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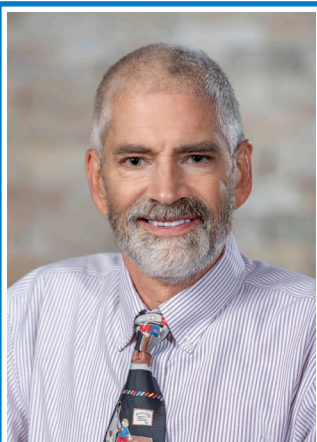
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Stuart Anfang, MD

Department of Psychiatry



Featured in November 2022

In October 2022, Stuart Anfang, MD, Vice Chair for Clinical Services and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, received the 2022 Outstanding Service Award from the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL). This award recognizes members of the Academy who have made significant contributions to the organization and the field of forensic psychiatry. Dr. Anfang received his award at the AAPL's 53rd Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Founded in 1969, the AAPL currently has over 2,000 members and is the leading subspecialty organization for forensic psychiatry. Dr. Anfang has been an active member since 1996. He served for many years on the AAPL Council, including five years as Treasurer and one year as Vice President. He recently served as Chair of the Strategic Planning Task Force, helping sustain the AAPL's successful financial, leadership, and organizational future. He has also been the Associate Editor for the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law* and Chair for the Task Force to Revise Guidelines on Psychiatry Disability Evaluation.

Outside of the AAPL, Dr. Anfang has chaired the American Psychiatric Association Early Career Psychiatrist Committee. He has authored more than 40 publications, book chapters, and national presentations related to forensic psychiatry on topics including psychiatric disability, civil commitment, and geriatric forensic psychiatry.

Congratulations, Dr. Anfang!

Kathaleen Barker, MD

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology



Featured in October 2022

In September 2022, the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded Kathaleen Barker, MD, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate and Associate Director of Obstetrics at Baystate Medical Center, a \$620,000 grant via the State Maternal Health Innovation (State MHI) Program.

HRSA established the State MHI Program to assist states in strengthening their capacity to address disparities in maternal health and improve maternal health outcomes. Dr. Barker's award supports the expansion of remote patient monitoring in the postpartum period for patients with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. "The objective of this work is to examine the outcomes of patients who have postpartum remote monitoring compared to traditional postpartum care," says Dr. Barker. "We will use that information to inform best practices for all hospitals in the state of Massachusetts with the goal of having remote patient monitoring accessible to all patients who deliver in the state by the end of the study period."

"We started a pilot program for this study two years ago at Baystate Medical Center," Dr. Barker adds. "We had great success with that program and this grant will ensure this tremendous resource will remain accessible in our community for the next five years."

Congratulations, Dr. Barker!

Tara Catanzano, MD, FSAB

Department of Radiology



Featured in May 2022

Tara Catanzano, MD, Associate Director of Academic Career Development in the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professor of Radiology at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was the recipient of the 2022 Association of University Radiologists Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology (ACER) Achievement Award in March 2022. This national award honors a leader in radiology education who has made significant contributions to ACER, education, and academic radiology.

In 2007, the Association of University Radiologists (AUR) Board of Directors approved the creation of the Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology (ACER). The ACER is a member organization of the AUR and works to advance the efforts of radiology faculty.

Congratulations, Dr. Catanzano!

Karin Johnson, MD

Department of Neurology



Featured in June 2022

Karin Johnson, MD, Vice Chair for Academic Affairs and Professor of Neurology at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, recently served as first author of “PAP therapy and readmission rates after in-hospital laboratory titration polysomnography in patients with hypoventilation,” published in the *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine* in the spring 2022. The paper reported the effects of PAP therapy adherence on readmission rates in patients with hypoventilation who underwent inpatient sleep studies with titration. Dr. Johnson’s study demonstrated that adherence with appropriate therapy and quick set-up were associated with a reduction in readmissions in this high-risk population.

A nationally recognized sleep expert, Dr. Johnson is an appointed member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine’s Inpatient Guideline Task Force. She was also invited this spring to contribute an editorial, “Use and limitations of databases and big data in sleep-disordered breathing research,” to the *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*. Her article describes the growing use of databases and big data for research as well as their limitations, especially when relying on billing codes for diseases like obstructive sleep apnea.

Congratulations, Dr. Johnson!

Tovy Haber Kamine, MD, FACS

Department of Surgery and Healthcare Delivery & Population Sciences



Featured in November 2022

In October 2022, Tovy Haber Kamine, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Healthcare Delivery & Population Sciences at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, and other UMass Chan-Baystate faculty published “Feasibility and Acceptance of a Tele-Trauma Surgery Consult Service to Rural and Community Hospitals: A Pilot Study” in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*.

