



# Department of Medicine

at Columbia University Medical Center

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The Newsletter of the Department of Medicine

## Resident Research Week!

### Resident Research Poster Session

Tuesday March 2, 2010

12:00-1:00pm

Myrna Daniels Auditorium, Milstein Family Heart Center, 1st Floor

Lunch is available

### Grand Rounds for Wednesday March 3, 2010

#### Resident Research Presentations

**Blaire Burman, MD**

Routine Antenatal Screening for Hepatitis B in an Urban NYC Population:

High prevalence rates among immigrant women with low rates of evaluation, education, and referral for further care

**Neelesh Chudasama, MD**

Situating the Transmembrane Helices of the BK  $\beta$ 1 Modulatory Subunit Amongst Those of Multiple  $\alpha$  Pore-forming Subunits.

**Jaime Hook, MD**

A Novel Point-of-Care Oxygen Titration Study in Interstitial Lung Disease.

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#### Faculty and Trainees

#### Announcements

##### INITIATIVES

The Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics have launched the **Columbia Adverse Drug Reaction and Desensitization Program**. Directed by **Rachel L. Miller, MD**, associate professor of medicine and environmental health sciences (in pediatrics), and **David Resnick, MD**, associate clinical professor of pediatrics, the program provides a comprehensive approach to evaluating and managing patients with suspected adverse drug reactions and anaphylaxis.

##### HONORS & AWARDS

**LeWanza M. Harris, MD, MPH**, assistant clinical professor of medicine, was awarded a 15-month fellowship by the Greater New York Hospital Association and United Hospital Fund. The fellowship teaches physicians the skills required to lead quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.

**Edward R. Thorp, PhD**, associate research scientist in the Department of Medicine, Division of Molecular Medicine, is the winner of the Cardiovascular Research Institute poster contest. The poster is titled "Histopathologic & Mechanistic Studies Related to MERTK Cleavage, a Possible Mechanism for Defective Apoptotic Cell Clearance & Plaque Necrosis in Advanced Atheromata and Cardiac Function."

##### Save-the-Date

**Division of Digestive & Liver Disease Research Symposium**  
Monday March 29, 2010

**Oncology Research Symposium**  
Monday, April 5, 2010

Both symposia will be held in the Atchley-Loeb Conference Room, PH8 East, 107. 12:30-3:00pm.  
Lunch is available

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual YFMP Research Symposium**  
Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, Atchley-Loeb Conference Room.  
Breakfast and lunch is available

#### From the Chair's Office

##### Congratulations to our newest Paul A. Marks Scholars!

**Jonathan Lu, MD** (Cardiology)

**Anne-Catrin Uhlemann** (Infectious Diseases)

**Benjamin Ohlstein, MD** (Digestive & Liver Diseases and Genetics & Development)

Paul A. Marks was a leader in the New York City academic and medical communities for more than 50 years, and served as

Columbia's dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1970 to 1978, as vice president for Medical Sciences and director of Columbia's Comprehensive Cancer Center from 1978 to 1980. His remarkable achievements helped revolutionize cancer research and care with the discovery of a new targeted therapy for cancer. The Paul A. Marks Scholars Fund was established to recruit and retain top physician-scientists. The Fund helps cover important pilot studies that often generate substantial, groundbreaking discoveries, and represents a strategic investment in Columbia's biomedical research and a significant step forward in developing innovative diagnostic tools, treatments and prevention approaches.

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