

Medical Housestaff Training Program
Department of Medicine
New York Presbyterian-Columbia University Medical Center

Dear Medicine Housestaff and Faculty,

We are writing to formally announce the creation of a Firm System for the Columbia Medicine Residency Program.

Personal and professional development are integral aspects of the residency experience. The Columbia Firm System is intended to provide residents with more personalized advising for clinical education and development, to assist residents in identifying appropriate mentors for career development, and to further enhance camaraderie within the residency program, particularly across resident years.

Residents are assigned into four firms, each under the direction of a Chief Resident. Residents work individually with their Firm Chief to discuss their clinical development and their career plans, including identifying clinical and research mentors. In addition, regular Firm Friday lunches and social events will serve as opportunities for residents to serve as advising resources for each other.

On October 20, 2010, the Glenda Garvey Medical Society was inaugurated to link former and current Columbia residents, fellows, and faculty to promote excellence in clinical medicine and medical education.

In addition, the Columbia Firms were officially announced by Dr. Landry. The Columbia Firms are the Glenda Garvey Firm, the Abbie Knowlton Firm, the John Loeb Firm, and the Harold Neu Firm. The Firms were named by the leadership of the Department of Medicine to recognize Columbia faculty for their commitment to the education and training of medical residents. With this letter, we have included the biography of these special physicians and the inaugural membership of each firm.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Galper, Lauren Khanna, Mona Kinkhabwala, James Peacock
Chief Residents
Department of Medicine



Chief Resident

Mona Kinkhabwala

PGY1 Residents

Adam Castano
Anna Moniodis
Charles Esenwa
Chris Ramos
James Ji
Kinjal Patel
Kristen Kipps
Larry Ozowara
Marra Ackerman
Melissa Latorre
Nathaniel Smilowitz
Samreen Hasan
Sean Escola
Subash Rajan
Yelena Rekhtman

PGY2 Residents

Anna Metcalfe
Charles Resor
Daniel Groves
Laurie Letarte
Jennifer Posey
Matthew Jones
Neil Vora
Sandy Charles
Sridharan Raghavan
Susan Truong
Vivian Ng

PGY3 Residents

Alan Vainrib
Ali Ahmed
David Leaf
Jeremy Clain
Jessica Cooksey
Joseph Shatzkes
Julia Iyasere
Matthew Scherer
Rupa Narayan
Tina Chen
Vincent DeGennaro

The Glenda Garvey Firm

Dr. Glenda Garvey was born in New York City on Feb. 20, 1943, the daughter of a family practitioner and neurosurgeon.

She went to Wellesley College where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with double majors in English and American literature. Although originally planning to write children's books as a career, she ultimately and fortunately decided to enter medicine. Garvey began her association with the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1965 when she entered her first year of medical school. She was elected Alpha Omega Alpha in 1968, joined the medical house staff of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and completed residency training in 1972. She continued with a fellowship in infectious diseases and then joined the Columbia faculty, rising through the ranks to become full professor in 1991.

Dr. Garvey was a woman who wore many hats. She served for many years as Director of the hospital's medical intensive care unit where she attended for 9 months of the year and instructed every member of the medical house staff for more than twenty years. She was the interim Chief of the Department of Medicine's infectious diseases division from 1994 to 1999 and the Program Director for the infectious disease fellowship from 1994 until stepping down in 2003. She also directed the third-year medical clerkship program in the College of Physicians & Surgeons for 20 years. In that position, she played a vital role in the education of more than 3,000 medical students.

Dr. Garvey received numerous awards for her exquisite teaching and clinical skills – awards such as the Distinguished Teacher Award, the Dean's Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching, the Medical House Staff Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, and the Columbia University Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1998.

Dr. Glenda Garvey died in New York City on March 22, 2004 but will be forever remembered as a brilliant clinician and educator. Given her long lasting contributions to the medical housestaff training program, it is with great pleasure that we proudly name one of Columbia's four Department of Medicine firms in her honor.



