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A Message From Co-Presidents of the Women's Division TERRI GOLDBERG & TRUDY SCHLACHTER



Terri Goldberg and Trudy Schlachter

In 1953, a group of New York City women came together to help build an inclusive medical school that would conduct world-changing research. Two years later, these pioneering women—later dubbed the Women's Division—took part in the groundbreaking on what became Einstein's campus.

Throughout the Women's Division's storied past, generations of members have raised more than \$100 million to fund investigations into breast cancer, translational medicine, molecular cardiology, and more.

Today, we write with pride as co-presidents of the Women's Division—a group that has since expanded tremendously while staying true to our mission of funding science.

Einstein's history carries a common theme: We can repair the world with enough passion, persistence, and people. We remember one of those leaders with great fondness—Burton P. Resnick, who served on the Einstein Board of Trustees for more than four decades (see opposite page). His clarity of purpose, foresight, and inspiring generosity helped shape Einstein into the research powerhouse it is today.

In this edition of *Motivations*, you'll read about others who share this mindset. Dr. Rachel Katz's family scholarship has helped propel aspiring doctors' careers (page 54) since 2001. The Feinberg family has partnered with Einstein researchers who have made promising strides against an important type of cancer (page 62). And the John H. Gutfreund Fetal Heart Program, launched in 2017 in memory of former Montefiore trustee and father of current trustee J.P. Gutfreund, addresses critical cardiac concerns for hundreds of mothers and infants in the Bronx each year (page 58).

From those stories we learn that the path toward a healthier future is possible, and where there is no path, we can forge one. On behalf of the Women's Division, we appreciate your willingness to join us on this journey.

With gratitude,

Terri Goldberg

Trudy Schlachter

REMEMBERING BURTON RESNICK, BOARD CHAIR EMERITUS

The Einstein and Montefiore communities lost a devoted and loyal friend on Dec. 14, 2019. Burton ("Burt") P. Resnick, chair emeritus of Einstein's Board of Trustees, whose family legacy includes long-standing support of the College of Medicine dating back to its founding, died peacefully at his home in Rye, New York, at age 83. Burt joined the Einstein board in 1976, serving for more than four decades, including 19 years as chair.

A FAMILY MAN

Burt graduated from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in philosophy in 1956 and then joined Jack Resnick & Sons, Inc., the New York real estate development, construction, ownership, and management business that his father founded in 1928. The company's holdings include a long list of residential and commercial buildings, many of which helped shape New York City's real estate industry and its skyline. At the time of his death, Burt was chair and chief executive officer; his son Jonathan has served as president since 2007 and is the third generation to lead the 92-year-old enterprise.

Working closely with Sam Weinberg and other members of Einstein's board, Burt championed construction of the Michael F. Price Center for Genetic and Translational Medicine/Harold and Muriel Block Research Pavilion.

Burt and his wife of 57 years, Judith, were major supporters of research at Einstein. They partnered with John Condeelis, Ph.D., professor and co-chair of anatomy and structural biology, who is the inaugural holder of



the Judith and Burton P. Resnick Chair in Translational Research.

The Resnicks also funded the Judith and Burton P. Resnick Chair in Cell Biology, currently held by Arthur Skoultschi, Ph.D., and encouraged medical student research through the Burton P. Resnick Medical Student Research Award in Aging, presented annually.

A FAMILY LEGACY

With his sister Marilyn and her husband, Stanley M. Katz, the Resnicks

established the Einstein Montefiore Resnick Gerontology Center in memory of the Resnick family patriarch and matriarch, Jack and Pearl, whose devotion to Einstein is recognized through the naming of Einstein's Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus.

The Resnick and Katz families also teamed with Burt's and Marilyn's brother Ira to honor the memory of their late sister, establishing the Susan Resnick Fisher Chair in Brain Cancer Research. This chair supports the research of Dr. I. David Goldman, director of the National Cancer Institute—designated Albert Einstein Cancer

Center. The Katz family's generous support of the College of Medicine includes the creation of a cancer prevention program and is recognized in the title of Einstein's dean: the Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean.

