Professor*



*Aoi Ogawa
Data Analyst*

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



Department Keiki...



*Travis Watai, MD and
Faye Tachibana, MD
proud parents of*

Kaito Watai.



- ❖ **Admissions Day Holiday**, Friday, August 16th observed by UH
- ❖ **Department of Medicine Ho'okuikahi** – Friday August 30th 5:30-7:30 pm
- ❖ **Virtual Title IX Training** – **TBD** September 2024

The Queen's Medical Center and UH JABSOM Department of Medicine invite you:

MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS

AUGUST 2024

1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays
12:30 -1:30 PM
Via WebEx
(See page 2 for WebEx link)

*1st Tuesdays typically dedicated to ambulatory care topic

AUG 6 **Gehan Devendra, MD**
*Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, QUIMG
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine,
JABSOM*

Long COVID: How are we doing?
Objectives: Define, understand the prevalence, and how to prevent and manage Long COVID.

***JABSOM OFFICE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (OME) GRAND ROUNDS**

AUG 13 **Kuo - Chiang Lian, MD**
*Chief of Medicine, OMC
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine,
JABSOM*

Teaching How to Think: Addressing Diagnostic Error and Bias on the Wards
12:30 -1:30pm via Zoom

AUG 20 **Jennifer Wong, MD**
*Urogynecology & Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, Gender Affirmation Surgery, QUIMG
Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of OB/GYN, JABSOM*

Updates on Urogynecology for the Internists
Objectives: TBA

AUG 27 **Elizabeth Kiefer, MD, MPH**
Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, JABSOM

Climate Change and Health Updates: Taking Action!
Objectives: To understand the impact of climate change on human health in Hawai'i and to learn about (and join!) efforts at the local, state, and national level to improve the health of patients from these climate effects.

For more information:
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***Medical Education Grand Rounds**
Conducted by the UH JABSOM Office of Medical Education. To join mailing list and receive Zoom link email: kjkoehi@hawaii.edu.