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# Faculty Directory

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On behalf of the leadership of the BWH Department of Medicine, I am pleased to share this fifth annual directory of underrepresented in medicine (URiM) faculty in our department. We are excited about the continued development of our large community of URiM faculty, which have numbered more than 100 for three consecutive years. We hope that this Directory will promote connection, collaboration, and community among our faculty and help our URiM residents and fellows identify and connect with URiM faculty who can serve as treasured advisors, mentors, and role models. This Directory also enables us to proudly showcase the many achievements, and breadth of expertise, and leadership roles of our URiM faculty. I hope you enjoy perusing this wonderful resource and find it to be one that you value and will share with your colleagues.

All my best,



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**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Abraham is an Associate Professor of Microbiology at Harvard Medical School, and an Associate Physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is a physician-scientist, and his current work focuses on the mechanisms of cellular entry and antibody neutralization of emerging viruses. Dr. Abraham graduated from Harvard College with a major in biochemistry, and from the MD-PhD program at Harvard Medical School, through which he obtained his PhD in biophysics. He completed residency in Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. He is a recipient of the NIH Director's Early Independence Award and a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists. His research uses methods in human immunology, molecular biology, and structural biology to study and develop therapies against viruses that cause highly lethal human diseases, including encephalitis and hemorrhagic fevers.



### Ana Paula De Abreu Metzger, MD, PhD

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**Fellowship:** Clinical and Research, Endocrinology, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Abreu Metzger is a physician-scientist in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Hypertension. Her primary research focus is on the investigation of genetic and epigenetic regulation of GnRH secretion to better understand what triggers puberty initiation and molecular mechanisms regulating the reproductive system. She also has an interest in pituitary disorders and has been studying genetic drivers of ACTH tumors. She is the Co-Director of the Brigham Center for Endocrine Genetics, and also sees patients in the Pituitary Neuroendocrine Center.



### **Maureen Achebe, MBBS, MPH**

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**Fellowship:** Hematology/Medical Oncology, Yale New Haven Hospital

Dr. Achebe is the Clinical Director for Non-Malignant Hematology Services at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI), Medical Director of the Brigham and Women's Hospital Outpatient Infusion Center and the Director of the Sickle Cell Disease Center at BWH/DFCI. Her career activities are focused on innovations that improve the health of patients with hematology disorders, particularly sickle cell disease (SCD) and iron deficiency. Her research is on healthcare delivery improvements and other clinical research in hematology. She also spends time educating and mentoring students, residents, and fellows. She is on the Board of the Greater Boston Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.



### **Mariana Acuna Aravena, PhD**

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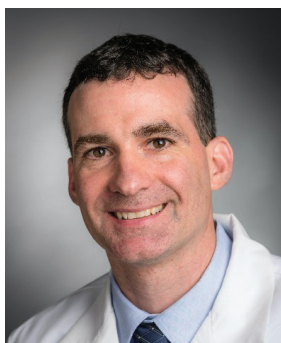
**Graduate School:** Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

**Residency:** Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

**Fellowships:** Postdoctoral training at Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City

Dr. Acuna Aravena is an Instructor in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Endoscopy, in the Department of Medicine. Her career as a scientist has been focused on studying hepatic lipid metabolism in metabolic diseases. She completed her Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. Her postdoctoral research was performed at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. Her research focuses on understanding the relevance of cytosolic acetyl-CoA in metabolic disorders. Dr. Acuna Aravena is currently investigating the mechanism of action of the acetyl-CoA thioesterase 12 (Acot12) in the regulation of lipid and glucose production. These studies are expected to find novel therapeutical targets and provide a better understanding of the nutrient metabolism in the liver and new insights into the management of common chronic metabolic diseases.





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Dr. Aguirre is a medical oncologist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and an Associate Member at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT. Dr. Aguirre sees patients and leads a cancer research laboratory that studies RAS signaling and pancreatic cancer biology with the goal of developing new therapeutic strategies.



### **Ayobami Akenroye, MBChB, MPH, PhD**

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**Fellowship:** Allergy and Immunology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Dr. Ayobami Akenroye is a physician-scientist in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and an Associate Epidemiologist in the Channing Division of Network Medicine. Her research interests are broad including in the integration of epidemiology, statistical techniques, and -omics to evaluate comparative effectiveness and to identify predictors of response to therapeutics in asthma. She is also interested in the application of causal inference techniques in unravelling disparities in the use of/access to therapeutics. She sees patients in the Allergy and Immunology clinic at 850 Boylston Street and consults on the BWH inpatient service.



### **Thierry Alcindor, MD, MS**

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**Graduate School:** University of Oxford  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Medical Center  
**Fellowship:** Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Alcindor was recruited from McGill University Health Centre where he provided care and conducted clinical research in gastrointestinal cancers and sarcomas. At the Dana-Farber/Brigham Cancer Center, he is a member of the Center for Sarcomas and Bone Cancers.



### Jorge Alvarez, MD, PhD

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**Fellowship:** Cardiology, Rhode Island Hospital, Warren Alpert Medical School

Dr. Alvarez sees patients at both Brigham and Women's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital outpatient and inpatient cardiology settings. He is the medical director of the BWFH echocardiography lab, where he also provides supervision and interpretation of stress testing, cardioversion, and electrocardiography. His clinical interest is in cardio-oncology, where he provides cardiac evaluation and care for patients with cancer prior to, during, and after oncologic treatment.