The Abbie Knowlton Firm

Dr. Abbie Ingalls Knowlton was born in New York City in 1918. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1938 according to the Dean as "one of the very best medical candidates we have had". She was 1 of 6 women admitted to P&S in her year, and graduated in 1942. She then joined the Medical House Staff of The Presbyterian Hospital and became Chief Resident, the first female Chief Resident in our hospital's history.

After completing her training, she joined the Department of Medicine. Her research centered on the understanding of renal insufficiency, the pituitary adrenal axis, the role of aldosterone in normal physiology, and the role of the kidney and rennin in blood pressure regulation. She was considered an authority on the management of patients with Addison's disease, and her studies of Addison's disease in diabetes were notable for the early recognition of the role of autoimmunity in endocrine disorders. For her work, she was elected to membership in The American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Knowlton was known for her dedication to clinical care, and was known for the close relationships she developed with her patients. She was selected in 1991 by her peers as president of the Presbyterian Hospital Practitioners Society and honored as Practitioner of the Year. In addition to her superb work as a clinician-researcher, Dr. Knowlton served as a role model and contributed enormous time to the education of medical students and house staff and was universally admired and venerated by generations of medical school students. She also received the Arnold Gold Foundation Award given to a distinguished physician "who has demonstrated compassionate and devoted patient care and who has served as a humanistic role model for students and young physicians."

For her work as a clinician, educator and researcher, and her dedication to training future generations to follow in her footsteps, we proudly name one of Columbia's four Department of Medicine firms in her honor.

Chief Resident

Lauren Khanna

PGY1 Residents

A Garvey Rene
Ana Victoria Soto
Ben Hirsh
David Chung
Erica Farrand
Irun Bhan
Jason Prasso
Jonathan Dick
Marisa Chow
Mark Snyder
Michaela Restivo
Mohsin Ahmed
Nathalie Moise
Sean Luo
Yael Holoshiz

PGY2 Residents

Barry Fine
Collette Spalding
Daniel Turner-Lloveras
Elizabeth Dzeng
Jamie Hirsch
Jeffrey Lin
Jennifer Camacho
Lauren Wasson
Mark Markowski
Rupali Avasere
Varun Phadke

PGY3 Residents

Alison Colantino
Claude Naar
Daniela Lamas
David Shen
Elizabeth Oelsner
Eric Manheimer
Jamie Hook
Kelly Smith
Matthew McCarthy
Michael Glick
Shante Hinson



Chief Resident
James Peacock

PGY1 Residents
Adriana Serrano
Ari Pollack
Benjamin Hassid
Christina Blum
Elizabeth Horstmann
Eloise Austin
Eun Ju Lee
Marc Wasse
Matt Czaja
Paola Chamorro
Rachel Caravella
Revekka Babayev
Sarah Richards Kim
Shivani Agarwal
William Greendyke

PGY2 Residents
Catherine Shu
Christopher Mullin
David Page
David Tsay
Faye Chan
Hadi Halazun
Howard Julien
Neel Chudasama
Nicole Dumas
Stephanie Adrianse
Stuart Chen

PGY3 Residents
Adam Gaffney
Alex Ortega
Anna Podolanczuk
Bella Fradlis
Daniel Freedberg
Galant Chan
Gmerice Hammond
Janina Morrison
Luis Garcia
Romina Wahab

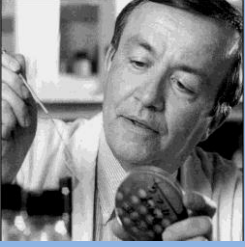
The John Loeb Firm

Dr. John Loeb was born on December 17th, 1935 in New York City, the son of Dr. Robert Loeb who served as our Bard Professor of Medicine from 1947-1959.

