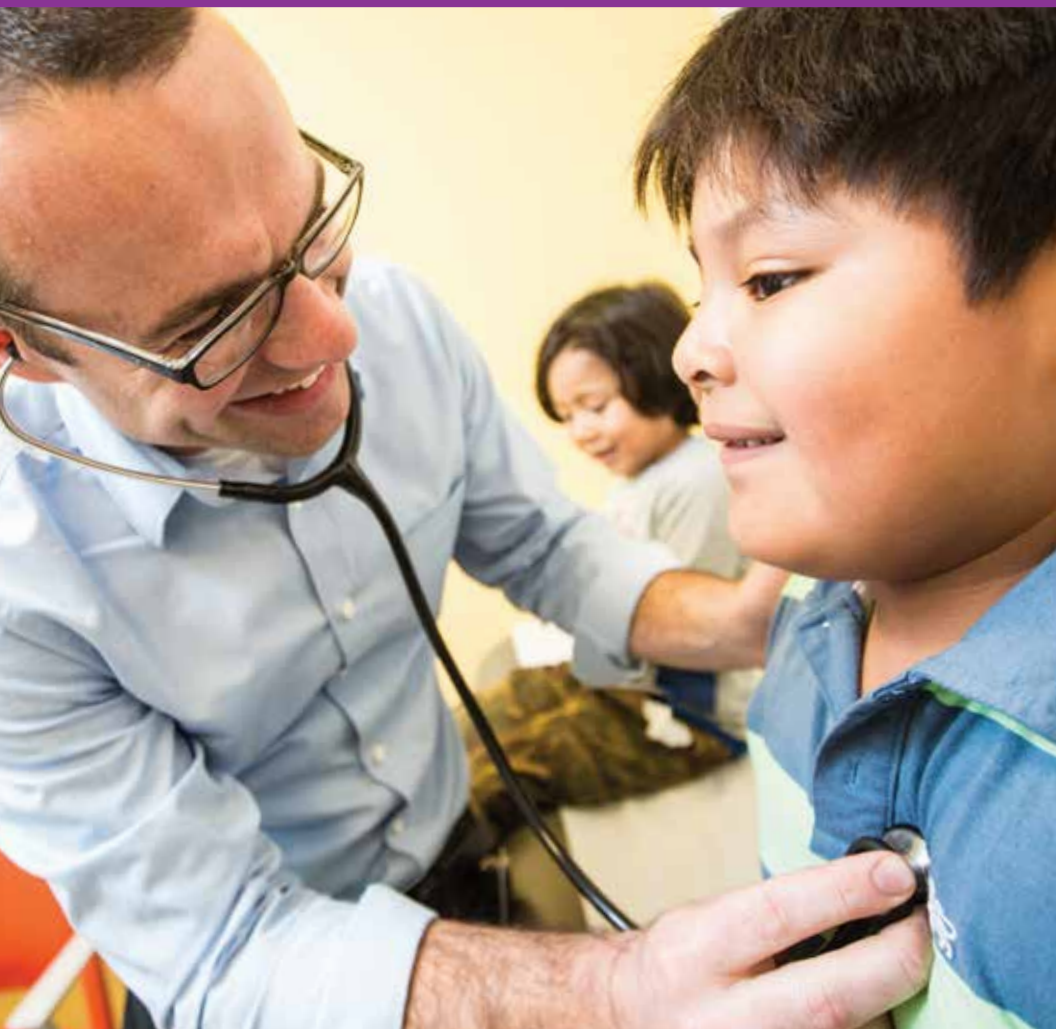


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With our celebration of Doctors' Day 2016, NYC Health + Hospitals honors an outstanding selection of the many skilled and dedicated physicians who together lead our network toward a new era of health care delivery. Drawn from 23 facilities located throughout the greatest city in the world, these doctors are the keepers of our system's promise to maintain the health of a vast population.

Cardiology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Primary Care, Psychiatry, and more -- this year's honorees represent a range of disciplines that together work to ensure that we can meet the needs of each and every person who comes to us for care. Beyond the breadth of their specialties, our honorees also reflect the breadth of ethnicities and nationalities that we find among the millions of people we treat.

And while diverse among themselves, our doctors are unique among the world. For while working to become a doctor invariably requires long hours, high stress, and unwavering focus, it is a special soul who ultimately devotes his or her skills and talents to serving the public good. In this regard, our doctors distinguish themselves with compassion and selflessness. They are worthy of our unreserved recognition and unqualified gratitude.

We salute you, doctors, for your excellence, your sacrifice, and your commitment to the wellbeing of New York City. The city we serve is truly the world brought together. And, in our shared view, there can be no greater mission than helping our world's many peoples to live their healthiest lives.

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Dr. Richard Greene began service at Bellevue in 2007, where he has since distinguished himself as a leader in patient safety and performance improvement as well as an agent of change. He was appointed Medical Director of the Adult Primary Care Center in 2015. In this role, he leads an interdisciplinary team to improve the health care delivery model and patient experience. Dr. Greene co-founded the Bellevue LGBT Council and was instrumental in the hospital attaining the "Leader in Healthcare Equality" HEI designation.