Burt is predeceased by his parents and by his sister Susan. He is survived by Judith; their three sons, Jonathan, Scott, and Peter, and their wives; his sister and brother-in-law Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz; his brother and sister-in-law Ira M. and Paula Resnick; and nine grandchildren. **E**

DR. RACHEL KATZ CLASS OF '95

BY RACHEL EDDEY & SEAN MCMAHON

A family's gift eases the burden of medical debt for several Einstein students

Many years before Rachel Katz, M.D. '95, arrived at Einstein, she had a strong connection to the school. Dr. Katz's mother, Monique, is a Vassar graduate and Einstein 1963 alumna, and her father, Mordecai, served on the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees. Both were—and remain—generous philanthropic supporters.

Dr. Katz's connection to Einstein became that much stronger in 2001, six years after her graduation, when her parents created a scholarship in honor of her and her husband. For nearly two decades, the Rachel Katz and Robert Sidlow Scholarship Fund has afforded medical students the financial opportunity to study, discover, and grow at Einstein.

"When I learned that my parents planned this scholarship, I was overwhelmed with pride—but not at all surprised," Dr. Katz says. "They are very modest and never wanted credit for it. They'd just say, 'This is what we're going to do.' My parents have always served as role models for how to help others, and this scholarship joins a long list of examples they have set throughout my life."

Her parents' motivation to support Einstein was the college's commitment to Jewish values, including its belief in diversity and the need to provide a welcoming environment for all. On a personal level, Dr. Monique Katz had chosen to attend Einstein for the opportunity to obtain an outstanding education in an environment that facilitated



Rachel Katz, M.D. '95

her Orthodox religious observance.

Dr. Rachel Katz followed her mother's path to Einstein after earning bachelor's and master's degrees in English and comparative literature at Columbia University. She completed her residency training in pediatrics at Einstein. She is currently the vice chair for undergraduate medical education at the Lewis M. Fraad Department of Pediatrics at Jacobi Medical Center, the site leader for Jacobi's pediatrics clerkship, and a professor of pediatrics at Einstein. She also serves as assistant dean of Einstein at Jacobi Medical Center.

A SHARED PASSION FOR MEDICINE

This year's Rachel Katz and Robert Sidlow Scholarship recipient, Ashley Force, Class of 2022, was similarly inspired by her own mother's path. Born and raised in St. Petersburg,



Monique Katz, M.D., second row, center, is surrounded by her fellow residents from Jacobi Medical Center shortly before giving birth to her daughter, Rachel.

Florida, Ms. Force developed a love of medicine at a young age. Her mother, Estella Martinez, emigrated to the United States from Colombia and worked as a healthcare aide to put herself through nursing school.

Ms. Force would often accompany her mother to nursing homes and assisted-living residences and would help her mother prepare for exams at the dining room table, holding a stack of flash cards and quizzing her. The study sessions launched a mother's career in nursing and sparked a daughter's direction in life.

"I was so enthusiastic about all the things my mother was learning," Ms. Force says. "I found the body to be fascinating and was genuinely moved by the science."

After graduating summa cum laude from the University of Florida, Ms. Force applied to medical schools up and down the East Coast. Her visit to

Einstein made the choice easy. Not only was everyone warm and engaging, but Ms. Force also loved how passionate the professors were about teaching.

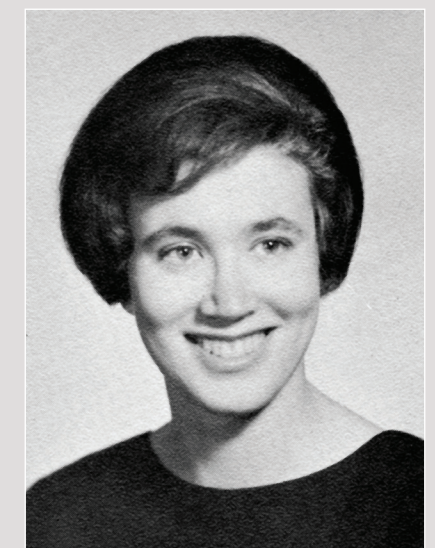
A HEAVY DEBT LOAD

With the cost of medical education constantly increasing, philanthropy becomes ever more important. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the medical school class of 2019 had a four-year cost of attendance of more than \$330,000 for students enrolled in private institutions and more than \$250,000 for those in public medical schools. The median debt load for U.S. medical students is \$194,000, as calculated by the AAMC in October 2018.

