



# Weill Cornell Medicine

## Office of Affiliations

August 2026

### Letter from the Associate Dean, Affiliations

Welcome to our annual academic year-end newsletter from the Office of Affiliations. It has been an absolute privilege to collaborate on so many impactful initiatives with you and our dedicated team in the Office of Affiliations this past year.

Together, we have continued to strengthen our academic partnerships and expand opportunities for faculty development across our vibrant affiliate network. Here are a few of the notable milestones and events from this past academic year:

#### Affiliate Faculty Town Hall

Continuing our successful Affiliate Faculty Town Hall series, we hosted a pivotal session in **March 2026** focusing on the new faculty promotion pathway.

- This session featured detailed presentations on **Recognizing Excellence in Clinical Practice and Leadership (CPL)**.
- We were honored to have the expert participation of **Dr. Jane Salmon** (Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs) and **Dr. Wallace Carter** (Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs).
- Their insights were highly valued and exceptionally well received by the **134 faculty members** in attendance.

#### Academic Partnerships & Program Support

The Office of Affiliations has been actively engaged in supporting the diverse, world-class educational programs at Weill Cornell Medicine, including the Medical School, Graduate School, Physician Assistant (PA) Program, and our newly launched Genetic Counseling Program.

- **Physician Assistant Program:** We successfully updated the primary PA education agreements across our affiliate sites and established a standardized template to streamline student outside clinical rotations.
- **Genetic Counseling Program:** Following a busy summer spent developing brand-new education agreements with our affiliates, we worked diligently throughout this past winter and spring to secure clinical placements for the program's very first cohort of students starting their summer rotations.

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Please read on to explore more details about these initiatives, as well as the many other outstanding accomplishments of our affiliate faculty and partners over the past year. Thank you for your continued dedication to excellence in education, clinical care, and leadership.



Susan Bostwick, MD, MBA

### Domestic Affiliate Institutions

Cayuga Medical Center  
(CMC)

Gracie Square Hospital (GSH)

Hospital for Special Surgery  
(HSS)

Houston Methodist Hospital  
(HMH)

Memorial Sloan-Kettering  
Cancer Center (MSKCC)

New York City Health +  
Hospital/ Lincoln (Lincoln)

NewYork-Presbyterian  
Queens (NYPQ)

# What's Happening in the Affiliates

Explore the latest appointments, research milestones, community initiatives, and academic achievements from across our affiliate network.

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## Hospital for Special Surgery

### HSS Welcomes Dr. Anca Dinu Askanase as New Chair of Medicine and Rheumatology Chief

The Hospital for Special Surgery is proud to announce the appointment of **Anca Dinu Askanase, MD, MPH**, as the new Chair of the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Rheumatology, effective **April 2026**.

Dr. Askanase succeeds **S. Louis Bridges Jr., MD, PhD**, who retired in March 2026.

An exceptional clinician, diagnostician, and researcher, Dr. Askanase is a leading specialist in complex Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). She brings an extensive portfolio of experience from prior prestigious roles at NYU Langone Health, the Hospital for Joint Diseases, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, and the Columbia Lupus Center. In her new role at HSS, she will provide strategic leadership to advance clinical and translational research, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and champion excellence in patient care, mentorship, and education.

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Askanase!

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## Lincoln Hospital

### S.H.O.W. Mobile Unit Takes Medicine to the Bronx Streets

Lincoln Hospital is leading vital community outreach in the Bronx through its innovative Street Medicine initiative. The **S.H.O.W. (Street Health Outreach & Wellness)** mobile van brings critical healthcare and support directly to unsheltered New Yorkers living on the streets.

The S.H.O.W. Van's services include:

- **Immediate Medical Care:** Basic symptom evaluations, health assessments, and wound care.
- **Substance Use Support:** Screenings, brief interventions, direct referrals to treatment, and connections to medication-assisted therapies.
- **Harm Reduction:** Overdose prevention training and Narcan kit distribution.
- **Essential Goods:** Distribution of hygiene kits, reusable bags, snacks, and fresh water.

# Houston Methodist Hospital

## A Historic Milestone: First Joint PhD Student Graduates

Congratulations to **Joseph Cave, PhD**, the inaugural graduate of the joint doctoral program between the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences and Houston Methodist Hospital in **Physiology, Biophysics & Systems Biology**.

