The Department of Internal Medicine has undergone a major transformation in recent years. In the past, most of our full-time faculty members were employed by the hospital at which they worked. Under our new system, faculty members (other than federal employees at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and Wright-Patterson Medical Center (WPMC) are employed by Wright State University and Wright State Physicians, our faculty practice plan. We focused our inpatient services at Miami Valley Hospital (MVH), the VAMC, and WPMC, leaving our long-time home at Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH). The general internal medicine faculty from GSH joined with the other members of our full-time faculty at MVH. Consolidating our faculty at one site has created vibrancy and helps to spark a sense of creativity in scholarly pursuits.

Our Wright State Physician Internal Medicine faculty practice at Wright Health Building endured the difficulties of start-up and has grown and matured. Under the leadership of Dr. Miki Crane, our practice is able to care for chronic and complex medical patients. Our civilian resident continuity clinic changed from the Medical Surgical Health Center (part of MVH) to the independent Five Rivers Health Center, where Dr. Mamle Anim serves as medical director.

We transitioned leadership in the residency program and started a cardiology fellowship program. I have assumed the role as program director, with Dr. Roberto Colon serving as executive associate program director. Dr. Virginia Wood, vice chair for graduate education, has added faculty development and fellowship oversight to her duties. Our IM residency and GI fellowship programs underwent ACGME site visits in 2011. The core residency program was fully accredited for three years. Our GI fellowship was fully accredited for five years.

The financial state of the Department of Internal Medicine is sound. With revenues from inpatient billing at MVH, the faculty practice at Wright Health Building, and patient care at Five Rivers Health Center augmenting our funding for teaching from Premier Health Partners, we now have the resources to grow our faculty and our mission. We have added four new general internal medicine faculty members in 2012—Dr. Roberto Colon, Dr. Mike Markus, Dr. Irina Overman, and Dr. Bruce Scott.

Academically, the department continues to be successful. Of 95 graduating Boonshoft School of Medicine students, 16 matched in residencies in internal medicine and two in medicine/pediatrics. Our students will train at some of our nation’s foremost residencies, including Stanford, the Cleveland Clinic, Wake Forest, Case Western Reserve, Kaiser Permanente, the Universities of Michigan, Chicago, Virginia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and others. Two of our best students have chosen to do their internal medicine residencies at Wright State. Our students’ scores on their shelf exam continue to be in the 70th percentile.

The scholarly productivity of the department has flourished. Grant support for research in general internal medicine was awarded to Dr. Dean Bricker, division chief. Dr. Karen Kirkham was awarded a Harvard-Macy fellowship for education, and several members of the department published papers in peer-reviewed journals.

In 2011 and 2012, six full-time faculty members were promoted to associate professor and six clinical faculty promoted to clinical associate professor (see page 2). Several faculty from the Department of Medicine served in leadership roles or were recognized for individual achievements (see page 2).

The Department of Internal Medicine is growing and thriving in a challenging environment. We continue to excel in meeting our vision of improving medical care in Dayton and the nation through excellence in patient care, education of students, residents, and physicians, and acquisition and dissemination of medical knowledge.
Dr. Miki Crane is a board certified general internist appointed as clinic director for Wright State Physicians Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine, completed residency training at Georgetown University, and then served four years on assignment at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. After leaving the Air Force, Dr. Crane practiced general internal medicine in Washington, D.C., until 2010, when she came with her husband, an engineer on active duty in the USAF, to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She practiced in the WPMC outpatient clinic before joining Wright State Physicians in December 2011. Dr. Crane’s clinical and research interests include preventive medicine, patient education, and nutrition. She and her husband live in Beavercreek with their dog, Doogal (the latter learning how to navigate an agility course). Dr. Crane devotes some of her free time to “try” to play golf and she also enjoys a meditative run and delving into a good mystery.

Dr. Ankur Gupta received his medical degree from the King George Medical University in India. He completed his internal medicine residency, chief residency, and endocrinology fellowship at SUNY Stony Brook. Dr. Gupta sees patients at the Dayton VAMC with general endocrinology morning clinics and inpatient consultation focusing on non-diabetic endocrinology. He also sees general endocrinology patients in the WSP practice. Dr. Gupta lives in Beavercreek with his wife and 3-year-old son, Vivaan. In his spare time he enjoys tennis and swimming.

