

Alumni Spotlight: Emmanuel Mensah, MD, MBA

Following graduation from the residency in 2017, Dr. Emmanuel Mensah joined the Hospital Medicine program at BIDMC, where he has established a multifaceted and impressive career with clinical and academic interests in healthcare systems, medical education, disparities in care delivery, and global health.

Originally from Ghana, Emmanuel had always planned on a career path that would allow him to contribute to healthcare in Africa. With the support of leadership and his HMED colleagues and through his unbounded enthusiasm and energy, he was able to split his time between seeing patients at BIDMC and in Ghana, while also working in management consulting at McKinsey & Company, focusing on healthcare in developing countries.

Dr. Mensah is now also a Firm Chief for the Kurland Firm, and Director of Mentorship for residents who identify as under-represented in medicine. Dr. Mensah's considerable talents as an educator have been recognized this year with three separate awards. He was selected by the housestaff as the faculty recipient of the Katherine Swan Ginsburg Humanism in Medicine award.

In Emmanuel's words "My training prepared me to be a well-balanced clinician irrespective of where I find myself in the world – whether seeing patients in Ghana or in the US. But most importantly, the sponsorship and professional mentorship has allowed me to pursue my various interests in healthcare."

Program Update: Fall 2021

First and foremost, I hope that you, your family, and loved ones are all healthy and safe.

Like all of us, our residency has experienced quite the roller coaster over the last 2 years. Fortunately, despite the surges and the deep impact COVID has had on our lives, over the last year we were able to transition most of our clinical and educational curriculum to a new, stable format.

Fortunately, throughout the last year we were able to maintain our robust educational programs and curriculum. Recognizing some benefits to remote teaching (e.g., allowing learners who cannot physically be present to actively participate in the conferences), we have continued a hybrid model for many conferences, but have shifted to a hybrid model that has a greater in-person focus.

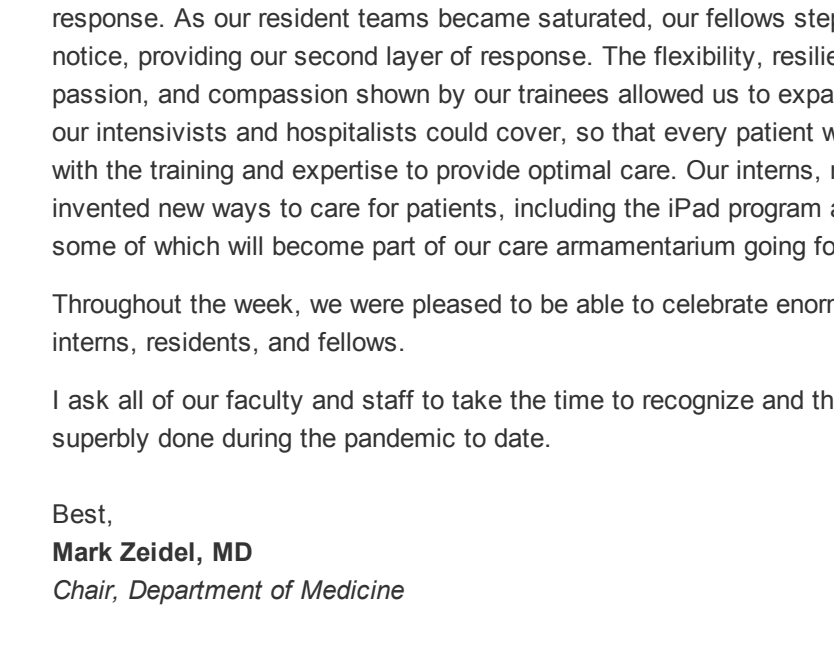
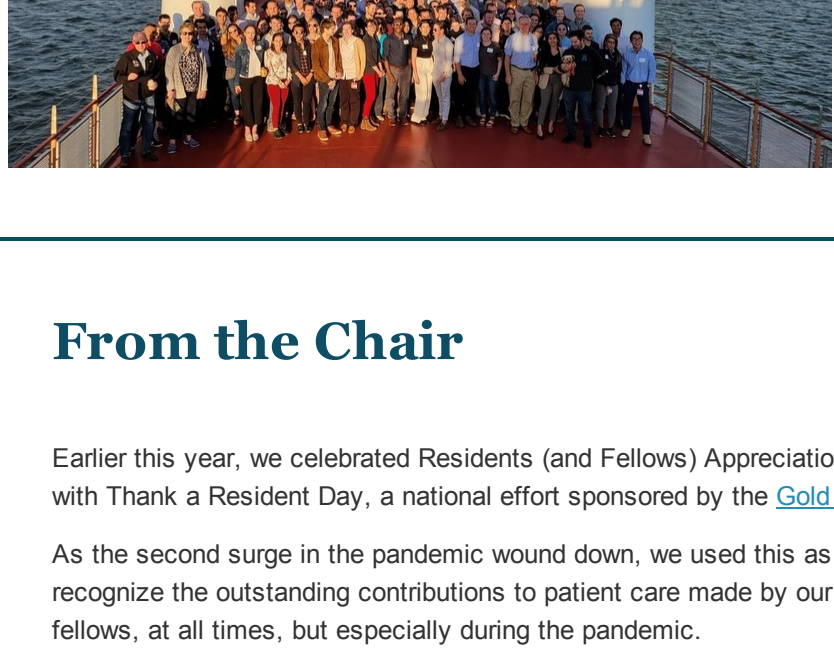
Though all resident and fellowship interviews have been entirely virtual, with the wonderful help of many program administrative staff, faculty and residents, we were able to once again have a truly spectacular residency match (more details below) and our residents continued to do amazingly well in the fellowship search.

