

Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care: Quarterly Newsletter

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We hope you enjoy our Division's inaugural issue of its Quarterly Newsletter to update both our Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care Fellowship graduates on the exciting work of the Division. We are in extraordinary and uniquely challenging times and have been reflecting on how to maintain contact with our graduates and share updates with each other. Here is our first attempt at doing so...all feedback/ideas welcome!



Our Geriatric Medicine Fellowship program started in 1991 and we have over 70 graduates. Our prior fellowship directors include Dr. Karen Novielli and Dr. Susan Parks. Our current Fellowship Director, Dr Brooke Salzman is transitioning out of this role and Dr. Kristine Swartz is assuming the role of Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Director as of September 1, 2020. Dr. Swartz is a phenomenal leader who has built a strong regional reputation for our in-patient services. We are thrilled to have her lead the fellowship.



March is Colon Cancer
Awareness Month
Learn about your screening options.

Congratulations



Brooke Salzman, MD, has served in the role of fellowship director since 2013 and has done an extraordinary job of leading the fellowship. Dr. Salzman is transitioning into a new leadership role as co-director of the Jefferson Center for Interprofessional Education and Practice here at Jefferson. She will still be working with us in the Division. Dr. Salzman has been the fellowship director for many of you receiving this and you have witnessed her leadership and talents firsthand. Dr. Salzman is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care. After earning her BA at Cornell University, she attended and graduated cum laude from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Salzman completed her residency in Family Medicine and fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and started as a faculty member in 2005. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Salzman on this new important leadership role at Jefferson.

Additional Updates

- Our Division established a Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship in 2018. Dr. John Liantonio developed the fellowship and serves as fellowship director. We currently have 2 fellows per year. Dr. Liantonio is an extraordinary leader and was himself a graduate of our Geriatric Medicine Fellowship program before completing a Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at Mt. Sinai in NYC.
- Our outpatient practice, formerly known as Jefferson Geriatrics, is now called the Center for Healthy Aging. We are thrilled that this new name will reflect our broader focus on wellness and being a welcoming, inclusive space. During the pandemic we consolidated the practice and we are back at 833 Chestnut Street.
- Our Division's Geriatrics program was again ranked in the top 50 of US programs. It is key that we continue to maintain or improve this ranking. We would ask each of you in Geriatrics to please download the app and register for Doximity so that you can vote in the Geriatrics category during the next voting period.

We hope that you have enjoyed hearing these updates from us. We would like to hear from you! Please stay in touch and look for our next issue in December.



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