**2015 Hunger Walk/Run**
The Department of Medicine’s Hunger Walk/Run team raised over $4800 to support the efforts of the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB). The division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine won the Chairman’s Cup again this year for the largest percentage of registrants! Thanks to all that participated. Find more photos on the [Department of Medicine’s Facebook page](#).

**Dean’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture and Award**
Join us on April 9th at 5:30 in the School of Medicine room 110 as we recognize Leslee J. Shaw, Professor of Cardiology, as the [2015 Dean's Distinguished Faculty Lecture and Award](#) recipient. The Dean’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture and Award is among the most prestigious and celebratory honors that the School of Medicine can bestow on a faculty member. Congrats to Dr. Shaw!

[Submit an announcement to be featured in the newsletter](#)

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**Congratulatory Corner!**

**Vandana Dua Niyyar** *(Nephrology)*
Elected Councilor of the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology and named Chair of the HVA Certification Subcommittee/Review Board for ASDIN.

**Kavya Sebastian** *(Digestive Diseases)*
Featured on CNN discussing Celiac disease and gluten sensitivity. [View the video](#)

**Stephen Pastan** *(Nephrology)*
Invited to serve a four-year term as the kidney transplant representative on the US Health and Human Services (HHS) Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation.

**Modele Ogunniyi** *(Cardiology)*
Elected a Fellow of the American Heart Association, affiliated with the Council on Clinical Cardiology.

Do you have someone you’d like to recognize for their clinical achievements? [Let us know](#)

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**Clinical Documentation Tip**

**Weakness**
This is a symptom that many of our patients present with and sometimes it is a major component of their hospital course and length of stay. Given the aging of our population it is becoming even more prevalent. Many of our patients are transferred to acute/subacute rehabilitation with documentation stating only “weakness” or “debility”. To truly reflect the diagnosis it is critical we document what our thoughts are regarding the underlying clinical diagnosis. Even if we are uncertain or feel there may be
multiple causes we should always try to state our thoughts of the etiology. Common causes of weakness we may often see but not linked in our documentation are:

- Underlying infection
- Congestive heart failure (diastolic/systolic, acute)
- Thyroid disease
- Dehydration
- Medication effects (review and list any culprits you suspect)
- Advancing dementia
- TIA/CVA
- Coronary artery disease and acute myocardial infarction
- Generalized Arteriosclerotic Cerebrovascular Disease (may be noted in a head CT report)
- Electrolyte abnormalities

Certainly there are many more possible etiologies and accurately documenting your thoughts will allow us to truly capture our patients’ severity of illness.

Happy writing it right!

Colette Morgan, MD, FHM
Division of Hospital Medicine

Submit a documentation question

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Events & Educational Opportunities

**April 17: Faculty Education, Enrichment and Development Conference**
Register now for the 2015 FEED Conference set for Friday, April 17th. [More info on FEED...](#)

**April 21: Negotiation Skills: Advancing in the World of Academia**
The Faculty Development Lecture Series, presented throughout the year by senior faculty within the School of Medicine, covers practical topics aimed at assisting faculty in their career development. Learn about the challenges of negotiation and how to overcome them. Gain effective negotiation techniques and accrue tips for the best possible outcome.
SOM 178P. 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | [Link to view remotely](#) | [Questions?](#) | [Read more...](#)

**April 28: SOM CV Building Workshop**
Come learn about common errors and misconceptions about the Emory SOM CV and hear from a panel of FCAP members who will discuss what they look for when reviewing a CV. Attendees will also get hands-on guidance during small group sessions. Space is limited and registration is required. April 28th @ 5:30 – 7:30 PM. SOM 190P. [Register now](#)

**May 6: To Lecture or Not to Lecture: Building a Better Learning Experience**
The Education Community invites you to a half-day symposium, which will include both lectures and small group exercises, and will focus on improving your ability to transmit knowledge in a lecture hall or small group session. Sessions will include improving lecture skills, best practices for use of an audience response system, and developing electronic educational materials. A limited number of mini one-on-one teaching consultations will also be held during this event. [View the agenda](#) | [Register](#)

**May 29: Advancing Healthcare Quality Research at Emory**
Join us for this day-long quality forum and networking opportunity for Emory University researchers to learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness and value-based research activities within the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. The event will take place May 29th in the HSRB Auditorium and is sponsored by the Department of Medicine. [Register](#) | [Read more...](#)
Anne Tomolo (General Medicine and Geriatrics)

Dr. Anne Tomolo is Chief of Quality Medicine for Medical Service at the Atlanta VAMC and Associate Professor of Medicine at Emory University SOM. After completing her undergraduate and graduate medical training at Case Western Reserve University SOM, she completed specialized training in the National VA Quality Scholars Fellowship Program at the Cleveland site. Following her training she served as the Emergency Department Director at the Cleveland VAMC from 2002-2010. During this time, she successfully led the Cleveland VAMC’s initiative to transform patient care coordination through the development of the Patient Transfer Center. This effort was recognized with a VHA Systems Redesign Champion Award in 2009. Dr. Tomolo’s interests in education and implementation resulted in VA HSRD Merit on the development and evaluation of a Practice-Based Learning and Improvement Tool to assess resident competence and guide curriculum development in this arena. Currently, Dr. Tomolo is Director of the Chief Resident in Quality and Patient Safety and Fellowship Site Director for the VA Quality Scholars Advanced Fellowship Program at the Atlanta VAMC. Recently, she served as Co-PI on a VA Office of Nursing Service funded quality improvement project utilizing decision support and case management to improve diabetes management in primary care. Her interests include curriculum development and competency assessment in the areas of quality improvement and patient safety, development of interprofessional educational opportunities, quality improvement in healthcare, and program evaluation.

Outside of work, Dr. Tomolo spends time with her husband Joe, who is a metal trader, and three daughters, Mary (8), Jane (6), and Megan (5). She can be seen at various soccer fields, swimming pools, and ice rinks. She is also active in her children’s school and parish community.