### Ndang Azang-Njaah, MD, MPH

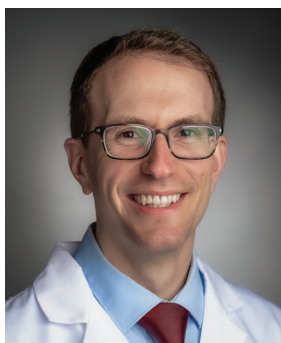
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Dr. Azang-Njaah is a medicine-pediatrics primary care clinician educator in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Primary Care. He sees patients at the Family Care Associates Clinic in Coolidge Corner and is a core faculty member in the Harvard Brigham and Women's Hospital/Boston Children's Hospital Medicine-Pediatrics Residency program. Within the residency program he serves as a primary care clinic preceptor and co-leads the development of a medicine-pediatrics primary care and social justice elective track. His clinical and academic interests include primary care delivery, undergraduate and graduate level medical education, food insecurity, community and public health advocacy, health equity, and mentorship for underrepresented groups in medicine.



### **Sylvan Baca, MD, PhD**

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**Fellowships:** Medical Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Dr. Baca is a medical oncologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Raised in Albuquerque, NM, Dr. Baca received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his MD and PhD from Harvard Medical School. He trained in Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and completed his fellowship in Medical Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dr. Baca received his post-doctoral training in cancer epigenetics with Dr. Matthew Freedman at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT. He is on faculty at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a Physician and Investigator. In addition to caring for patients, he conducts research at the interface of computational biology and epigenomics to find better ways to treat cancer.

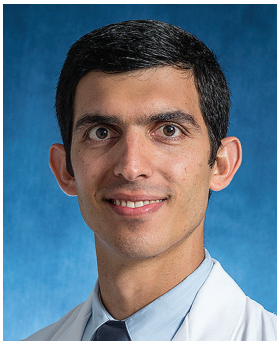


### **A. Enrique Caballero, MD**

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Dr. Caballero is an endocrinologist, investigator and educator. He is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the Director of Latino Diabetes Health in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Hypertension and an Associate Scientist in the Division of Global Health Equity at BWH. He has worked extensively in the field of diabetes in racial/ethnic minorities by leading the creation of innovative, culturally and socially oriented diabetes care, education, research and outreach programs. He is the immediate past Chair of the Health Care Disparities Committee at the American Diabetes Association. He is also the Director of International Innovation Programs in the Office for External Education and the Director of Diabetes Education in the Postgraduate Medical Education Department at Harvard Medical School (HMS) where he leads the development of education programs that benefit health care professionals and patients around the world. He is the recipient of the 2022 Harvard Medical School Harold Amos prestigious award that recognizes exemplary work on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Health Care. He is also the recipient of the 2023 ADA's Outstanding Educator in Diabetes Award and the 2024 Endocrine's Society Outstanding Educator Award.



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**Fellowships:** Cardiovascular Fellowship - Johns Hopkins Hospital;  
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Dr. Cardoso is a clinical cardiologist and specialist in cardiovascular imaging in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. His clinical work includes general cardiology, echocardiography, cardiac CT, and cardiac MRI. His primary research focus involves the interface between cardiovascular imaging and preventive cardiology, including work with coronary artery CT and coronary artery calcium scoring. Dr. Cardoso is also passionate about medical education, having previously served as chief resident and chief fellow. His hobbies include playing soccer and spending time or traveling with wife and family.



## Jorge Casal, MD

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Dr. Casal has worked as an Internal Medicine primary care physician for the past 20 years. Prior to joining Personal MDs, Dr. Casal worked at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Primary Care. At MGH, he was well known for taking care of patients with complex and multiple medical issues. He has served as a Consultant for the MGH Grand Rounds consultation program, which provides second opinions for patients from across the United States seeking assistance with complex medical conditions. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School where he has received numerous awards for teaching excellence. Dr. Casal is board certified in Internal Medicine. However, his most gratifying role has been to provide outstanding and individualized care to his patients.





### Jorge Castillo, MD, MS

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**Fellowship:** Hematology and Oncology, Rhode Island Hospital / Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Dr. Castillo was born in Peru and received his medical degree at the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico City. He completed Internal Medicine and Hematology and Oncology training at the University of Massachusetts and Brown University. Dr. Castillo is an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School, an Institute Physician at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Clinical Director of the Bing Center for Waldenström Macroglobulinemia. Dr. Castillo is the principal investigator in innovative clinical trials evaluating highly effective non-chemotherapeutic approaches for patients with Waldenström macroglobulinemia. Dr. Castillo is a Myeloma, Amyloidosis, and Waldenström Macroglobulinemia Committee member at the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and a Scientific Advisory Committee member at the International Waldenström Macroglobulinemia Foundation. He has authored over 300 peer-reviewed articles and has published his research in the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet Oncology, Journal of Clinical Oncology, and Blood. Dr. Castillo has been awarded the Innovation Award by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Robert A. Kyle Award by the International Workshop for Waldenström Macroglobulinemia. He is the Founder and Director of the WM-NET, a think-tank composed of academic researchers in the United States focused on designing and executing clinical trials in patients with Waldenström macroglobulinemia.



### Jorge Chavarro, MD, ScD

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**Graduate School:** Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health  
**Fellowships:** Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Epidemiology, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Chavarro's research focuses on investigating the role of diet and the interaction between dietary and genetic factors in the pathogenesis of diseases affecting reproductive and hormone sensitive organs, particularly malignancies of reproductive organs. This broad interest is currently focused in two areas. First, he is investigating the role of fatty acids and their metabolism in the development and progression of prostate cancer. Using data from ongoing cohort studies, Dr. Chavarro studies the relationships of dietary fatty acid intakes and biomarkers of fatty acid intake and their metabolism, including de novo lipogenesis, with prostate cancer risk and survival. Also, because prostate cancer treatment often has adverse cardiovascular and metabolic consequences, he is investigating the role of modifiable lifestyle factors on non-cancer mortality, particularly cardiovascular disease, among men with prostate cancer. In addition to his prostate cancer work, Dr. Chavarro is currently investigating how different dietary and lifestyle factors are related to male and female fertility and infertility treatment outcomes with the goal of identifying strategies for fertility preservation in cancer survivors and in the general population.



