

NEPHROLOGY UPDATE

Leading the Charge with WUTPP Nephrology Professor's Vision to Create Future Medical Education Leaders Draws Residents and Fellows to WashU

Almost a decade ago, nephrologist Patricia Kao, MD, MS, MHPE, joined WashU Medicine with not only a clinical role, but also being tasked with a monumental goal to build the Washington University Teaching Physician Pathway (WUTPP), the university's first structured clinician educator training program. The concept was initially set forth by Melvin Blanchard, MD, the former vice chair of education for WashU Medicine's Department of Medicine.

"In the past, being an expert in your clinical or research field qualified you to teach in medical school," said Dr. Kao. "But as medical education has evolved to align with adult learning theory and competency-based education, there has been an increased need to equip medical educators with the knowledge and skills to engage in the best practices of teaching and learning. There is also a need to train resident and fellows in medical education scholarship, promoting education research as a 4th pillar of scholarly work at WashU, rounding out existing opportunities in clinical, basic science, and translational research."

WUTPP now draws graduate medical education trainees from across the country who come to WashU for advanced medical training as well as WUTPP's offerings in seven core competencies of the clinician educator – assessment, communication, curriculum development, education theory, teaching, leadership, and scholarship. Dr. Kao launched WUTPP in 2017 with the generous support of the Carol B. and

Jerome T. Loeb Teaching Fellowship, as well as support from the Department of Medicine and Division of Nephrology. Seven internal medicine residents entered the WUTPP program in 2017. Within a year, pediatric, ob/gyn, and general surgery residents were added. By 2021, subspecialty fellows clamored to enroll in WUTPP. Today, WUTPP is open to residents and fellows from seven WashU departments, with cohort sizes of 30-40 trainees per academic year. Over 170 residents and fellows will have graduated from the WUTPP program by June 2026. To receive their WUTPP Certificate, participants are required to complete over 80 hours of coursework condensed into a series of two-week intensive didactic blocks. Other WUTPP fellow requirements include: 1) teaching and facilitating internal medicine clerkship didactics; 2) completing a curriculum design or education research project; and 3) designing and implementing an e-learning module in their area of interest. Throughout, participants are mentored by over 30 faculty from across the WashU School of Medicine community who volunteer their time to the WUTPP program.

Within the Division of Nephrology, 12 fellows have completed their WUTPP certificates and produced projects such as a new transplant curriculum for nephrology fellows, interactive modules for critical care fellows on dialysis modalities, and e-learning modules on acute kidney disease education for the American Society

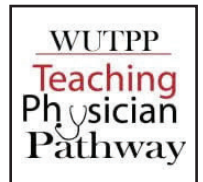


Dr. Kao (seated 4th from left) with a group of this year's WUTPP participants. They include renal fellows Ramayee Nadarajan, MD, and Abdulmoid Shehzad, MD.

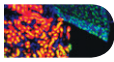
of Nephrology AKINow Education workgroup.

Former nephrology fellow Atlee Baker, MD, came to WashU in large part due to the WUTPP program. Already part of a new physician education track while in residency at Ochsner Louisiana State University, an advisor pointed him toward WashU as the next step to hone his skills. Now an interventional nephrology fellow and clinical instructor at the University of Michigan, Dr. Baker says his WUTPP training is in action as he mentors and educates those around him. He also is a member of an ASN workgroup, Transforming Dialysis Access Together (TDAT) to develop access education programs. "Each step of this process has involved topics covered in WUTPP and I believe that completing the program makes me a better contributor to our group."

Nephrologists Jason Cummings, MD, and Gaurav Rajashekar, MD, also participated in WUTPP. Dr. Rajashekar, now the associate program director of



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Message from the Chief



The increasing use of AI in medicine is creating new opportunities for learning and education but also requires caution. I prefer the use of “augmented intelligence” versus “artificial intelligence” in our field because such tools must be used to supplement what we, as physicians, offer in terms of critical thinking, care decisions and efficiency.

