Vision 2025
To be globally recognized for the transformative patient-centered care, innovative research, and development of next generation leaders in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation by 2025.

CHAIR’S MESSAGE

We commemorated the 70th anniversary of the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine on March 8, 2024, in the distinguished company of our keynote speaker, Dr. Flora Hammond (class of 1994), and with enlightening presentations by Drs. McDeavitt, Sander, Newsome, Sneed, and Ms. Abbott. Among the celebration’s highlights was the recognition of Dr. S. Ann Holmes (class of 1994) as a distinguished alumna. We also paid tribute to the Former Chairs of the Department, including Dr. Jack B. Mohney, Dr. William Spencer, Dr. Lewis A. Leavitt, Dr. Martin Grabois, Dr. Barry Smith, and Dr. James T. McDeavitt. Dr. Barry Smith, Dr. James T. McDeavitt, and Mrs. Grabois graced the occasion alongside other alums, faculty, and residents. The announcement of the Martin S. Adams Endowed Chair, generously endowed by the Ben Taub & Henry J. N. Taub Foundation for the Department, was met with profound gratitude. Furthermore, we express our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Grabois’ Family and Dr. C. George Kevorkian for their invaluable contributions to establishing Endowed Funds within the Department. As we embark on our journey into the future, I firmly believe that understanding and cherishing our history will illuminate the path to even more remarkable accomplishments for the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine. Thank you all for your support and dedication.

RECOGNITIONS AND KUDOS

Talia Collier, MD, joined the department as associate professor in February 2024
Edward Wright, MD, promoted to professor on February 1, 2024

AAP Program for Academic Leadership (PAL) participants:
Donna Huang, MD (2022—2024); Marina Ma, MD (2022—2024); Unoma Akamagwuna, MD (2024—2026)

Susan Garber, PhD (Hon), MA, OTR, FAOTA, FACRM, has been asked to join the editorial board of the International Wound Journal and she has accepted this honor. She has been on the editorial board of Advances in Skin and Wound Care for many years and review for many rehabilitation journals.

S. Ann Holmes, MD, was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award of the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine, awarded on March 8, 2024.

Felicia Skelton, MD, was awarded the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) Early Career Academician Award.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1-6, 2024 ISPRM—Sydney, Australia
June 21, 2024 BCM PM&R Graduation—Class of 2024
October 31 to November 3, 2024 ACRM—Dallas, TX
November 6-10, 2024 AAPMR—San Diego, CA

PM&R FACULTY MEETING
5:00 PM
May 8, 2024
We celebrated the 70th anniversary of our department on March 8, 2024, with Dr. Flora Hammond as our Keynote Speaker. Dr. Flora Hammond is a BCM PM&R alumna and is currently the Professor and Chair of PM&R at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Michael Y. Lee, current Chair of PM&R, gave an introduction and brief history of the department; Dr. James T. McDeavitt, Executive Vice President and Dean of Clinical Affairs at BCM and previous Chair of PM&R, presented a brief history of PM&R; Rhonda Abbott talked about partnerships between BCM PM&R and TIRR Memorial Hermann; Dr. Stephanie Sneed spoke about Brain Injury Medicine at BCM: Reflections of a Trainee; Dr. Angelle Sander presented information on Brain Injury Research Center: 36 years of Research and Dissemination; and Dr. Mary Newsome presented the Contributions of BCM Cognitive Neurosciences Laboratory. We had special guests that included Mrs. Ellen Grabois, the wife of Dr. Martin Grabois and Dr. and Mrs. Barry Smith. Dr. Martin Grabois and Dr. Barry Smith are both former Chairs of PM&R at Baylor College of Medicine. We also had many alumni, faculty, residents and fellows attend this notable occasion.

Please click here to see article titled, “The Organization and Development of a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service Within the Framework of a Welfare Agency,” describing the rehabilitation unit at the old Jeff Davis Hospital 1954-1956, written by Dr. Jack B. Mohney, the first chairman of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine.
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE H. BEN TAUB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation History timeline

1954
Jack B. Money, MD
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Old Jefferson Davis Hospital

1957
William A. Spencer, MD
Rehabilitation Medicine
TIRR—4 acres by BUCOM

1960
Lewis A. Leavitt, MD
Physical Medicine

1978
Martin Grabois, MD
Physical Medicine
1999—Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

2012
Bary S. Smith, MD
Interim Chair, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

2014
James T. McEavitt, MD
2016—Dean of Clinical Affairs

2018
Michael Y. Lee, MD, MHA
2018—H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. S. Ann Holmes
Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient
The 58th Annual PM&R Comprehensive Review Course was held 100% virtually this year during the week of March 16-22, 2024. We had over 50 local, national and international attendees for this course that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). We want to give a special thanks to the review course committee as well as the many faculty who gave of their time and expertise to teach during this week-long review course.
INCOMING PGY2 PM&R RESIDENTS—CLASS OF 2027

Emilia Alvarez
St. George’s University

Josiel Garcia
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University

Anita Haque
University of Michigan Medical School

Yacoub Khatab
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

Zaur Komachkov
University of Texas Medical Branch John Sealy School of Medicine

Benato Martin, DO*
Touro University of Osteopathic Medicine—California

Jodiiah Prun
Drexel University College of Medicine

Ravinderjit Singh
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

MATCH 2024—CLASS OF 2028

Candace Barr, MD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Robert Emeh, MD
Howard University College of Medicine

Benato Martin, DO*
Touro University of Osteopathic Medicine—California

Bernardo Gonzalez, MD
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Symonne Martin, MD**
Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Josephine Nwankwo, MD
University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine

John Spikes, DO
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Madeline Tovar, MD
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Southwestern Medical School

Christopher Vong, MD**
Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

** BCM Med-Prelim/PM&R
The Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD) was established in 1993 as a part of the Department of PM&R, under the direction of Margaret A. (Peg) Nosek, PhD., who was the Founder and Executive Director of CROWD until the time of her death in 2020. The mission of CROWD is to promote, develop, and disseminate information to improve the health and expand the life choices of women with disabilities so that they may be fully participating members of their communities.