The team reported on the nation’s first tele-trauma surgery consult service. Their study described the effectiveness of a telehealth trauma evaluation between trauma surgeons at Baystate Medical Center and emergency physicians at Baystate Franklin, Baystate Noble, and Baystate Wing.

Results of the investigation demonstrated that a tele-trauma surgery service is feasible and acceptable. “Using this service, we were able to keep more than half of the patients in the local affiliate hospitals who would otherwise have been transferred with no complications,” says Dr. Kamine. “This was a collaborative process between the surgery department, particularly the trauma division at Baystate Medical Center, and the emergency department, hospitalist, and nursing leadership at the Baystate Health community affiliates.”

Additional Baystate Health authors on this paper include Margaret Siu, MD, Kristina Z. Kramer, MD, Reginald Aloudior, MD, Edward Kelly, MD, Ashley Deutsch, MD, Timothy J. Mader, MD, Paul Visintainer, PhD, Kristina Grochowski, RN, and Nicolas Jabbour, MD.

Congratulations, Dr. Kamine and team!

Kristina Z. Kramer, MD

Department of Surgery



Featured in September 2022

Kristina Kramer, MD, Associate Trauma Medical Director at Baystate Health and Associate Program Director of the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was selected as one of the 40 Under 40 women surgeons by the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) in September 2022. This honor highlights women surgeons who are trailblazers in their fields or have made a significant impact with their actions.

Dr. Kramer joined the Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, and Surgical Care team at Baystate Health in October 2019 after completing a 2-year fellowship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL. Since joining Baystate, she has worked closely with hospital and community leaders to establish Better Tomorrow, a hospital-based violence intervention program (HVIP) that provides intensive case management and other vital support services to violently injured patients in our community. HVIPs have been shown to reduce rates of re-injury, thereby decreasing health care costs and improving quality of life for patients. “These programs work to break the cycle of violence in our community,” Dr. Kramer noted.

In December 2021, the United States Department of Justice awarded Dr. Kramer a \$1 million grant to fund Better Tomorrow. “We have an obligation to support our patients with this type of program. Baystate Medical Center is the only level 1 trauma center in western Massachusetts, and HVIPs are a hallmark of top trauma centers. I worked hard to establish Better Tomorrow and am very proud of every-

thing my team and I have accomplished,” Dr. Kramer said.

This year, Baystate Women in Medicine and Science honored Dr. Kramer with an Impact Award which recognizes women faculty and medical staff members who have demonstrated excellence in clinical care, education, research, or institutional service.

Congratulations, Dr. Kramer!

Dennis Oh, MD

Department of Surgery



Featured in July 2022

Dennis Oh, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was elected President of the New England Neurosurgical Society (NENS) in June 2022 and will serve a 1 year term. As President, Dr. Oh will lead the Society in accomplishing its goal of bringing together the neurosurgeons of New England in pursuit of education, collaboration, and advocacy. Dr. Oh stated, "I hope not only to foster camaraderie among individual neurosurgeons in our part of the country but also to engage the neurosurgical programs in New England, which are national powerhouses, in the spirit of collaboration instead of competition."

Dr. Oh and his team will continue to focus on improving clinical outcomes in spinal surgery, an effort that has helped Baystate become a top-100 hospital in the U.S. for spine surgery. Dr. Oh recounted, "We have a lot to offer and the Society is one way of incorporating Baystate Medical Center and UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate into this leading network. It elevates our program in many ways. Together with the top centers in the country, we have been chosen as a site for pioneering clinical trials."

In addition to his role as President of NENS, Dr. Oh was elected State Representative for the Council of State Neurosurgical Societies in June 2022. In this position, Dr. Oh will represent the interests of practicing neurosurgeons in our region by communicating information to national organizations and government entities to

influence socioeconomic policy that impacts neurosurgery. Such an endeavor will involve understanding concerns at a grassroots level and working with legislative representatives on these regulatory and healthcare issues. Dr. Oh added, "We will serve as a conduit for formulating initiatives that improve care and cost efficiency. I hope to help remove impediments to our ability to deliver quality care for our neurosurgical patients."

Congratulations, Dr. Oh!