At WashU Medicine, we have a Center for Health AI that is working to develop and leverage emerging AI technology. The university is embracing the use of Abridge, an AI tool that records physician-patient conversations and then generates clinical notes that are integrated within the electronic health record. We also

use OpenEvidence, another platform that enables rapid and easy access to the latest peer-reviewed literature so that clinical decisions can be made with the most up-to-date information available. The initial impact is impressive in terms of reducing administrative tasks and in accessing information. However, we need to be mindful of potential biases in data acquisition and errors in AI summaries that don't consider all aspects of each patient — from age, gender and race to cultural differences that impact risk stratification and the development of complicated care plans. Large language models are only as good as the information they have to mine for answers.

We are still learning how AI will impact medicine going forward and many things remain unclear. What we do know is that it will permeate all aspects of medicine. Two

years ago, the American Society of Nephrology launched its Partnership for Responsible AI in Kidney Health. In just the last two months, the Society also co-hosted an AI workshop and a conference to educate and expand competencies in the use of AI in kidney care and in research and data science. It is in everyone's best interest to keep on top of the rapid integration of AI tools in medicine and nephrology. I encourage you to learn more about — and embrace the inevitable use of — augmented intelligence.

Ben

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Joseph P. Friedman Professor and Chief
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the Nephrology Fellowship Program at the University of Louisville, recently received a teaching award. Dr. Cummings, now at USF Health Morsani College of Medicine in Tampa, FL, was honored with a Faculty Educator of the Year award in 2024, his first year on faculty.

“WUTTP has undoubtedly influenced the trajectory of my career in an unparalleled way and poised me for success as a clinician educator,” said Dr. Cummings.

“Last year, I became the director of critical care medicine education for the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship and constructed new critical care curriculum. I lean on the depth and breadth of the skills I acquired and sharpened in WUTTP regularly.”

Dr. Kao's vision is to look for philanthropic support to expand WUTTP even further, adding more education scholarship opportunities and a co-director of the program to support its exponential growth. “We continually impact the evolution of

medical education through WUTTP,” she stressed. “We are, in fact, ideally suited to be known for training future medical education leaders.”



Former nephrology fellow and WUTTP alum Gaurav Rajashekar, MD, was recently honored with the Stuart Urbach Award for Excellence in Faculty Teaching at the University of Louisville.

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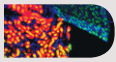
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Fellowship Notes



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Our fellowship cohort remains very active on the national scene, with pursuit

of scholarly interests through a variety of pathways. It is the hallmark flexibility of our curriculum that allows trainees to outline individualized educational experiences to align with their long-term career goals, whether it be in academics, private practice, or additional subspecialty training.

We maintain a highly visible presence at national meetings, with second-year fellows traveling to ASN Kidney Week held last fall in Houston. A streamlined in-service schedule for the upcoming

academic year is anticipated to allow first-year fellows to also attend a national meeting, with professional development funds made available for this purpose. Our fellows also have had several abstracts accepted to be presented at upcoming meetings of the National Kidney Foundation and the American Transplant Congress.

Back home in St. Louis, our fellows continue to be invited as headline speakers at the Professional Education Symposium on Nephrology Care Challenges and Clinical Innovations. This educational forum has grown substantially over the past three years, necessitating a larger venue as its outreach has grown to cover Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas. Fellows Yazan Kharabsheh and Zainulabdeen Alsaedi were two of the featured speakers for the symposium held in January.

The recent publication of the 38th Edition of the Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics gives us the opportunity to reflect on the vast array of educational material our trainees unleash onto the medical world. This output can take many forms, including traditional book chapters, social media outlets, development of new curricula (such as the Nephro-Palliative Care Curriculum that is starting this spring), or interactive online videos. To foster this engagement as educators, the Washington University Teaching Physicians Pathway (WUTPP) has remained extremely popular among our fellows, with a record four Nephrology fellows being selected to participate during this academic year!