The Katz family recognizes the monetary sacrifices required for an Einstein education, and Dr. Katz says she is proud that her parents' scholarship has already assisted several students. As with

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— DR. RACHEL KATZ



Monique Katz, M.D. '63



Photo by Jason Torres

Scholarship recipient Ashley Force, second from left, meets with other members of Einstein’s chapter of Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians, all members of the Class of 2022: Alexander Ferrera, left, Juan Pablo Forero, and Kripali Gautam.

all scholarships, an internal leadership committee selects recipients each year.

When Ms. Force learned that she had received the Rachel Katz and Robert Sidlow Scholarship, she says, she “couldn’t have been happier. Einstein is a place where people encourage and nurture medical students of all backgrounds, a place where people do whatever is possible to help those students accomplish their goals. Because of the Katz family, I can focus more on why I came here and less on how I’ll stay.”

LOOKING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

Ms. Force has a particular interest in spinal surgery, though she doesn’t know for sure what her professional future will hold. What she does know is that she will forever appreciate the Katz family for helping her.


“I’m here because someone who came before me cared—and I mean that about my mother, who set such a strong example, as well as the Katz family,” Ms. Force says. “The power of the narrative is not lost on me, especially in the field of compassionate medicine.”

Ms. Force is passing on that generosity of spirit. She is the treasurer of the Einstein chapter of Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians, an organization that provides medical students and residents from diverse backgrounds with the resources to start careers in academic medicine.

Adds Dr. Katz: “I believe it is our job in life to help each other—across families and across generations. I am proud of my parents, how they have lived their lives, and how they are providing for future generations.” **E**

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— ASHLEY FORCE

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— Trudy F. Schlachter, Co-President,
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Women’s Division

“Women are making a tremendous difference by funding biomedical research through private philanthropy.”

— Terri L. Goldberg, Co-President,
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Women’s Division

Leading the way at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (clockwise from left): Trudy Schlachter; Ana Maria Cuervo, M.D., Ph.D., Robert and Renée Belfer Chair for the Study of Neurodegenerative Diseases; Terri Goldberg; and Chinazo O. Cunningham, M.D., M.S., Professor, Department of Medicine

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CARING FOR THE LITTLEST HEARTS

BY AMY O'CONNOR

New fetal cardiac program addresses critical concerns for expectant mothers



Photos on this and facing page by Jason Torres

The news was a shock: A young expectant mother learned that her soon-to-be-born daughter had a major heart defect. The woman had only recently immigrated to the Bronx from Yemen and wasn't fluent in English. She needed someone to explain what was wrong and tell her whether her baby would survive. But more than anything, she needed someone who could help save her baby's life—and communicate with her in a sensitive way about what that meant.

Fortunately, a contact referred her to the John H. Gutfreund Fetal Heart Program at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), where she met Nadine Choueiter, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics at Einstein and the program's director.

"I speak Arabic, so I could understand her as well as her core values," says Dr. Choueiter, a native of Lebanon. "We cared for her and built a personal relationship with her. We provide medical and genetic counseling to all of our families and make sure they receive the support they need."

Dr. Choueiter (pronounced SHWAY-ter) explained to the young woman that her fetus had a serious condition called transposition of the great arteries (TGA). In TGA, the two main arteries leaving the heart are reversed, so blood pumped from the heart to the rest of the body contains too little oxygen. Fortunately, surgery in the first few weeks of life—a so-called arterial switch—can correct the condition.

Left: Nadine Choueiter, M.D., uses a fetal heart monitor as she talks to maternity patient Tawhida Rahman at the John H. Gutfreund Fetal Heart Program's Montefiore Hutchinson Campus in the Bronx.