### **Tinishe Chikowore, PhD, MSc**

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Dr. Tinashe Chikowore is an Investigator within the Channing Division of Network Medicine and the Genetics Division at Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. His research is centered on harnessing genetics, Omics technologies, and machine learning to delve into nutrition outcomes and complex diseases. Dr. Chikowore has earned recognition as a recipient of the esteemed Wellcome Trust International Training fellowship and the Charles Epstein Excellence in Human Genetics Award from the American Society of Human Genetics. His Wellcome Trust fellowship focused on characterizing gene-lifestyle interactions in African populations. Dr. Chikowore's passion lies in enhancing the representation of African scientists and genomes in genetic research. He currently oversees the management of the Cardiovascular H3Africa Innovation Resource (CHAIR), which stands as the largest genomic resource dedicated to cardiovascular-related phenotypes in Africa. Through these endeavors, he aims to advance our understanding of genetics, nutrition outcomes, and complex diseases while promoting inclusivity and diversity in scientific research.



### **Cheryl Clark, MD, ScD**

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**Graduate School:** Stanford University, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Clark is a hospitalist and researcher in the Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of General Internal Medicine and Primary Care. She is also the Director of the Leadership in Health Equity Pathway (LHEP) within the Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Clark's research focuses on social determinants of healthy aging and racial and ethnic disparities in health care utilization in aging populations. She is the recipient of the 2006 Brigham and Women's Minority Career Development Award, the 2006 Golden Stethoscope Award for excellence in teaching, the 2009 H. Richard Nesson Fellowship in Community Health, the 2010 REACH partner award, and the 2014-2016 Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Award, and the 2021 Inaugural Harvard Medical School/Dental School Equity, Social Justice and Advocacy Award from Harvard Medical School/Dental School.



### **Nathan Connell, MD, MPH**

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**Graduate School:** Barry University; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

**Fellowship:** Hematology & Medical Oncology, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Dr. Connell is a hematologist focused on thrombosis and hemostasis, particularly von Willebrand disease. He is the Associate Director of the Boston Hemophilia Center where he sees patients with inherited bleeding disorders. He launched the Women's Thrombosis and Hemostasis Clinic in the Fish Center for Women's Health. As Chief of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, he oversees the education programs and clinical operations of the Department of Medicine's inpatient and ambulatory operations at BWFH. His research focuses on cost-effective strategies for the diagnosis and treatment of hematologic conditions. In addition to experience in clinical practice guideline development and systems-resource utilization, he is a founder of the field of systems-based hematology, which aims to optimize the ways in which health systems deliver care to individuals with blood disorders.



### **Caroline Cubbison, MD**

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**Fellowship:** Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Harvard Interprofessional Fellowship Program

Dr. Cubbison is a Palliative Care physician at DFCI/BWH and see patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Raised in the Dominican Republic, my academic interests include reducing disparities in the care of Latino patients, particularly surrounding serious illness and end-of-life. She is also passionate about medical education and working with trainees and other specialists and disciplines to advance primary palliative care skills across medicine.



## Monica Ramirez Curtis, MD, MPH

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Dr. Curtis received her bachelor's degree from Harvard College, her MD degree from Tufts University School of Medicine, and her MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She completed her internal medicine residency from Tufts Medical Center, and her rheumatology fellowship from the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

She is a physician in the Division of Rheumatology, Inflammation, and Immunity, and an Instructor in Medicine, Part-Time at Harvard Medical School. She is also a Senior Physician Editor at UpToDate. Her clinical interests include general rheumatology, rheumatoid arthritis, vasculitis, and inflammatory myopathies, as well as caring for Spanish-speaking patients. At UpToDate, she edits and manages rheumatology content, and works on a team applying GRADE methodology to clinical recommendations.



## Alejandro Diaz, MD, MPH

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**Fellowship:** Pulmonary Medicine, Hospital Clínico, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile; Research Fellowship, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Dr. Diaz is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Lead Investigator at Brigham and Women's Hospital focused on lung imaging. He works at the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Applied Chest Imaging Laboratory. Dr. Diaz is interested in using lung imaging to characterize airway diseases, including COPD and bronchiectasis, and developing imaging biomarkers. He has expanded his research efforts to study the respiratory health of the Hispanic/Latino population. Dr. Diaz also spends time teaching Medical Spanish at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Diaz is the recipient of the 2013 Brigham and Women's Minority Career Development Award and Principal Investigator of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute awards for his research programs.





### **Christina Dieli-Conwright, PhD, MPH**

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Christina M. Dieli-Conwright is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and in the Division of Population Sciences of the Department of Medical Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Her research is focused on examining mechanisms by which post-diagnosis exercise can impact cancer prognosis with a specific focus on biomarkers related to tumor growth, inflammation, metabolic dysregulation, and body composition. She derives randomized controlled trials to test whether various types of prescriptive exercise improve cancer outcomes in individuals diagnosed with cancer, across the lifespan from adolescents and young adults to older adults. Additionally, Dr. Dieli-Conwright examines cardiometabolic diseases in minority cancer survivors and utilizes lifestyle interventions to reduce the onset of comorbidities that are more prevalent in minority cancer survivors. Dr. Dieli-Conwright has a history of funding from the National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, American Institute for Cancer Research, Pfizer, and foundation grants. Prior to joining DFCI in 2020, she was the director of the Integrative Center for Oncology Research in Exercise and an assistant professor of Biokinesiology and Medicine at the University of Southern California (USC). She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the City of Hope National Medical Center after completing her PhD in Biokinesiology from USC.