Quinn Pack, MD, MSc

Department of Medicine



Featured in May 2022

Quinn Pack, MD, MSc, Associate Professor of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was recently awarded a \$3.68 million RO1 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) entitled "Implementing Effective Smoking Cessation Pharmacotherapy for Hospitalized Smokers with Cardiopulmonary Disease"

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of death in the United States and contributes to more than 7 million hospitalizations annually. Hospitalization offers a window of opportunity for intervention: hospital policies prohibit smoking, patients are highly motivated to quit, and societal guidelines recommend that clinicians should counsel patients and prescribe smoking cessation pharmacotherapy (SCP). However, only 22% of patients are ever prescribed SCP while hospitalized and only 1% of patients are prescribed guideline-concordant SCP.

Dr. Pack and his team will employ a nurse practitioner-led, hospital-based tobacco treatment team to prescribe effective medications, educate patients on proper usage, and manage a mobile phone-based text messaging system with the goal to keep patients on the medication, improve adherence, and increase smoking cessation rates. This study hopes to facilitate widespread and effective hospital-based tobacco treatment so that more patients lead lives free from tobacco and cardiopulmonary disease.

At the conclusion of the grant, Dr. Pack's team will develop a detailed, evidence-informed implementation guide for a hospital-based tobacco treatment team.

Congratulations, Dr. Pack!

Matthew Sadof, MD

Department of Pediatrics



Featured in May 2022

Matthew Sadof, MD, Professor of Pediatrics at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, received the 2022 Hampden County Community Clinician of the Year Award from the Hampden District Medical Society in April 2022.

The Clinician of the Year Award was established in 1998 to recognize a practitioner from each district medical society who has made significant contributions to patients and the community.

Congratulations, Dr. Sadof!

Neal Seymour, MD, FACS

Department of Surgery



Featured in August 2022

Neal Seymour, MD, Vice Chair for Clinical and Educational Affairs and Professor of Surgery at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was appointed to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Academy of Master Surgeon Educators on July 28, 2022.

"For me, admission to the Academy is a true career high point," said Dr. Seymour. "When I started work in surgical virtual reality simulation in 1999, I had no clear idea that it would establish my career direction or provide me the opportunity to affect national educational policy."

Developed by the ACS Division of Education, the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators recognizes surgeon educators who have devoted their careers to surgical education. Individuals are selected as full members following a stringent peer review process. "Full membership in the Academy is the ACS mechanism of gathering educational thought leaders together to amplify ideas and innovations that will influence the way surgeon learners gain skills and knowledge for years to come," Dr. Seymour noted.

In addition to supporting the mission and goals of the Academy, members must actively participate in Academy programs and activities. "As an Academy member I am obligated to participate in the development, evaluation, and implementation of both ACS educational programs and policy, as well as the Academy's involvement in broader national education programs. The requirements for membership in this distinguished organization are rigorous and being named an Academy member is a tremendous honor," Dr. Seymour concluded.

Congratulations, Dr. Seymour!

Kelly M. Tyler, MD

Department of Surgery



Featured in December 2022

In December 2022, Kelly M. Tyler, MD, Division Chief of Colorectal Surgery and Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was appointed to the American Medical Association's Relative Value Scale Update Committee, the group that determines RVU valuation across specialties in this country. Since 1992, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have relied on the Committee's recommendations to determine reimbursement to providers and health care institutions in the US. In her new role, Dr. Tyler will be representing the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

Congratulations, Dr. Tyler!

Michael Yunes, MD, FACR

Department of Radiology



Featured in December 2022

In December 2022, Michael Yunes, MD, Division Chief of Radiation Oncology and Associate Professor in the Department of Radiology at UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate, was named Associate Executive Director for Radiation Oncology at the American Board of Radiology (ABR). The ABR is a national organization that provides examinations for physicians certifying in radiology. Dr. Yunes will begin his Associate Executive Director duties in the first quarter of 2023.

Dr. Yunes has been board certified by the ABR since 2004 and has been a volunteer in the Written and Oral Exam Committees since 2013. Most recently, he served as Chair of the Lymphoma/Leukemia Oral Board Committee. As an Associate Executive Director, Dr. Yunes will work with the ABR staff, trustees, governors, and volunteers to facilitate relationships with stakeholders and Board candidates, prepare publications, and speak at national meetings on topics related to professional credentialing. "Honesty, integrity, and transparency are inherent in maintaining open communication between the large group of professionals that rely on the ABR for their careers," says Dr. Yunes. "I am sure that it will be a great challenge to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors, but I look forward to the task."

In addition to his activities with the ABR, Dr. Yunes will continue to be involved in teaching fellows, residents, and medical students at UMass Chan-Baystate.

Congratulations, Dr. Yunes!