From left: Fetal heart nurse coordinator Guytree Keso watches as Dr. Choueiter goes over a model of an infant heart with maternity patient Tawhida Rahman and her husband, Mohammad Zahid Hessain.

"I'm happy to say that the baby received lifesaving surgery successfully," Dr. Choueiter says. "She is now nearly a year old and doing well."

A COMMON BIRTH DEFECT

Such success stories are common in the program, which provides care to an underserved community. The range of services includes expert diagnoses, interventional cardiology, postpartum support, quality-of-life counseling, and, when needed, neonatal cardiac surgery in a state-of-the-art facility. The program team also cares for expectant mothers with diabetes or other conditions that can affect fetal heart development. In keeping with Montefiore's mission, practitioners treat all patients regardless of ability to pay.

Congenital heart problems are relatively rare, affecting 1% of babies, but are the most common of all birth defects. In most cases, there's no known cause for congenital heart disease, and there's nothing the parents could have done differently to prevent the heart

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defect from happening. In some cases, it’s thought that genetic factors and certain maternal environmental exposures may result in abnormal growth or formation of the heart early in pregnancy. Each year, the John H. Gutfreund Fetal Heart Program’s team of professionals—cardiologists, obstetricians, surgeons, maternal/fetal-medicine specialists, nurses, social workers, and allied health practitioners—provides comprehensive care to more than 1,000 expectant mothers and their families from the Bronx and across the tristate area. Dr. Choueiter and Daphne Hsu, M.D., professor of pediatrics at Einstein and co-director of the Pediatric Heart Center at CHAM, launched the program in 2017.

“It is the most gratifying feeling to save a life,” Dr. Choueiter says. “We serve a community in the Bronx with so many different cultures and languages and provide excellent care to people who would otherwise not receive it. If

we weren’t here for these babies with heart problems, or if they had been born in a different place, they would not be alive today.” The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) provided the initial funding for the program in memory of John H. Gutfreund, a philanthropist and longtime member of Montefiore Health System’s Board of Trustees, who died in 2016. “Supporting the program just made sense,” SNF’s co-president Andreas C. Dracopoulos says. “The medical expertise, the vision, the leadership support and, most important, the need to care for these vulnerable children were all there. Dr. Hsu and Dr. Choueiter love what they do, and that feeling is contagious.”

A COMMITMENT TO THE BRONX J.P. Gutfreund, the son of Mr. Gutfreund, is a current Montefiore trustee and supports the program with his time, passion, and philanthropy.



Daphne Hsu, M.D., listens to a child’s heart at the Pediatric Heart Center at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore.

Photo by Jason Torres



Susan Gutfreund, center, cuts the ribbon on the fetal heart center named in honor of her late husband, John Gutfreund, who served Montefiore as a board member for decades. Her son, J.P. Gutfreund, a current Montefiore trustee, is at left; former Montefiore chief executive officer Steven Safyer, M.D. ’82, is at right.

“My father was a true New Yorker with a strong sense of civic duty,” the younger Mr. Gutfreund says. “He believed that less-affluent communities deserved quality healthcare. So for more than 50 years, he had an unwavering commitment to Montefiore and the Bronx.” As plans for the program progressed, the younger Mr. Gutfreund and his wife learned they were expecting their first child. “Infant and family health were definitely on my mind,” he says. In keeping with his family’s tradition of giving back, Mr. Gutfreund and his longtime friend Jon Moskowitz, a member of the Montefiore and Einstein Council (an affinity group designed to help shape the future of the institution), persuaded fellow donors to participate in the 2019 inaugural Heal-a-Heart Golf Tournament at the Bayonne Golf Club in Bayonne, New Jersey—all to benefit the program. “That these doctors offer top-tier care

to so many families and are saving so many children’s lives is truly John’s legacy,” Mr. Moskowitz says. “It takes the latest technology and the greatest people to make this work. Through Heal-a-Heart and my personal philanthropy, I’m proud to do my part in ensuring that this legacy endures.” Adds Dr. Choueiter: “We treat very sick children and, after they have gone through a lifesaving surgery, we do everything we can to make sure they will always be well. Every member of the team is deeply committed to serving the community. It is so gratifying for us to make a difference for so many children and their families.” The baby born to that young Yemeni mother continues to seek care at CHAM. Thanks to the staff at Montefiore—and the commitment of generous donors such as SNF and the Gutfreund and Moskowitz families—the crucial support that began before her birth will continue long into her future. **E**

