Welcome to our annual year-end newsletter from the Office of Affiliations. I have been privileged to work on many new projects with you and our team in the Office of Affiliations. Here are a few of our notable endeavors:

- We had two Town Halls: October 25, 2022, Faculty Development and Promotion, featuring Drs. Jane Salmon and Judy Tung, and May 4, 2023, the Clinical and Translational Science Center, featuring Dr. Julianne Imperato-McGinley, Dr. Anthony Brown, Dr. Thomas Campion, and Jeff Zhu. We are busy planning our Town Halls for the 2023-2024 academic year focusing on Medical Education and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) the accrediting body for Medical Schools.
- We held a reception in honor of Dr. Oliver Fein, former Associate Dean for Affiliations on September 30, 2022, attended by colleagues and family.
- Revamp of the Office of Affiliations website with more information about our Affiliate Deans who represent our major teaching affiliations. [http://affiliations.weill.cornell.edu/index.html](http://affiliations.weill.cornell.edu/index.html)
- Your Affiliate Deans met throughout the year to support the work of affiliate institutions and the medical college. In January, Dr. Lewis W. Marshall Jr. joined us as the new Affiliate Dean for New York City Health + Hospital/Lincoln. At our final Council of Affiliate Deans meeting for this academic year in June we thanked Dr. Joseph Abularrage from NewYork-Presbyterian Queens for his years of service and welcomed Dr. Joseph Cooke as our newest Affiliate Dean, effective July 1, 2023.
- President Martha Pollack of Cornell University invited all our Affiliate Deans to serve on the Executive Faculty Council (EFC) as voting members. The EFC members are key components in the flow of information between the faculty and the administration.
- Our office assists student organizations with agreements with community entities. This includes KiPow (Kid Power) with City Year and P.S. 83 and others that are under review.
- We added another Domestic Affiliate partnership with Gracie Square Hospital and solidified our community-based partnership with ArchCare at Mary Manning Walsh Home.
- We completed a master training agreement with the City University of New York (CUNY) multi-campus system.

Please read on for more details on these and many other significant accomplishments.
On January 1, 2022 we clarified the roles and responsibilities of the Assistant and Associate Deans at affiliated institutions and created a new title of Affiliate Deans to further clarify their role. Among other responsibilities the Affiliate Deans serves as the Dean’s representative for medical education programs (both undergraduate and graduate) at the Affiliate Institution. Cornell President Martha E. Pollack have invited all the Affiliate Deans to serve as voting members on the Executive Faculty Council.

Balavenkatesh Kanna, MBBS, left Lincoln Hospital and Mental Health Center and Lewis W. Marshall Jr., MS, MBA, MD, JD, FACP, FACHE, CPHQ, began his tenure in January of 2023. We thank him for his years of service to Weill Cornell faculty and students.

Dr. Marshall currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer at NYC H+H/Lincoln and Assistant Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Joseph Abularrage, MD, has retired from his position as Affiliate Dean, NYPQ.

Dr. Abularrage served on several high level medical school committees, including the medical education policy and executive medical education committee. We appreciated his dedication to the medical school and students. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.
The Office of Affiliations and Council of Affiliated Dean held two Town Halls this academic year. On October 24, 2022 we featured the Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development. This was an overview of the services provided to faculty on promotion and professional development. Click here to view recording: OA Town Hall 2022-10-25.mp4 | Powered by Box. Our second Town Hall for the academic year featured the Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) with an overview of the CTSC mission and an emphasis on how grant funding can be obtained, community engagement and linkage as well as educational opportunities; which can be viewed by clicking here: video1808209675-final.mp4 | Powered by Box.

**Thank you for serving on the Weill Cornell Medicine Admissions Committee**

Each year an invitation is sent out to affiliate faculty to serve on the Admissions Committee. We appreciate our past affiliate representatives and thank them for their service. The following affiliate faculty served on the Admissions Committee for the 2022-2023 academic year.

- **Minerva Arenas, MD, MPH**  
  Assistant Professor of Surgery  
  NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

- **David Lee, MD**  
  Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology  
  Hospital of Special Surgery

- **Cephas Swamidoss, MD**  
  Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology  
  Hospital of Special Surgery

**Commencement Invocation 2023**

Joo Young Hong, MDiv, BCC, Manager of Pastoral Care, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, gave the Invocation at this year’s Weill Cornell Medicine Commencement ceremony. The event was held at Carnegie Hall on May 18, 2023.

**Reception for Dr. Oliver Fein**

A reception was held on the evening of September 30, 2022, for Oliver Fein, MD, former Associate Dean for Affiliations. The festivities were in honor of Dr. Fein’s retirement in June 2021. The party was held in the Harness Courtyard and was attended by family and friends, as well as faculty and staff colleagues from Weill Cornell, Affiliates, and other institutions. Dr. Michael Stewart and Susan Bostwick shared testimonials about Dr. Fein with the assembled celebrants and Dr. Fein spoke about his career at Weill Cornell.

Pictured (L to R): Dr. Charlotte Philips, Dr. Oliver Fein, Dr. Vivian Strong, and Dr. Michael Stewart
The Affiliates contribute to the education of our medical and physician assistant students throughout the curriculum, including early preceptorships, clerkships, area of concentration mentorship, electives and clinicals.