### **Miguel J. Divo, MD, MPH**

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**Graduate School:** Universidad Central de Venezuela

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, NY

**Fellowships:** Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center; Sleep Medicine, Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

Dr. Divo is a physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He received his medical degree from the Central University of Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela). He then completed a residency program in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel (formerly known as Beth Israel Medical Center). He also completed fellowships in pulmonary and critical care medicine and sleep medicine at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. He is board certified in critical care medicine, internal medicine, and pulmonary disease. Dr. Divo's clinical interests include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung transplantation. He has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and has received funding from the National Institutes of Health. He is also the recipient of the Best Publication Maurizio Vignola Award for Innovation in Pneumology from the European Respiratory Society and the BWH Minority Faculty Career Development Award.



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**Graduate School:** Boston University

**Residencies:** Internal Medicine, University Hospital, Homburg, Germany;  
Preventive Medicine, Carney Hospital

**Fellowship:** Preventive Cardiology, Framingham Heart Study

Dr. Djousse is a cardiovascular and genetic epidemiologist with strong record of intra and extramural funding and excellent track record in scholastic activities and teaching. His primary interest is to understand the role of dietary factors and patterns on the risk of CVD in humans, and his secondary interest is to understand the role of modifiable lifestyle factors (diet, exercise, smoking, adiposity) along with their interaction with genetic factors on the risk of CVD. Dr. Djousse's contribution to preventive cardiology has focused on modifiable lifestyle factors resulting in important publications in major CVD and nutrition journals. Dr. Djousse remains strongly committed to mentoring medical students, junior faculty, staff, and preventive cardiology fellows.



### **Ijeoma Eche, PhD, MPH, FNP-BC, AOCNP, CPHON, BMT-CN**

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Massachusetts Boston (MSN-FNP) and University of Massachusetts Amherst (MPH)

**Fellowship:** U54 University of Massachusetts Boston/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

Dr. Eche pursued a PhD in nursing science with the overarching goal to reduce cancer-related palliative care disparities and improve psychosocial outcomes through developing and testing culturally congruent psychosocial interventions for historically disadvantaged parents of children with cancer. Dr. Eche joined the Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) in September 2019 as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow which was jointly sponsored by DFCI and University of Massachusetts Boston College of Nursing and Health Sciences and is now an incoming Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Her dissertation research focused on whether psychosocial distress symptoms influenced parental perception of child's quality of life in newly diagnosed children with cancer. Findings showed that parents are prone to psychological suffering throughout cancer trajectory and underscored the need for early targeted family-level psychosocial interventions. Supported by the National Palliative Care Research Center Kornfeld Scholars Program, Dr. Eche is currently conducting foundational studies that will allow for development and testing of culturally congruent psychosocial interventions to reduce psychological distress in historically marginalized parents of children with cancer. Dr. Eche earned her BSN from Regis College, an MSN-FNP from University of Massachusetts Boston, an MPH with a focus on global health from University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a PhD in nursing science with a focus on population health from University of Massachusetts Boston.



### **Christopher Estiverne, MD**

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**Residency:** Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School

**Fellowship:** Nephrology – Brigham and Women's Hospital /Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Estiverne is an Instructor in the Renal Division at BWH. My current interests are in community health care and health equity with regards to renal transplant patients. In addition to my clinics at the Brigham, I also see patients at Brookside and Southern Jamaica Plain. He also has an interest in uric acid transportation, with his current project on the role of AMP-sensitive kinase (AMPK) in GLUT9 mediated urate transport. Additionally, he is passionate about creating a community here at Brigham for URM DOM fellows.



### **Temidayo Fadelu, MD, MPH**

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Dr. Hall's recent research focuses on catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT), an enzyme that metabolizes catecholamines such as dopamine and epinephrine and that has pleiotropic effects in a broad set of diseases and treatments, including cardiovascular disease and cancer. Among her accomplishments is a landmark paper identifying COMT as one of the first genetic markers of placebo response, a publication in JCI Insight on the placebo genetic network or placebome.



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Dr. Hartley-Brown specializes in the management of relapsed refractory multiple myeloma. She treats patients with active multiple myeloma at the Jerome Lipper Center for Multiple Myeloma at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) and also manages inpatients on the malignant hematology services. Her clinical research is focused on relapsed refractory multiple myeloma management, using novel “off-the-shelf” therapies to advance survival outcomes in patients, expanding the accessibility of therapies to allow for increased involvement of minority patients participation in clinical trials. She has two main goals, improved survival outcomes for multiple myeloma patients and increasing diversity, equity and positive treatment outcomes for minority patients under-represented in clinical trials. All patients deserve optimal therapy. She conducts clinical research at DFCI and within the Alliance for Clinical Trials. She is active in the American Society for Hematology (ASH) within the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee.





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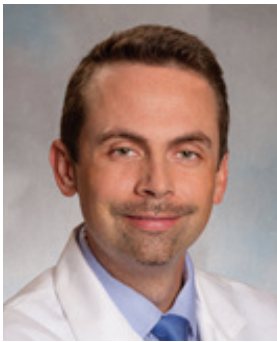


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Named Senior Director of the Accelerator in the summer of 2022, Christiana Iyasere, MD, MBA, brings over 15 years of experience developing early-stage technologies from academic medical institutions. Dr. Iyasere is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her residency at Mass General in Internal Medicine in 2005. Following her tenure as a medical resident at Mass General, Christiana undertook an administrative fellowship under the guidance of Dr. Peter Slavin, with an emphasis on technology evaluation, adoption, and promotion. She subsequently went to Harvard Business School for continued management training and completed her degree in 2008. Dr. Iyasere previously dedicated her time to administrative and clinical duties and worked as both an Inpatient Clinician Educator and as the Associate Director of the Innovation Support Center at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and an attending physician on the solid tumor inpatient oncology service.



