

WIM Virtual Event



Thank you to all those who joined us on Thursday, August 6 for a very special virtual event: Celebrating Women in Medicine in the Time of COVID-19!

Sponsored by the Women in Medicine (WIM) initiative of your national Medical Alumni Association, moderator and WIM co-chair **Kavitha Gandhi '94, '98 MD, '99 GMER**, welcomed an esteemed group of panelists who shared their remarkable experiences as women in medicine: **Roopal Kundu '98, '01 MD, '02 GMER**; **Hayley Silver, '14 MD**; **Hazel Domingo, '15 MMS, PA-C, RN**; and **Prem Batchu Green, '08 DPT, MBA**.

Their stories highlight the dedication, talent, resilience, and strength of our incredible alumnae population. Thank you to Dr. Gandhi and fellow WIM co-chair **Nupur Ghoshal, '01 PhD, '03 MD**, for your vision and leadership!

If you were unable to join, or would like to revisit the presentation, you may [view a recording of the conversation online](#).

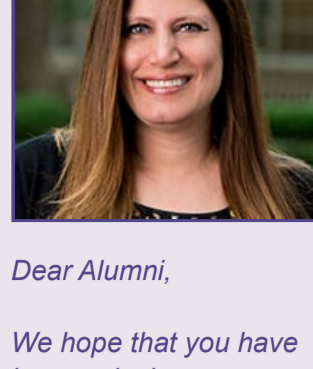
To learn more about the WIM Initiative, join the [WIM Facebook group](#).

We have several virtual events coming up. To participate, keep an eye out in your inbox, this newsletter, and our [MAA Facebook page](#) for information on how to register and for other future opportunities. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

[VIEW THE WIM EVENT RECORDING](#)

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From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope that you have been enjoying your summer. This last month, we hosted two popular webinars: a panel discussion of *Women in Medicine in the Time of COVID-19*, and the *Interface of Technology and Dermatology with Amy Paller, MS, MD, '83 GMER*. We are working on some great programming for the fall. We will be holding a COVID-19 and Cancer virtual webinar on September 29 at 4 p.m. Please make sure that we have your updated email address and contact information, so that we can keep you posted on all our virtual programming.

As always, please reach out with any questions or comments. Be well and stay safe!

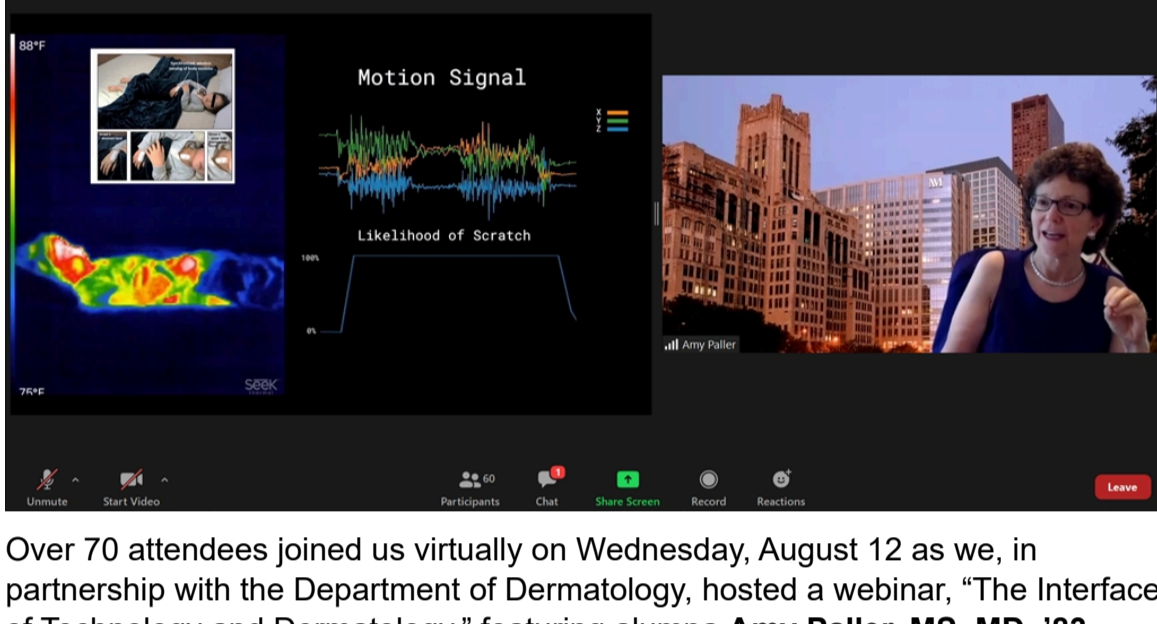
Thank you, Babette

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Technology & Dermatology with Dr. Paller



Over 70 attendees joined us virtually on Wednesday, August 12 as we, in partnership with the Department of Dermatology, hosted a webinar, "The Interface of Technology and Dermatology," featuring alumna **Amy Paller, MS, MD, '83 GMER**, Walter J. Hamlin Chair and Professor of Dermatology, professor of Pediatrics, and principal investigator of the NIH-funded Skin Biology and Diseases Resource-based Center at Feinberg.

Thank you to Dr. Paller for her wonderful and informative presentation, which is now available to [view online](#)!

To learn more about the Department of Dermatology and their ongoing work, please visit their [website](#).

MAA President's Message



Hear from your Medical Alumni Association Board president, **Rishi Reddy '97, '00 MD**, in the [Spring/Summer issue](#) of *Northwestern Medicine Magazine*.

In this [article](#), Dr. Reddy reflects on the past 20 years since medical school graduation and looks to the future as we move forward in the face of uncertain times. Thank you, Dr. Reddy!

