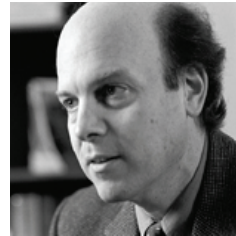




Welcome and Introduction from Marc N. Gourevitch, MD, MPH

Welcome to the first edition of the Division of General Internal Medicine's Newsletter! Our hope is that this new publication will enhance communication within our community. By staying abreast of recent developments in the Division, introducing new faculty, being alert to new initiatives, and identifying fresh opportunities for collaboration, diverse goals will be advanced. Your contributions and feedback will enrich the Newsletter: we welcome hearing from you with items for future issues.



Research Spotlight

Michael Cantor and Marc Triola Develop Ambulatory Medical Error Detection Algorithm

As medical care shifts increasingly to the outpatient setting, patient safety initiatives are giving greater emphasis to ambulatory patients. Drs. Cantor and Triola applied "natural language processing" to analyze the free text of outpatient clinical notes, successfully demonstrating the feasibility of detecting adverse drug reactions using this novel approach. Automated detection of adverse drug reactions can improve targeting of patient safety interventions, suggest changes to prescribing practices, and ultimately serve as an early warning system for drugs with unfavorable adverse event profiles. Future research involves improving the algorithm and establishing a pharmacovigilance database.

WHAT'S NEW IN DGIM?

- ◆ [Nirav Shah, MD, MPH selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Physician Faculty Scholars Program](#)
- ◆ [Medicine and Public Health Research Fellowship Program graduates first class](#)
- ◆ [Joshua Lee, MD Honored for Innovations in Medical Education](#)
- ◆ [American Geriatric Society Awards Geriatrics Training Grant to NYU School of Medicine](#)
- ◆ [The American Academy on Communication in Healthcare honors Mack Lipkin, Jr., MD, with its 2007 George Engel Award.](#)

Education in Evolution

Merrin Master Clinician Fellowship Program

The Merrin Master Clinician Fellowship Program is a 2-year program which aims to support clinically active DGIM faculty who seek continued improvement of clinical and teaching skills and advance patient-centered care. Fellows receive salary support to develop innovative, effective physical diagnosis curricula and teaching methodologies, and serve as mentors for physical diagnosis teaching skills for current and future residents and faculty. Current participants are Gregory Mints, Tanping Wong, and Sabrina Felson. Applications for the next round of fellows are presently under review. Please contact Adina Kalet, MD, for additional information (ak41@nyumc.org).

Clinical Developments

New DGIM FGP Launched

In September 2007, the Division of General Internal Medicine launched a faculty group practice. Drs. Mitchell Charap, Anthony J. Grieco, and Patrick Cocks are the founders of the NYU Internal Medicine Associates, located at the newly renovated office suite at Schwartz Health Care Center Suite #7B. Please do not hesitate to contact them at 263-7442 (Dr. Charap), 263-7272 (Dr. Grieco), or 263-7814 (Dr. Cocks).



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LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Ideas for additional content? New sections? Information to disseminate? We'd welcome your suggestions, comments, critiques, and creativity. Please email Neil Silver at neil.silver@med.nyu.edu with your thoughts. We aim to publish the Newsletter quarterly and are eager for your input.

NEWLETTER NAMING CONTEST!

What rhymes with "DGIM" and would be a hit as the title for our new Newsletter? The best we could do was "The DGIM Pigeon", which seems slightly off the mark. **The winner gets a \$25 Amazon.com gift certificate and accolades at an upcoming Faculty Meeting.**

New Faces in DGIM

Brian Elbel, PhD, MPH



BRIAN ELBEL, PHD, MPH

Brian Elbel recently completed his PhD in health policy with a concentration in health economics at Yale University and has joined

DGIM as the first full-time health economist on the School of Medicine faculty. His work focuses on consumer and patient decision making within the health system, primarily from the perspective of behavioral economics and the psychology of decision making. Brian's dissertation utilized both experimental and econometric techniques to examine how Medicare beneficiaries respond to the health plan choices available to them. Specifically, he examined how the number and types of choices available influence consumers' propensity to enroll in and/or switch plans when dissatisfied. Dr. Elbel, Assistant Professor at the School of Medicine, is also on the faculty of NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, where he will teach and collaborate in research.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **10/30/2007** - *DGIM Grand Rounds*. 8AM-8:50AM, Saul Farber Auditorium.
- ◆ **11/3/2007** - *2007 DGIM Retreat*. 8:30AM-2:30PM, NYU Kimmel Center (see text box at right)
- ◆ **11/13/2007** - *DGIM Faculty Meeting*. 8AM-8:50AM, Saul Farber Auditorium.

Patrick Cocks, MD



PATRICK COCKS, MD

Originally from Northport, New York, Patrick Cocks studied chemical engineering at Villanova University before attending

medical school at SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine. He then joined NYU/Bellevue as a resident and Senior Chief Resident in internal medicine. For the past three years, Dr. Cocks was an attending physician in internal medicine at SUNY Stony Brook University hospital, where he was actively involved in medical student and resident education. This Fall, Dr. Cocks returned to NYU as a founding member of the Division's recently launched Faculty Group Practice. His clinical interests are preventive cardiovascular medicine, preoperative evaluation, and the use of the electronic medical record to improve transitions of care.

Also New to DGIM:

- Sarah Berry, MD - Tisch
- Ellen Blye, MD - Private practice (Upper West Side)
- Robert Caldwell, MD - Gouverneur
- Sixto Caro, MD - Private practice (Brooklyn)
- Jason Chang, MD - Bellevue
- Kelly Crotty, MD - VA
- Ann Dembitzer, MD - VA
- Nonkulie Dladla, MD - Private practice (Concorde)
- Richard Greene, MD - Gouverneur
- Sharmin Khan, MD - Bellevue
- Carrie Mahowald, MD - Gouverneur
- Chuck Okamora, MD - Tisch
- Rituparna Pati, MD - Bellevue
- Judy Su, MD - Gouverneur
- Nadeje Sylvester, MD - Private practice (Concorde)
- Natalya Tkachenko, MD - Private practice (Murray Hill)
- Andrea Truncali, MD - Bellevue
- Seagram Villagomez, MD - VA
- Kevin Wallace, MD - Private practice (Murray Hill)

JOIN THE RETREAT!

On Saturday, November 3rd, from 8 AM - 2:30 PM, the Division will hold its Annual Faculty Meeting.

The retreat will provide an opportunity for the members of our large and diverse faculty to renew old and deepen recent acquaintances, to discover what colleagues are engaged in, to define collective goals and aspirations, and to collaborate in framing Divisional initiatives.

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