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— JON MOSKOWITZ

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TARGETING A SURPRISINGLY COMMON CAUSE OF CANCER

Thanks to one family's philanthropy, researchers are moving closer to new treatments for Lynch syndrome

BY GARY GOLDENBERG

In 2009, Lori Feinberg Kany of Short Hills, New Jersey, was diagnosed with breast cancer, joining millions of other women with this dreaded disease. However, her case was different from most.

After learning of her family's medical history, including a brother diagnosed with colorectal cancer at age 29, an astute genetic counselor advised her to get tested for Lynch syndrome, a heritable disorder that raises one's risk for a host of cancers, especially colorectal cancer, typically beginning in middle adulthood. The test came back positive, profoundly changing her life in more ways than one.

Since that fateful day, Lori has undergone a double mastectomy and colon cancer surgery. She has persevered through a series of health crises and would tell you that they have motivated her and her family to commit to promoting Lynch syndrome research, mainly at Montefiore and Einstein.

People with Lynch syndrome inherit a mutation in one member of a pair of genes controlling a vital process called DNA mismatch repair (MMR). During cell replication, MMR corrects any typos in the DNA bases that spell out our genetic code.

For people with Lynch syndrome, their remaining "good" copy of the MMR gene can still handle mismatch errors for a while. But by the time people reach their 30s or 40s, that good copy is likely to suffer damage—allowing DNA errors to go uncorrected. As a result, Lynch syndrome sufferers have up to an 80% risk of developing colorectal cancer during their lifetimes—20 times the usual risk. MMR defects also cause some 20% of



Winfried Edelmann, Ph.D., and Einstein colleague Elena Tosti, Ph.D., study the mechanisms underlying colon cancer development caused by defective DNA mismatch repair.

sporadic (noninherited) colorectal cancers as well as a subset of breast, gynecological, and urological cancers.

SUPPORTING LYNCH SYNDROME RESEARCH

For a decade now, Lori's family—including her mother (Betty Feinberg), her brother (Peter Feinberg), and two sisters (Jami Simons and Randi Feinberg)—has underwritten the research of Winfried Edelmann, Ph.D., professor of cell biology and of genetics and the Joseph and Gertrud Buchler Chair in Transgenic Medicine at Einstein. Dr. Edelmann is a leading authority on MMR. He is best known for creating the first mouse model that closely mimics the key molecular, genetic, and clinical aspects of Lynch syndrome in humans.

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Thanks to this advance, the National Institutes of Health recently awarded Dr. Edelmann and his colleagues a five-year, \$3.1 million grant to study how genetic and dietary interactions in their mouse model affect signaling and regulatory pathways in intestinal stem cells, problems which give rise to colorectal cancer. Findings from this research could lead to advances in detecting, preventing, and treating Lynch syndrome in particular and colorectal cancer in general.

“The Feinberg family helped us greatly in our efforts to develop our mouse model,” Dr. Edelmann says. “More importantly,” he adds, “they initiated my collaboration with Dr. Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez,” a physician-scientist and Lynch syndrome specialist at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Together, Drs. Edelmann and Vilar-Sanchez discovered that colorectal

cancer cells in Lynch syndrome are highly sensitive to rapamycin, a drug commonly used to prevent organ-transplant rejection and to treat certain cancers. In one mouse study, treatment with rapamycin nearly eliminated Lynch syndrome tumors within two to three weeks—a response that stunned the researchers. They are now working with Sanjay Goel, M.B.B.S., professor of medicine at Einstein and gastrointestinal oncologist at the Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, to set up a clinical trial to assess rapamycin’s use in Lynch syndrome patients.