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Dr. Jacome-Galarza received his PhD in Immunology from the University of Connecticut Health Center. His doctorate studies were focused on the biology of osteoclast precursors. Dr. Jacome-Galarza completed his postdoctoral fellowship, both at King's College London and Sloan Kettering Institute in New York city, where he studied the developmental biology of macrophages, and found distinct developmental origins and novel mechanisms for the turnover of osteoclasts, and a new strategy to rescue osteoclast deficiency in osteopetrosis. Dr. Jacome-Galarza is currently investigating the developmental differences and transcriptional regulatory mechanisms that control the functions of osteoclasts, macrophages, and monocytes in health, inflammation, and disease. Dr. Jacome-Galarza is the recipient of John Haddad Young Investigator Award, the Arthritis National Research Foundation award, among other award from the European Calcified tissue Society and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research.



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Dr. Jaji is from Nigeria and received her undergraduate degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Gustavus Adolphus College. Thereafter, she earned her medical degree from Yale School of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is also interested in global health.



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Dr. James-Todd is an epidemiologist with expertise in environmental chemical exposures and cardiometabolic outcomes in women, her research focuses on the reproductive and environmental predictors of diabetes in women during and after pregnancy. Specifically, she evaluates four main research questions: 1) how environmental endocrine disrupting chemicals, including phthalates, can affect glucose regulation during and after pregnancy; 2) how pregnancy impacts the short and long-term health of women with preexisting diabetes and; 3) how postpartum lifestyle interventions can help reduce future risk of type 2 diabetes among women with a history of gestational diabetes (GDM). Dr. James-Todd is a Principal Investigator of the NIEHS R01- funded ERGO study, where she recruits women from the Lifecodes pregnancy cohort at Brigham and Women's Hospital into the Environmental Reproductive Glucose Outcomes (ERGO) Study to evaluate many of these questions. She also utilizes data from large cohort studies, such as the Nurses' Health Study II, Project Viva, the Black Women's Health Study, and the Lifecodes pregnancy cohort. A common theme in her research is to reduce health disparities by 1) identifying modifiable environmental factors and 2) designing culturally-sensitive and -relevant interventions.





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Dr. Lathan's desire is to lessen the disconnect between research efforts in disparities and the realities of patient care. He is interested in changing the outcomes of vulnerable patients (patients of color, and/or low socioeconomic) at a local and national level via increasing access and information to high quality cancer care. The elucidation of the role of race and class in obtaining appropriate cancer care requires not only research skills, but also a willingness to propose clinical and policy interventions that will eventually equalize the treatment playing field in cancer. Dr. Lathan's background and training converge to propel him forward to find a way to improve cancer outcomes for all patients and lessen the effects of race and class on treatment quality. In 2021, he became the inaugural Chief Clinical Access and Equity Officer at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. In 2022, he became the Associate Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Dana-Farber Network. He is also appointed as the Christopher and Constance Hadley Family Chair at Dana-Farber.



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Dr. Léandre is a physician and HIV and TB specialist who currently serves as the Chief Programs Officer of Zanmi Lasante (ZL), Partners In Health (PIH)'s sister organization in Haiti. Dr. Léandre was active in the Caribbean-wide CHART/CDC/GAP/I-TECH HIV training initiative for health care workers, and he serves as a medical and technical consultant to Partners In Health's AIDS treatment project in rural Rwanda, Malawi, and Lesotho. Dr. Léandre also served as a lecturer and now as an Instructor in Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Léandre was awarded a prestigious Smith Scholarship in 2010 through the Division of Global Health Equity at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has done coursework in summer 2010 and 2011 at Harvard School of Public Health and in May 2014 he obtained his Master of Medical Sciences for Global Health Delivery (MMSc-GHD) at Harvard Medical School.

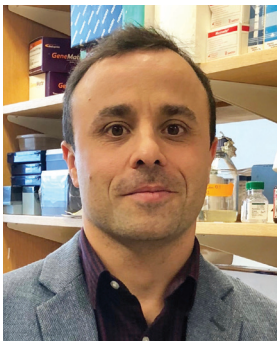


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Dr. Lemos is a Principal Investigator at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a faculty at Harvard Medical School. The Lemos laboratory is interested in tissue repair and bioengineering, for pre-clinical development of regenerative therapies. Dr. Lemos' work has been published in high-impact factor journals and has received media coverage. The Lemos Lab collaborates with research groups at HMS, Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Lemos' work is financially supported by NIH grants, foundations and research agreements with the industry. As a teaching faculty at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Lemos is deeply committed to mentoring students and post-doctoral trainees.



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Dr. Louisias is an Allergist-Immunologist (children & adults) and a health-services researcher in community-based interventions to reduce racial disparities in pediatric asthma at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Louisias received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from New York University and doctor of medicine degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine. She completed her MPH at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is a board-certified Internist, Pediatrician, and Allergist-Immunologist. Her other interests include community engagement, translation of research into policy, and the role of racism in health outcomes.



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Perla Macip Rodriguez, MD, is an attending physician on the adult palliative care service. She completed her MD at the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla, in Mexico, where she was born and raised. She completed her Residency in Internal Medicine at the University Of Miami Miller School Of Medicine. Her interest in aging, seriously ill patients, and medical education led her complete fellowship training in geriatrics at Harvard Medical School Multi-Campus Geriatric Fellowship. After working for a year as a Hospitalist at the MGH, she then completed a second Fellowship at the Harvard Inter-Professional Palliative Care Fellowship Program. Post fellowship, she took a position at Boston Medical Center, where she has been an Attending Physician for the past three years and held the palliative care clerkship director. She has interested in developing strategies to severe minority groups who have no access or poor understanding of the palliative care field. She joined the palliative care consult team at Dana-Farber in 2021. Perla is the Director for Community Engagement; in that role, she leads outreach efforts to local communities, with the goals of increasing the diversity of our practice and the cultural competencies of our clinicians.



