

# Inside IM

News from the Department of Internal Medicine



## From the Chair

February 28th and the days that followed have been very difficult for our department. We are grieving the loss of a talented third year resident, Dr. Jarrod Dye, who was known for his smile and compassion and was to join us as a hospitalist faculty member this summer. Jarrod died of suicide, a manifestation of the disease depression for which he sought and received help. Jarrod's resident colleagues, our residency program director team, and faculty and staff who worked with him in the outpatient and inpatient settings are devastated and all of us in the department are sad. We will treasure our memories of him as a wonderful young physician and friend. As a department, we commit to honoring the traits that characterized Jarrod's living – compassion for patients and colleagues, a listening ear, a genuine interest in others, just to name a few.

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## Hundreds Celebrate Life of Dr. Dye

More than 300 colleagues, friends and family celebrated the life of Jarrod Dye, MD, a third-year internal medicine house officer, at a campus memorial service on March 7. Fond memories and stories were shared, with a theme among those who knew him of "I'm changed because Jarrod cared."

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## Nebraska Medicine Clinics Recognized for Highest-Level Care

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) now recognizes Nebraska Medicine's primary care clinics as Level III Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), the highest recognition level for a primary care clinic.

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## Lung Transplant Program Receives Medicare Approval

Nebraska Medicine's lung transplant program has received approval as a Medicare-approved center for adult lung transplantation. In order to serve Medicare beneficiaries, the program must meet comprehensive conditions of participation.

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## **Dr. Gumina has Vision for Cardiovascular Research**

Richard Gumina, MD, PhD, will assume the role of acting chief of the division of cardiovascular medicine at the end of March when Vincent Pompili, MD, steps down as division chief of cardiovascular medicine.

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## **Dr. Lawler Helping to Grow Health Security Efforts**

James Lawler, MD, MPH, associate professor division of infectious disease, recently joined UNMC to help grow health security efforts at the medical center. As co-director of the UNMC Global Center for Health Security, he will coordinate activities around patient care, infection prevention and control, and training and research related to highly dangerous pathogens.

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## **Clinical Trial Finds One-Month TB Treatment Effective in HIV Patients**

A one-month antibiotic regimen to prevent active tuberculosis (TB) disease was at least as safe and effective as the standard nine-month therapy for people living with HIV, according to results of a large international clinical trial. Susan Swindells, MBBS, professor division of infectious diseases and medical director of the Specialty Care Clinic, is lead author of the study.

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## Specialty Care Clinic Receives Grant Renewal Funding to Serve Underinsured Living with HIV

The UNMC Specialty Care Center received grant renewal funding in January from the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act. To mark World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Jasmine Marcelin, MD, assistant professor division of infectious disease, detailed the efforts UNMC has undertaken with its funding.

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## New DEM Clinic Opens in Bellevue

Disorders of the endocrine system often require careful and lifelong management. Nebraska Medicine – Bellevue recently opened a Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolism Clinic to bring comprehensive care for these disorders closer to home for people living in Bellevue.

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## Telehealth Program Helps Rural Patients with Diabetes

A telehealth initiative, spearheaded by Leslie Eiland, MD, assistant professor division of diabetes, endocrine and metabolism, gives patients with diabetes in rural communities direct access to an endocrinologist.

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## **IPE Program and iEXCEL Featured in AMA Webinar**

During a recent AMA Innovations in Medical Education Webinar, faculty from UNMC and two other schools showcased the methods they are using to implement successful interprofessional programs. UNMC is a member of AMA's Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium, a group of 32 institutions that received grants from the AMA to develop and share ideas and practices that will help shape the medical school of the future.

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## **IAE Group Explores Educational Innovations**

The Interprofessional Academy of Educator's Interest Group on Curricular Design, Instructional Methods, Assessment and Evaluation looks for ways to improve teaching, testing and grading. Craig Piquette, MD, associate professor division of pulmonary, critical care, sleep and allergy, is co-chair of the IAE group, which holds regular meetings and is open to all UNMC faculty and staff.

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## **All Residents Pass Boards with Flying Colors**

The internal medicine residency program had 100 percent of its residents pass the 2017 American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) examination and, even better, all residents scored above the national mean. "We've had a spectacular record through the years but for the first time we have the data to see where our residents were against the



national average and they all scored above it,” said James O'Dell, MD, residency program director.

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## COM Resident of the Month

Tyler Brinkman, MD, internal medicine chief resident, is the College of Medicine resident of the month.

