



Institute for Innovations in
Medical Education

Center for Empathy in Medicine Fellowship

The Center for Empathy in Medicine Fellowship program aims to develop a cadre of medical educators who are leaders in empathy curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation at NYU Grossman School of Medicine (NYUGSOM) and nationally. Fellows will focus on designing programs to teach and assess empathy in order to improve patient care delivery, outcomes, and provider wellness.

Center for Empathy in Medicine Fellows

Cohort 2025



Sean Schnarr, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Ronald O. Pearlman Department of Emergency Medicine



Suparna Sakar, MD, PhD
Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology



Elyse LaFond, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine



Nina Blachman, MD, MHPE
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Ayala Wegman, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

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Inaugural Cohort: Started January 2024



Susan E. Cohen, MD
Medicine

Teaching hospitalists to identify and address empathy gaps in their learners (and themselves)



Kelley Groves, MD
Pediatric Critical Care

Teaching empathy on the pediatric ICU wards using music to facilitate connection, collaboration, and focus



Christopher E. Kelly, MD
Urology

Teaching urology residents mindfulness to enhance and support their empathy



Isabelle C. Le Leannec
Colorectal Surgery

Teaching empathy to surgical residents using a longitudinal curriculum



Ariane Lewis, MD
Neuro-Critical Care

Bringing empathy messaging and moments to all teams within Kimmel Hospital