- **Academic Journey:** Dr. Cave, who also holds a Master of Science from the University of Warwick (UK), completed his degree under the mentorship of laboratory preceptors **Prashant Dogra** and **Vittorio Cristini**.
- **Innovative Research:** His groundbreaking doctoral research integrated physiologically based pharmacokinetic modeling with machine learning to optimize the design of nanoparticle-based drug delivery systems.
- **Next Steps:** Dr. Cave will continue his promising career as a postdoctoral fellow at Boehringer Ingelheim.

## Leadership Transition

Following the retirement of **Dirk Sostman, MD** in 2024, **Jenny C. Chang, MD**, has stepped into the role of Chief Academic Officer alongside her position as President and CAO at the Houston Methodist Academic Institute. In this capacity, Dr. Chang oversees all education and research operations across the institution.

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# NewYork-Presbyterian Queens

## Major Upgrades, Milestones, and Cutting-Edge Clinical Trials

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens is celebrating a wave of clinical expansions and structural enhancements:

- **Nonna's Garden Foundation Cancer Care Center:** Opening this summer, a generous gift from the Foundation will fund a brand-new infusion center, expanding care capacity from 12 to 20 state-of-the-art infusion stations.
- **Modernized Facilities:** Major renovations have been completed on the **OB/Gyn Mother Baby Unit**, alongside the acquisition of advanced **Robotic Bronchoscopy** technology.
- **The Theresa Lang Research Center** has just turned 20 years old and has 13 active studies, 41 accruals in Pulmonary, Infectious Diseases, Orthopedics, and Cardiology, as well as 5 upcoming studies in the pipeline. It is also the highest enrollment site for Dr. Charles Mack's REN007-PROTECT study – prophylactic agent to reduce post-operative complications in patients undergoing cardiac surgery.

# NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist

## A Surge in Clinical and Academic Milestones

It is a season of remarkable growth and celebration at NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital:

- **New Simulation Center:** On **June 8, 2026**, the hospital officially opened its state-of-the-art Simulation Center with a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- **Expanding Research Enterprise:** Clinical trials are booming. Key achievements include the establishment of a **Non-Transplant Anatomic Tissue Bank in Pathology** (spearheaded by Dr. Ince in February 2026), active enrollment in **Dr. Malik's Defiance trial** (for DVT/PE), and participation in **Dr. Jafari's Panther immunotherapy trial** for colorectal cancer.
- **Scholarly Contributions:** Our investigators continue to publish impactful research, including:
  - *Dr. Gorecki:* 20-year weight loss outcomes of Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.
  - *Dr. Malik:* Quality-of-life outcomes following large-bore thrombectomy for submassive pulmonary embolism.
  - *Dr. Farmer:* Implementation and clinical impact of a specialized Emergency Medicine Therapeutics Subcommittee.

## New GFC Affiliate Representative Elected

The General Faculty Council (GFC)—responsible for faculty promotions reviews, Medical College policies, and academic handbook updates—has a new voice.

Congratulations to **Theodore Gaeta, DO, MPH**, who was recently elected as the new GFC Affiliate Representative for the 2026-2029 academic year. Dr. Gaeta has also been named **Chief Research Officer** at NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. As the current chair of the hospital's IRB with deep expertise in clinical research methodology, Dr. Gaeta is uniquely positioned to bridge communications between our affiliate faculty and the GFC.



We extend our sincere gratitude to **Alan Astrow, MD**, who has concluded his 6-year term of service on the General Faculty Council, representing NYP Brooklyn Methodist. Over the past six years, Dr. Astrow's leadership, insight, and steadfast advocacy have made a lasting, positive impact. Please join us in thanking Dr. Astrow for his exceptional dedication and service.