One great joy in my job is to hear about the wonderful work you, the alumni of our residency program, are doing. In this issue you will find many awards and recognitions that you have received over the last year (we have, undoubtedly, only captured a fraction of your accomplishments, so please send us updates!).

Finally, despite the chaos of the year, we were grateful to be able to celebrate the graduation of our senior residents through an outdoor dinner (pictured above) and graduation ceremony.

We enjoy sharing updates and highlights about your residency program through Alumni News. Between issues you can also follow news and events in the program through Twitter @BIDMC_IM and @BID_CMRs and on Instagram @BIDMC_IM.

Chris Smith, MD Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program



From the Chair

Earlier this year, we celebrated Residents (and Fellows) Appreciation Week, which culminated with Thank a Resident Day, a national effort sponsored by the Gold Humanism Foundation.

As the second surge in the pandemic wound down, we used this as an opportunity to stop and recognize the outstanding contributions to patient care made by our interns, residents, and fellows, at all times, but especially during the pandemic.

Throughout the week, we were pleased to be able to celebrate enormous contributions of our interns, residents, and fellows. I ask all of our faculty and staff to take the time to recognize and thank our trainees for a job superbly done during the pandemic to date.

Best, Mark Zeidel, MD Chair, Department of Medicine

BIDMC Alumni: Leaders in Vaccine Development

As all eyes watched the vaccine development race throughout 2020, we in the residency program did so with great pride as several of our alumni and faculty have been intimately involved in the creation and testing of the COVID vaccines we now use.

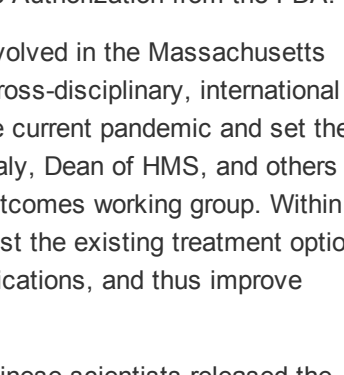
An international leader in RNA biology, Drew Weissman, MD, PhD, graduate of the Residency Class of 1990, a Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, laid pivotal scientific groundwork for the technology used to innovate the RNA COVID-19 vaccines.

Recently, Dr. Weissman was selected as the co-recipient, alongside Dr. Karikó, of the 2021 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award from the Lasker Foundation for his work in modified mRNA vaccines.

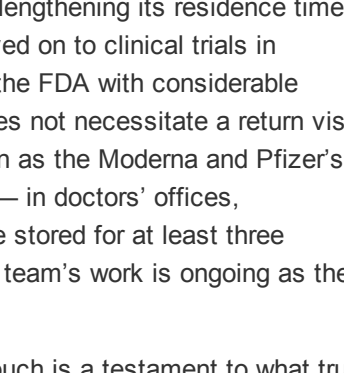
Lindsey Baden, MD, a former resident and chief resident at BIDMC graduating in 1995, is an Infectious Diseases Specialist at Brigham & Women's Hospital and an expert in vaccine development.

Inside our own medical center walls, in January of 2020, as soon as Chinese scientists released the genome sequence of the virus, Dan Barouch, MD, PhD, Director of the Center for Virology and Vaccine Research, and his team began work on a vaccine, which would become the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine.

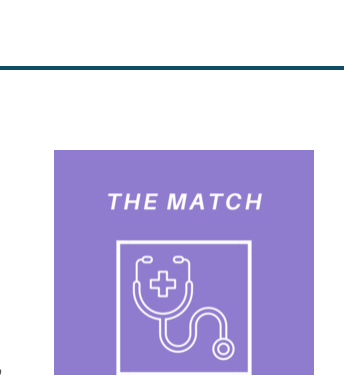
The pioneering science conducted by Drs. Weissman, Baden, and Barouch is a testament to what true resident scientists do to and three careers spent dedicated to mRNA and vaccine research.



Drew Weissman, MD, PhD



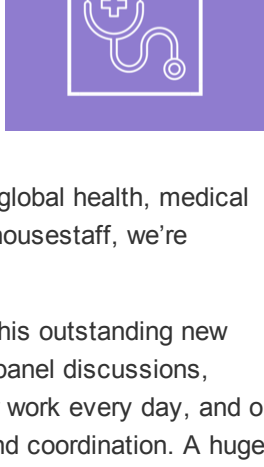
Lindsey Baden, MD



Dan Barouch, MD, PhD

The Match

We are excited to share with you news of this year's match, which includes 52 categorical and 12 preliminary intern positions from 38 different medical schools, with Brown, BU, Case Western Reserve, Cornell, NYU, Tufts, UMass, UVM, Vanderbilt, and Wash U being the most represented medical schools.