Under the leadership of Dr. Nosek, CROWD launched its research on issues of concern to women with disabilities with an NIH RO1 grant, supplemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, entitled "Psychosocial Behaviors of Women with Physical Disabilities." This groundbreaking study provided compelling new information in the areas of health promotion, sexual and reproductive health, abuse, self-esteem, and aging. In response, CROWD sought and received funding to pursue these new lines of investigation as well as many other initiatives designed to improve the lives of people with disabilities. CROWD grant funding, exceeding $16 million, came from a wide range of funding agencies including NIH, CDC, NIDILRR, PVA, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation.

This funding supported disability-related research investigations on aging, employment, health promotion, abuse and violence, sexuality and reproductive health, health services, independent living, personal assistance services, psychological health, secondary health conditions, and access to health care for women with disabilities. In 1998, Dr. Rosemary Hughes joined CROWD, serving as Director from 2002–2006. As a licensed psychologist with experience conducting intervention research, Dr. Hughes helped assemble a team of researchers at CROWD who together developed and tested a number of psychosocial intervention programs for women with disabilities including health promotion, self-esteem enhancement, stress self-management, depression self-management, and weight management.

As a woman with a severe physical disability, Dr. Nosek understood the challenges people with disabilities faced in maintaining their health due to the pervasive environmental and attitudinal barriers. If Dr. Nosek were here today, she would call upon you to continue the work of promoting the health of women with disabilities by helping them achieve equal access to inclusive, competent, and medically appropriate health services and information.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM), April 12-17, 2024, Baltimore, MD**
Dr. Yonghoon Lee has an accepted poster presentation titled “Acute Posterior Knee Pain in a Patient with Chronic Cystitis and Bronchitis: A Case Study.”

**Association for Children’s Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics (ACPOC), April 24-27, 2024, Denver, CO**
Drs. Gabby Nguyen, Marina Ma and Stephanie Miller and the pediatric limb differences team will be involved in three (3) presentations. The presentations are, “Approach to Pediatric Vascular Anomalies,” “Addressing Able-ism,” and “Having Difficult Conversations: Updates and Outcomes.”

**NASA: 2023 Human Research Program Investigators’ Workshop, February 2024, Galveston, TX**

**Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP), February 21-25, 2024, Orlando, FL**
Ankam N, Skelton F, Pajor H, Karimi DP, Rorick C: “Hot Topics and Town Hall with the Public Policy Committee.”
Invited Speaker, Adam Lamm, Faye Chiu-Tan: “Resident mentorship program and transition to faculty development.”
Li S, Mas M, Woo J: “Maximizing Botulinum Toxin (BoNT) Therapy in Spasticity Management: Innervation Zone-guided Injection, Early Intervention and Central Effects.”
PUBLICATIONS


FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

H. BEN TAUB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION
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The Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) seeks to fund pilot projects proposed by PM&R faculty (at least Assistant Professor level) that will advance knowledge in the field of rehabilitation medicine and be leveraged into additional extramural funding. Faculty with no history of federal funding should include a more senior faculty member, with a funding history, on the proposal. The maximum award is $25,000 per application. There is no application deadline. Proposals will be reviewed and applicants will be informed of decisions within two months of submission. There is a maximum of $25,000 per academic year available to award. If a funded proposal is for less than $25,000, then the remaining funds can be applied for by another investigator. The Research Committee will send updates to all faculty when an award is made, and will inform faculty of remaining funds that are available to be applied for. All awards are for 1 year, with a possible no-cost extension upon request.

Pilot project topics should be novel and clearly distinct from the PI’s funded research program, such that the results would facilitate application for federal funding that the investigator could not otherwise be competitive for. Faculty with substantial remaining startup or discretionary funds should particularly explain why these pilot funds are needed. Salary support for the PI is not allowed in the budget. Please contact Angelle Sander (asander@bcm.edu) for questions or if you need an application.

THE LEE FAMILY/HAE AHM (SEA ROCK) FOUNDATION FACULTY INNOVATION AND SERVICE AWARD

H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—Baylor College of Medicine

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Nomination and Awards Committee seeks to fund Innovation and Service projects proposed by PM&R faculty that will enhance the lives of persons we serve or members of the department (faculty, trainees, and/or staff). There is no application deadline. Proposals will be reviewed and applicants will be informed of decisions within two months of submission. The maximum amount of the award is $2,500. The projects should be novel and the award is not intended to support a research project. There is no need to include formal outcome measures, but inclusion of some way to evaluate the project outcomes (e.g., satisfaction scores) would increase the perceived value of the project. Salary support for the Awardee is not allowed in the budget. Please contact Angelle Sander (asander@bcm.edu) for questions and/or for an application.
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