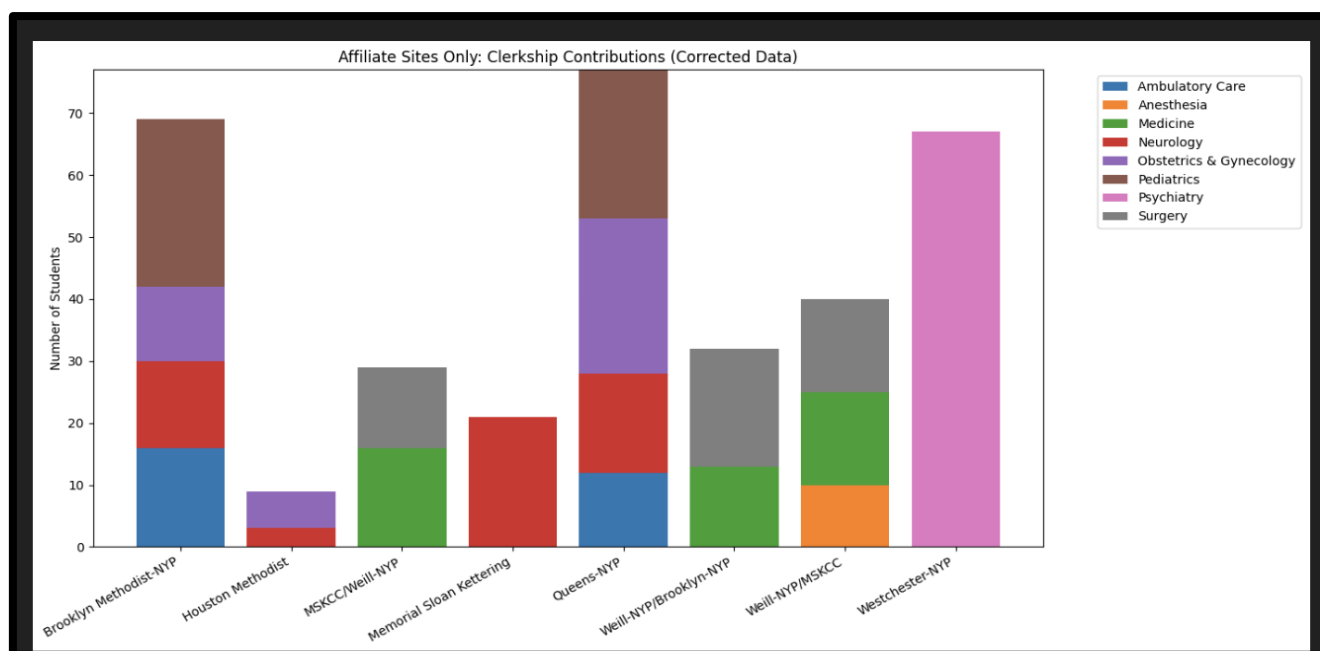
# Education & Training Spotlight



## Commending Our Academic Affiliates

At the Council of Affiliate Deans meeting in January 2026, **Dr. Joseph Safdieh**, Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, took the opportunity to recognize and thank our academic affiliates. Dr. Safdieh highlighted and expressed deep gratitude for the extensive clerkship contributions provided by our clinical partners, which remain vital to the hands-on training and success of our medical students.

### Our Clerkship Impact at a Glance



**A Legacy of Mentorship:** Our clerkship programs provide future physicians with the essential, real-world clinical experience they need to excel. We extend our warmest thanks to all the faculty and clinical teams who dedicate their time, expertise, and guidance to shaping the next generation of healthcare leaders!

### The Match 2026: Welcoming Tin Dang

The Office of Affiliations is delighted to report that Weill Cornell medical student **Tin Dang** has matched to NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital for his Emergency Medicine residency!

"I'm ecstatic to be starting my emergency medicine residency at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital," said Dr. Dang. "As a teen... I used to visit Brooklyn on the way to see family and was entranced by its diversity. I look forward to serving the Brooklyn community to the best of my ability!"

We wish Dr. Dang the absolute best in his residency!

# Affiliate Partners in Support of the Academic Education Mission

The Office of Affiliations thanks our partners supporting the thriving educational programs across Weill Cornell Medicine to expand clinical opportunities, streamline student onboarding, and celebrate academic excellence.

We are highlighting recent updates, milestones, and achievements from three of our key program: **Physician Assistants, Genetic Counseling, and Nursing Education.**

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## Physician Assistant Program

**Program Highlight** | *Contributed by Kelly Porta*

"The Weill Cornell Medicine Master of Science in Health Sciences for Physician Assistants Program is proud to partner with our outstanding affiliate institutions to deliver comprehensive clinical education. Through these partnerships, our PA students gain invaluable hands-on experience across diverse patient populations and healthcare settings."