Khan Honored with Prestigious Knowlton Incentive for Excellence Award

Second-year WashU Nephrology fellow, Maheen Khan, MBBS, was one of six trainees at WashU Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital honored with the 2025 Knowlton Incentive for Excellence Award. The award, presented annually by The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, recognizes trainees who exemplify exceptional clinical skill, compassionate patient care, leadership and professionalism.

“Since joining our program, Dr. Khan has been spectacular, entering into every interaction with compassion, humility, and



Caption: Dr. Khan with Dr. Norman Knowlton III, son of the late Dr. Norman Knowlton, Jr., for whom the award is named, along with nephrologist Steven Cheng, MD, and Division Chair Benjamin Humphreys, MD, PhD.

an air of unflappability,” said Fellowship Program Director Seth Goldberg, MD. “In the care of our patients on dialysis at

the Forest Park Kidney Center, she has demonstrated a special interest in addressing gender disparities in the management of bone-mineral deficiencies and immunization, providing a strong voice in healthcare policy and patient advocacy with far-reaching implications.”

“I’m deeply honored to be recognized by my department for the Knowlton Award and hope to continue to do justice to the Knowlton spirit,” said Dr. Khan. “I owe my achievement to the wonderful teachers, mentors and peers I’ve worked with at WashU Nephrology, all of whom have taught me invaluable lessons on being an exemplary physician.”

New WashU Nephrology Fellows

We welcome the following fellows who join our program this year:

Annesha Banerjee, MD
Stony Brook University, NY

Dina Elsayed, MBBS
Mercy Hospital South, St. Louis
Beth Israel Medical Center,
Newark, NJ

Irvianny Madera, MD
SBH Health, Bronx, NY

Dean Mellas, MD
Southern Illinois University
Springfield, IL

Divya Sharma
Divyadarshini, MBBS
University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Daniel Zamanian, MD
Willis Knighton Health
Shreveport, LA

Nephrology Transplant Fellows

Yazan Kharabsheh, MD
WashU Medicine, St. Louis

Selva Saravanan Saminathan, MBBS, MD, MRCP
East Kent Hospitals University
NHS Foundation Trust, UK

Alumni Connections

Irfan A. Agha, MBBS, MRCP

*President & CEO, Dallas Renal Group
WashU Nephrology Fellow: 2000-2002*

It was an in-person recruiting visit to Pakistan by former WashU Nephrology professor Daniel Coyne, MD, that drew Irfan Agha, MBBS, to St. Louis for residency and then nephrology fellowship training. “The first time I ever set foot in the United States was a week before residency started,” said Dr. Agha.

Now the President of the Dallas Renal Group in Texas, Dr. Agha credits much of his success to his time at WashU and his patient-focused approach to kidney care and business leadership. “WashU prepared me academically to the point that I confidently walked into busy programs, took over duties without missing a step, started new programs without doubting my ability, and have led my group when it comes to professional issues,” he said.

A transplant nephrologist, Dr. Agha first joined the St. Louis VA Medical Center as Director of Dialysis Services upon completion of fellowship training. He also served as an assistant professor and Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at St. Louis University Hospital before being recruited to San Antonio in 2005 to lead one of the country’s largest transplant centers. It grew to become the largest living kidney donor program in the United States. Ten years later, he joined the Dallas Renal Group to establish its transplant program. The organization, which started in 2005 with two nephrologists, has grown to include 45 nephrologists providing the full spectrum of nephrology care — general nephrology, dialysis, transplant ser-

vices, a subspecialty clinic for glomerulonephritis and vasculitis, and clinical research operations — throughout the Dallas area and in Oklahoma. Along with serving as President since 2022, Dr. Agha oversees the GN and Vasculitis Clinic, the transplant program and clinical research. “We continue to grow, and added seven nephrologists last year,” he said. “We constantly look for new markets and challenges. Most practices hire new partners when their workload exceeds their capacity. We target potential markets and then have our partners develop the work. That requires investment in our partners’ eventual success but it’s a risk worth taking, and we have succeeded.”