Thanks to everyone who helped with the huge undertaking of recruiting this outstanding new class, including our wonderful housestaff for leading virtual dinners and panel discussions, creating videos and bringing tremendous energy and enthusiasm to their work every day.

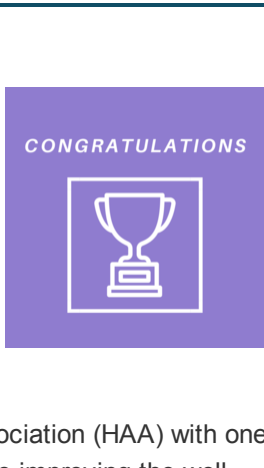
In that spirit, we hope that alumni are willing to continue to share their enthusiasm for BIDMC with applicants to our program. As graduates, you are uniquely positioned to talk about the transition from medical school to BIDMC, to discuss the training received here, and to share how it prepares physicians for their careers.

We hope alumni ambassadors would be willing to help in just a few ways:

- Refer to us any outstanding candidates you would be proud to have in your program. We would be especially interested in learning about underrepresented in medicine (URIM) candidates from your program.

Please let us know if you would be willing to current participate as an alumni ambassador! Always welcome, we welcome any updates to your current position, title, and contact information. Please contact us at medicinalumini@bidmc.harvard.edu.

Alumni Ambassadors



Consistently, before and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our residents have excelled, exceeding our every expectation. Through their kindness, compassion, intelligence, generosity, and selflessness, they provide extraordinary care to our patients, nurses, staff and each other!

After an award-winning tenure of 24 years as Program Director of our Hematology-Oncology Fellowship, Reed E. Drews, MD, has elected to step away from this position, but will remain engaged in the program as Emeritus Program Director.

Elliot Tapper, MD, received the American Gastroenterological Association's Young Investigator Award in Clinical Science, given in recognition of outstanding research achievements. Dr. Tapper's research focuses on improving the outcomes, quality of life and freedom from adverse events for patients with decompensated cirrhosis.

Nathan H. Raines, MD, MPH, Leela Davies, MD, PhD, and Mark Gubatan, MD, have all been selected as recipients of the 2021 Duke Physician Scientist Fellowship, a program which promotes the transition of emerging physician scientists at the subspecialty fellowship stage into faculty-level positions.

Residency Graduation Teaching Awards At our Internal Medicine Residency Graduation in June, we recognized this year's Residency Teaching Awards. Among the recipients were several alumni:

Kelly Graham, MD, MPH, received the Robert C. Moellering, Jr. Teaching Award, which recognizes qualities as an outstanding teacher, clinician, and researcher.

Jeffrey Zwicker, MD, received the The Gordon J. Strewler Mentorship of Resident Research Award, given in recognition of a faculty member who has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the research skills and experiences of our housestaff.

David Suskin, MD, was selected as Preceptor of the Year. This award is chosen by vote of the housestaff and given to one preceptor each year in recognition of their excellent teaching, mentorship, and commitment to the residency program.

Tyler Mehegan, MD, fellow in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and Chief Medical Resident, was the recipient of the Fellow Teaching Award. This award, chosen by vote of housestaff, goes to the fellow who has contributed the most to the education of the medical residents during the past academic year.

In Memoriam

We are sad to report on the deaths of following members of our alumni community:

Dr. Lawrence S. Friedman passed away on June 21, 2021 in San Diego. He earned his medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Friedman completed his residency and fellowship training at BIDMC and HMS from 1983-1986. Dr. Friedman joined UCSF Medical School in 1994 and since 2014, was the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.

Dr. Ilja J. Weinrieb died on June 13 at the age of 74. A graduate of the University at Buffalo, he completed his residency and clinical fellowship at the then Beth Israel Hospital from 1972-1974. He did his post-doctoral fellowship in gastroenterology at Yale University's Yale New Haven Hospital. He then served in the Army with the rank of major at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he was head of the Immunology Section in the Department of Gastroenterology and an attending physician.

Dr. Julian I. Kitay died in November 2020 in Cary, North Carolina. A graduate of Princeton University, he entered military service then went on to Harvard Medical School. He was a Medical Resident at the then Beth Israel Hospital from 1965-1966. After clinical training at Yale and Columbia Schools of Medicine, he advanced to become Professor of Internal Medicine at University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Dr. Alan Ivan Green died at age of 77 on November 26, 2020. He attended Columbia University and then Johns Hopkins University for medical school prior to coming to the then Beth Israel Hospital for his medicine residency from 1967-70. Following residency Alan relaunched his career as a scientist, first at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, where he ran the Commonwealth Research Center, and later at Dartmouth, where he was Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Director of the Dartmouth SYNERGY Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

Residency Program Leadership

- Program Director: Christopher Smith, MD (1999, CMR 2000)
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