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INTERNAL MEDICINE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION BANQUET



On May 30, 2024, we celebrated our faculty and residents at the annual Internal Medicine Awards and Recognition Banquet. The following were awarded:

The Dr. Joshua Wynne Rising Medical Educator Award was created this year to honor Dr. Joshua Wynne as he steps down from his Dean role at the UNDSMHS. This award will be awarded annually to an early career faculty member that demonstrates excellence in medical education. The Dr. Joshua Wynne Rising Medical Educator Award – the inaugural award went to Dr. Tyson Holm at Altru Health System.



The Dr. David Theige Resident Educator Award was created this year to honor Dr. David Theige. Dr. Theige claims over 40 years in medical education at SMHS and Sanford Health. He is the former Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and the current Director of Graduate Medical Education at Sanford Health. This award will be awarded annually to a graduating internal medicine resident who demonstrates excellence in medical education.

The inaugural Dr. David Theige Resident Educator Award went to Dr. Anya de Leeuw.

The Internal Medicine Distinguished Resident Scholar Award is presented to an internal medicine resident who demonstrates overall excellence in academics and scholarship. Awarded to Dr. Hallie Thompson.

The Outstanding Internal Medicine Residency Faculty Award is presented to a UND internal medicine faculty who demonstrates commitment to the residency program's mission, excellence in teaching, exemplary professionalism, and leadership in mentoring faculty and residents. Awarded to Dr. Laura Nichols.

The Scholarly Activity Resident of the Year Award for the Transitional Year Residency Program is presented to a resident who demonstrates outstanding enthusiasm in research and quality improvement and has recorded the most scholarly activity points during the training year. Awarded to Dr. Kathleen Marsh.

The Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award for the Transitional Year Residency Program is presented to a faculty member who is passionate about resident education, continuously striving to create a learning environment designed to meet learners' needs. Awarded to Dr. Ron Ottenbacher at the Fargo VA Healthcare System.

The Phase 3 Faculty of the Year Award honors a faculty member who students have outlined as a dedicated educator demonstrating empathy, compassion, and devoted attention to the learning of Phase 3 medical students. This faculty member represents the positive impact and fulfillment an internal medicine career can hold. Awarded to Dr. Manisha Balhara at Sanford Health Fargo.

The Internal Medicine Clerkship Outstanding Faculty of the Year awards are presented to two faculty members (inpatient and outpatient) who consistently demonstrate the willingness to participate in medical student education, mentor student growth and development effectively, and collaborate with the department to fulfill the educational requirements. Awarded to Dr. Issa Al Rabadi at Sanford Health Bismarck and Dr. Michael Sheldon at Essentia Health Fargo.

Congratulations to all! And again, many thanks to all faculty for your dedication and hard work to support our residency programs and all medical education!

Photos of the event can be viewed online, photo credit to Elisabeth Eden. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/undsmhs/with/53918895939>

2024 INTERNAL MEDICINE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On behalf of Dr. Sahnoun and Dr. Guerrero:

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for the 2024 Internal Medicine Research Symposium. A special thank you to our judges Dr. Tze Shien Lo, Dr. Douglas Gugel-Bryant, Dr. Jau-Shin Lou, Dr. Anu Gaba, Dr. Siddharth Singhal, Dr. Avish Nagpal, and Dr. Cornelius Dyke.

Great job to all of our residents. The presentations were outstanding. Thank you for your hard work and for taking the time to share your research.

The winners are:

Oral Presentations



1st Place: Hallie Thompson, PGY3 IM – “Incidence and risk factors of brain metastasis in HER-2 positive primary breast cancer: A retrospective study”

Advisors: Abe E Sahnoun, Ph.D. and Anu Gaba, M.D.

2nd Place: Shabbir Haiderbhai, PGY2 IM – “Association between body mass index and physical activity among prostate cancer survivors”

Advisor: Abe E. Sahnoun, Ph.D.

3rd Place: Hussam Almasri, PGY1 IM – “The use of basal bolus with correction insulin in Med-Surg admitted patients with type 2 DM vs sliding scale insulin. An audit”

Advisors: Dr. Noreen Khan, Dr. Douglas Gugel-Bryant, and Dr. Dubert Guerrero

Research Posters

1st Place: Akongnwi Jungong Cheo, PGY1 TY – “Comparison of change in technique for treatment of massive and submassive PE”

Advisors: Jack Johannessen; David Sturdevant; Peter Biegler; Richard Penney



2nd Place: Kathleen Marsh, PGY1 TY – “Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan therapy improves survival: a case study challenging current clinical thoughts and practices”

Advisors: Dubert Guerrero, M.D. and Erica Martin-Macintosh, M.D.

3rd Place: Rita Ahmad, PGY1 IM – “Factors associated with mammography screening: Findings from a nationally representative dataset”

Advisor: Abe E Sahnoun, Ph.D.

Clinical Vignette Posters



1st Place: Dre Steinwehr, PGY2 IM, David Townsend, PGY1 IM, and Andrew Herting, PGY3 IM – “Barium salt intoxication resulting in profound hypokalemia and paralysis successfully treated with hemodialysis”

Advisors: Jon Cole, M.D., and Gwen Thompson, M.D.