A decade ago, Dr. Agha and his colleagues noticed the need for nephrologists to learn more about the business side of clinical practice. “I did not take any business courses and leading a group or running the business operation of a large nephrology practice was not something I had anticipated,” he said frankly. “At Dallas Renal Group, we felt this deficiency; there was no structured instruction mechanism for fellows to learn these business skills. We created the national Nephrology Business and Leadership University (NBLU), which we convene annually. Now in its 11th year, NBLU has drawn more than 80 second-year fellows every year from all over the country, including from WashU Nephrology. It is a very popular and growing conference.”

Dr. Agha, who has always been interested in the physiology, pathophysiology and immunology, says transplant nephrology is a “lovely intersection” of the three. He has fond memories of, and remains



Dr. Agha (4th from Left) with WashU Nephrology fellows attending a recent NBLU conference

friends with, many of his WashU class fellows and teachers. He also says research under the guidance of Dr. Daniel Brennan, WashU Nephrology’s first director of transplant nephrology (now at Johns Hopkins), was invaluable. A military history buff and former medical officer in the Pakistan Army, he enjoys traveling with his wife of 34 years, Fauzia, and their adult children as well as their 3-year-old granddaughter. “Each trip has a secret historical hook to the travel plan, which makes it quite fun; well, at least for me!”



Dr. Agha with his wife Fauzia and their granddaughter

Program Spotlight

Artificial Intelligence Growing in Use in Nephrology

WashU Medicine is rapidly coming to the forefront in discussions about the development and use of artificial or augmented intelligence (AI) tools in medicine. From clinical care to education and research, physicians, educators and scientists now have a growing list of digital tools aimed not only at improving operational efficiencies, but also accuracy in clinical diagnoses and in risk prediction. The tools also are driving innovation in education and research.

Two years ago, WashU Medicine and BJC HealthCare launched a joint Center for Health AI to both develop and leverage emerging AI technology to transform health care. Multidisciplinary collaborations and generous funding for AI projects already have sparked a wave of research. Among the WashU pioneers in the development of AI tools in nephrology is renal pathologist and Section Head of Renal Pathology Joseph P. Gaut, MD, PhD, whose research group is using AI to improve biopsy evaluation and clinical outcomes. His group has developed several AI tools, including Histo-Cloud, an open-source, cloud-based tool to automate the analysis of whole slide images, specifically for kidney tissue. His team also developed the first AI technology to help assess donor kidney biopsies, which studies have shown has the potential to dramatically reduce organ discard rates and predict graft success.

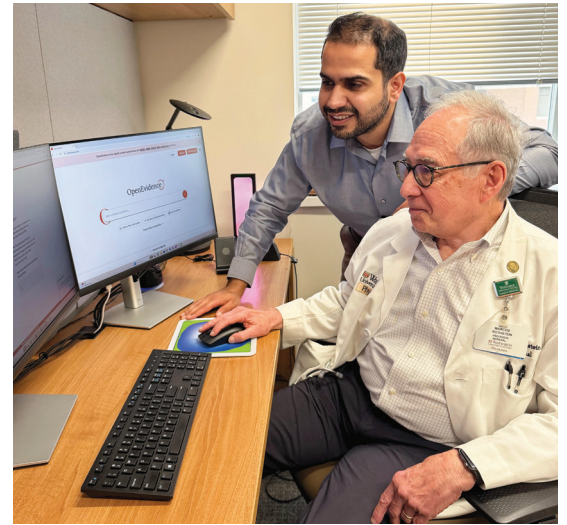
Late last year at ASN Kidney Week, the Society's Augmented Intelligence (AI) in Kidney Health Task Force, which was established in 2024, unveiled a clinical framework for responsible AI use that put priorities on patient benefit, continuous involvement of physicians, and robust awareness and consideration of potential biases and poor data quality in AI tools. Paramount to the use of these tools, task force members noted, is the principle of "human-in-the-loop," whereby physician oversight is a priority, a principle that Dr. Gaut has championed for years.

