GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
Resident and Fellow of the Month: March 2021

Hirotaka Miyashita, MD
Resident (PGY2), Internal Medicine
Mount Sinai Beth Israel

Service to Peers/Patients: “I have been impressed by how Dr. Miyashita works as a resident in Mount Sinai Beth Israel. Needless to say, our health system, including MSBI, has experienced a very hard time since the emergence of COVID-19. Last year, our hospital expanded the number of beds of MICU to compensate for the demand. Many residents ended up scheduling their planned rotations to the shift in MICU. His hematology rotation in MSH was also canceled at that time. Despite his deep interest in a career in hematology/oncology, he never complained of this change and worked in MICU enthusiastically. As always, he showed empathy to the patients and family and cooperated with co-interns and residents very well, which inspired me a lot. Not only that, he showed his interest in oncology by conducting research projects and successfully published articles even in this very difficult period. He is now a PGY-2 and demonstrating excellent leadership. As we are experiencing more cases of COVID-19 this winter, he is working in MICU again as a team leader at this time. He is very kind to the interns and co-residents and always pays attention to their well-being. He said his additional and difficult rotation in MICU last year is helping him be a better resident this year, which, I believe, is showing his professionalism and passion. He is also helping other residents’ research projects, including mine, based on his excellent knowledge in statistics.”

Caitlyn Kuwata, MD
Fellow (PGY5), Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
Mount Sinai Hospital

Service to Patients and/or Families: “Dr. Kuwata shows extreme dedication to her patients and families. Hospitalized older adults suffer greatly from isolation, decreased oral intake, and decreased mobility, all things that can contribute to delirium, longer hospital stays, and poorer health outcomes. Since the initial COVID-19 surge, Dr. Kuwata has been willing to go above and beyond for our older adults, spending extra time at the bedside, coordinating video chats for distance relatives, and talking to families at length over the phone to provide caregiver support. She is efficient and proficient with utilizing our interdisciplinary teams and ensures that she addresses all of the needs of our patients. She seamlessly transitions integrates palliative medicine concepts into everyday medicine and somehow has managed to excel in the inpatient setting while still caring for her outpatient primary care patients. Dr. Kuwata also serves as one of our chief fellows and provides an example of leadership for our other fellows, balancing the workload of fellowship with administrative responsibilities. I am proud to call Dr. Kuwata a colleague and a friend, and have had the honor of working beside her in this pandemic.”

Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for March

Farid Arman, MD
MSH Internal Medicine
Prashant Bhsnswala, MD
MSSN Internal Medicine
Lorena Cancio Gachana, MD
MSH Geriatric Psychiatry
Caitlin Carr, MD
MSH Gynecologic Oncology
Florence Dooh, MD, MA
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
David Fruchter, MD
MSBI Internal Medicine
Neeraja Karwowska, DDS, MS
MSH Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Siddarth Kathuria, MD
MSMW Pulmonary and Critical Care
Ricki Koff, MD
MSH Interventional Radiology-Integ
Waqas Malick, MD
MSH Cardiovascular Disease
Philip Maynard, MD
MSH Neurology
Hayato Mitaka, MD
MSBI Internal Medicine
Sananda Montezuma, MD
MSMW Internal Medicine
Martha Catalina Morales Alvarez, MD
MSBI Internal Medicine
Ashima Muttreja, MD, MS
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
Jessica Patel, MD
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
Elizabeth Pedowitz, MD
MSH Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Brittany Rosner, MD
MSH Obstetrics and Gynecology
Emily Schneider, MD
MSMW Obstetrics and Gynecology
Samant Setareh-Shenas, MD
MSMW Cardiovascular Disease
Mitsuhiro Shimada, MD
MSBI Internal Medicine
Ronald Sutton, MD
MSBI Psychiatry
Douglas Tremblay, MD
MSH Hematology-Oncology
Paulina Vargas Santiago, MD
MSBI Psychiatry
Fernando Vasquez, MD
MSMW Pulmonary and Critical Care
Dagny Von Ahrens, MD
MSH Transplant Surgery
Lucy Xu, MD
MSBI Psychiatry
Chi Zhang, MD
MSH Cardiovacular Disease