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MAA Digital Series: Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

"The Curse on the Cubs"



If when you think of summertime, you think of baseball, then you won't want to miss this—the newest episode of the MAA digital series, from our favorite historian, alumnus **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD**!

Dr. Gugenheim explores the history of a long-standing Chicago institution—the Chicago Cubs. Whether you're a fan of the Cubs, Chicago history, the game of baseball, or just interested in learning about the role that a billy goat played in the decades-long "curse" on this National League team, then you'll definitely want to tune in because this one's a home run.

Dr. Gugenheim presents an ["The Curse on the Cubs."](#)

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

[VIEW "THE CURSE ON THE CUBS"](#)

Congrats Are in Order!



Javier Guevara, Jr., '12 MD, MAA Board member, was recently awarded the Degree of Fellow for the American Academy of Family Physicians for his contributions to the specialty and the Academy. Congratulations, Dr. Guevara!



Jeffrey M. Ignatoff, '67 MD, '75 GMER, was recently appointed vice chair of Pathology and Clinical Sciences Education at Mercer University School of Medicine. Dr. Ignatoff also is adjunct associate professor in the Department of Surgery at HCA Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, where he serves on the Institutional Review Board. He previously served as head of the urology division at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. Congratulations, Dr. Ignatoff!



Sadiya Khan, '09 MD, '10 GMER, '12 GMER, '14 MS, '16 GMEF, is the senior author of a [study published in The British Medical Journal](#), which found that deaths caused by heart failure and hypertensive heart disease are on the rise in the U.S., especially among Black women and men, despite medical and surgical advances in heart disease management. The study is the first of its kind to comprehensively characterize mortality over nearly 20 years across a spectrum of heart disease types, examining the differences between sex and racial groups among various age groups and geography. Congratulations, Dr. Khan!



Elliott G. Levy, '71 MD, has co-authored *Investing 101 for Doctors: How to Invest Wisely and Still Sleep Well at Night*, which he describes as "a guide for investing directed specifically towards doctors. The purpose of this book is to explain the concept of investing, the investment vehicles to use, the importance of paying off student loans and funding of children's education, how to create and implement a financial plan, and how to plan for and enjoy retirement." The book is available for purchase [online](#). Congratulations, Dr. Levy!



Geraldine E. Ménard, '97 MD, '00 GMER (pictured center giving thumbs up), chief of General Internal Medicine at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, was recently featured in the [Tulane News](#) for her dedication, leadership, and perseverance in the face of the COVID crisis. Dr. Menard also was highlighted in an April 5th [New York Times](#) article for her work during the pandemic. Congratulations, Dr. Ménard!



Raymond Sanchez '84, '94 MD, is chief medical officer of Cerevel Therapeutics Holdings, Inc., which [announced](#) that they have entered into a business combination agreement which will allow them to further advance their clinical programs and support their research and development of neuroscience drugs. Dr. Sanchez is currently the executive co-chair of the International Society for CNS Drug Development and a trustee and member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Mental Health Center Foundation, Yale School of Medicine, as well as several other not-for-profit organizations. Congratulations, Dr. Sanchez!



Jeffrey Sherman, MD, '84
GMER, '85 GMER, MAA Board member, was recently recognized in [Pharma Voice](#) as one of the "Pharma Voice 100 Inspirational Leaders...having an extraordinary and positive impact on their colleagues, companies, and the life-sciences ecosystem." Dr. Sherman, chief medical officer and executive vice president for Horizon Therapeutics, was described in the publication as a "champion for rare diseases... raising the bar by developing and embracing best practices for patient and professional engagement." Congratulations, Dr. Sherman!

Melissa Simon, MD, '06
GMEF, was the first author of a [discussion paper published by the National Academy of Medicine](#), which asserts that health and healthcare disparities are ever-present, despite efforts to address health equity. The paper describes health equity as imperative in a "patient and family engaged care culture," and that healthcare organizations, institutions, and providers must take a health equity centered, population health approach. Congratulations, Dr. Simon!

Mark J. Sontag '81, '83 MD, recently gave a Grand Rounds lecture for Google's medical staff in Mountainview, California, in July titled "Acute vs. Chronic Pain: The Mind Body Continuum." Dr. Sontag specializes in sports medicine and chronic pain management, having founded two private practices in the San Francisco Bay area, ReMeDy Medical Group (29 years) and SPARC Medical Groups (21 years). Congratulations, Dr. Sontag!

Do you have news to share with us or know of an alumnus/a we should recognize in the newsletter?

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Feinberg's Breakthroughs Podcast: New Episodes on COVID-19

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Northwestern Intersections Podcast | Eating Well in the Pandemic

Available Now

The NAA invites you to tune in to the newest segment of their [Northwestern Intersections](#) podcast, "Wellness Tip," in which **Carla Hightower '85, '87 MD, '91 GMER, '02 MBA**, "explores the connection between nutrition and many chronic health conditions that exacerbate the effects of COVID-19. As a physician, a certified integrative health coach, and a corporate wellness consultant, Dr. Hightower shares some ideas on how to make lasting changes to our eating habits so that our bodies can operate and feel their best."

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Webinar | COVID-19 and Cancer

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Join your Medical Alumni Association for another virtual event, featuring Leon Platanius, MD, PhD, the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology and director, Lurie Cancer Center, in conversation with **Michael Angarone, DO, '09 GMEF**, assistant professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases) and Medical Education. Drs. Platanius and Angarone will discuss COVID-19 research and prevention efforts that may benefit cancer patients and others at increased risk of complications. Advance registration required.

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