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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David J. Berman, MD, MEd, FASA, ISMMS '13, MSH '17

Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Berman will join the University of Pennsylvania as Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care in August. He specializes in high-risk obstetric anesthesiology, anesthesia for fetal surgery, complex airway management, and medical education.

Dave hails from New York, where he attended New York University, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and completed his anesthesiology residency at The Mount Sinai Hospital. He completed a fellowship in Obstetric and Fetal Anesthesiology and a Master's in Education for the Health Professions at Johns Hopkins, where he served as faculty from 2018 until June 2026. At Hopkins, he served as Associate Residency Director, founded the Categorical Intern Year, was Vice Chair of the School of Medicine Faculty Senate, and recently won the hospital staff's Best Dad Jokes award. Dave also covers the Malignant Hyperthermia international hotline and is an oral board examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Outside the hospital, Dave enjoys spending time with his ever-patient wife and two adorable children who keep life endlessly entertaining. He enjoys live music, riding his bike, smoking meat, and traveling.

About Hans Popper, MD, PhD

Dr. Popper was a world-renowned pathologist, hepatologist, and academic leader who was pivotal in the creation and founding of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine (now the Icahn School of Medicine) and served as its inaugural Dean and later President. Born in Vienna in 1903 from a long line of physicians, he graduated from the Medical School of the University of Vienna in 1928. As the situation in Europe became dangerous for the Jewish community, Dr. Popper escaped to Chicago in 1938, where he obtained a PhD in physiology at the University of Illinois.

The driving force behind the founding of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the International Association for the Study of the Liver, Dr. Popper made or contributed to many of hepatology's major scientific advances over his half-century in medicine. He authored over 800 papers and 22 books, including the first English language textbook on the liver, and was a member of the National Academy of Sciences as well as the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. By the end of his career, he was described as “the reigning monarch of modern hepatology,” considered by many to be the founding father of his field, and had accumulated over a dozen honorary degrees, including from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

From 1957, he was the Director of the Department of Pathology at The Mount Sinai Hospital and endowed Mount Sinai with its enduring international reputation in liver research and care. He infused the fledgling Mount Sinai School of Medicine with an early appreciation of the importance of community and environmental medicine.

Late in life, he became fluent in the emerging field of molecular biology, remained an active adviser to the National Institutes of Health, and continued to enjoy teaching the microscope to Mount Sinai medical students and residents. Highly regarded as a teacher and mentor, Dr. Popper delivered the first academic lectures to incoming medical students each year from the School's inception until his death in 1988.

We are pleased to honor his legacy with a keynote speaker at every Mount Sinai White Coat Ceremony.

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FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

Students and guests are invited to a celebratory reception.



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The Leni and Peter W. May Department of Medical Education at Mount Sinai welcomes our first-year medical students!

The White Coat Ceremony is a “rite of passage” for beginning medical students that creates a psychological contract for professionalism and empathy in the practice of medicine. The event emphasizes the importance of both scientific excellence and compassionate care for the patient.

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Alex Chou	Mustafa Ismail	Stefi Olkin	Lily Steckel
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Neel Godbole	Steve Lopez	Ryan Salama	Cayla Xue
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AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

ISOLEMNLV PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of human health;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, religion, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL ADVOCATE for policy and practice changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to the well-being of my patients and the communities I serve;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with the highest standards of medical practice and the latest advances in biomedicine and health care delivery;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of health care;

