Emory University
J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency
Program Leadership

Karen Law, MD
Program Director, J. Willis Hurst Internal Medicine Residency Program
Associate Vice Chair, Education
- Medical School: Brown University Alpert School of Medicine
- Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
- Chief Resident: Emory University School of Medicine
- Areas of interest: Medical education and scholarship, bedside teaching, peer education, approaches to critical thinking and diagnostic reasoning

Stacy Higgins, MD
Director, Primary Care Track
Associate Program Director, Ambulatory Medicine, Grady Memorial Hospital
Faculty Advisor, Internal Medicine Minority Housestaff Association
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics
- Medical School: Cornell University Medical College
- Internal Medicine Residency: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York
- Chief Resident: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York
- Areas of interest: women’s health, specifically, management of the menopause, use of hormone replacement therapy, cervical cancer screening, and medical complications of pregnancy. Within the Internal Medicine residency, she has established a women’s health curriculum, and women’s health elective.

Noble Maleque, MD, FHM
Associate Program Director, Emory University Hospital Midtown
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine
- Medical School: Vanderbilt University,
- Internal Medicine Residency: University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Chief Medical Resident, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA
- Areas of interest: quality improvement /system based practice; housestaff and medical student teaching; development of hospitalist track curriculum.

Daniel D Dressler, MD, MSc, SFHM, FACP
Associate Program Director, Emory University Hospital
Associate Division Director for Education
Professor of Medicine, Hospital Medicine
- Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine
- Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
- Fellowship: Hospital Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
- Areas of interest: medical epidemiology, evidence based medicine, and literature interpretation; quality improvement, including care transitions, handoffs, rapid response teams, and catheter-related blood stream infections; simulation education, including resuscitation and procedures; medical education and competencies; hospital medicine and acute hospital care.

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Dustin Smith, MD, FHM
Associate Program Director, Atlanta VA Medical Center
Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine
• Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine
• Internal Medicine Residency: University of California, San Francisco
• Areas of interest: hospital Medicine, continuing medical education, evidence-based clinical practice, clinical reasoning, effective teaching strategies, and heart failure.

Jason Schneider, MD
Associate Program Director, Grady Memorial Hospital
Assistant Professor, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics
• Medical School: New York University School of Medicine
• Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
• Areas of interest: sexual health and sexuality, the interaction of psychiatry and internal medicine, and primary care for LGBT patients. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association for over ten years.

Dominique Cosco, MD
Associate Program Director, Grady Hospital
Coordinator, Residency Global Health Initiative
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics
• Medical School: Tulane University School of Medicine
• Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
• Areas of interest: global health including developing a curriculum for the Global Health Initiative and Distinctions program; HIV prevention, primarily HIV screening in the primary care setting; and resident ambulatory education.

Danielle Jones, MD
Associate Program Director, Ambulatory Education, Grady Memorial Hospital
Co-Clerkship Director, M3 Ambulatory Care Block
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics
• Undergraduate: Wellesley College
• Medical School: UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
• Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
• Areas of interest: improving resident’s musculoskeletal exam and confidence in procedural skills via the Grady Memorial Hospital Primary Care Center Procedure Clinic, innovation in teaching Quality Improvement to residents and medical students, social aspects of medicine including: health disparities, developing residents as teachers, and teaching of any kind!

Kellie Clearo, MD, RPh
Program Director, Medicine/Psychiatry
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
• Medical School: University of Washington
• Internal Medicine & Psychiatry Residency: Duke University School of Medicine, State University of New York
• Chief Residency: Duke University School of Medicine
• Areas of interest: hospital medicine, outpatient psychiatry, behavioral therapy, substance abuse, integration of medicine and psychiatry and residency education.
Vin Tangpricha, MD, PhD  
Program Director, Research Track, Internal Medicine Residency  
Program Director, Endocrinology and Metabolism Fellowship  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
* Medical School: Tufts University; PhD, Boston University  
* Internal Medicine Residency: Boston University and Boston Medical Center  
* Fellowship: Endocrinology, Boston University and Boston Medical Center  
* Areas of interest: the role of vitamin D in infections, including HIV, sepsis, TB and chronic kidney disease; endocrine diseases in cystic fibrosis; gender dysphoria

Kimberly Manning, MD  
Program Director, Transitional Track  
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics  
* Medical School: Meharry Medical College  
* Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency: Case Western Reserve/MetroHealth Medical Center  
* Chief Residency: Case Western Reserve/MetroHealth Medical Center  
* Areas of interest: humanism in medicine, leadership in medical education, and reflective writing.

