On Jan. 25, clinicians from the Herma Heart Institute and cardiovascular researchers from the Cardiovascular Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin braved the polar vortex and gathered together at Miller Park Stadium in Milwaukee to discuss tough clinical scenarios and propose collaborative research projects to address them. Their goal was to better understand, prevent, and treat adult congenital heart disease, a growing population of patients who, due to research and subsequent advances in medical care, are reaching middle and late adulthood with complex cardiovascular medical histories and complications.

Attendees were welcomed by the hosts of the event, Jeanne James, MD, the Leigh Gabrielle Herma Endowed Chair of Cardiology at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Michael Earing, MD, Director of the Adult Congenital Heart Disease Program at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and David Gutterman, MD, the Northwestern Mutual Professor of Cardiology and Senior Associate Director of the Cardiovascular Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Four clinical vignettes were introduced by Salil Ginde, MD, Edward Kirkpatrick, DO, Benjamin Goot, MD, and Dr. Earing, followed by a robust dialogue between clinicians, clinical fellows, and researchers who broke into small focus groups to analyze each case and propose impactful research studies to address remaining questions.

Many thanks to the clinicians and scientists who engaged in the lively discussion, as well as to the event planning committee. This event was a springboard for future collaborative translational research between the Herma Heart Institute at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Cardiovascular Center!

Human Population Health Symposium to Explore Community-Related Interventions for Cardiovascular Health

Together with the MCW School of Pharmacy and the Center for Advancing Population Science (CAPS), the Cardiovascular Center is proud to announce a Human Population Health Symposium, “Controlling Hypertension by Inspiring Change,” scheduled for Monday, May 20, in the Alumni Center at MCW.

This half-day symposium is part of an initiative to create and assess community-related interventions designed to improve cardiovascular health at the population level and will feature keynote speakers, Michelle Albert, MD, MPH, professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) and director of the Center for the Study of Adversity and Cardiovascular Disease (NURTURE Research Center), Ross Tsuyuki, PharmD, MSc, chair of the department of pharmacology and professor of medicine at the University of Alberta and director of the EPICORE Centre, and Gbenga Ogedegbe, MD, MPH, director for the Center for Healthful Behavior Change at the NYU School of Medicine and associate vice chancellor of Global Network Academic Planning. While the keynote speaker portion is open to all to attend, a panel discussion and breakout visioning group portion will also take place by invitation only.

Registration details coming soon.
Cardiovascular Center Offers Two $50,000 Funding Awards to CVC Members

The Cardiovascular Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin is pleased to offer two funding opportunities to CVC members. One $50,000 pilot grant, the Dr. Michael Keelan, Jr., MD, Research Foundation Grant, which is made possible by an endowment account managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, is for eligible junior or mid-career investigators without current R01-equivalent funding. Past Keelan Scholars include Jacqueline Kulinski, MD (2016), Caitlin O’Meara, PhD (2016), Brian Smith, PhD (2017), and Carmen Bergom, MD, PhD (2018).

The Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Scholar Award will also be offered, which is a $50,000 pilot grant supported by the Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Research Program and AHW for all career level investigators to explore innovative and novel new research or to further promising studies with the goal of translating that research into new treatments for cardiovascular disease. Applications involving a translational component (use of human tissues, etc.) are highly encouraged. Past Cullen Scholars include Aron Geurts, PhD (2015), Peter Frommelt, MD (2016), Andrew Greene, PhD (2017), and Julie Freed, MD, PhD (2018).

The overarching goal of these awards is to support the CVC’s mission to improve cardiovascular health in Southeast Wisconsin and beyond through cutting-edge research, cost-efficient and high-quality healthcare delivery, rigorous training of the next generation of cardiovascular scientists, and engaging the community to eliminate disparities in health outcomes.

Full proposals are due to cvc_grants@mcw.edu by Wednesday, March 27, 3 p.m.