Dr. Irina (Vasiliu) Overman, a 2008 WSU medical school graduate, completed her internal medicine residency at WSU and served as chief resident at MVH during the 2011-2012 academic year. She joins the internal medicine faculty part time, devoting the other half of her professional time as a fellow in the WSU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship. In Dr. Overman’s “spare time,” she and children Alina and Adrian sometimes attend firefighter “combat challenges” to cheer on her husband, a Dayton firefighter. She also enjoys biking, weight lifting, movies, and especially visits to see her grandparents in Romania.

Dr. Bruce Scott completed medical school at the Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine and then remained in Chicago for residency at Lutheran General Hospital followed by fellowships in geriatric medicine and hospice and palliative medicine. He initially joined WSU as a faculty member at the Dayton VAMC in 2010. In April of this year, he relocated to Miami Valley Hospital and the WSP practice on Patterson Blvd. Dr. Scott is certified in general internal medicine and geriatric medicine. He has special interests in evidence-based medicine and pain management. He’ll be devoting part of his professional time at Bethany Lutheran Village in collaboration with the WSU Department of Geriatrics. Dr. Scott lives with his family in Germantown and enjoys bridge, poker, and gardening in his spare time.
Resident/Fellow Awards Banquet

At the annual banquet on May 17, 2012, the Department of Internal Medicine recognized 31 residents and five fellows completing training. Four R4 chief residents were also acknowledged for their excellent leadership and teaching as they complete one year as junior faculty members.

Special awards presented at the May 17 banquet

Resident awards

Outstanding R1: Joseph Kluesner
Senior resident of the year: Yousif Shareef
Best teaching senior: Mohammed Fayed
Barrett H. Bolton Humanism Award: Huma Ansari
Military Excellence Award: Timothy Hauser and Amy Schimke

Faculty awards

Chair’s Award for Excellence: Ronald Markert
A. Robert Davies Teaching Excellence (full-time faculty): Roberto Colon
Malcolm A. Block Teaching Excellence (voluntary faculty): Augustus Eduafo

WSU Fellowship Updates and Board Certifications

Cardiovascular Disease—program director Abdul Wase
Successfully completed first year with new WSU program at GSH/MVH/VAMC/WPMC

Gastroenterology—program director Sangeeta Agrawal (effective June 1, 2012)
Thanks to outgoing program director Greg Beck!
Awarded five-year accreditation cycle with no citations from 2011 site visit
Rizwan Kibria and Waheed Gul—ABIM certified in gastroenterology

Hematology/Oncology—program director Howard Gross
Expanded from one to two positions per year (effective July 1, 2012)
Benjamin Herms—ABIM certified in oncology

Hospice and Palliative Medicine—program director Geetika Kumar
Completed ACGME site visit in April

Infectious Diseases—program director Steve Burdette
David Saunders—ABIM certified in infectious diseases

With the revised cycle for internal medicine subspecialties, all fellowship programs are preparing to receive applications July 15, with interviews in the fall and Match Day in December.

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Residency Update

The WSU Internal Medicine program welcomes 31 new residents July 1. Twenty-eight residents begin categorical internal medicine training at the R1 level while two Air Force residents join for the R1 year only. One resident will transfer into the program as an R2.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, new 13 block and “no 24-hour call” (for inpatient general medicine team residents) schedules were successfully implemented. Program director Dr. Glen Solomon and program coordinator Mary Pietrzak arranged for residents (and a few faculty!) to enjoy “ropes course” retreats and an outing to a Cincinnati Reds game, where they learned about the emergency medical services provided at the Great American Ballpark. The game was a bit chilly, but a good time was had by all and the Reds won in the bottom of the ninth!

In each issue of Inside Medicine we select divisions for special focus.