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Dr. Milford has devoted his professional career to the field of applied immunogenetics and transplantation with an emphasis on solid organ transplantation and hematologic stem cell transplantation. His interest has been to foster the implementation of evidence-based policies in organ transplantation and stem cell transplantation that will result in optimum care for individual patients as well as efficient use of available resources. As a clinical transplant nephrologist, he continues to devote 20% of his time to the direct care of patients with chronic kidney disease, dialysis and transplants. 60% of his effort is spent directing the Brigham and Women's Hospital Tissue Typing Laboratory, the reference laboratory which does pre-transplant immunogenetic testing for 14 solid organ transplant centers in the six New England States as well as post-transplant immunological monitoring.



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Dr. Mitchell joined the BWH Hospitalist Service in 2006 with an interest in pursuing inpatient medicine and develop a niche in medical education. While on service, she performed bedside walk rounds with residents and students and oversaw their clinical activities. Her formal involvement with Harvard Medical School students began in 2008 when she taught a curriculum for BWH Core Medicine II Clerkship, leading weekly interactive sessions based on clinical on-call emergency scenarios. Dr. Mitchell also served as PCE faculty advisor, following 8 students annually throughout the course of their first year of clinical experience. On July 2009, she became the Associate Clerkship Director for the PCE Medicine Core I Clerkship and supervised the HMS students during their inpatient rotation at the Faulkner Hospital. In 2013, she transitioned to primary care medicine and joined Brigham Circle Medical Associates (BCMA) which allowed her to balance inpatient and outpatient medicine. She continued her involvement with the clerkship at the Faulkner until July 2017, when she transitioned to the new role of Medical Director at BCMA. Dr. Mitchell is actively involved in primary care redesign at BCMA and collaborating with BWH Primary Care Leadership in this endeavor.



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Dr. Mugunga is a physician leader with experience in healthcare planning, evaluation and research especially in low-income countries and currently serve as Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the international organization Partners In Health in charge of population health planning and financing. Over the last decade, he has been working on population health planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation alongside governments of Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Haiti, Mexico, Kazakhstan and Peru. A substantial portion of his work has recently focused on COVID-19 response work, leading COVID-19 research and alignment of the pandemic response with the principles of Universal health Care. He also serves on the board of other global health equity organizations.



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Dr. Tafadzwa (Taf) Muguwe obtained his MD from Harvard Medical School and trained in internal medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital. He has worked in management consulting and biotech since graduation. In biotech his focus areas are corporate strategy, operations, and organizational health. He is a part-time nocturnist at BWH/BWFH.



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Dr. Ojikutu is an infectious disease specialist, physician leader, health equity researcher, and community advocate. She serves as Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, the oldest department of public health in the United States. In this role, she serves as the senior health advisor for the City of Boston and is a member of the Mayor's Cabinet. Dr. Ojikutu maintains an academic portfolio and her recent research explores the impact of structural factors and social determinants of health on infectious disease risk and prevention, specifically HIV and COVID-19. Much of her work has focused on racial equity and the collaborative engagement of marginalized communities in public policy and research. To that end, she is the former Director of the Community Engaged Research Program and the Associate Director of the Bio-Behavioral and Community Science Core within the Harvard Center for AIDS Research (CFAR).



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Dr. Osman is a primary care physician in the Division of General Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Osman is the Director of Student Medical Education in the Department of Medicine at BWH. Her interests are in urban primary care medicine, medical student education, and the development of programs to support and promote diversity and inclusion among students, trainees and faculty in health services locally and nationally. Her education research uses textual analysis and linguistics to tackle a variety of questions including how students learn to think and communicate like doctors, the role gender plays in professional identity, and obstacles to learning on the wards.



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Dr. Owens finds it very rewarding to contribute to high quality care as well as the educational mission at Brigham and Women's Hospital after completing her residency here in Internal Medicine. Since joining the professional staff, her focus has been on various aspects of clinical care and medical education. Dr. Owens' clinical responsibilities as a board-certified internal medicine physician involve providing continuous care over time for a panel of patients. She takes care of patients from age 18 well into the ninth decade of life. This spectrum of care includes diagnostic evaluation of new medical problems, preventive care services, chronic disease management, acute care for urgent medical issues, and the coordination of care with specialists in medicine, surgery, and radiology. She is currently the Medical Director Brigham & Women's Primary Physicians at Faulkner Hospital.



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Dr. Pallais emigrated from Nicaragua in 1980 and went to medical school at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. During medical school, he earned an MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health and was selected as a Howard Hughes Research Fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). He then completed his residency, Chief Residency, and endocrine fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). Throughout his career, he has participated in basic, translational, and clinical research and has fostered a passion for medical education. He now serves as Associate Director for the BWH Internal Medicine Residency Program, the Master Clinician in the Division of Endocrinology, and Director of the Endocrine Genetics Clinic. He is an executive member of the Harvard Undiagnosed Diseases Network that utilizes advanced technologies and genomic tools to understand complex disorders that have avoided diagnoses. He has earned numerous teaching awards including the Senior Resident Teaching Award, the Alfred Krane Excellence in Teaching Award, the Gilbert Daniels and the Gail Backus Endocrinology Faculty Clinical Teaching Award for teaching students, residents, and endocrine fellows at MGH and BWH.



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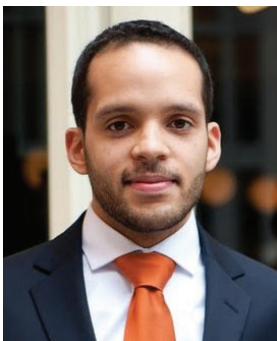


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Dr. Plutzky directs the BWH's Preventive Cardiology Section and is involved with the Cardiovascular Innovation group exploring new approaches to remote, algorithmic management of cardiovascular issues. In addition to translational clinical research regarding the intersection between obesity, diabetes and heart disease, he directs a basic science laboratory investigating transcriptional regulation that governs similar cardio-metabolic issues.