CVC Cardiovascular Tissue Bank Taking Requests, Small Grants Offered for Tissue Procurement

In partnership with the MCW Pathology Tissue Bank, the Cardiovascular Center’s (CVC) Cardiovascular Tissue Bank (CTB) is now accepting tissue specimen requests for fresh, fixed and frozen samples. The purpose of the CTB is to provide unified cross-disciplinary support for acquisition and distribution of cardiovascular tissue including tissue from cardiovascular patients for the MCW Tissue Bank.

The CVC is pleased to offer small grants to support CVC members who wish to procure cardiovascular tissue from the MCW Tissue Bank for cardiovascular research projects. The awards, up to $2,000 per investigator, are made possible by a generous philanthropic donation of members of the Cardiovascular Center Board, high-profile business, professional, and civic leaders in Wisconsin who are committed to advancing cardiovascular research at MCW’s CVC through increasing community awareness and raising private funds.

CVC members should visit the CVC’s website, www.mcw.edu/Cardiovascular-Center/Research/CVC-Tissue-Bank.htm, for more information. Here, CVC members will be able to review policies and procedures, view a listing of available specimens, find the Tissue Specimen Request Application, and information on applying for the $2,000 grants.

Thank you to the members of the CTB Board, David Gutterman, MD (Chair), Zeljko Bosnjak, PhD, and Michael Yeboah, MD, PhD. The CTB Board is charged with reviewing Tissue Application Requests and approving the use of existing tissue or procurement of new tissue per the request.
MCW Leads the Way in Statewide Innovation Competition Sponsored by Foxconn

Jan. 3, 2019 MCW News - Recently, the Medical College of Wisconsin learned that a number of its faculty, staff and students are leading the way in a statewide innovation competition, Smart Cities – Smart Futures, sponsored by Foxconn Technology Group. Foxconn’s goal for this grant competition is to invest in a broad spectrum of new ideas generated by college and university teams throughout the state to improve the health and quality of life of Wisconsin communities.

Foxconn announced Smart Cities – Smart Futures in August, stating it would award up to $1 million over the next three years. The competition focuses on various themes, such as smart mobility, smart buildings, smart homes, smart energy and smart health, as well as efficiency, productivity and the management of resources. More than 300 teams, including several dozen from MCW, submitted Round One proposals by Oct. 31. Last week, at an event at Carthage College in Kenosha, Smart Cities – Smart Futures representatives announced that 88 teams had been selected to receive $500 each to support their ideas; these teams also were invited to prepare more in-depth applications for Round Two.

Of the 88 teams moving forward in the contest, 21 teams – nearly one-quarter of the entire applicant pool for Round Two – are led by MCW faculty, staff and students. More MCW teams advanced in the competition than any other institution in the state. Round Two submissions, which are due by Jan. 31, will be evaluated independently by four judges who will rank proposals using six separate criteria. Up to 50 winners likely will be announced in early March.

MCW’s Smart Cities – Smart Futures Round One winning teams are captained by:

- Michelle Botts, student, School of Medicine
- Carlos Figueroa Castro, MD, Medicine (Infectious Disease)
- Colleen Cornelius, School of Pharmacy
- Brad Gershkowitz, student, School of Medicine
- Abigail Goelzer, Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education
- Andrew Greene, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
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- Nartisha Leija, Family and Community Medicine
- Jennifer Lindner, Information Services
- Rahul Nanchal, MD, Medicine (Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine)
- James Oujiri, MD, Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine)
- Andrew Resnick, MD, MBA, Surgery
- Shayan Shafiee, student, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
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Dr. Peter Rossi Named Chief of Vascular Surgery

This memo is from Douglas B. Evans, MD, Donald C. Ausman Family Foundation Professor in Surgery and Chair

Jan. 3, 2019 MCW News - On behalf of the faculty of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, the Search Committee Chairs, Drs. Rilling and Wang, and the entire Search Committee, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter J. Rossi as chief of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery effective immediately. Peter will succeed Dr. Gary Seabrook, whose contributions to this campus have been (and continue to be) invaluable to the success of the Department of Surgery, the Perioperative Enterprise, and the long, storied tradition of Vascular Surgery at MCW.