Deborah Baumgarten, MD, MPH  
Co-Director, Transitional Year  
Professor, Radiology  
* Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Transitional Residency: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Radiology Residency: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Fellowship: Abdominal Imaging, Emory University School of Medicine  
* Chief Residency: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Areas of interest: GU imaging, imaging of the thyroid, resident and fellow education, quality in radiology, baking, running and biking

Lorenzo Di Francesco, MD, FACP  
Associate Vice Chair, Education  
Past Residency Program Director  
Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics  
* Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine  
* Areas of interest: community-acquired pneumonia, bedside teaching, the use of PDAs (personal digital assistants) in medicine. He has conducted several workshops in these areas and has published several articles and book chapters.
Other Emory University Internal Medicine Program Leaders

Carlos del Rio, MD
Past Residency Program Director
Chair, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health
Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases
- Medical School: Universidad La Salle
- Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University SOM
- Fellowship: Infectious Diseases, Emory University SOM
- Chief Resident: Emory University Hospital Midtown
- Areas of interest: the epidemiology of opportunistic infections in HIV and other immune deficiencies, epidemiology and transmission dynamics of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, and issues related to early diagnosis of HIV, access to care and compliance with antiretrovirals.

Wendy Armstrong, MD, FIDSA, FACP
Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases
Vice Chair for Education and Integration, Department of Medicine
Program Director, Infectious Disease Fellowship Training Program and Medical Director, Infectious Disease Program at Grady Health System
Medical School: Harvard Medical School
- Internal Medicine Residency: University of Michigan
- Fellowship: Infectious Diseases, University of Michigan
- Areas of interest: HIV epidemiology and innovation in HIV health care delivery systems, medical education.

Jada C Bussey-Jones, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Chief, Grady Section General Medicine and Geriatrics
Co-Director Urban Health Initiative
- Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine
- Internal Medicine Residency: University of Maryland
- Fellowship: Research, minority health and disparities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- General Internal Medicine Fellowship: University of North Carolina
- Areas of interest: improved cross-cultural communication and social determinants of health disparities

Nurcan Ilksoy, MD, FACP, FHM
Director, Performance Improvement Curriculum
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics
- Medical School: Ankara University School of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey
- Internal Medicine Residency: Emory University School of Medicine
- Areas of interest: quality improvement and congestive heart failure

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Jeffrey Lennox, MD  
Vice Chair of Medicine for Grady Affairs  
Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases  
- Medical School: University of Colorado School of Medicine  
- Internal Medicine Residency: Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
- Fellowship: Infectious Diseases, Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
- Areas of interest: new pharmaceutical and immunologic therapies for acute and chronic HIV infection; strategies for the management of complications of HIV infection or of antiretroviral therapy.

Douglas C Morris, MD  
Associate Vice Chair, Education  
J. Willis Hurst Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology  
- Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine  
- Internal Medicine Residency: Vanderbilt University  
- Fellowship: Cardiology, Emory University School of Medicine  
- Areas of interest: understanding and management of acute coronary syndromes.

Mark Nanes, MD, PhD  
Vice Chair, VA Affairs, Department of Medicine  
Chief of Medicine, Atlanta VA Medical Center  
Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism  
- Medical School and PhD: Case Western Reserve University  
- Internal Medicine Residency: University Hospitals of Cleveland  
- Fellowship: Endocrinology, National Institutes of Health  
- Areas of interest: tumor necrosis factor (TNF), specifically understanding the molecular and cellular mechanisms of TNF action in skeletal disorders.

Byron Williams, Jr, MD  
Chief of Medicine, Emory University Hospital Midtown  
Martha West Looney Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology  
- Medical School: University of Florida School of Medicine  
- Internal Medicine Residency: Charlotte Memorial Hospital  
- Fellowship: Cardiology, Emory University School of Medicine  
- Areas of interest: non-invasive cardiology and coronary artery disease