In clinical practice, AI risk prediction tools already can model CKD progression

and symptoms of acute kidney injury, providing a framework for early interventions and patient education. Optimal dialysis treatment times based on clinical metrics also impact treatment for patients on dialysis. More common AI tools summarize physician notes and create action items to discuss with patients or trigger alerts in the electronic health record when lab results are outside of norms.

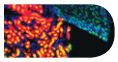
Long-standing faculty member Marcos Rothstein, MD, has watched the growing use of AI tools. In the past six months, he has embraced the use of OpenEvidence to rapidly access peer-reviewed medical literature as he cares for his patients. "I have become a constant and daily user of OpenEvidence because it integrates the latest objective information with robust verifiable references," he said. "It has far superseded UpToDate, our gold standard for the last 20 years. As an "old school" member of the division, it is not intuitive to keep up with all the AI innovations in nephrology, but I'm learning that I can easily access these user-friendly tools to enhance the care I provide and the decisions I make."

As part of his nephrology training here, Muhammad Yasir Baloch, MD, and colleagues from Mayo Clinic reviewed real-world evidence on KidneyIntelX, an AI-enabled biomarker platform used to risk-stratify patients with type 2 diabetes and early-stage kidney disease. Their article, published in ASN KidneyNews in September 2025, highlights how AI-based predictive risk scoring can support earlier clinical interventions, more rapid care navigation outreach and participation in remote hypertension management programs associated with improved blood pressure control. Now on faculty, Dr. Baloch, who serves as director of Fellowship Outreach and Recruitment, says he envisions his involvement with AI to progress into the educational realm. As a fellow



Dr. Baloch and Rothstein are among WashU Medicine faculty using OpenEvidence, a free AI tool that offers the latest peer-reviewed articles and citations from evidence-based publications to support rapid clinical decision-making. OpenEvidence is an official AI Partner of the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

here, he led a Grand Rounds about the use of AI in Kidney Care and recently brought in Wisit Cheungpasitporn, MD, who leads AI Innovation in Nephrology at Mayo Clinic, for an online WashU Renal Ground Rounds conversation on AI's role in education, clinical integration and workflow optimization. Also, while in WUTPP (see page 1), Dr. Baloch initiated the development of a needs assessment tool to help identify potential curriculum priorities for AI training in nephrology fellowships. He currently is working with national colleagues, including collaborators with ASN, to explore how nephrology trainees are currently using AI tools and what educational resources fellows need to responsibly integrate AI into clinical care and research. "This could be a road map for AI in nephrology education and I'd like to deploy it regionally to other nephrology programs in the region," he stressed. "We need to be able to use these tools responsibly and not let it replace the physician's role even as we seek new ways to improve the care we provide. AI, then, is a core component that should be a part of our training curriculum."



Research Highlights

High Impact Clinical Trial Redefines Dialysis Dependent Acute Kidney (AKI-D) Care

A multicenter clinical trial evaluating dialysis strategies has found that a conservative, indication-based dialysis plan in patients with dialysis-dependent acute kidney injury (AKI-D) led to faster kidney recovery without an increased risk of complications when compared to the conventional approach of dialysis three times per week.