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## Resident POCUS Curriculum

Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) training has been integrated into the Grissom Hospitalist rotation. Curriculum leaders Christopher Smith, MD, and Tabatha Matthias, DO, said this will allow for more consistent and focused teaching, including dedicated scanning time with faculty during gel rounds. The next POCUS workshop for interns will be in March and April and will focus on the basics of abdominal scanning using an innovative interprofessional educational approach.

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## Dr. Armitage Named to Board of Biopharmaceutical Company

James Armitage, MD, the Joe Shapiro Chair for the Study of Oncology and Clinical Research, is one of five members named to the newly formed Clinical Advisory Board (CAB) for Ascentage Pharma, a global clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing apoptosis-targeted therapies for cancers and other diseases.



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## Dr. Bailey in First Class of American Thoracic Society Fellows

Kristina Bailey, MD, associate professor division of pulmonary, critical care, sleep and allergy, has received fellow designation from the American Thoracic Society. She will be part of the first class of ATS fellows and will be recognized at the society's international conference in May. Dr. Bailey also received the New Investigator Award at a UNMC reception Feb. 13. The goal of her research is to understand how our lung's natural defenses change as a first step to better preventing or treating pneumonia.



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## Faculty Achieve American College of Physicians Fellow Status

The following faculty members have achieved fellow status in the American College of Physicians (ACP):

[Renee Young](#), MD FACP, professor division of gastroenterology and hepatology

[Alan Erickson](#), MD FACP, associate professor division of rheumatology

[Matthew Lunning](#), DO FACP, assistant professor division of oncology and hematology

[Krishna Gundabolu](#), MBBS MD FACP, assistant professor division of oncology and hematology

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### **Dr. Richards Appointed to Society of Hospital Medicine Committee**

Sarah Richards, MD, assistant professor division of general medicine-academic, has been appointed to the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) Patient Experience Committee. The appointment comes after a rigorous application and selection process. Dr. Richards' term is from April 2018 to March 2019.



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### **Dr. Goldner Named Vice Chair of Neuroendocrine Tumors Panel**

Whitney Goldner, MD, associate professor division of diabetes, endocrine and metabolism, has been named the new Vice Chair of the National Comprehensive Care Network (NCCN) Neuroendocrine Tumors (NET) panel.



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### **Faculty Recognized for Service on National Board of Medical Examiners**

[Rachel Bonnema](#), MD, MS, associate professor division of general medicine; [Gerald \(Jay\) Moore](#), MD, professor division of rheumatology; and [Tammy Wichman](#), MD, associate professor division of pulmonary, were recognized for their service to the National Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Bonnema was selected to be on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Women's Health Committee. Dr. Moore served as the Medical School Liaison Representative and Executive Chief Proctor. Dr. Wichman was on the Step 3 Interdisciplinary Review Committee.

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## Dr. Markin Recognized as 2018 Distinguished Mentor

Kara Markin, MD, assistant professor division of general medicine-academic, was recognized by the Student Senate as 2018 Distinguished Mentor at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 6.



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## Welcome to New Faculty

Andrew Brouwer, MD, joined UNMC Feb. 1 as an assistant professor in the division of general medicine.

Zaid Al-Khadimi, MD, joined UNMC March 1 as an associate professor in the division of oncology and hematology.

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## Research Update

We are in the process of accepting up to 21 students for the Internal Medicine department's 2018 [Summer Undergraduate Research Program \(SURP\)](#) and [Summer Undergraduate Alcohol Research Program \(SUARP\)](#) and are looking forward to a great summer. Thank you to the mentors and their staffs for the effort and time they put in to give these students hands-on experiences that broaden their knowledge of medical science and clinical research!

[Click to read about past SURP and SUARP student and mentor accomplishments.](#)

Read the faculty publications reported with ADIS and Scopus for the fourth quarter of 2017 [here](#) .

See the Internal Medicine Research and Non-Research Awards reported with ADIS for the fourth quarter of 2017 [here](#) .

View the latest Internal Medicine faculty publications (in descending order by publication year and title) on [Research Nebraska](#) .

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## Staff Honors and Announcements

Erin Maxwell Snow, C-TAGME, educational programs administrator, has been elected to the 2019 Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine's Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM) Program Administrators Council. The Alliance empowers academic internal medicine professionals and enhances health care through professional development, research and advocacy. Her term will begin July 1, 2018.

Catherine Hughes-Rose, C-TAGME, division of nephrology fellowship program coordinator, was one of four people asked to lead the coordinator's program planning for the American Society of Nephrology's Training Program Retreat.

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