Dr. Rossi is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he also completed medical school. He chose the University of Chicago for residency training in general surgery, and we were very fortunate that he came to MCW in 2004 as the 27th vascular surgery fellow under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Towne.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Rossi on this exciting leadership opportunity.

Dr. Joy Lincoln Named Director of Research for the Herma Heart Institute

This memo is from Robert H. Lane, MD, MS, Professor and Chair of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and Pediatrician-in-Chief and the Barri L. and David J. Drury Chair in Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and Scott Turner, Chief Operating Officer at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and Executive Vice President for Children’s Health System

Feb. 4, 2019 MCW News - We are delighted to announce that Joy Lincoln, PhD, FAHA, has accepted the position of Director of Research for the Herma Heart Institute at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. She also will hold the Sommerhauser Chair for Quality, Outcomes and Research at Children’s. Dr. Lincoln will serve as Professor of Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics and in the Section of Pediatric Cardiology. In addition, Dr. Lincoln will serve as the Research Director with the Section of Pediatric Cardiology. Dr. Lincoln joins our team on July 1 of this year.

Dr. Lincoln presently serves as Principle Investigator in the Center for Cardiovascular Research at The Heart Center, part of the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She also is the Associate Director of Faculty Development at Nationwide Children’s and an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

She completed a Research Fellowship in the Division of Molecular Cardiovascular Biology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Lincoln earned a Doctorate in Molecular and Developmental Biology and a Teaching Certificate in Higher Education, both from the University of Durham in the United Kingdom. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Durham.

Dr. Lincoln is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in the field of cardiac valvular development. Dr. Lincoln holds two major awards from the NIH that focus on cardiac valvular development, and her enthusiasm to serve as a collaborative partner is evident through her role as co-investigator on two other major NIH awards. Just as relevant for her new role, Dr. Lincoln is committed to the professional development of her colleagues and mentees. Evidence of this dedication stands through her leadership role with Faculty Development for Nationwide Children’s as well as her long list of successful mentees. This list includes junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, undergraduate students and medical students. Many of these mentees have successfully earned NIH and American Heart Association Awards under her guidance, as well as other honorifics.

Dr. Lincoln is a tremendous addition to our pediatric cardiac research efforts. We are pleased that we were able to recruit such an outstanding individual. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lincoln and sharing this news with others.
CVC and CTSI Partner to Host Science Café with Cardio-Oncology Focus

The Cardiovascular Center, together with the Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI), will be hosting a Cardio-Oncology Science Café on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care—Bucyrus Campus. The Science Café serves as a way to support part of the CVC’s mission to engage the community to eliminate disparities in health outcomes by strengthening science literacy through translational scientists in an informal setting. These cafes take place in an informal setting to allow for bi-directional dialogue of current scientific and medical issues and their translational impact on our culture and society.

The evening will include a panel discussion with CVC members Carmen Bergom, MD, PhD, Noura Dabbouseh, MD, and Andreas Beyer, PhD, followed by an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions and broaden their knowledge on the impact of cancer therapies on cardiovascular health and the long-term effects on cancer survivors, as well learn about the most recent research findings. More details coming soon.

A Message From the CVC Board Chair

As we embark on 2019, I want to wish all of you belated Happy New Year! A lot has happened since our last newsletter so let’s get to it!

Thank you to all board members who attended the CVC Board social in December. The evening was full of great conversation and relationship building. A special thanks to Greg Wesley, Senior VP of Strategic Alliances, and Business Development for MCW who taught us about the Flourishing Lives Initiative. Much is happening at MCW everyday, and hearing from Greg allowed us to learn more about this initiative and the community outreach programs MCW is committed to providing with the goal of improving lives in underserved communities.