Gonzalo Matzumura Umemoto, MD, director of Acute Dialysis Services at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, served as co-author and site principal investigator at WashU Medicine for the multicenter LIBERATE-D (Liberations from Acute

Dialysis) study along with co-author and former faculty member Anitha Vijayan, MD. Research results were simultaneously published in JAMA last November and presented at ASN Kidney Week 2025. The findings are significant because patients with AKI-D often face higher risk of complications and poorer outcomes. The LIBERATE-D trial researchers hypothesized that the current practice of three times weekly hemodialysis in AKI could mask recovery or even induce further AKI due to “dialytrauma.” Evidence from the study shows that reducing dialysis frequency can increase recovery rates without an increased risk of complications. While there are now many trials that provide guidance about when to initiate dialysis in AKI, this is

the first trial to provide any evidence about how to safely wean dialysis to promote renal recovery.

“We hope that this trial serves as a starting point to recognize that care for patients with AKI-D is fundamentally different than the care we provide to patients who are on maintenance hemodialysis and that our current practices provide many opportunities for optimization,” said Dr. Matzumura.



Gonzalo Matzumura Umemoto, MD, co-investigator of the LIBERATE-D trial.

Two New R01 Grants Support Ciliopathy Research

A team of researchers at WashU Medicine have received two NIH grants totaling more than \$6.1 million to support investigations into genetic and acquired airways diseases linked to motile cilia dysfunction. Moe Mahjoub, PhD, associate professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology and the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, along with Steven Brody, MD, the Dorothy R. and Hubert C. Moog Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, and Susan Dutcher, PhD, professor of genetics, study how cilia are assembled and regulated in the context of lung disease.

One grant is for a newly funded project led by Mahjoub and Brody looking into the Loss of Cilia Maintenance in Acquired and Genetic Lung Diseases. The second grant, Regulation of Motile Cilia Assembly in Lung Disease, is a renewal of an existing R01, now entering its 10th year, with Brody, Dutcher and Mahjoub as principal investigators.

“The reality is that cilia dysfunction affects multiple organ systems,” said Mahjoub. “While these grants are looking at the impact of cilia-related lung diseases, our investigations also impact research

into cystic kidney disease, retinal degeneration infertility, brain malformations or cognitive defects.”

Mahjoub notes that WashU has one of the highest concentrations of cilia researchers in the world. The group, formally known at the WashU Ciliopathy Research Group, comprises 14 laboratories that solely or partially are focused on human ciliopathies and represents multiple departments, including Biology, Genetics, Nephrology, Pulmonary Medicine, Neurosurgery, Pediatrics, Allergy & Immunology, Cell Biology & Physiology, Biomedical Engineering, Biochemistry and Ophthalmology.

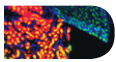
“We have held weekly lab meetings and journal clubs for more than 12 years to discuss and share clinical, basic and translational research into ciliopathies,” said Mahjoub. “We also have invited speakers from around the globe who share and discuss research efforts.”

Because of the global interest and success of the Ciliopathy Research Group, plans are under way to develop a formal WashU Ciliopathy Center to consolidate both research efforts and clinical care under

one umbrella. Said Mahjoub, “We are not a narrow-focused group. By consolidating our efforts here in both pediatric and adult care and research, we can end the challenges of caring for patients when they are siloed due to their specific organ-related disease that is associated with ciliopathies. Multidisciplinary collaborations already exist; we now want to take it to the next level.”



(From left) Steven Brody, MD; Susan Dutcher, PhD; Moe Mahjoub, PhD



Faculty News and Awards

Gewin Named Endowed Professor

Congratulations to Leslie Gewin, MD, professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology, who was recently installed as the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professor of Renal Diseases in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Gewin has been on faculty since 2021 and is a nationally recognized physician scientist, clinician and educator. She also is director of the Metabolism Core in the WashU Kidney O'Brien Center for Chronic Kidney Disease Research. In announcing the endowed professorship, Victoria Fraser, MD, the Adolphus Busch Professor of Medicine and Chair of the Department of Medicine, noted that Dr. Gewin's research,

which has been supported by continuous NIH and VA funding, has "elucidated novel mechanisms of kidney tubule injury and repair that improve our understanding of the pathogenesis of chronic kidney disease, a condition afflicting 850 million people worldwide." Benjamin Humphreys, MD, PhD, the Joseph Friedman Professor of Renal Disease in Medicine and Chief of the Division of Nephrology added, "Leslie is an extraordinary colleague who is highly deserving of this recognition. Her mechanistic work on tubular injury and repair has reshaped how we think about the AKI-to-CKD transition, and her commitment to mentoring the next generation of physician scientists is equally impressive." Dr. Gewin is the founding chair of Tinsley Harrison Scholars initiative within the Southern