Division of Endocrinology

The Division of Endocrinology at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine is led by Dr. Thomas Koroscil, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, appointed as division chief in 2004. Originally from New York, Dr. Koroscil received his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine followed by residency at USAF Medical Center Keesler and fellowship at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center. He was then assigned to Wright-Patterson Medical Center (WPMC) as a staff endocrinologist. One year later he was appointed White House Physician to the President, serving the families and staff of President George H.W. Bush and President Clinton from 1991-1993. He returned to WPMC and, after a total of 24 years military service, joined WSUBSOM as a civilian faculty member. Dr. Koroscil devotes approximately half of his practice to patients with thyroid disease (also his primary area of research interest) and the remainder to care of patients with diabetes, osteoporosis, disorders of calcium metabolism, pituitary, and other endocrine diseases. He practices with Wright State Physicians (WSP) in the Wright Health Building and maintains staff privileges at Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) and Miami Valley Hospital (MVH). Dr. Koroscil is a member of the medical school admissions committee as well as vice chair of the IRB for the medical school.

Other full-time division members include Dr. Sarah Fackler and Dr. Irene Folaron on active duty assignment with the U.S. Air Force at WPMC, Ankur Gupta, M.B.B.S. (see New Faculty) sharing his time between the VAMC and the WSP practice, and Dr. Stephen McDonald, the internal medicine residency program director at Kettering Medical Center practicing endocrinology with the Sycamore Primary Care Group in Miamisburg.

Endocrinology practice is largely devoted to the management of chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, thyroid disease), and WSU faculty have developed two shared practice models between endocrinology and general internal medicine. Clinical endocrinology faculty members Dr. Heidi Buckingham and Dr. Trisha Zeidan practice at the Premier HealthNet Bull Family Diabetes Center with Dr. Miguel Parilo, a faculty member in the Division of General Internal Medicine (GIM). Another GIM Division member, Dr. Brian Burke, focuses on management of diabetes at the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). Other clinical faculty in endocrinology are Dr. Paul Glowienka (Beavercreek), Dr. Malcolm Steiner (Middletown), and Dr. David Westbrock (Washington Township). Dr. Allen Cline is an emeritus member of the division.

The Endocrine Club meets several times each year, promoting education and collegiality among practicing endocrinologists from the greater Dayton area, including Springfield, Lima, and Middletown.

The Division of Endocrinology is very involved in teaching. Dr. Koroscil organizes a biannual continuing medical education course for practicing physicians at Sinclair Community College. There is great demand among residents in internal medicine and family medicine for his senior level endocrinology rotation, offering a wealth of clinical experience as well as a carefully organized curriculum. Residents complete a Pilot course comprised of online articles and a comprehensive written examination. Dr. Koroscil and others provide monthly noon conference lectures for internal medicine residents at MVH, VAMC, and WPMC, quarterly lectures for family medicine residents at GSH, periodic endocrinology reviews for the WSUIM Residents Forum, and board review sessions. Dr. Koroscil also directs the B1 endocrine course for second-year students. Several division faculty participate in teaching during the B1 course and/or resident rotations. Each year, Dr. Koroscil and others mentor several residents and students involved in endocrinology clinical research and scholarly writing.

Katrina Johnson, med/peds R3 and faculty advisor Virginia Wood, April 11, 2012
Division of Infectious Diseases

Building on the foundation established by emeritus faculty member Dr. H. Bradford Hawley, Dr. John Czachor has successfully engaged faculty from multiple clinical sites in a shared academic mission since his appointment as chief of the Division of Infectious Disease in 1999. Dr. Czachor, a 1983 graduate of Wright State University School of Medicine, completed residency at Wright State and fellowship at the University of Massachusetts St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He joined the WSU faculty in 1989 and holds appointments in both the Department of Internal Medicine and the Department of Pathology. Dr. Czachor provides inpatient infectious disease consultations at Miami Valley Hospital and, with the other members of the MVH-based full-time faculty, maintains an outpatient practice with Wright State Physicians in the Wright Health Building. In addition to numerous clinical and teaching responsibilities, Dr. Czachor serves the Department of Medicine as executive vice chair of internal medicine and clinical affairs.

Most ID division members are involved in teaching at multiple levels: faculty, fellow, resident, and student. Members of the ID division lecture within various courses in Biennium 1 of the medical school. Other activities include participation within the Global Health Initiative as well as the Global Health longitudinal elective, serving as a resource during local activities, as well as supervision and participation during international medical mission trips (Swaziland and Jamaica). They have also been active in the WSU MPH program, both lecturing and mentoring students for research projects and/or for their culminating experience (thesis).

