WELCOME NEW FACULTY: VA Puget Sound

Meghna Shah, MD

Meghna is a hospitalist at the VA. She tells us that she is originally from New York City and moved to the Pacific Northwest from Ann Arbor, MI, where she completed medical school. Meghna transitioned to medicine after a career in philanthropy and international development, which sparked her interest in medicine as a tool for social justice. She lives that value by focusing on care of patients with substance use disorders and on diversifying the medical workforce. She says she is lucky to work for the VA, a mission-driven organization with thoughtful, like-minded colleagues. She and her partner recently moved to Columbia City. They enjoy watching movies, hosting dinner parties, and traveling. Welcome to the team! We are thrilled you are here!

Edie Shen, MD

All about the new RODEO Service at HMC

Edie tells us that at the end of March, Harborview introduced the new RODEO (Rapid OR Decision, Evaluation and Optimization) service. This is a team of perioperatively-trained advanced practice providers (APPs) who will be focusing on standardizing and accelerating preoperative evaluations for inpatients at HMC, with the goal of reducing surgical delays and cancellations. RODEO will be consulted directly by surgical teams when the decision to operate is made, and will coordinate directly with Anesthesia, consulting services and the patient’s primary team. To learn more about RODEO feel free to reach out to Edie.

Joseph Adler, MD

Joe is a new hospitalist at VA-Puget Sound. He attended UC Berkeley for his undergrad where he double majored in molecular and cell biology as well as public health. He then attended UW for his MD where he also did residency and his internship. He was chief resident at Harborview. During his residency, Joe was nominated for a Resident as Teacher award. We are excited for Joe to join the VA hospital medicine program team!
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Sandra is a clinical assistant professor at VA Puget Sound. Sandra is from Ohio and attended the University of Texas in Austin for undergrad and Weill Cornell for medical school. Sandra came to UW for her internship and residency where she was also awarded a House Officer Award. Sandra has written several book chapters and collaborated on various publications. A very big and excited welcome to Sandra!

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Justina is from Los Angeles, California and attended Brown University for undergrad and medical school. After med school, she did her residency in internal medicine at UCLA–Olive View Medical Center and then came to UW for a fellowship in sleep medicine. Justina was a Young Investigator Research Forum participant this past year for the AASM at the NIH. She has also written several research articles and presented various abstracts at academic conferences. We are very excited to welcome Justina!

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Angela tells MD aware that she recently graduated from residency at UW, and is very excited to join the hospitalist group at Harborview. She grew up in Vancouver, Canada, and lived in California for a few years before moving to New York for her MD/PhD. Her research during grad school was on T cells, their regulation and roles in infection and autoimmunity. Outside the hospital, she’s been enjoying spending more time with her husband and two kids (ages 5 and 2), and exploring more of Seattle and Washington. The hospital medicine program at HMC is excited Angela is joining the team!

Congratulations
Daniel Cabrera, MD

Daniel is the inaugural recipient of the Diversity Faculty Mentorship Award. This award honors a faculty member who demonstrates exceptionalism in mentoring underrepresented physician trainees and who champions an environment of diversity and inclusivity. His passion for this work is best reflected by what residents had to say, “Dan was instrumental in me choosing UW for resident. As a person of color, he made me feel that UW was a place I could belong and be successful. He is an outstanding mentor, incredibly thoughtful physician, and an advocate for diversity and inclusion. UW is very fortunate to have him.”

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Career Update:
Eric LaMotte, MD
Eric has been elected to the Clinical Member seat on the UW School of Medicine Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee consists of faculty and student members, and oversees learning objectives, curriculum implementation, and evaluation procedures for the UW SoM curriculum. Eric was elected to the curriculum committee after serving as the academic co-chair of the Clinical Grade Appeal Committee, which reports to the Curriculum Committee.

Recent Publications


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOSPITALISTISTS!!

Cora Winnie Hagan born to Anna Hagan in January

Saachi Marie Arora born to Lindee Strizich in January

Grant Thomas Trudeau born to Brittany Trudeau in February

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