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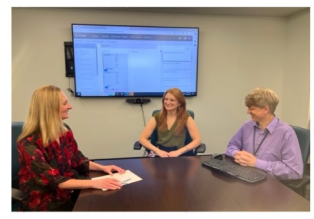
**Message from the Chair** I'm thrilled to share our faculty's achievements, including numerous awards, impactful research publications, and media recognition. Our Research Boot Camp was a great success, fostering collaboration and camaraderie. Thank you to the many individuals who made this possible. We plan to offer this scholarly event each year. I'm also excited to announce the return of the Weekly Grand Rounds, Research Methods Workshop and Research Journal Club—all proven platforms for scholarly growth. Let's build upon these achievements, maintaining our commitment to excellence and innovation. Our first workshop will be held on September 12 @ 5:00 p.m. This was also a defining month for Department of Internal Medicine research. Congratulations to the Williams Hall research team for their pivotal role in the Novo Nordisk trial. Our site added to the findings of this landmark study which showed a reduced risk of heart attack, stroke, & heart-related death by 20% for patients with obesity & cardiovascular disease (no diabetes)!

We are thrilled to announce that the Glennan Center was also chosen as a site for the prestigious Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium (ACTC) network. Congratulations to our research team for your commitment and dedication to this groundbreaking research and for securing a spot in this clinical trial for our institution!

Don't forget to tell your patients, staff, & colleagues about two additional RCTs that are taking place in our department.

- 1) The first study in the world to evaluate a safe and highly effective approach for Heartburn/GERD, a highly prevalent and increasingly incident disease! For more information contact Johnson DJ/Flemmer M or visit the study's website: (571)-415-5775, [Clinicalstudyinfo.com/dlds](http://Clinicalstudyinfo.com/dlds).
- 2) Do your part to improve cancer detection by recruiting patients or participating in the Pathfinder 2 study, open to adults aged 50 years+. For more information contact Tahhan S or visit the study's website: [Join-pathfinder2study.com](http://Join-pathfinder2study.com)

Finally, registration for the 4th session of Palliative Care Medicine Learning Collaborative is happening right now. The Power of Touch session hosted by Thomson K will be held on September 7, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Additionally, registration for the Virginia ACP Annual Scientific Meeting is open. We are pleased to announce that seven of our faculty members will be presented with awards during this meeting! Congratulations all, for your hard work and dedication to graduate medical education. We are fortunate to have you on our academic team as we enthusiastically mentor the next generation physicians.



## Peer-reviewed Publications

- 1) Meliagros P, Garber A, Sadr N, Forrest R, **Qayyum R**. Competency-based assessment of procedural skills in resident training. *J Hosp Med.* 2023 Aug;18(8):703-718. doi: 10.1002/jhm.13167. Epub 2023 Jul 16. PMID: 37455365.
- 2) Pletnikova A, **Okhravi HR**, Jamil N, Kirby M, Lyketsos CG, Oh ES. Utility of amyloid PET Imaging in a Memory Clinic. *Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord.* 2023 Aug 11. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37561943.
- 3) Correa R, Miragaya J, Cohen DA, Hoang TD, Jasim S, **Lieb DC**, Weber SL, Bird MD, Stec C; Clinical Practice Guidelines Oversight Committee. Protocol for Development of American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Clinical Practice Guidelines and Consensus Statements: Summary of Methodology, Process, and Policy - 2023 Update. *Endocr Pract.* 2023 May;29(5):341-348.



## Abstracts, Posters, & Presentations

- 1) **Okhravi HR**, Fang F, Seehan B. Association of anti-psychotic medication use with mortality, stroke, and myocardial infarction among long-term nursing home Medicare beneficiaries (Presented at AAIC – Amsterdam, the Netherlands on July 18).
- 2) **Okhravi HR**. Invited speaker/presenter on ALZ-NET registry, groundbreaking nationally project funded by Alzheimer's Association (Presented at AAIC - Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 19).
- 3) **Sill JM**. Invited speaker/presenter on Interstitial Lung Disease (Presented at VAPA conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, July 26).

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