Heading into the new year, the CVC has many exciting events to look forward to and for you to get involved with! The Have a Heart Motorcycle Ride, coming up first on June 1 at House of Harley-Davidson. All motorcycle riders are welcome! Register today at mcw.edu/haveaheart. The Heart of the Matter Food & Wine event will take place on July 25 at Discovery World. This, our 2nd annual event, is sure to sell out, so please don’t delay in registering now by getting your tickets at mcw.edu/heartofthematter.

Dr. Benjamin continues to make us proud on his national platform as president of the American Heart Association! We are very lucky to have him as our center director!

As the board chair, I have been collaborating with other MCW board chairs from the Cancer Center and the Neuroscience Center to provide best practice procedures for all board members to be engaged and active with the institution. These meetings have offered a rich opportunity to learn and contribute with my MCW collaborators, and I look forward to sharing more in the future about exciting opportunities.

I would like to take this time to remember the four outstanding CVC board members we lost this year. We will always remember Byron Foster, Jack McKeithan, Nick Wilson and John Burke, Jr. All of these men had a special relationship with the CVC, and they will all be missed dearly.

Thank you for all you do to contribute to MCW. I am proud to be along your side in doing this very important work.

Lynnea Katz-Petted
CVC Board Chair
Training education. The StARR program is a perfect example of how MCW stands out as a leader in medical research and Medicine residency. Ideally, these residents will not only train here, but grow within the organization and become faculty Directors of the program. Co-are physician scientists themselves who hold both an MD and a PhD. Dr. Widlansky and Dr. Eapen will serve as Co-participated in study sections, reviews, and other national activities. Additionally, many of the program’s senior members the large footprint that MCW has established with NHLBI. A cadre of our investigators excel in these fields and have research training. In addition to its unique length, the proposal put forth by Dr. Widlanksy and Dr. Eapen benefited from this shortage, the National Institutes of Health, particularly the NHLBI and the NCI (National Cancer Institute), developed the Stimulating Access to Research in Residency program.

StARR is designed to provide dedicated, protected research time to individuals during their residency, providing in depth training and experience as a researcher. After this exposure, the trainee is in a good position to secure a faculty role at an academic medical center and is also highly competitive for national funding and career development awards. StARR is uniquely specific to medical residents. Other training programs, such as T32 training grants or affiliated postdoctoral awards, tend to attract PhDs without MDs or MDs at more advanced stages of research and clinical training. The MCW StARR program is based in the Department of Medicine and is tailored to the medical resident. Residents who are accept-ed into the program will complete two years of clinical internal medicine training, then two more years of training during which their time would be split between research activities (80%) and clinical activities (20%). Depending on their research interests, trainees are matched with a group of secure investigators. This includes a primary mentor who will monitor the resident’s progress following an individual development plan, ensuring the key benchmarks are being hit. An educational component supplements the training with formal classwork to ensure all residents have an appropriate base-line of scientific knowledge. The residents will pursue original research projects that fall under the umbrella of the NHLBI, a broad array that could include bone marrow transplant, liquid tumor, lung disease, cardiometabolic diseases, endocrinology, and many others.

In addition to protected research time, successful trainees are exclusively eligible for the forthcoming NIH K38 program “StARRTS,” a Transition Scholar program that offers a 1-2 career development grant beyond the R38. MCW is one of only 6 organizations nationally that is offering the NHLBI StARR program, joined by Vanderbilt, Children’s National of Washing-ton, DC, the University of Utah, Duke, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California-San Francisco. NCI has also released a StARR program at Columbia University.