Drs. Edelmann and Vilar-Sanchez are also trying to make rapamycin therapy last longer, since the tumor returns once treatments are stopped. “We have since learned that cancer stem cells have a membrane protein called MDR1 (multi-drug resistance 1), which pumps out any toxins (including rapamycin) that get into them,” Dr. Edelmann says.

“When we treated our Lynch syndrome mouse model with rapamycin plus a drug that inhibits MDR1, rapamycin was able to almost completely wipe out one type of cancer stem cell. We don’t know yet if these results will be long-lasting, though this is a promising step toward a new treatment.”

Partial credit for this fruitful collaboration belongs to Peter Feinberg, who knew of Dr. Vilar-Sanchez’s work at MD Anderson and thought it would be beneficial to put the two researchers in touch. “I wanted to do something that could leverage their respective knowledge and bring two renowned institutions together,” he explains. “I pinch myself. It’s a dream turning into a reality.”

“I’m president of the Winfried Edelmann Fan Club,” jokes Lori, a retired lawyer and active philanthropist. “But seriously, I wish I had so much more to give. His brain is limitless, but his funds are not. Our goal is that



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— DR. WINFRIED EDELMANN

Dr. Edelmann holds a slide containing sections of the liver and spleen of a mouse model of Lynch syndrome.

Photo by Jason Torres



Betty Feinberg, a longtime Einstein trustee, helps fund Einstein’s research on Lynch syndrome and hopes to raise awareness of the condition.

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— RANDI FEINBERG

somebody sees this article and they tell a friend about his work, and then they tell a friend.”

THE WAY OF THE FEINBERGS

In addition to supporting Lynch syndrome research, the Feinbergs hope to raise awareness of the condition, which affects about 1 in 370 people in the United States. “I’m amazed at how few people know about the syndrome,” says Jami Simons, a retired teacher and active community volunteer. “When people hear about breast cancer, they think ‘BRCA,’ the so-called breast cancer gene. But anyone with a family history of breast or ovarian or colon cancer ought to find out if they have one of the Lynch syndrome genes. All it takes is a simple blood test.”

While there’s no cure for Lynch syndrome, people who test positive can undergo regular cancer screenings to catch growths before they turn

cancerous or when they’re still treatable. “I live by the creed that what I have won’t necessarily kill me, but ignoring it might,” Lori says.

The siblings’ philanthropic work was inspired by their parents: Betty, a longtime Einstein trustee, and her late husband, Sheldon, a prominent business leader in the second half of the 20th century.

“Decades ago, my parents recognized the need to fund brilliant researchers in the embryonic stages of their careers, when money is so tight,” says Peter, a former banker whose work now focuses on “impact investments” that help put medical and social innovations into everyday practice.

“Philanthropy was what we knew growing up,” Randi Feinberg adds. “Our parents instilled in us a tremendous sense of obligation to help make the world a better place. We’d like to think we’re doing that.” **E**



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CLASS NOTES

1960s

Joyce Lowinson, M.D. '62, was honored at the “On the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic” conference held at Montefiore and Einstein in September 2019 (see page 4). She is the founding director of the division of substance abuse and a professor emerita of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Einstein.

Anna Chao Pai, Ph.D. '64, recently published her memoir, *From Manchurian Princess to the American Dream*. The book highlights the hardships of immigration, the discrimination that she and her family endured when they moved to the United States from China when she was 4 years old, and her enduring faith in the American dream.

1970s

Harold Pincus, M.D. '75, was named 2019 Mentor of the Year at Columbia University's Irving Medical Center. He is a professor and the vice chair of psychiatry at Columbia's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, and is the co-director of Columbia's Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. He is also the national program director for the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program and serves as a senior scientist at the RAND Corporation.

Kathryn (Katy) Stein, Ph.D. '76, is currently a biotechnology consultant (see katystein.com) after having spent

22 years at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and 14 years in industry. She still loves to work and does not foresee retiring anytime soon. This past spring she was honored to receive the Alumni Association's Distinguished Ph.D. Alumna Award from Einstein.