### Clinical Clerkship Sites

WCM PA students complete rigorous, hands-on clerkships across an expansive network of clinical partners:

- **NYP-Brooklyn Methodist Hospital:** Surgery, Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Behavioral Health, Family Medicine-Primary Care
- **NYP-Queens:** Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Women's Health, and Emergency Medicine
- **NYP-Columbia:** Cardiothoracic Surgery and Emergency Medicine
- **NYP-Lower Manhattan Hospital:** Surgery, Women's Health, Emergency Medicine, Medicine
- **NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln:** Psychiatry, Surgery, and Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- **NYP-Westchester (*Newly Participating!*):** Surgery, Medicine, and Women's Health
- **Specialized Elective Sites:** Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS)

### Where Are They Now? Recent Graduate Placements

We are thrilled that many of our graduates choose to launch their careers within our affiliate network:

- **NYP-WCM:** Emergency Medicine Fellowship, Neurosciences, Hematology & Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant services
- **NYP-Columbia:** Emergency Medicine Fellowship, Hematology & Oncology
- **NYP Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital:** General Pediatrics
- **Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS):** Sports Medicine
- **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC)**

### PA Faculty Award Nominations

The Elsevier Award recognizes outstanding healthcare educators who demonstrate excellence in teaching, mentorship, and student support. Nominations are typically submitted by students, highlighting faculty who have made a meaningful impact on their learning experience. We are proud to share that three of our Physician Assistant faculty members—**Dr. Kelly R. Porta**, Associate Dean of PA Studies, Program Director; **Dr. Gina Pontrelli**, Director of Curriculum; and **Dr. Maria Compte**, Research Curriculum Lead—were nominated in recognition of their outstanding dedication and excellence in education, highlighting the meaningful impact they have on their students.

## Celebrating PA Clinical Preceptors

Our educational mission is powered by the dedication of PA preceptors, physicians, nurse practitioners, and interprofessional team members. At the recent PA Program Convocation, five exceptional preceptors were recognized through the **AAPA/PAEA Clinical Preceptor Recognition Program**:

- **Rudy Tassy** (NYP-WCM)
- **Jennifer Schaub** (NYP-WCM)
- **Lyncan Williams** (NYP-Queens)
- **Louise Austin** (William F. Ryan Community Health Center)
- **Ileana Izquierdo** (NYP-Brooklyn Methodist)



*Pictured: Jenn Schaub (NYP-WCM), Rudy Tassy (NYP-WCM), Lyncan Williams (NYP-Queens), and Carol Fiore (PA Program Faculty).*

## Genetic Counseling Program

### Inaugural Milestones | *A Message from Shenela Lakhani*

"We're delighted to celebrate the successful completion of the Master in Genetic Counseling program's inaugural year—an important milestone made possible by the dedication and hard work of our leadership, faculty, fieldwork supervisors, executive committee, and advisory board. This past academic year laid a strong foundation for a program rooted in collaboration, academic excellence, and meaningful mentorship."

### Expanding Our Clinical Education Network

Through a valued partnership with **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC)**, we have significantly enriched training opportunities. Additionally, our students rotate at world-renowned clinical and industry environments:

- **Clinical Rotations:** MSKCC, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn, Montefiore Medical Center, and Children's National Hospital (Washington, D.C.).
- **Genomics Industry Partners:** Genomenon and Ambry Genetics, providing crucial insight into laboratory-based and industry-driven genetic counseling.
- **New Partnership Alert:** We recently finalized an affiliation agreement with **Uncommon Cures**, offering a unique avenue for students to learn about rare disease development and clinical trials.

### Looking Ahead

We look forward with enthusiasm to the continued growth of this collaborative community as we welcome our **second cohort of five matched students** this fall!



## Visiting Nursing Students

While Weill Cornell Medicine does not have its own School of Nursing, we are proud to actively support the clinical training of nursing students across our institution. These educational placements and experiences are centrally coordinated by Colleen Lee, working in close partnership with the Office of Affiliations to ensure seamless integration and alignment with our academic standards.

### **Five Years of Progress** | *A Message from Colleen Lee, Director of Nursing and Patient Safety*

"Having been in my role for five years now, it is a wonderful opportunity to look back at some of the major accomplishments achieved by Nursing and Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) since 2021."