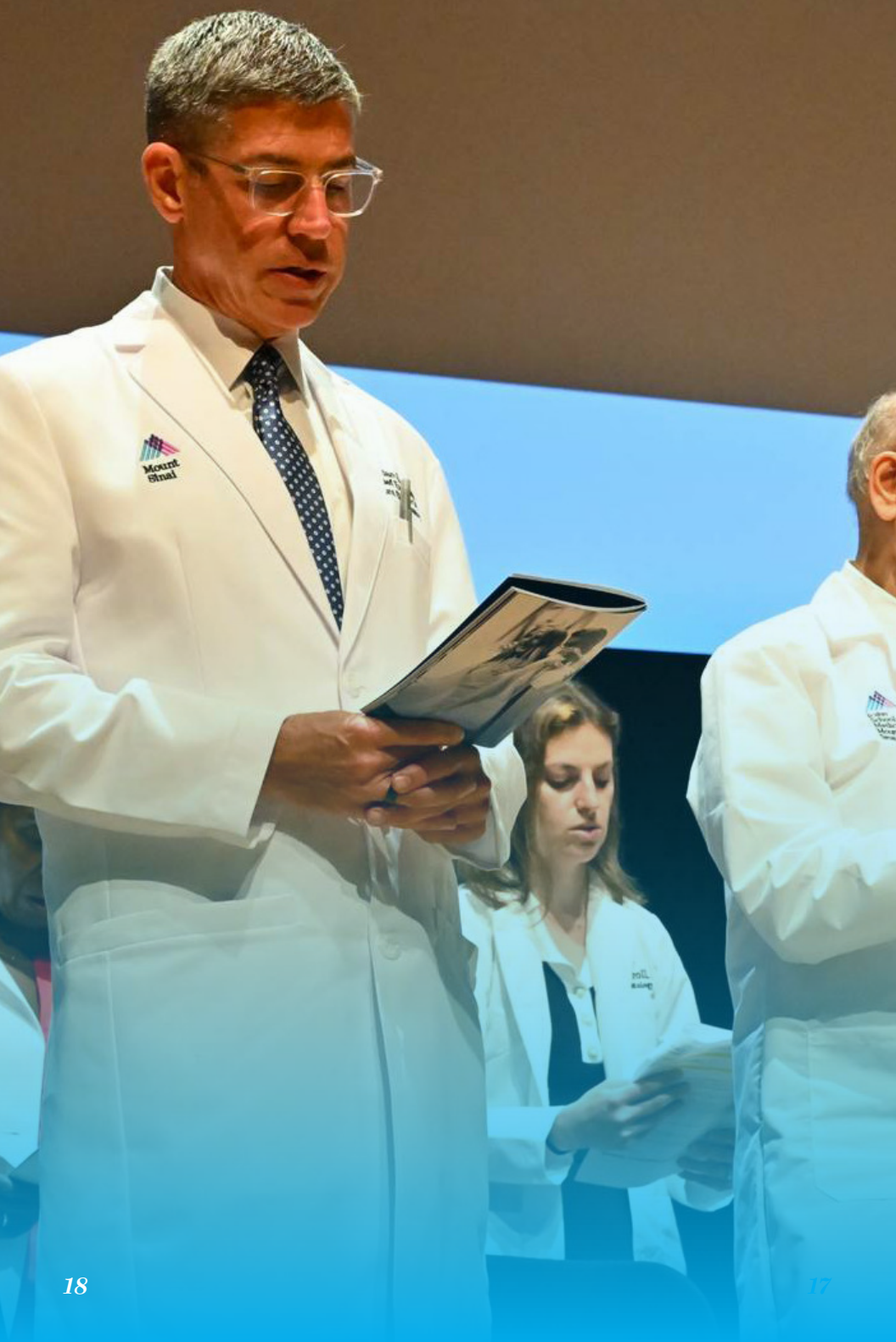
I WILL ATTEND to my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

Adapted from the WMA Declaration of Geneva

Updated October 2017 (The Physician's Pledge) and the AMA Declaration of Professional Responsibility



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As teachers and mentors for our students, we pledge to maintain the highest professional standards in all of our interactions with students, patients, colleagues, and staff.

We pledge our utmost effort to ensure that all components of the educational program for students will be of the highest quality.

We will respect all students as individuals, without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation; we will not tolerate anyone who manifests disrespect or who expresses biased attitudes toward any student. We will not tolerate any abuse or exploitation of students.

In an effort to nurture personal development, we pledge that students will have adequate time for reflection as well as personal and family obligations.

In nurturing both the intellectual and professional development of our students, we will celebrate achievement of academic excellence and demonstration of the highest virtues of our profession.



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