Nancy Scattergood Donovan, M.D. '78, was named the 2019 Southwestern Vermont Health Care Foundation's Health Care Leadership Honoree. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania and studied at the College of Medicine and Dentistry at Rutgers University in New Jersey before attending Einstein. Dr. Donovan completed her internship and residency at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She has been a member of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center since 1983 and staff president since 1996.

1980s

Hasan Bazari, M.D. '83, had first thought an inability to speak fluently after he suffered a stroke four years ago could have ended his career. But with renewed determination, he has continued to be active. Today he teaches, oversees reflection sessions in the cardiac care unit, attends conferences, and is proud to be able to venture outside his comfort zone. At Massachusetts General Hospital, he was the program director of internal medicine from 1994 to 2014. He now serves on the Alumni Association Board of Governors at Einstein.

Joel Cohen, M.D. '83, moved with his four adult children and his wife, Pearl, to Jerusalem, where he has been working in the stroke unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Center. During the past year each of his children has married: Tova to Gil Herrmann, Natan to Sarah Bayer, Meir to Ahuva Ross, and Sara to Chanina Landesman. In October Dr. Cohen welcomed his first grandson, Ariel Yona Landesman.

Joshua Lipsman, M.D. '83, married his partner of five years, Jonathan Sorge, on July 6, 2019. For the past year they have been living in the Hudson Valley in the riverside village of Athens, New York, where Dr. Lipsman is a trustee on the village board. Earlier this year he became the medical director for Humana's Medicare Advantage product line. He also partnered with associates in June to open his second boutique medical start-up in New York City, Ever/Body, a cosmetic dermatology practice.

Linda Broyde Haramati, M.D. '85, is still happy to be at Einstein after all these years. She leads the cardiothoracic imaging division in radiology at Montefiore. She and her husband, Nogah, enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren; the oldest is 2.

Michael Zelefsky, M.D. '86, is the vice chair of and a professor in the department of radiation oncology, clinical research, and is the chief of the brachytherapy service, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He was also appointed to the newly established

Greenberg Chair in Prostate Cancer Research. He pioneered the development of MSK Precise, which comprises hypofractionated radiotherapy, real-time image guidance, magnetic resonance imaging planning, and the use of a hydrogel spacer between the rectum and the prostate.

Neal Shipley, M.D. '87, lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side and is married; he has three children and two dogs. He has spent most of the past 20-plus years as an emergency department physician and emergency department director. In 2010 he co-founded an urgent-care business in Manhattan. Dr. Shipley is currently the medical director for Northwell Health GoHealth Urgent Care, which has 51 locations in the metropolitan New York area and treated more than 500,000 patients in 2019.

1990s

Yvette Calderon, M.D. '90, was elected to the board of directors of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. She was also honored with Crain's 2019 Notable Women in Health Award. She is the chair of the department of emergency medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital.

Alan Dayan, M.D. '91, is proud to report that his oldest son began his first year at Einstein in August, and was thrilled to join him for the White Coat Ceremony. Dr. Dayan currently lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Perline. They have five children; the older ones are on their way to making their own nests. He practices orthopedic surgery at New York University, specializing in adult

reconstruction and sports medicine. Although he has not attended many Einstein reunions, he gives a shout-out to the Class of 1991.

Ian Walters, M.D. '93, was recently named chief executive officer of Portage Biotech Inc. As board director, he was instrumental in leading the company's recent acquisition of the drug-development company SalvaRx Limited, which he founded in 2015 and led in its production of cancer immunotherapy drugs. In a career spanning more than 20 years, he has contributed to four significant oncology drug approvals. Before founding SalvaRx he worked at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS), where he managed physicians overseeing the international development of oncology compounds as well as biomarker and related diagnostic work. Dr. Walters was a core member of BMS's strategic transactions group, which evaluated and executed licensing agreements, mergers and acquisitions, clinical collaborations, and the company's immune-oncology strategy.

David Markenson, M.D. '94, was recently inaugurated as the president of the Colorado Medical Society. He also became the chief medical officer of the American Red Cross, a position he says he could not, when he was in medical school, have imagined ever holding. As a volunteer for the past 15 years, he has served as the chair of the National Science Council of the American Red Cross. He also co-chaired the evidence group for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which is the parent group of the 192 Red Cross national societies.