### **Key Initiatives & Achievements**

- **Streamlined Student Onboarding:** Over the last 12 months, the Nursing Program, Office of Affiliations, HR, and NYP Nursing Education successfully established a unified workflow to seamlessly coordinate and onboard undergraduate and graduate nursing students requesting rotations at WCM.
- **Professional Development & Grand Rounds:** We have prioritizing growth opportunities for RNs and APPs. This includes highly attended Grand Rounds during Nurses' and APP Weeks—featuring panel discussions on diverse clinical topics complete with continuing education credits.
- **Interdisciplinary Education:** Over the last two years, Colleen Lee has had the honor of lecturing first-year WCM medical students and PA students on the vital role of teamwork, communication, and patient safety in clinical care.

### **Recognition Awards**

To honor our clinical workforce, we co-developed dedicated recognition awards for RNs, NPs, and PAs, which have been incredibly well-received across the department.





# 2026 Excellence in Medical Education Awards

## Celebrating Excellence in Medical Education

We are proud to announce and recognize this year's teaching award recipients for their outstanding dedication to academic excellence, clinical instruction, and student mentorship. Their passion, leadership, and innovative approaches to medical education continue to inspire our trainees and shape the future of medicine.

Please join us in congratulating our 2026 honorees!

## 2026 Excellence in Medical Education Awards

- **Medicine Clerkship**

**Carolyn Erickson, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

- **Neurology Clerkship**

**Moath Hamed, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

- **Pediatric Clerkship**

**Shuchi Jani, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics*

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

## 2026 Special Recognition Awards

- **The Senior List Excellence in Teaching Award**

**Juliet Aizer, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

Hospital for Special Surgery

- **Distinction in Medical Student Advising Award**

**Bianca Denise Santomasso, MD, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Neurology*

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

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**Thank you to all our faculty educators** for your steadfast commitment to supporting and guiding our medical students across our affiliate sites!

## Get Involved in Medical Education

Are you interested in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals? Weill Cornell Medical College offers a variety of teaching roles across various programs and clinical disciplines.

Explore current teaching roles and ways to get involved by visiting the [WCMC Teaching Opportunities Page](#).

## Affiliate Town Hall

### Office of Affiliations Hosts Sixth Town Hall: Introducing the New CPL Pathway

On **March 5, 2026**, the Office of Affiliations hosted its sixth Town Hall, focusing on an exciting and highly anticipated development in faculty advancement: **"Faculty Appointments and Promotions: A New Pathway Recognizing Excellence in Clinical Practice and Leadership."**

The session was led by two key leaders from Faculty Affairs:

- **Jane Salmon, MD**, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
- **Wallace Carter, MD**, Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs

#### What is the CPL Pathway?

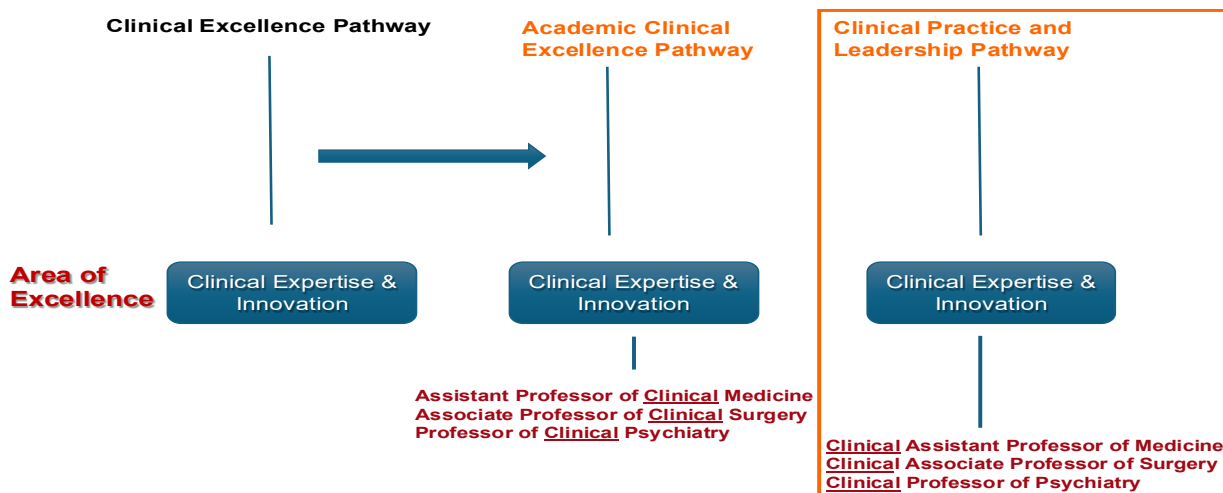
The **Clinical Practice and Leadership (CPL)** pathway is a brand-new promotions track specifically designed for clinical faculty whose contributions are centered around outstanding clinical care, the creation of innovative clinical programs, and clinical teaching.

