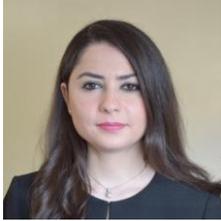


2019 Massachusetts Chapter Meeting Faculty Listing



Dalya Al-Qaysi, MD

Dr. Al-Qaysi is an internal medicine resident at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, Massachusetts. She received her medical degree from the College of Medicine – University of Baghdad in Baghdad, Iraq. She is a member of the resident committee at St. Elizabeth's medical center. Endocrinology and Rheumatology are fields of medicine that she is interested in, and specifically the types of diet and their effects on members' and communities' health.



Elisa Choi, MD, FACP, FIDSA

Governor of the Massachusetts Chapter, American College of Physicians

Dr. Choi is dual Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, practicing at Atrius Health, where she is a Chief of Internal Medicine. She sees patients in general Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, and HIV Medicine. Dr. Choi holds clinical leadership roles in her organization, addressing clinical standards, patient safety, and practice improvement. Dr. Choi holds certification in Travel Medicine from the International Society of Travel Medicine, and completed MA-DPH sponsored training in Sexually Transmitted Diseases evaluation and management.

Dr. Choi is a longstanding Faculty member of Harvard Medical School. She serves as a preceptor, mentor, and instructor for medical students and precepts residents at Harvard-affiliated residency programs. Dr. Choi has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, newsletters, and online electronic formats. She has been an invited and keynote speaker at the local, regional, and national level, where her lecture topics have ranged from infectious diseases and HIV topics, adult immunizations, leadership development, health policy issues, health advocacy, health and data equity, and health care disparities affecting the Asian American Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander (AANHOPi) populations.

Dr. Choi is a member of Massachusetts Medical Society's Interspecialty Committee and the Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition. She holds a seat on numerous national ACP Committees including the 2019-2020 Executive Committee of the ACP Board of Governors. Dr. Choi is very active in the Massachusetts Asian American community, serving on the Boards of MAP (Massachusetts Asian and Pacific Islanders) for Health, ATASK (Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence), and NAAAP Boston (National Association of Asian American Professionals, Boston Chapter), all community-based nonprofit organizations advocating for and on behalf of the Commonwealth's AANHOPi populations. She recently completed a 2 term tenure on the Commonwealth of MA Asian American Commission (AAC), where she served as Vice Chairperson, then Chairperson, on the Executive Committee of the AAC. Dr. Choi received the Unsung Hero Award at the 4th Annual Asian American Pacific Islander Civil Rights Forum and is a previous awardee of the MA ACP Chapter Leadership Award.



Elizabeth Eagleson, MD, FACP

Dr. Elizabeth Eagleson is a general internist at UMMS- Baystate at the Brightwood Health Center/Centro de Salud. She has a clinical interest in substance use disorder and diabetes. In addition to clinical work, she is a learning community mentor for medical students in the UMMS-PURCH track.



Mark P. Eisenberg, MD (ACP Member)

Dr. Mark Eisenberg is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Harvard Medical School. He performed his clinical training in primary care internal medicine at the University of Rochester and in infectious diseases at Stanford Medical Center. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and an internist at MGH-Charlestown Health Care Center where he practices primary care, HIV care, and the treatment of patients with substance use disorder. He was the HMS nominee for the 2007 AAMC Humanism in Medicine Award and received the 2015 HMS Charles McCabe Faculty Prize for excellence in teaching. His current focus is on harm reduction including overdose prevention, expansion of treatment for opioid addiction and advocating for the opening of safe consumption spaces for people who use drugs.



Jessica Gray, MD

Dr. Jessica Gray is a board-certified family medicine physician and addiction specialist in the departments of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Pediatrics in Massachusetts General Hospital for Children (MGHfC). She is associate program director for the MGH Addiction Medicine Fellowship and Clinical Director of the HOPE Clinic at MGH, where she cares for women with substance use disorders and their families from time of conception through the first two years postpartum. She also sees patients at the MGH Bridge Clinic, a low threshold outpatient substance use treatment clinic, and is a consultant with the Massachusetts Consultation Service for Treatment of Addiction and Pain (MCSTAP) team, which provides support for primary care providers treating patients with chronic pain and/or substance use disorder. Prior to coming to MGH Dr. Gray completed her family medicine residency and addiction medicine fellowship at Boston Medical Center and worked as a primary care doctor at a federally qualified health center in Dorchester, Massachusetts.



Peter Grinspoon, MD

Dr. Peter Grinspoon is a primary care physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor at Harvard Medical School. He is a board member of the advocacy group Doctors For Cannabis Regulation. He spent two years as an Associate Director of the Massachusetts Physician Health Service helping physicians with addiction and mental health issues. He is the author of the memoir 'Free Refills: A Doctor Confronts His Addiction'.