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Dr. Rodriguez's research and passion lie in the meaningful intersection of medicine, social justice, and technology. He completed his Internal Medicine training at Massachusetts General Hospital. He went on to complete a Clinical Informatics fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Prior to his current position, he was Medical Director of Clinical Informatics at Lawrence General Hospital where he led an EHR Go-Live in a safety-net hospital. He is currently a hospitalist-investigator in the Division of General Internal Medicine where he focuses on bridging disparities in patient facing health technology, especially for limited English proficient patients.





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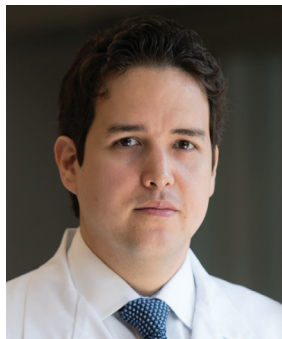
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Dr. Rodriguez is a general gastroenterologist and clinical-investigator focused on promoting healthcare equity in access to cancer genetics and prevention among historically marginalized populations within the Division of Gastroenterology at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and the Division of Cancer Genetics and Prevention at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is also the Co-Director of URiM Fellow Initiatives in the Department of Medicine at BWH. Dr. Rodriguez received her undergraduate degree in Community Health and Hispanic Language, Literature, and Culture from Brown University. She also received a Master of Public Health and Doctor of Medicine from Brown University. She went on to complete her internal medicine residency at Yale New Haven Hospital and Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Endoscopy fellowship at BWH. She is passionate about advancing healthcare equity in cancer genetics and prevention as well as diversity and inclusion efforts, and thus this has been a focus of her clinical work, clinical research, and education efforts.



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Dr. Jorge Romero is a quadruple board-certified physician in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, clinical cardiac electrophysiology, and echocardiography. In addition, he is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) and the Heart Rhythm Society (FHRs). His clinical interests include treating complex arrhythmias, particularly in endocardial-epicardial mapping and catheter ablation of ventricular tachycardia and managing patients with persistent and long-standing persistent atrial fibrillation. He has pioneered cutting-edge approaches and techniques to eliminate these two arrhythmias. He is also interested in minimizing the periprocedural stroke risk of catheter ablation of both atrial and ventricular arrhythmias. Dr. Romero has published over 190 research investigations in top-tier journals and is an author or co-author on 25 book chapters. He has received Young Investigator Awards from the American Heart Association and the American Society of Hypertension. Dr. Romero is the principal global investigator for the PLEA trial (NCT04216667) that has the overall goal of establishing the efficacy and safety of different ablation techniques for patients with persistent and long-standing persistent atrial fibrillation.



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Dr. Romero is a cell physiologist interested in the role of cellular cation metabolism as it impacts on cardiovascular diseases. His laboratory uses cellular techniques, whole animal physiology and genetic-epidemiology to investigate the mechanisms of disordered cation transporters in the pathophysiology of hypertension, diabetes and sickle cell disease. A significant part of his professional activities is also devoted to mentoring at the local, national, and international levels. Dr. Romero co-directs a Translational Research Summer Program for Medical Students interested in minority health research. In 2013, he received the A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and was nominated to Chair the Oversight Committee of NIDDK - Network of Minority Health Research Investigators (NMRI) at NIH. In 2014 he received the Harold Amos Faculty Diversity Award, which honors Harvard faculty who have made significant achievements in mentoring and moving HMS toward a more diverse and inclusive community and was recently honored by the NIDDK/NIH with the NMRI-Medallion for his mentoring contributions. In addition, he was appointed as a member of The Academy at HMS, an institution established to advance excellence in education throughout the HMS community and was recently honored to be named member of The Council of Mentors at HMS that is comprised of distinguished faculty noted for their accomplishments and excellence in mentoring.



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Dr. Rosselli-Risal's clinical practice takes place at Southern Jamaica Plain Community Health Center, part of the Brigham and Women's Hospital. A great variety of patients from various ethnic backgrounds compose the community. She spends most of her time at the Health Center and visiting the patients that are admitted to the Hospital. Dr. Rosselli-Risal's has been leading the "Comunidad en Accion" Group since September, 2012. The group is directed to Spanish-speaking diabetic and prediabetic patients on managing their disease, learning more about nutrition, mental health and social aspects of diabetes care. Dr. Rosselli-Risal is passionate about providing care for minorities and underserved patients.



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Dr. Simmons' principal objective at BWH, DFCC, and HMS is to maintain a standard of excellence of patient-centered high-quality cancer care. In addition to direct patient care and teaching, part of Dr. Simmons will also take part in optimizing hospital efficiencies in delivery of care as well as improving quality of care through quality improvement initiatives. He is a clinician educator active in direct patient care, optimizing cancer care and training of students, mid-levels, and residents. He has served as the interim director of both the inpatient physician assistant program and the medical oncology hospitalist program at DFCl.



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### **Valerie Stone, MD, MPH**

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Dr. Stone is Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the Department of Medicine. In addition, she is the Director of Health Equity Initiatives for the Department of Medicine. She is a general internist and HIV focused infectious disease specialist and she sees patients at the Phyllis Jen Center for Primary Care where she also precepts residents. On the inpatient side, she teaches on the ITU. Her research and scholarly writing focuses on health equity, primarily in HIV care, as well as diversity and inclusion in academic medicine. With Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, she is the co-editor of the textbook HIV in U.S. Communities of Color, published in its second edition in 2021. Most recently, Dr. Stone has begun examining cancer care inequities; with Dr. Gordon Schiff she is the recipient of a Diagnostic Centers of Excellence grant from the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) to examine and mitigate the factors that lead to late cancer diagnoses. Dr. Stone was for many years a residency program director, so innovations in residency training remains one of her passions and one of her additional areas of scholarship. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including most recently the 2020 W. Lester Henry Award for Advancing Diversity from the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the 2021 Harold Amos Award for Advancing Diversity from Harvard Medical School.