In response to long delays for referrals to the Sports Medicine Clinic, Dr. Greene created a Joint Injection Clinic that operates during the evening within primary care. He donates his time to supervise the clinic. Greene was named Outpatient Teacher of the Year in 2011 by the Internal Medicine house staff.

Dr. Greene earned his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine followed by a residency in internal medicine and primary care at New York University School of Medicine/ NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue. He completed his fellowship in primary care sports medicine at Pennsylvania Hospital.



EDUARDO MARRERO, MD

PEDIATRICIAN
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/BELVIS

Dr. Eduardo Marrero began his work at Belvis as a pediatrician in 2014. Pediatrics is one of Belvis' busiest departments and he ensures that children and parents have a great experience. Parents are so fond of Marrero's style that his practice has grown quite quickly. When the pediatric clinic at the Melrose NYC housing facility needs a doctor, he steps in. This year, Dr. Marrero will lead a quality improvement initiative that promotes the well-being of children from birth to three years of age in the South Bronx and Brownsville, Brooklyn.

Dr. Marrero earned his medical degree from the University of El Salvador. He completed his pediatric residency at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln and attended the University of Maryland, where he worked a four-month rotation in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.



EDOUARD HAZEL, MD

CHIEF, SPECIALTY SERVICES AND CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/COLER,
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/CARTER

Dr. Edouard Hazel joined NYC Health + Hospitals/Coler as Chairman of the Department of Medicine in 1999. In 2007, he became the Chief of Specialty Services and the Clinical Epidemiologist of both Coler and NYC Health + Hospitals/Carter. Hazel led the staff at Coler and Carter to the achievement of the highest level of accountability recognized by The Joint Commission in 2013. He led the effort to design and implement legionella policies and procedures and worked tirelessly with medical staff and leadership to contain an extended outbreak of group A beta hemolytic streptococcus, while simultaneously leading a contact investigation into a facility-wide exposure to an active case of pulmonary tuberculosis. Dr. Hazel has directed Infectious Disease programs at Jamaica Hospital and the Columbia University affiliate at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem.

Dr. Hazel completed his medical degree at State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He completed his residency in internal medicine and his fellowship in infectious disease at Columbia-Presbyterian at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem.

ROSE RECCO, MD, FACP, FIDSA

DIRECTOR, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HIV CLINIC

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/CONEY ISLAND

Dr. Rose Recco began her illustrious career at Coney Island as a Medical Intern. Over the course of the past few decades, she has held numerous positions at Coney Island, namely the Physician-in-Charge of the Antibiotic Surveillance Program; Associate Director, Infectious Diseases. Recco was named the Director of Infectious Diseases in 1994 and the Medical Director for the HIV Clinic in 1998. She still holds both roles.

Dr. Recco was one of the first female infectious disease specialists and one of the original researchers who identified the association between *Streptococcus bovis* and colon cancer. Recco serves as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. During her career she has received many awards, including the Distinguished Teaching Infectious Diseases Division award in both 2004 and 2006 and the Southern Chapter American Federation of Medical Research/SSCI Trainee Research Award in 2005.

A graduate of Woman's Medical College, Dr. Recco completed her internship in medicine and began her residency in internal medicine at Coney Island. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center, where she also completed both her clinical and research fellowships in infectious disease. Recco is a fellow of American College of Physicians and a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America and New York Infectious Disease Society.



PRAVIN RANJAN, MD

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/CORRECTIONAL HEALTH

Dr. Pravin Ranjan maintains an approach to patient care that is rooted in compassion, kindness, and empathy. He has formed therapeutic relationships with some of the most challenging patients in the correctional health system, which have been a key factor in minimizing adverse events. Ranjan works in one of the most challenging settings on Rikers Island, in a high-security building with a patient population that has high rates of mental illness, substance abuse, and chronic disease. His approach to patient care and his devotion to our mission to help New Yorkers live their healthiest life is second to none.

Dr. Ranjan completed his medical degree at MSR Medical College in Bangalore, India. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the Brooklyn Hospital Center. Before joining NYC Health + Hospitals, Ranjan worked in private practice.



MICHAEL GOLDBERG, MD

DIRECTOR OF PSYCHIATRY

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/CUMBERLAND

Dr. Michael Goldberg began his work within our health care delivery system more than 30 years ago as a resident at Kings County. He was appointed the Director of Psychiatry at Cumberland in 2005. Throughout his many years of service at NYC Health + Hospitals, Goldberg has served as the Director of Mental Health at East New York; Director of Adult Inpatient Psychiatry at Kings County; and Assistant Directory of Ambulatory Psych at Cumberland and Woodhull. Goldberg established a substance abuse program, an HIV mental health program, and an ACT team at East New York.

Dr. Goldberg is a graduate of Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He completed his rotating internship at Kings County where he also completed his residency in psychiatry. Dr. Goldberg leads a clerkship for third and fourth year medical students at Cumberland. He has previously taught at Kings County, East New York, Payne Whitney Clinic, and Downstate Medical Center.