Carolyn Jackson

Ms. Carolyn Jackson is Chief Executive Officer of Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She also serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Market for Tenet Health, which gives her additional responsibility for the Framingham and Natick campuses of MetroWest Medical Center. She has been in this role since May 2019.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Jackson served as Chief Operating Officer of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), the 807-bed flagship hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia. While at HUP she focused on capacity management, operational efficiency, patient satisfaction, regulatory compliance, and the design of a \$1.5B patient care tower with 504 patient rooms and 47 interventional suites. Additionally, she led the development of an Off-Site Reprocessing Center to provide instrument cleaning and sterilization for three of the system's hospitals.

Ms. Jackson has also served as Chief Executive Officer of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. Prior to that she was Chief Executive Officer of Lake Pointe Health Network in Rowlett, Texas. Ms. Jackson received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware in Newark and a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School. She was recognized as one of the *Dallas Business Journal's* 2010 "40 under 40" and also recognized as one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 2012 "Women of Distinction" and an "Emerging Executive of the Year" as part of their Healthcare Innovation Awards. She was recognized in 2014 by *Modern Health Care* as an "Up and Comer". She has served on the Board of Directors of Health Partners Plans, a managed Medicaid plan; the Board of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; and the Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Advisory Board, a subcommittee of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. She has also served on the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Beyond Celiac and the Advisory Board for the Dr. Lillian R. Goodman Department of Nursing at Worcester State University.

Jessica Kehoe, RN, BSN, CARN

Ms. Jessica Kehoe is the nurse care manager of Boston Medical Center's Faster Paths to Treatment Program, a walk-in urgent care center that serves some of the hospital's highest risk patients, addressing acute needs related to substance use and other social determinants of health. As the nurse care manager of this clinic, Jessica has helped hundreds of patients initiate lifesaving medications for addiction (i.e., buprenorphine and naltrexone). Jessica also has extensive experience working as a nurse care manager within methadone maintenance programs; she currently continues to work per diem at the methadone clinic HCRC. Jessica is a board-certified addictions nurse and is currently working toward an advanced nursing degree at Northeastern University's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program. Jessica was the sole recipient of Boston Medical Center's 2019 Ann G. Hargreaves Award; given to one nurse, nominated by her colleagues, who demonstrate exemplary, scientifically based nursing care, serves as an advocate for families, and fosters multidisciplinary approaches to patient care. Jessica is a fierce advocate for people who use substances and their families, and plans to provide more extensive care to patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders in the future.



Todd A. Kerensky, MD

Dr. Todd Kerensky is Co-Chair Early Career Physician Council is Medical Director of Addiction Medicine and Hospitalist at South Shore Health, Medical Director of Spectrum Health Systems' Weymouth Locations (ATS, CSS, TC, and OTP), Medical Director of MA Health's South Shore Community Partners Program, and Instructor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Kerensky studied economics and finance at Washington University in St. Louis before attending medical School at the University of Florida where he grew up. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Shands Hospital at UF before joining South Shore Health in 2013 as a Hospitalist. Dr. Kerensky completed a clinical fellowship in Addiction Medicine at Boston Medical Center and is now board certified in Internal Medicine (ABIM) and Addiction Medicine (ABPM- American Board of Preventive Medicine). Dr. Kerensky's clinical and research interests include: the expansion of evidence-based addiction care to general medical settings, evaluating the role fentanyl has had in our current opioid crisis, and evaluating the impact Hospital Based Addiction Treatment can have on our communities as well as providers' job satisfaction. He has been active in ACP since residency having competed in the poster competition and now serves as the co-chair of the Early Career Physician Council. Finally, he is the President-elect of the Massachusetts Society of Addiction Medicine (MASAM).



Joo Kim, MD

Dr. Joo Kim is a board-certified internist at the Watertown site of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates/Atrius Health since 2003. Over the years, she has served in various leadership roles including Medical Director of the Quincy Diabetes Initiative, IM Chief, and Site Medical Director. Currently she is the Associate Chair of Internal Medicine - North Region. She was elected to the Atrius Health Board of Trustees in 2017. Dr. Kim received a BA in Religious Studies from Brown University, an MD from University of Vermont, and completed her internship and residency training at Cambridge Health Alliance.



Gene Lambert MD, MBA, FACP

Dr. Gene Lambert has been a hospitalist at Massachusetts General Hospital since 2002. He was former director of Hospital Medicine. He completed an Addiction Medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in 2019. He practices as a hospitalist and as an addiction medicine specialist on the Addiction Consultation Team at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is currently completing a fellowship in medical education research at Harvard Medical School. He serves on the Governor's Council, the Health and Public Policy committee, and co-chairs the opioid use disorder subcommittee of the state chapter of the American College of Physicians. He also serves on the Opioid Therapy and Physician Communication Task Force of the Massachusetts Medical Society.



Sul A Lee, MD

Dr. Sul Lee was born in South Korea, and attended medical school at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea. After internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Yonsei University Health System, she moved to U.S. and completed three years of nephrology research fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Lee is currently PGY-1 in the Department of Internal Medicine at MetroWest Medical Center, Framingham, MA.