Dr. John Loeb graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1957 and summa cum laude at Harvard Medical School in 1961. He started his house staff training at MGH, never applying to Columbia due to his father's prolific stamp on our institution. After his intern year, Dr. Loeb decided to come to Columbia for one year of his residency training before pursuing research interests at the NIH. He was immediately impressed with Columbia's commitment to teaching. He states that while Columbia provided institutional support for many training innovations including a two attending ward service and clinics staffed with at least one senior attending from every discipline who were available for consults, the heart of this commitment was the faculty that held a common tenant that those who stayed taught and those who didn't teach left. He fondly recalls this year as the time of his life and he returned to Columbia as Chief Resident in 1965 after two years of basic science research at the NIH. He stayed on the staff splitting his time between seeing patients, running his own independently funded lab and teaching medical students and house staff. He eventually rose through the ranks to become Professor of Medicine in 1979, Associate Chairman for Research in 1997 and Vice Chairman for Academic Affairs in 2003.

While a productive scientist with numerous publications in the most distinguished journals including Nature, Science and NEJM, Dr. Loeb will say his most memorable moments came from his 42 years of attending on the wards. He was a master clinician who brilliantly illuminated the art of bedside teaching that inspired generations of physicians. He received numerous awards for his teaching and clinical skills including the P&S Club Teaching Award (1969), Distinguished Teacher Award (1974), Teaching Award Citation (1975), Teacher of the Year in 1976, New York Presbyterian Hospital House Staff Appreciation Award (2004) and Distinguished Service Award in the Clinical Years (2007).

Dr. Loeb retired in 2004 and is now Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Columbia. Even in retirement his commitment to house staff education continues as an attending on our Chief of Service Rounds. Dr Loeb is adored by the thousands of physicians and medical students he taught at Columbia and we proudly and affectionately dedicate his name to one of four Department of Medicine Resident Firms.



The Harold Neu Firm

Dr. Harold Neu was a legendary figure at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Born in Omaha Nebraska and a graduate of Creighton College, Dr. Neu earned his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He came to CPMC as an intern 1960 and subsequent Assistant Resident in Medicine. He then worked in basic science research at the NIH but returned to Columbia to serve as Chief Medical Resident in 1964. He then trained under Dr. Yale Kneeland and Dr. Harry Rose in Infectious Disease. He rose to the positions of Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the College of Physicians & Surgeons, and Hospital Epidemiologist at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Neu devoted his entire professional career to unstinting service to patients, to the teaching of medical students and house staff and to furthering basic knowledge and the intelligent application of new antimicrobial agents to the treatment of infectious diseases. In 1992 he wrote a famous editorial in Science predicting the widespread resistance to antimicrobial agents that we see today. He was an internationally revered authority in his field, receiving the Hoechst-Roussel Award from the American Society for Microbiology and the Infectious Diseases Society of America Citation Award, among other notable distinctions. His contributions have been recognized at this medical center through the establishment of the Harold C. Neu Professorship in the Department of Medicine and the Harold C. Neu Lectureship.

When talking with his wife Dr. Carmen Ortiz-Neu who is on faculty in the department of medicine who is here with us today, she stated that it is difficult for me to encapsulate the tremendous intellect, devotion to teaching and great love for medicine and infectious diseases that my husband had. But the naming of the teaching firm in his honor would make him very proud.” It is with great pleasure that we officially name one of the four Columbia Department of Medicine Resident firms in Dr. Neu’s honor.

Chief Resident Benjamin Galper

PGY1 Residents

Amar Manvar
Chris Russo
Colette Owens
Enrico Castillo
Fei Li Kuang
Jason Beattie
Jessica Son
Kenneth Poon
Luke Benvenuto
Manisha Gupte
Rose Tompkins
Samuel Funt
Sean Fedyna
Shennan Weiss

PGY2 Residents

Amar Narula
Arieh Fox
Ben Krantz
Chris Goa
Darshan Doshi
Jing Wang
Joshua Schulman-
Marcus
Laura Flink
Lisa Richman
Lori Leslie
Michelle Cohen

PGY3 Residents

Andrea Kattah
Angela Gomez
Blair Burman
Chris Winterbottom
Colin Walsh
Gloria Fung Chaw
Lucian Iancovici
Nishant Verma
Steve Ludwin
Taslina Bhuiyan