Historically, traditional promotion pathways have heavily weighted academic research. However, many of our vital faculty members are hired to focus primarily on patient care and clinical education. Under the leadership of **Dr. Francis Lee**, Chair of Psychiatry, a dedicated committee set out to address this gap. Their work has resulted in this new pathway, which formally acknowledges, values, and rewards these essential contributions.

#### Who Benefits?

This pathway is an excellent fit for clinical faculty whose daily work does not typically include traditional bench or clinical research. Furthermore, leadership expects that **many of our affiliated faculty members** will greatly benefit from this new track, providing them with a clearer, more representative route to academic promotion.

### Updated Clinical Pathways



# Council of Affiliate Deans

The Council of Affiliate Deans (COAD) was established by the Dean as a link to our affiliated institutions. COAD meets quarterly and has the responsibility of keeping the members apprised of current Medical College education, research and faculty policies.

## Welcoming Dr. Brenna Farmer and Honoring Dr. Stephen Peterson

The Council of Affiliate Deans (COAD) is pleased to announce a significant leadership transition for the NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (NYPBMH) campus. We are delighted to welcome **Brenna Farmer, MD, MBA, MS**, as our new Affiliate Dean for NYPBMH. In this vital role, Dr. Farmer will also join and serve on the Weill Cornell Medicine Executive Faculty Council. She brings an exceptional combination of clinical expertise, educational leadership, and administrative acumen to the COAD. Currently, she serves in multiple prominent roles, including Chief of Emergency Medicine at NYPBMH, and Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine and Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. Board-certified in both Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology, Dr. Farmer earned her MD from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, and went on to complete both an MBA and an MS in Healthcare Leadership through Cornell University. We are thrilled to welcome her to this new role and look forward to her leadership.

As we embark on this new chapter, we also extend our most heartfelt gratitude to **Stephen Peterson, MD, MACP, FAHA**, the outgoing NYPBMH Affiliate Dean. Since his appointment in **September 2016**, Dr. Peterson has provided ten years of exceptional leadership, dedication, and academic alignment to our affiliate campus. We sincerely thank Dr. Peterson for his decade of dedicated service and wish him a wonderful, healthy, and deeply rewarding retirement!

### Council of Affiliate Deans

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# Welcome to our New Faculty

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

## Cayuga Medical Center

*Mariah Pieretti, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Voluntary)*

## Gracie Square Hospital

*Rebecca Breheney, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*

*Megan Chang, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*

*Anastasia Grieb, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*

*Anjithaa Radakrishnan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*

*Christopher Yamada, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*

## Hospital for Special Surgery

*Matthew Abola, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Mark Amirtharaj, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Alex Anatone, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Anca Askanase, M.D., Professor of Medicine*

*Anca Askanase, M.D., Professor of Medicine (Pending Appointment at Rank)*

*Meaghan Barr, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Kathryn Barth, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Marco Burkhard, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Na Cao, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Abhishek Gupta, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology (Voluntary)*

*Munish Gupta, M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Pending Appointment at Rank)*

*Stephanie Huang, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology (Voluntary)*

*Romy Kallas, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine*

*Kevin Koch, Ph.D., Professor of Biomedical Imaging in Orthopaedic Surgery (Pending Appointment at Rank)*

*Edward Lin, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology (Voluntary)*

*Stephane Owusu-Sarpong, M.D., Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery*

*Joshua Powell, M.D., Assistant Professor of Radiology*

*Deirdre Rodericks, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine*

## Hospital for Special Surgery (cont.)

*James Schroeder, M.D., Professor of Otolaryngology (Pending Appointment at Rank)*

*Delaram Shakoor, M.D., Assistant Professor of Radiology*

*Lauren Stafford, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology (Voluntary)*

*Sohrab Virk, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery*

## Houston Methodist Hospital

*Chinemerem Abanonu, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

*Brayann Aleman, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)*

*Joe Aoun, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine*

*Basma Ataallah, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

*Andreia Barbieri, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

*Damiano Barone, M.D., Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery*

*Brittany Barthelemy, M.D., Instructor of Family Medicine in Clinical Medicine*

*Charudatta Bavare, M.D., Assistant Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery in Clinical Cardiothoracic Surgery*