In addition to full-time faculty listed with areas of special clinical and/or research interest, several clinical faculty members participate in teaching. Dr. James Galbraith provides a specialized wound care rotation experience including hyperbaric therapy for the ID fellows. Drs. Talal Zraik, Richard Groger, Kaili Fan and Jeff Weinstein supervise medical students, residents and fellows in the outpatient clinic at Five Rivers Health Center. Drs. Vidhya Prakash and Sara Becker are on active duty assignment at WPMC, involved in teaching residents and students. Other members of the ID Division are Drs. Mark Herbert, Ronal Manis Jr., David Saunders, Abdul Siddiqui, Timothy Sorg, and Howard Wunderlich.

The ID division has a well-established journal club, bringing together faculty from all sites for monthly discussions, including presentations by fellows and residents. They are now in the fourth year of integrating the ID journal club, rotating participation with other WSU or hospital departments/divisions, including gastroenterology, geriatrics, hematology/oncology, immunology, maternal-fetal medicine, orthopedic surgery, and trauma/surgical critical care.

ID faculty members have served on numerous hospital and medical school committees and have been in leadership roles with the Ohio Chapter of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) for several years. In 2011 and 2012 (to date), division members were responsible for seven national presentations. They also published and/or revised 20 book chapters and four papers.

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WSU Division of Infectious Disease National Presentations

Infectious Diseases Society of American (IDSA), Boston, October 2011
- David Saunders¹, Emilio Perez-Jorge³, Ronald Markert³, Patti Hoffman¹, Vanessa Christian¹, Laila Fernandes³ and Jack Bernstein¹-² (1) Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dayton, (2) Wright State University, Dayton, (3) Lexington Infectious Diseases, West Columbia, SC, “The Effect of a Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Bundle on the Incidence of Hospital-Acquired Infections with Clostridium difficile, Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus and MRSA” [oral presentation]

American College of Physicians, New Orleans, April 2012
- Mustafa Musleh, Richard Groger, “A Common Infection with an Unusual Organism Masquerading as a Mycobacterium” [poster presentation]


American Public Health Association National Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2011
- A Biedenharn, S Burdette, “Influenza Vaccination Q&A for Healthcare Workers” [poster presentation]

Unite For Sight 9th Annual Global Health & Innovation Conference, New Haven, CT, April 2012
Babies

Isabella Grace Schimke, 12/9/11
Amy (R3) and David

Rylan Scott Thompson, 12/27/11
James (R3) and Deserae

Ava Whitney Dundon 1/24/12
Suzanne (R3) and John

Ellie Grace McLaughlin, 1/26/12
Cameron (R1) and Claudia

Twin girls Saanvi and Suhani Patel, 5/12/12
Shruti (R2) and Shashi (finished IM 2010)

Twin boys Calin Chiazo and Davidson
Chinonso Momah, 6/9/12
NJ (R3) and Davidson Momah

Department of Medicine Faculty Practice at the Wright Health Building

Since November 2010 the Wright State Physicians faculty practice of the Department of Internal Medicine has been located in the Wright Health Building at Stewart Street and Patterson Boulevard in downtown Dayton. Academic general internists are currently accepting new patients, providing primary care or internal medicine consultation including pre-operative assessment. If needed, same-day appointments can usually be arranged.

Patients in need of consultation and/or ongoing management of endocrinologic problems, headache, and infectious diseases can be referred to our academic faculty by their primary care or other physicians. The academic (non-patient care) offices of the department are housed in the Weber Center for Health Education at Miami Valley Hospital. While some Wright State Physicians clinical practices are relocating to a new facility on the WSU campus, the internal medicine faculty practices will remain at Wright Health, conveniently located for physician and patient access. For appointments, call 223-5350.

Alumni News

Dr. Marci Radke completed internal medicine residency training at WSU in 2007. She started private practice in Wisconsin but soon had the urge to “do more.” She joined Doctors without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF) and spent nine months in Chhattisgarh, India. Marci describes her experience:

"It was amazing! I lived, with seven to eight other expats, in the remote town of Bijapur where MSF has had a project for two years. It is located in an active conflict zone between the government forces and the Maoist rebels. The rebels took over the interior villages many years ago and provide no health care to those that remain. In the towns, the government Ministry of Health provides health care, but it is limited and substandard. Also, those who remained in the rebel-controlled interior cannot access care in the government-controlled towns for security reasons.