Leslie Gewin, MD

Society for Clinical Investigation, a competitive program that supports early career physician scientists with networking and career development programming. She also has served as Chair for Women on Track, a partnership with Faculty Affairs at Vanderbilt Medical Center that has facilitated successful promotion of investigators, and was elected Councilor for Women in Nephrology, an international group that promotes professional development for women and men in nephrology.

Rothstein Honored with 2026 Dean's Impact Award

We are proud that Marcos Rothstein, MD, professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology, is one of the recipients of the 2026 Dean's Impact Award. The award recognizes individuals whose extraordinary service and leadership strengthen the

clinical care, education and research missions of WashU Medicine. Dr. Rothstein is a leader in device-based treatment of hypertension and is dedicated to patient-centered nephrology care. He is a founding medical director at Casa de Salud, which provides health services to immigrants and refugees in the St. Louis region. He also is the co-organizer of a large and growing

Sister Renal Center collaboration between WashU Nephrology and the Guatemalan Social Security Institute to mitigate the impact of chronic kidney disease in Latin America.



Marcos Rothstein, MD

Herrlich Elected to AAAS

Andreas Herrlich, MD, PhD, professor of medicine, cell biology & physiology, and director of translational research in the Division of Nephrology, has been elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). In announcing the honor last month, the AAAS noted that Dr. Herrlich is

recognized for "distinguished contributions to the field of medicine, particularly for identifying the mechanisms of interorgan communication during acute kidney injury." Dr. Herrlich is a renowned physician scientist who has received multiple NIH grants to study repair mechanisms after



Andreas Herrlich, MD, PhD

kidney injury, including a \$2.2 million grant from the NHLBI to study how acute kidney injury causes respiratory failure in critically ill patients. He also has been a recipient of a prestigious VA Merit Award to further his research.

Hurtado Inducted into Bouchet Graduate Honor Society

Kevin Hurtado, PhD, BS, a postdoctoral research scholar in the Gewin Lab, has been inducted into the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. The society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. Membership is by

nomination only and members must demonstrate outstanding promise as a scholar in a humanities, social sciences or sciences field. Hurtado's research focuses on metabolic dysfunction in chronic kidney injury, with particular emphasis on the role of peroxisomal fatty acid oxidation in renal proximal tubule injury and disease progression. Hurtado, who joined WashU in 2023, gathered with other Bouchet honorees

from across the country at the Annual Yale Bouchet Conference on Graduate Education and also was recognized at the WashU Bouchet Chapter Induction Ceremony earlier this month.



Kevin Hurtado, PhD, BS

Another Great Match Day!



Match Day calls for celebration! Program leadership and fellows gathered to mark a fantastic match with good food, great conversations, and lots of laughter.

Match Day is always cause for celebration at WashU Nephrology, and this year was no exception. Program leadership and fellows gathered to mark another outstanding match with good food, great conversation, and plenty of laughter, a tradition that has become as reliable as the match results themselves.

The division has filled all six general nephrology and two transplant fellowship positions year after year, a streak that reflects

the program's reputation for exceptional mentorship, clinical breadth, and commitment to trainee well-being. Whether hosting the latest cohort at an escape room or the fellowship sending prospective applicants personalized care packages during recruitment, the culture of the program has always been its strongest selling card. This year's incoming class, drawn from programs across the country and internationally, continues that tradition.