**Student Rotation at the Affiliates**

**Enrollment by Institution: 2022-2023**

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**Totals include clerkships, sub-internships, and electives completed by WCMC, WCM-Q, and Visiting Students**

**Enrollment by Department: 2022-2023**

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**Faculty Awards**

**2023 Convocation Award**

Established by the Class of 1994 to recognize up to 16 faculty members who have made a commitment to and demonstrated excellence in teaching. Lapel pins are given to the faculty members on the Senior List and their names are inscribed on a plaque displayed in The Wood Library.
2023 Excellence in Medical Education

Samuel Ayala, MD
Instructor in Clinical Emergency Medicine
NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

Magalie Brueus, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Alessandro De Camilli, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Binh Huynh, DO
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
NewYork-Presbyterian Queens

Robyn Rosenblum, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
NewYork-Presbyterian Queens

Vivian Strong, MD
Professor of Surgery
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Award recipients were selected by course leaders and/or Medical Education Leadership

Visit https://medicaleducation.weill.cornell.edu/medical-education/faculty-resources/teaching-opportunities-role if you are interested in teaching opportunities at Weill Cornell Medical College.
Partnerships in the New York Community

In support of the missions of the Weill Cornell Medical College (WCM), the Office of Affiliations has generated agreements with:
- Gracie Square Hospital.
- ArchCare/Mary Manning Walsh
- The City University of New York (CUNY)

These arrangements will allow for increased educational opportunities and collaboration between WCM and these entities.

Gracie Square Hospital

Weill Cornell Medicine newest affiliate institution. GSH Gracie Square Hospital has provided comprehensive and personalized behavioral health care to thousands of individuals in New York City and beyond. Mental health is an essential part of everyone’s well-being. Gracie Square recognizes dealing with mental illness can be complex, and at times intimidating. We remain steadfast in our commitment and ability to provide the highest quality mental health care, and with the help of our compassionate team, no one needs to handle this alone.

Archcare/Mary Manning Walsh

To support the Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Care; Weill Cornell formed a partnership with Archcare/Mary Manning Walsh (MMW). MMW is a nursing home and for short term rehabilitation for senior and end of life care, providing unique experiences for students regarding palliative and geriatrician-oriented care.

The City University of New York (CUNY)

To support the education mission of Weill Cornell we have created a Master Educational Placement Agreement for all of the 25 CUNY campuses so that CUNY students are able to rotate at Weill Cornell in the various Health programs. This is a win win as we are able to provide students with needed healthcare experiences and generate a pipeline for various healthcare positions at the Medical School.

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

On October 1, 2022, NewYork Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (NYPBMH) achieved a full merger with NewYork Presbyterian Hospital (NYP.) Brooklyn Methodist Hospital was founded in 1881 and signed an affiliation agreement between NYP and Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) in 1993. NYP became the active parent of BMH in 2016, and a new Master Medical Services Agreement was signed in 2018. The new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kaedrea Jackson, an Emergency physician from Mount Sinai, started on March 6, 2023.
The Office of Affiliations supports student organizations with developing memorandums of understanding with community partners.

- KiPOW/Kid Power (formerly known as Motivating Action through Community Health Outreach) with City Year and P.S. 83

**2023 Recipients of the CTSC Pilot and Education Awards**

Congratulations to Affiliate Faculty who are recipients of the 2023 CTSC Pilot and Education Awards. Since its inception in 2007, the CTSC Pilot and Education Awards have served as catalysts for the creation of inter-institutional, transdisciplinary study teams. These teams collaborate on the design, development, and implementation of innovative research projects.

Jeanyoung Kim, MD (PI), WCM; **Theresa Lu, MD, PhD (Co-PI), HSS**; Joanna Harp, MD (Co-I), WCM
Title of Proposal: Understanding Pathophysiologic Differences Associated with Severe Cutaneous Drug Reactions Through Precision Medicine

Lisa Mandl, MPH, MD (PI), HSS; Iris Navarro-Millan, MSPH, MD (Co-PI), WCM; **Joseph Lane, MD (Co-I), HSS**; Sarah Young, MSW, PhD (Co-I), SUNY-Binghamton
Title of Proposal: HIPVOL: Developing and Testing a Volunteer Program to Improve Social Isolation and Improve Outcomes in Hip Fracture Patients

Lisa Gfrerer, MD, PhD (PI), WCM; **Darryl Snead, MD (Co-PI), HSS**; Fei Wang, PhD (Co-PI), WCM; Thomas Campion, PhD (Co-I), WCM; Weishen Pan (Co-I), WCM
Title of Proposal: Development of an AI-algorithm based mobile application for nerve compression headache screening
Welcome to our New Executives and Chiefs