2nd Place: James Fowler, PGY3 IM, and Hussam Almasri, PGY1 IM – “A case of Oddi dysfunction”

Advisor: John Bassett, M.D.

3rd Place: Taqqa Tabassum, PGY1 TY – “CNS Blastomycosis Presenting as a Space Occupying Lesion”

Advisors: Shubhangi Gupta, M.D., Avish Nagpal, M.D., M.P.H., and Erik Heitkamp, M.D.

Congratulations to all winners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 INTERNAL MEDICINE GRADUATES!

On June 15, we celebrated our graduating residency class. Individually and as a group, the graduates have thrived and are well trained to serve the communities in which they will practice. These physicians are not only prepared to provide excellent clinical care, but they are well prepared as physician leaders to lead teams and organizations through changing times in healthcare.

The mission of our program is to train internal medicine residents to provide high-value care to the people of North Dakota and the adjacent regions we serve. This year we have several graduates who will join practices in North Dakota, continuing our tradition of training physicians for the great state of North Dakota. Congratulations to our graduates!

Graduate	Post-graduation plan
Brock Ashmore	Sanford Health, Fargo PGY4 Chief Resident/General Internal Medicine/ Hospital Medicine
Anya de Leeuw	Cardiology Fellowship, University of Arizona
James Fowler	Sanford Health, Fargo Hospital Medicine
Andrew Herting	Sanford Health, Valley City Hospital Medicine / General Internal Medicine
Noreen Khan	Altru Health System, Grand Forks Hospital Medicine
Nikitha Sathish Kumar	Central Carolina Hospital, North Carolina Hospitalist
Logan Schmaltz	Sanford Health, Fargo General Internal Medicine
Hallie Thompson	Sanford Health, Detroit Lakes Hospital Medicine / General Internal Medicine

CALL FOR POSTER JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

The Department of Internal Medicine offers volunteer opportunities to judge several poster competitions, including at the:

- American College of Physicians (ACP) North Dakota Chapter annual meeting poster competition in October
- Society of Hospital Medicine North Dakota Chapter meeting poster competition in October
- Internal Medicine Research Symposium in May

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge for any of these competitions, please sign-up online:

[UND.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01wayrkVntt3z8i](https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01wayrkVntt3z8i).

You will be contacted prior to the event.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in research or have research ideas but do not know where to start, please contact Danielle Cellucci at danielle.cellucci@UND.edu.

If you have published research or presented a poster or oral presentation, please inform Danielle.

SAVE THE DATE!

- April 3-5, 2025 – ACP Annual Meeting 2025 in New Orleans, Lou.
- April 6-9, 2025 – AAIM Academic Internal Medicine Week 2025 in New Orleans, Lou.
- April 22-25, 2025 - SHM Converge 2025 in Las Vegas, Nev.
- May 14-17, 2025 – SGIM Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Fla.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to the following IM faculty, residents, and students who have recently published articles:

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*This may be a partial list and includes publications from the last quarter of 2024. If you have recent scholarly activity that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please contact Danielle at danielle.cellucci@UND.edu



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DEPARTMENT NEWS



Amir Kichloo, M.D., has been named Program Director of the new Internal Medicine Residency Program in Bismarck. The recruitment process began in November 2023. A Search Committee reviewed applications and brought forward exceptional candidates for interview. A panel representing UND SMHS, Sanford Health GME, and

Sanford Health Bismarck interviewed the candidates. Dr. Kichloo was selected by the panel and subsequently endorsed by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) as the Program Director of this inaugural program. Residents will begin training on July 1, 2026. Dr. Amir Kichloo received his MBBS from Government Medical College in Srinagar, India. He completed residency training at Nassau University Medical Center in New York. Dr. Kichloo joined CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck in 2011 as a Hospitalist. He served as the Hospital Medicine Associate Fellowship Director at CHI St. Alexius starting in 2014 and then was the Fellowship Director from 2018-2023. He also served as Chair of Internal Medicine at CHI St. Alexius from 2021 to 2023. In 2023, he joined Sanford Health as a Hospitalist. He is currently a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. He has been very active in supporting medical education with medical students, family medicine residents, and hospital medicine fellows.



Thomas Haldis, D.O., has been named Program Director of the new Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship in Fargo. The recruitment process began in November 2023. A Search Committee reviewed applications and brought forward exceptional candidates for interview. A panel representing UND SMHS, Sanford Health GME, and Sanford

Medical Center Fargo interviewed the candidates. Dr. Haldis was selected by the panel and subsequently endorsed by graduate medical education committee (GMEC) as the Program Director of this inaugural program. Fellows will begin training on July 1, 2026. Dr. Thomas Haldis received his DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1998. He completed fellowships in cardiology and interventional cardiology in 2004 and 2005 at Geisinger Health Systems in Danville, Penn. Dr. Haldis joined Sanford Health in 2005. He is currently Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Sanford Medical Center Fargo and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UND SMHS. Dr. Kichloo and Dr. Haldis are passionate about medical education. We are thrilled to have them join the team!