Although this program didn’t exist when Dr. Widlansky was training, he followed a similar path after his medical residency, completing two years of formal research training in biostatistics and epidemiology and basic research in vascular biology. This experience buoyed his advancement and his ability to be competitive for career development awards after his own cardiology fellowship, so he recognized the importance of developing as a researcher at an early point in his career. He also understood the need to not only engage in research, but to afford the time necessary to really get a program off the ground. Not until their second year will a researcher really begin to experience success, including the release of publications, the foresightedness to assess opportunities, and the development of concepts in general. Unlike other institutions offering one year of protected time, the MCW program is offering two years of research training. In addition to its unique length, the proposal put forth by Dr. Widlansky and Dr. Eapen benefited from the large footprint that MCW has established with NHLBI. A cadre of our investigators excel in these fields and have participated in study sections, reviews, and other national activities. Additionally, many of the program’s senior members are physician scientists themselves who hold both an MD and a PhD. Dr. Widlansky and Dr. Eapen will serve as Co-Directors of the program. Co-Investigators Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD, and Nicole Lohr, MD, PhD, are serving as Associate Directors, and senior faculty in the Cardiovascular Center, the Hematology-Oncology division of Medicine, and the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research will provide mentorship and oversight.

Activated on July 1, 2018, the program will remain active for four years and is currently recruiting through the Internal Medicine residency. Ideally, these residents will not only train here, but grow within the organization and become faculty leaders here. The StARR program is a perfect example of how MCW stands out as a leader in medical research and education.

CVC Investigator Works Toward Widening the Physician Scientist Career Path for Medical Residents

Office of Research, Research Success Stories, NOV. 2018 — CVC Member, Dr. Michael Widlansky, associate professor of medicine and director of the Cardiology Fellowship Program, and Dr. Mary Eapen, professor of medicine and senior scientific director of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research, were recently awarded an R38 grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). The program, Stimulating Access to Research in Residency (or StARR), is designed to help residents pursue careers as physician scientists with mentorship, training, and protected research time. StARR will offer a versatile, integrated, and effective training opportunity for the next generation of clinical and translational researchers right here at MCW. Dr. Widlansky expects that the program will establish a pipe-line of physician scientists who can develop and grow into successful MCW faculty members.
Feb. 9, 2019 — Narrowly escaping the polar vortex, over 500 runners, walkers, and volunteers, came out on Saturday, February 9, to support the 23rd Annual Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Club Run & Walk. Participants followed the chilly, but scenic path along Underwood Parkway in Wauwatosa through Milwaukee County’s beautiful Hansen and Hoyt Parks.

The event has a long history of supporting heart and blood vessel research at the Cardiovascular Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin, raising more than $450,000 for cardiovascular research and awareness. From patient care to training students in the earliest stages of their scientific journey, these funds have supported research and scholarship including a recent study on the treatment of dangerously low blood pressure caused by blood infections and providing numerous summer student internship experiences within CVC labs.

The run/walk is held in memory of Steve Cullen, a former Milwaukee alderman, who died in 1995 at age 40 of sudden cardiac arrhythmia. His father, at age 41, and two brothers, ages 53 and 51, also died of heart disease. The Cullen Run/Walk has grown in attendance by more than 500 percent since its inception, encouraging heart-healthy lifestyles for all participants, their families and friends.

Sponsored by the Cullen family and the Badgerland Striders, the event included Cullen Family & Friends Chili, refreshments, food, an awards ceremony and live music.

The CVC thanks and congratulates board member Gael Cullen, her family, and the Badgerland Striders for holding another fantastic event!
Congratulations

CVC Member Among Four Faculty to Receive Health Care Heroes, Lifetime Achievement Honors From Milwaukee BizTimes

Dec. 11, 2018 MCW News - The Health Care Heroes awards, presented annually by BizTimes Media, honor the accomplishments of people and organizations making a positive impact on health in the area. This year, three MCW faculty members were named Heroes, and one earned the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Parameswaran Hari, MD, the Armand J. Quick/William F. Stapp Professor of Hematology and Chief in the Division of Hematology and Oncology was named a Health Care Hero in the category of Advancements in Health Care. As one of the nation’s most well-respected bone marrow transplant physicians, Dr. Hari leads many landmark clinical trials that offer new hope to patients with complicated diseases.

In the category of Behavioral Health, Robert Gouthro, MD, Director of Residency Training at MCW’s Northeastern Wisconsin Psychiatry Program and assistant professor and Regional Clerkship Director of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, was honored as a Health Care Hero for his innovative expertise and leadership in training mental health professionals who will address the state’s psychiatrist shortage.