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2000s

Kyle Lapidus, M.D., Ph.D. '09, is the founder of Affective Care, an organization that provides and oversees psychiatric care and treatment throughout New York State. He completed his residency in psychiatry at Mount Sinai Medical Center's Icahn School of Medicine, and is board-certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. In addition to his experience with mood and anxiety disorders, Dr. Lapidus has particular clinical expertise in the management of treatment-resistant depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder. His pioneering studies have appeared in many scientific publications related to the treatment and development of ketamine and dTMS, along with other novel approaches to improving patient outcomes. He is dedicated to developing cutting-edge treatments, and he co-created Validose, an intranasal medical device that facilitates the delivery of medication.

2010s

Caitlin McMullen, M.D. '10, gave birth to a baby girl in February and is loving family life in Florida. She reports that her mother retired in 2018 after a rewarding 38-year career as a

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neonatologist and is transitioning to “civilian life” by spending lots of time with her two granddaughters and pets.

Lauren Tannenbaum Roth, M.D. '16, has returned to Einstein as an attending physician in the Comprehensive Family Care Center and as an instructor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital at Montefiore. She recently completed her residency at NewYork–Presbyterian

Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. She is excited to work with Einstein medical students and plans to focus on expanding the health curriculum for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer patients, particularly within pediatrics.

Evan Tamura, M.D. '16, started the Refugee Health Alliance listserv in November 2018 and completed a family

medicine residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in June 2019.

Alana Warhit, M.D. '18, was married on May 27, 2019. She is a resident in psychiatry at NewYork–Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Her husband, Kevin Sean Beckoff, is an associate in the real estate group of Kirkland and Ellis LLP in Manhattan. [E](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Perry Eck, M.D. '65, age 79, MASH (mobile army surgical hospital) unit physician in the Vietnam War, in private practice for nearly 40 years; March 24, 2019, Rochester, New York.

Jacob Gerstenfeld, M.D. '60, age 84, retired ophthalmologist and member of Einstein's second graduating class; June 5, 2019, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Asao Hirano, M.D., age 92, professor emeritus of pathology and of neuroscience at Einstein, the former Harry M. Zimmerman Professor of Neuropathology at Montefiore, former associate program director of diagnostic neuropathology (electron microscopy studies), and author of more than 800 articles in medical journals and textbooks translated into several languages; July 25, 2019, Sleepy Hollow, New York.

Ernest Kalman, age 85, former member of the Einstein Board of Overseers for many years, co-founded the Hallenbeck/Kalman Cancer Research Laboratory at Einstein; Jan. 16, 2020, Bedford Hills, New York.

Thomas Kaye, M.D. '78, age 67, neurosurgeon in the Springfield, Massachusetts, area for 30 years; Jan. 27, 2020, Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

John Larkin, M.D. '92, age 57, primary care physician in Tipton County, Tennessee, since 2005, formerly in practice in Manhattan; Dec. 16, 2019, Covington, Tennessee.

Charles Robert Michael, age 82, investor and philanthropist who endowed the Charles Michael Chair in Autoimmune Diseases at Einstein; Dec. 5, 2019, Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

Tim Nelson, age 63, Einstein's telecommunications technician for more than 15 years; Sept. 24, 2019, the Bronx, New York.

Paula Neyman, M.D., age 93, clinical associate professor emerita of pediatrics at Einstein; Oct. 23, 2019, Monroe, New York.

John Robbins, M.D., age 86, former associate professor of pediatrics at Einstein, National Institutes of Health researcher, vaccine pioneer, and winner of the 1996 Albert Lasker Clinical Medical Research Award; Nov. 27, 2019, Manhattan.

Detlef Schlondorff, M.D., age 77, renal investigator for more than five decades and Einstein's former director of nephrology; Oct. 16, 2019, Manhattan.

Jonathan Warner, Ph.D., age 82, professor emeritus and former chair of the department of cell biology; Sept. 5, 2019, Pelham, New York.