*Adarsh Bhimraj, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine*

*Stephanie Bruce, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*

*Ethan Burns, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine*

*Maheswaran Dhanasekaran, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine*

*Sadhna Dhingra, M.D., Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

*Ghazaleh Eskandari, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

*Ronald Fisher, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology (Voluntary)*

*Lyndave Frank, M.D., Instructor of Medicine in Clinical Anesthesiology*

*Elliott Friedman, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology (Voluntary)*

*Maria Gonzalez, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

## Houston Methodist Hospital (cont.)

Richard Hung, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology*  
Leian Joseph, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine in Clinical Anesthesiology*  
Sagar Kamprath, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Family Medicine in Clinical Medicine*  
Sarah Kazzaz, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Daniel Komlos, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery*  
Mustafa Mehmood, M.D., *Instructor of Medicine in Clinical Anesthesiology*  
Ron Moses, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology*  
Akhil Muthigi, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Urology*  
Warren Naselsky, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Bin Ni, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine*  
Apoor Patel, M.D., *Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Kavish Patidar, M.D., *Associate Professor of Medicine*  
Andrea Quarti, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Cardiothoracic Surgery*  
Alex Rogers, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Pharmacology Research in Surgery*  
John Rogers, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*  
Belkys Sanchez Martinez, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*  
Marcos Sosa, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
Daniel Strigenz, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology*  
Nhu-Nhu Tull, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Daniel Wang, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Kai Wang, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*  
Yuan Chen Wang, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine in Clinical Anesthesiology*  
Sarah Wilken, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*  
Austin Wininger, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery*

## New York City Health+Hospitals / Lincoln

Abdel Aziz Al Bawab, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry*  
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Shirley Disu, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Pediatrics*  
Francisco Gonzalez, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics*  
Sulman Mahmood, M.D., *Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*  
Jonathan Nahmias, M.D., *Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry*  
Kalee Shah, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology*  
David Warshaw, M.D., *Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*

## Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Mohammad Abbass, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Daryaneh Badaly, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Psychiatry*  
Adam Bass, M.D., *Professor of Medicine*  
Glenn Bates-Pappas, Ph.D., *Instructor in Population Health Sciences*  
Solange Bayard, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Amy Chan, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology*  
Alexis Chidi, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery*  
Elizabeth Coffee, M.D., *Instructor in Neurology*  
Jacqueline Feinberg, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
Camille Fontaine, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology*  
Anna Helena Furberg Barnes, Ph.D., *Professor of Population Health Sciences*  
Christopher Gaffney, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Urology*  
Rebecca Gao, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology*  
Andreas Giannakou, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Francis Graziano, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Jennifer Heinen, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Geoffrey Hespe, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Justin Jee, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine*



## **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (cont.)**

Rich Kodama, M.D., *Instructor in Medicine*  
Heather Kurtis, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Yan Lai, M.D., *Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology*  
Bradley Lankowsky, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Mengyuan Liu, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Ivan Maillard, M.D., *Professor of Medicine*  
Steven Martin, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Maximilian Merz, M.D., *Associate Professor of Medicine*  
Lavanya Mittal, M.D., *Instructor in Dermatology*  
Dhwani Patel, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Kate Pawloski, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Aaron Praiss, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
Charles Ryan, M.D., *Professor of Clinical Medicine*  
Lily Saadat, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Surgery*  
Eric Schultz, M.D., *Instructor in Medicine*  
Suken Shah, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology*  
Cardinale Smith, M.D., *Professor of Medicine*  
James Smithy, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine*  
Kenric Tam, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology*  
Kay Tan, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Research in Population Health Sciences*  
Meghan Thompson, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Medicine*  
Jessica Wilcox, M.D., *Instructor in Neurology*  
Michael Wu, M.D., *Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology*

## **NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital**

Sarah Abdou, D.P.M., *Clinical Instructor of Podiatry in Surgery (Voluntary)*  
Jackie Aganon, M.D., *Instructor in Clinical Medicine*  
Larysa Aheyeva, M.D., *Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics and Gynecology (Voluntary)*  
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