

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 switching their scheduled 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 excelling 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 bedside her in this pandemic."

Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for March

Farid Arman, MD

MSH Internal Medicine

Prashant Bhenswala, MD

MSN Internal Medicine

Lorena Cancino Gacharna, MD

MSH Geriatric Psychiatry

Caitlin Carr, MD

MSH Gynecologic Oncology

Florence Doo, MD, MA

MSMW Diagnostic Radiology

David Fruchter, MD

MSBI Internal Medicine

Neeraja Karwowska, DDS, MD

MSH Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Siddarth Kathuria, MD

MSMW Pulmonary and Critical Care

Ricki Korff, MD

MSH Interventional Radiology-Integ

Waqas Malick, MD

MSH Cardiovascular Disease

Philip Maynard, MD

MSH Neurology

Hayato Mitaka, MD

MSBI Internal Medicine

Sananda Moctezuma, 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 Roser, MD

MSH Obstetrics and Gynecology

Emily Schneider, MD

MSMW Obstetrics and Gynecology

Saman 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 Cardiovascular Disease