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Yohannes Tesfaigzi, PhD is Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He is also Co-Chair of the Joint Pulmonary Drug Discovery Laboratory – a Mass General Brigham and Bayer Collaborative. He joined Harvard Medical School in 2019 after serving as the Director of COPD Program and Senior Scientist at the Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute, in Albuquerque, New Mexico starting in 1994. He completed his postdoctoral training at the University of California, Davis under the supervision of Dr. Don M. Carlson from 1990-1994. Dr. Tesfaigzi completed his Ph.D. at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Germany. By training, he is a cell and molecular biologist who has 30 years of experience in the differentiation pathways of airway epithelial cells and how their numbers are regulated in epithelia following inflammatory responses. He has published seminal papers that elucidate the mechanisms underlying selective removal of hyperplastic mucous cells in airway epithelia of animal models of asthma and chronic bronchitis. His group was first to show that these mechanisms are deficient in patients with cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, or asthmatic bronchitis. In particular, he found that Bcl-2, a protein that blocks cell death, sustains hyperplastic mucous cells and patients with these diseases. Together with clinicians, nurses, he has recruited and conducted population studies of heavy cigarette smokers with and without exposure to wood smoke. In addition, he has developed animal models of COPD and asthma that closely resemble the human disease and therefore have been useful for screening potential drugs for these diseases. The population studies have resulted in showing that Hispanics have a reduced risk for COPD compared to non-Hispanic whites and that this resistance is directly proportional to the percentage of Native American ancestry. He identified a single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) that differentially affects mucous cell hyperplasia through reducing expression of Bcl-2. Based on pathway studies, he also identified a SNP within another Bcl-2 family member that reduces expression of the gene and is associated with reduced lung function. These studies have been the basis for designing novel molecules that may help reduce mucus-producing cells and improve lung function. This broad approach on studies has attracted funding not only from private foundations and the National Institute of Health, but also from the pharmaceutical industry that is interested in testing new drugs with proven animal models of disease.



## Cristina Toledo-Cornell, MD, MPH

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Dr. Toledo-Cornell grew up in rural Brazil, where her parents were farmers. She obtained her Medical Doctorate at the Weill Cornell Medical College New York City. As a first-year medical student, Dr. Toledo-Cornell spent her summer in the Amazon rain forest in her native country studying malaria transmission in the riverbank communities. Dr. Toledo-Cornell also spent a year doing research on neglected tropical diseases as a scholar with the Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars of the Fogarty Institute in Bahia, Brazil. She graduated in 2013 and completed the residency in Global Health Equity and Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2017 and holds a master's in public health from the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health. She joined the Lummi Nation, located in Bellingham Washington, as a Primary care Doctor and Director of Public Health in July of 2018, where she was an integral part of the Covid-19 pandemic response team, including building a new public health system integrative with clinical care and government services. Dr. Toledo also served as the Whatcom County Deputy Health Officer, in Bellingham Washington. She returned to the Brigham and Women's Hospital in 2021 where she is an academic hospitalist and home hospital staff physician. Her interest is in health disparities, where she is currently working on self-directed research on health needs and health care utilization. She is the chair of the DEI and Hiring committee at the Hospital Medicine Unit.



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Dr. Traverso is a practicing gastroenterologist and biomedical engineer at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. His research focuses on the development of novel technologies for drug delivery and sensing via the gastrointestinal tract and aims to transform our ability to treat and diagnose patients through the application of biomedical engineering concepts.





### **J. Kevin Tucker, MD**

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A native of Alabama, Dr. Tucker received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Birmingham-Southern College and his medical degree at Cornell University Medical College. He then completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital followed by a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He was on the faculty at UAB for six years prior to joining the faculty at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He served as director of the Joint Nephrology Fellowship Program of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital for ten years. He also served for five years as the Faculty Director for Accreditation and MOC at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Postgraduate Medical Education. In 2021, he was named Vice-President for Education at Mass General Brigham. His clinical interest is in the care of patients with end-stage renal disease on hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis.



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Dr. Valderrabano is a physician scientist and endocrinologist. His research has been focused on the relationship between metabolic, hematopoietic and immune phenotypes with bone health. He has successfully directed a specialized bone clinic and hospital fracture liaison service which allowed him to build close ties with physician researchers involved in large joint and spine orthopedic surgery. He has also led efforts to compile a database of over 700 patients to study body composition and physical functional differences in an older Hispanic population. His clinical and investigational experiences in patients with musculoskeletal and functional impairments have led to intriguing questions which have gradually shifted his research focus to Geroscience and function promoting interventions in older individuals.



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I was born in Belo Horizonte, Brazil and grew up in South Florida. I am an attending hematology physician in the Division of Hematology at BWH and DFCI. My clinical and research focus is on the treatment of benign and malignant hematological conditions with a special focus on the management of AL amyloidosis.



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For two decades Dr. David Walton has focused on health systems strengthening, systemic improvement and expansion of medical care, and medical infrastructure in resource-poor settings. After obtaining an MD from Harvard Medical School and an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health, he trained in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). He currently serves as President and CEO of Build Health International, a non-profit organization dedicated to designing and building high quality health care infrastructure in Low and Middle Income countries. Dr. Walton has received numerous awards for accomplishments including the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award, and recently named to GOOD Magazine's GOOD 100 for 2016. He practices medicine at BWH as a hospitalist and is an Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He serves on several non-profit boards, including Partners In Health and Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation. Most recently, he was appointed as the U.S. Global Maria Coordinator for the President's Malaria Initiative.



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