Joseph Li, MD, FACP

Dr. Joseph Li is an Adjunct Associate Professor for the Boston University School of Medicine in General Internal Medicine Division. Dr. Li is also an Associate Professor of Medicine with Harvard Medical School and Section Chief in Hospital Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He was a co-developer of the first Harvard Medical School CME course on the emerging role of hospital medicine and was the co-founder of the Boston Area Hospitalists and the SHM Northeast Regional Chapter of hospitalists. Hospitalists are physicians whose primary focus is the care of hospitalized patients. Dr. Li is recognized for his efforts in helping to champion a model of inpatient care that offers the highest possible quality and for expanding the role of hospitalists in the Boston area. Li earned his M.D. from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, in 1994. He completed his residency at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston before becoming chief medical resident at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He is a nationally recognized expert in hospital medicine and lectures extensively.



Michael MacKenzie, JD

Mr. Michael MacKenzie serves as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Chief of the Antitrust Division in Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's Office. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 2011, he worked as an associate at Sachnoff & Weaver (now part of Reed Smith) and Eimer Stahl in Chicago. Mr. MacKenzie received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2006 and graduated from Yale University in 2003 with bachelor's degrees in English and political science.



Robert McLean MD, FACP

Dr. Robert McLean is serving as President of the ACP for 2019-20. He has been active with the ACP in many roles through his professional career including serving as the Connecticut Chapter Governor 2009-13, and then several years on the Board of Regents before becoming ACP President. After attending Williams College and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, he completed his internal medicine residency and then a rheumatology fellowship at Yale. He has practiced general internal medicine and rheumatology in New Haven since 1994, currently with Northeast Medical Group of Yale New Haven Health where he also serves as the Medical Director of Clinical Quality. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine.



Kerri Palamara, MD

Dr. Kerri Palamara is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She served as an Associate Program Director from 2010 - 2018 and directed the Primary Care Residency Training Program from 2014-18. Dr. Palamara is now the inaugural Director of the Center for Physician Well-being for the Department of Medicine at MGH and her academic work focuses on professional development coaching of physicians, faculty development, and physician well-being, and innovations in ambulatory education. Dr. Palamara leads the American College of Physicians "Physician Coach Training Program", which focuses on training physicians to integrate coaching techniques into their quality improvement and well-being initiatives. For her work in these and other areas, Dr. Palamara has won teaching awards at MGH, Partners Healthcare, Harvard Medical School, and the Society of General Internal Medicine.

Dr. Palamara created, directs and participates in the Professional Development Coaching Program for Internal Medicine residents at MGH. This program was designed in conjunction with the Institute of Coaching at Harvard Medical School to improve resident awareness of their growth and development, reduce burnout, encourage residents to become lifelong learners, and improve their resilience. The coaching program has been recognized by Harvard Medical School for the Culture of Excellence in Mentoring Award, based on the organizational change inspired by this program, and was featured by the AAMC as a model program to reduce resident burnout. Dr. Palamara also directs faculty coaching programs at MGH and is currently implementing a randomized control trial of coaching for medicine subspecialty fellows and surgical residency programs at MGH. The MGH coaching program has expanded nationally to over 40 residency and fellowship programs and Dr. Palamara is actively involved in onboarding, evaluating and sustaining these programs. Dr. Palamara has developed and run faculty development workshops nationally on this topic and contributes to the dialogue on physician well-being nationally as a member of CHARM (Collaboration for Healing and Renewal in Medicine) and the ACP Physician Well-being & Professional Satisfaction Task Force.



David S. Tager, MD

As Chief Medical Officer at the Health Center, Dr. Tager plans and directs all aspects of the Health Center's medical policies and programs and oversees the quality improvement process. He also sees patients. He is board certified in internal medicine. Prior to the Health Center, Dr. Tager was in private practice in Rutland, VT, where he also served as Medical Director of Eden Park Nursing Home. His undergraduate degree is from Cornell University. He earned his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and did his Residency / Clinical Training at Miriam Hospital/Brown University, Providence, RI and fellowship in gastroenterology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, MA.



Heather Towery, MD

Dr. Heather Towery is the vice president of clinical strategy at Teladoc Health. She provides strategic oversight and day-to-day management for the company's physician case managers, operations and quality divisions. A compassionate visionary, Dr. Towery assures patient care is at the center of operations as she leads the company's clinical integration team, physicians for expert medical opinions and manages her own patient case load.

Dr. Towery provides clients with ongoing enterprise support on expert medical matters including medical policies, urgent clinical scenarios and global health. With more than 17 years of clinical experience she enjoys making a difference in members lives every day. She graduated from medical school at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center - Tufts University. Dr. Towery completed her fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School in Nephrology. She then worked in private and academic medical nephrology practice until 2010 when she expanded her Medical director roles to full time at Advance Medical. Since June 2018 she has been Medical Director and Vice President Clinical Strategy for Teladoc health where she has integrated Expert Medical Opinion offerings of Best Doctors and Advance Medical for the Employer and Health Plan markets. She enjoys working directly with members to get them the best information about their care and developing new products that will help underserved populations.