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Cayuga Medical Center

Martin Stallone, MD, MBA, MA
Chief Executive Officer, Cayuga Health System

Kathleen Kobashi, MD, MBA
Chief, Urology

Houston Methodist Hospital

Bryan T. Kelly, MD, MBA
President and Chief Executive Officer, Medical Director

Douglas E. Padgett, MD
Surgeon in Chief

Kathleen Kobashi, MD, MBA
Chief, Urology

Hospital for Special Surgery

Jun Li, MD, PhD
Chief, Stanley M. Appel Department of Neurology

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens

Nasim Choudhury, MD
Chief of Physical Medicine and

Eleftherios Mylonakis, MD, PhD
Chief, Medicine

George Rodriguez PharmD
VP Quality and Patient Safety

Pedro Ramirez, MD
Chief, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Selwyn M. Vickers, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

Kaedrea Jackson, MD, MBA, MPH
Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer

Kojo S.J. Elenitoba-Johnson, MD
Chief, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Sandhya K. Balaram, MD, PhD
Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery

Lawrence Schwartz, MD
Chief, Radiology

Brenna Farmer, MD, MBA/MS
Chief, Emergency Medicine
New York City Health + Hospital/Lincoln

Robert Pellecchia, DDS
Chief, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Medicine

Maira Fonseca, MD
Chief, Dermatology

Marc C. Kanter, MD
Chief, Emergency Medicine

Debra A. Taubel, MD
Chief, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Melinda S. Lantz, MD
Chief, Psychiatry

New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

Natalya Chernichenko, MD
Chief, Ear, Nose and Throat

Denise Howard, MD, MPH
Chief, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Asad Siddiqi, MD
Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Rajesh K. Malik, MD, FACS
Chief, Vascular Surgery

Maira Fonseca, MD
Chief, Dermatology

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Burke Neurological Institute

Akimasa Ishida, PhD, MS, Instructor in Neuroscience
Ana Vivinette, PhD, MS, Instructor in Neuroscience

Cayuga Medical Center

Eli Finkelsztejn, MD, Instructor in Clinical Medicine
Mohammad Samih, MBBS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Hospital for Special Surgery

Nicholas Beatty, DO, MS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine
Ashira Blazer, MS, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Camila Carballo, PhD, MSc, Instructor of Musculoskeletal Research in Orthopaedic Surgery
Jeffrey Ciccone, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Matthew Conti, MD, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery
Eytan Debbi, MD, PhD, MSc, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery
Xuezhi Dong, MD, MPH, Clinical Instructor in Anesthesiology
John Dowdle, MD, Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Aleksey Dvorzhinskiy, MS, MD, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery
Nnaemeka Echebiri, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine
Ruth Fernandez Ruiz, MS, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Mikhail Goman, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery
Dahlia Hassan, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Jensen Henry, MD, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery
Jae Kim, MD, Clinical Instructor in Anesthesiology
Christopher Li, MD, Clinical Instructor in Anesthesiology
Francis Lovecchio, MD, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery
Todd McGrath, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Matthew Murray, MA, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Aarti Shenoy, PhD, MS, Instructor of Applied Biomechanics in Orthopaedic Surgery
Melanie Smith, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Christopher Tanaka, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Uchenna Umeh, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Ansaar Vaz, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Krina Vyas, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine
Theresa Wampler Muskardin, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Theresa Wampler Muskardin, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
William Zelenty, MD, Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery

Houston Methodist Hospital

Max Adelman, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Horacio Adrogue, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Jason Ahuero, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery
Fernando Angarita, MSc, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery
Cesar Arias, PhD, MSc, MD, Professor of Medicine
Einar Bogason, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery
Emmanuel Chang, MD, PhD, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Ashton Connor, PhD, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery
Stuart Corr, MA, PhD, MEng, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering Research in Cardiothoracic Surgery
Jordan Dale, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Samaneh Dowlatshahi, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Kinan El-Tallawi, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Christopher Fan, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Ezekiel Fink, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery
Alejandro Granillo Ibanez, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Howard Huang, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Robert Jack, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery
Matthew Kaufman, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery)
Minhui (Laura) Kim, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology
Adi Lador, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Jun Li, PhD, BM, Professor of Neurology
Shuhua Ma, PhD, MSc, BM, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Margaret Manus, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
William Miller, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Collin Mulcahy, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology
Prathy Rao, MD, MPH, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Michael Richter, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology
Emily Rutledge, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
M. Schusterman, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery)
Fernando Silva, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery
Kai Sun, MS, BM, Assistant Professor of Medicine
Nicole Tapia, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery
Juan Toledo Atucha, PhD, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology
Jonathan Tzu, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
The Office of Affiliations (OA) deals with all matters pertaining to the Medical College's domestic affiliations. It has responsibility for developing and monitoring academic Affiliation Agreements and for facilitating the development of educational programs for Weill Cornell students in affiliated institutions.

It is the liaison between the Medical College, the NewYork-Presbyterian Regional Hospitals, and the Medical College affiliates.

OA facilitates the academic appointment process of affiliated faculty. By working closely with each Affiliate and each Department Chair, OA ensures that all new and current physicians receive and maintain appropriate appointments and promotions.

OA provides individual guidance in the appointment process for the affiliates including departmental training sessions if needed. It works closely with the Office of Faculty Affairs to expedite academic appointments.