Welcome New Faculty: Harborview

“I am originally from Switzerland and came to the US in 2009. I graduated from my second residency from the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ and have been an academic hospitalist for a couple of years. My main interest lies in education of medical students, specifically bedside and small group teaching using novel methods. I am very excited that I was given the opportunity to join the Hospitalist group at HMC. I would like to use the abundance of resources to develop my skills and give back to this awesome community of Academic Medicine. Every single colleague I have met so far is striving to contribute to the well-being of our vulnerable patient population and to the education of the next generation of doctors.

There is a high chance that you will see me running, hiking, biking, and skiing the equally awesome outdoors in the PNW when you are out and about. I was surprised to hear, though, that there are rattlesnakes up here as well.”

“"I’m a recent graduate from Northwestern University Medical Center where I trained in both Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. I will be splitting my clinical time between Hospital Medicine and the Emergency Department, as well as completing a fellowship in Medical Education Research. My academic interests include novel curriculum design, team dynamics and communication, and promoting critical thinking skills. I am very excited to join the Hospitalist group at HMC and look forward to contributing to the education of our medical students and residents.”

Coming in From the Cold

- Randi Morrison

As part of Mayor Durkan’s Path to 500 plan to increase Seattle emergency housing by 500 beds, two new shelters in Seattle have recently started accepting guests. Historic Harborview Hall opened a shelter in December 2018 run by the Salvation Army. The facility provides beds for 100 people of all genders and, importantly, their pets. Many homeless folks would rather stay on the street than give up their pets, so this means they don't have to choose between their furry friends and a safe place to sleep. The shelter currently operates only overnight, but there...
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reasoning and high value care practices in resident physicians. I just began work on a project looking at the Triage process and communication dynamics during these care transitions. I moved to Seattle with my husband Max and rescue pup Major. I love travel, cooking, photography, stand-up comedy, and hiking. Most people don't know I went to the Galapagos Islands where I was part of an evolutionary research team studying an obscure sea bird called the Masked Booby.

VA Puget Sound Heart Failure Pathway

Jeff Redinger and Mehraneh Khalighi have begun enrolling patients in an inpatient heart failure pathway at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System. This is the first comprehensive inpatient pathway to be implemented at the Seattle VA and spans interventions across nursing, pharmacy, discharge coordinators, and outpatient teams in both Primary Care and Cardiology. On admission, ward patients with acute decompensated heart failure are provided a brief introduction to the pathway by bedside nursing and provided with an education packet and weight diary. Resident teams have access to a comprehensive EMR menu with admission orders, a diuretic protocol with guidance for both bolus- and drip-dosing, and a process to set up follow-up appointments within 7 days of discharge.

Patients are followed post-hospitalization by the Primary Care clinic for weekly nurse check-ins by phone and a follow-up appointment again at 24–30 days after discharge.

Jeff and Mehraneh are tracking the effect of the pathway on length of stay and 30-day mortality, among other outcome measures, and hope to create a rubric process map by which future pathways can be implemented upon the VA's eventual transition to Cerner in 2020.

Recent Publications


Mike Lenaeus (UWMC) Molecular dissection of multiphase inactivation of the bacterial sodium channel NaVAb. J Gen Physiol.