My job was to lead our Mobile Clinic Teams into the interior and conduct day clinics in various villages. We drove from one to two hours from our office in town through jungle roads, then hiked 30 to 90 minutes into the villages each day. We set up mobile clinics that provided basic health care, including TB and malaria testing and treatment, pre- and post-natal care, immunizations, a feeding program, and physician consultations for a wide variety of diseases. I supervised the Indian physicians as well as the translator team and our health educators. We had a total of about 100 staff, including the locals. Conditions were primitive but tolerable and I survived both hot season and rainy season! In the middle of a great deal of poverty, conflict, and disease, I also experienced amazing compassion, peace and determination."
Awards were also presented for “education” research. In 2010, the Internal Medicine Research Team—Research Scholar Pathway—awarded to Bobby Akande (R3), Moky Osakwe (R3), and Oforbuike Eweluwe (R2). Research scholars were selected for participation in the Internal Medicine Resident Research Forum. Residents in the pathway are provided extra time in the rotation schedule to participate in research activities, as well as being invited to attend the monthly fellows forum and other sessions designed to enhance research skills.

Internal Medicine Research Team—In 2010, with the assistance of vice chair for research, Ronald Markert, several faculty members formed a new team to foster research and scholarly activities among residents, fellows, and faculty. The group schedules a monthly “virtual” meeting to review progress of several projects and to identify opportunities to expand participation in scholarly work. In March of this year, Charlie Abraham took the lead in organizing the first annual WSU Internal Medicine Resident Research Forum, where five residents presented information about the development of their scholarly projects.

DAGMEC Resident Research Forum—It was an Internal Medicine “sweep” for awards presented at this year’s poster competition. Under the leadership of Steven Burdette and the Dayton Area Graduate Medical Education Community staff, 50 posters from 13 Dayton area training programs were accepted for presentation. Each project was judged by three faculty members scoring for originality, scientific merit, poster appearance, and resident/fellow knowledge of the subject during the judge’s interview.

In the research category, first place went to Bobby Akande from the WSU internal medicine residency (faculty mentor Dean Bricker) for “Incidence of Positive Stress Test after a Recent Negative Stress Test.” The second place research winner was Kettering Medical Center internal medicine resident Anakumar Parikh (faculty mentors Brian Schwartz and Harvey Hahn), with a project titled “Impact of Age on the Severity of Contrast Induced Nephropathy among Patients undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: How Age Matters.”

Awards were also presented for “education” projects with the first-place winner another WSU internal medicine resident, Omair Ali (faculty mentor Bryan White), presenting “The ‘Upside Down’ Broken Heart.” Second place was awarded to Abdul Basit, former WSU internal medicine resident and now Kettering Medical Center cardiovascular disease fellow (faculty mentors Harvey Hahn, M. Niranjan Reddy, and Shahid Baig). His presentation was titled “Challenging Case of Electrical Storm: A Drug Refractory Ventricular Tachycardia with Successful Termination by Impella® Insertion.”

### Publications


### Book Chapter


### Grants and special projects


**Doug Teller and Robert Smith,** SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment): Curriculum and SBIRT Training Team providing education to resident physicians, (this includes, KMC IM/TY, WSU Psychiatry, GVH/IFM Family Practice), and other health care providers on effective screening approach for capturing substance use during patient medical history. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration 2008-2013, $1.4 million.

**Dean Bricker and Paul Hershberger,** Improving patient self-management and adherence: a curriculum for internal medicine residents, family medicine residents, and pharmacy students, Ohio PACE, 2011, $26,500.

**Dean Bricker and Paul Hershberger** Improving provider skills to enhance patient adherence: refinements in a Curriculum for Internal Medicine Residents, Family Medicine Residents, and Pharmacy Students, Ohio PACE, 2012, $20,000.

**Michael Baumann** and **Cassandra Paul,** licensing of AML14.3D10 cell line, Johnson & Johnson, $20,000.