CVC member, David Nelson, PhD, associate professor of family and community medicine, was named a Health Care Hero in the category of Community Service for his community-based research on and service to some of Milwaukee’s most vulnerable populations, including the homeless.

Richard Aster, MD, is a senior investigator at Versiti’s Blood Research Institute and professor of medicine in the Department of Hematology and Oncology at MCW. Having worked at the BloodCenter for nearly 50 years, Dr. Aster has one of the longest-running National NIH research grants, which was received in 1970 and is still active today. His research focuses on platelets and body’s immune reaction to them.

“I am extremely proud of these MCW faculty members, whose exceptional work advances health for everyone in our community,” said Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, MCW Dean of the School of Medicine, Provost and Executive Vice President. “Each of them uses his unique skills and passions to make a positive difference and to serve as role models for our learners.”

The 2018 Health Care Heroes and Lifetime Achievement Awardees were featured in the Milwaukee BizTimes’ Nov. 26 issue and online. They were recognized at an awards ceremony on Dec. 14.

CVC Member Dr. Srividya Kidambi Appointed Interim Chief of the Division of Endocrinology & Molecular Medicine

This memo is from Roy L. Silverstein, MD. John and Linda Mellowes Professor and Chair of Medicine

Dec. 12, 2018 MCW News - I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Srividya Kidambi has been appointed interim chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Molecular Medicine in the Department of Medicine. I greatly appreciate the input and feedback faculty and staff provided to help with the transition. Dr. Kidambi is associate professor of medicine and has been a member of our faculty since 2009.

She received her medical degree from Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, India, and then completed residency in internal medicine at the State University of New York, Buffalo, followed by fellowship in endocrinology at MCW. She obtained further research training in our K30 program, through which she obtained a Master of Science in Epidemiology.

Her clinical practice focuses on metabolic syndrome and its associated conditions, including diabetes mellitus, obesity, high blood pressure, dyslipidemia, and polycystic ovary disease; and she serves as medical director of our comprehensive weight loss program. She has consistently been recognized as a Wisconsin “Top Doctor.”

Dr. Kidambi also directs a robust, extramurally funded research program. Currently her research focuses on the role of body fat distribution in causing diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure, and the role of environment in causing genetic modifications that lead to chronic diseases such as high blood pressure.

I am pleased to welcome Vidya to our DOM leadership team. Please join me in congratulating her on this appointment and also in thanking Dr. Rob Blank for his dedicated service and leadership to the division.
Welcome!

Robert Lochhead, PhD
assistant professor, department of microbiology and immunology

Dr. Lochhead studies how tissue-specific immune responses to infection of hearts and joints determine carditis and arthritis severity, respectively. He is particularly interested in how activated endothelial cells and fibroblasts contribute to, or limit, tissue damage and autoimmunity following Borrelia burgdorferi infection.

Anna Palatnik, MD
assistant professor, department of obstetrics and gynecology, division of maternal fetal medicine

Dr. Palatnik’s interests lie in hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, specifically preeclampsia. She is currently researching the role of microRNA 223 in the development of preeclampsia.

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April 17  Roberto Bolli, MD  
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CVC Featured Staff Profile:  
Alicia Martin, MS, MBA, Project Manager

Alicia Martin, MS, MBA joined the CVC in January as a Project Manager. Alicia came to MCW in 2012 as the lab manager for a Cardiothoracic Surgery Research Lab before moving to Transplant Surgery in 2014 as their Program Manager. Prior to MCW, she worked for five years as a Research Assistant at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Cardiothoracic Surgery. Alicia and her husband love to travel; this year they are going to Jamaica. In her spare time, Alicia loves to read books and spend time outdoors as much as she can. She is currently training to run her second RAG-NAR race this year. Most of the time you can find her and her husband just hanging out with their rescue cats and dogs.

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