NESTOR BENJAMIN NESTOR, MD, MSC, FACEP

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/ELMHURST

Dr. Nestor Nestor began his career at Elmhurst in 2009 as an Attending Physician. He quickly earned a reputation for his unique ability to understand and plan solutions for complex administrative issues. Leadership often seeks Nestor out for his expertise in important redesign projects. He played a vital role in a team that redesigned the Emergency Department operations, including inpatient handoff, interdepartmental triage, and overall patient flow. A TeamSTEPPS master trainer, Nestor is also a core member of a team devoted to setting standards of employee behavior to improve the patient experience. In 2012 Mount Sinai recognized him as Attending of the Year.

Dr. Nestor is a graduate of Albany Medical College and completed his residency in emergency medicine at Albany Medical Center. He serves as an assistant professor at Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and was appointed to serve on the New York American College of Emergency Physicians Government Affairs Committee, as well as the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai's Clinical Competence Committee.

IVAN GONZALEZ, DPM, MPH

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/EAST NEW YORK

Since 1997, Dr. Ivan Gonzalez has tirelessly led clinical excellence and innovation at East New York and Kings County as an Attending Physician. Gonzalez started the podiatry program at Kings County and helped create a multidisciplinary microvascular program emphasizing limb salvage for at-risk patients. Six years ago he co-launched an exercise program for high-risk patients, which he still facilitates every Thursday morning. He was recognized with the Valued Responder Award by Medical Reserve Corp. for his work as a physician manning East New York's Special Needs Shelter during Hurricane Sandy.

Dr. Gonzalez attended City College of New York where he earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. He began his residency at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan and completed his residency at St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.



ROBERT READER, MD

ATTENDING SURGEON

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/GOUVERNEUR

Dr. Robert Reader joined Gouverneur as Attending Surgeon in 2005. He has spent many years patiently teaching medical students and surgical residents. He is universally praised for his dependability, persistently helpful attitude, and calming influence in the clinic. His passion for his work inspires and engages his colleagues.

Dr. Reader is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at NYU Medical Center and NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue. During his many years as a surgeon, Reader has worked at NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull and Tisch Hospital. He is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at NYU School of Medicine.



RAJI AYINLA, MD, FCCP

CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF PULMONARY MEDICINE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/HARLEM

Dr. Raji Ayinla began his work at Harlem in 2010, where he served as Program Director for the Medicine Residency Program and Attending Physician. In 2013, he was appointed Harlem's Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Medicine. Previously, Ayinla spent 14 years at North General Hospital where he served as President of the Medical Staff; Director of the ICU; Director of Graduate Medical Education; and Institutional Representative for the NRMP.

Dr. Ayinla has expanded the use of bronchoscopy and endobronchial ultrasound at Harlem, and he augments procedural exposure for his trainees through the simulation laboratory. He loves all aspects of teaching, whether at the bedside, providing lectures, or in his office with his fellows in pulmonary medicine reviewing chest X-rays and CT scans. He is eager to step in during times of surge volumes or short staff and can lecture on nearly any topic in his discipline from fluids and electrolytes to hemodynamic monitoring.

Dr. Ayinla received his medical degree from Gdansk Medical University in Poland and completed his residency in internal medicine and his fellowship in pulmonary/critical care at Cabrini Medical Center. Ayinla is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at both Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has received numerous teaching awards including a Fellows Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Pulmonary Fellowship Program and Excellence in Teaching from the Institute of Medical Education at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.



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**SIMULATION FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR,
SIMULATION EDUCATION DIRECTOR,
ATTENDING PHYSICIAN**
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/HARLEM

Dr. Michael Meguerdichian became an attending in 2010 at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, where he developed a passion for simulation. In 2011, he was offered a position working two days each week in the simulation center. Meguerdichian worked as the Residency Program Director and Simulation Education Director at the Brooklyn Hospital Center for a year before returning to our health care system in 2015 as the Simulation Fellowship Director, Simulation Education Director, and Attending Physician at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem.

Meguerdichian has developed one of the most respected fellowship simulation curricula in the country. He has created 12 integrated training modules, he teaches every simulation course that our simulation center offers, and has represented the Center at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare several times. He leads the development of Harlem's simulation center and has secured several grants for the center.

Dr. Meguerdichian is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Jacobi, serving as Chief Resident from 2009-2010. He is a member of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

BENJAMIN RAATJES, MD

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRY PROGRAM**
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/JACOBI

Dr. Benjamin Raatjes joined the Behavioral Health Services staff at Jacobi in 2012 as a Staff Psychiatrist in an inpatient unit. His clinical acumen and leadership skills became readily apparent and he was quickly promoted to the role of CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program) Medical Director in 2014. In the past three years, Jacobi has experienced a 50% increase in the number of CPEP monthly registrations of adult patients and a 100% increase in the number of child patients. Raatjes rose to the occasion. He led the creation of new patient flow protocols, standard work for staff huddles to increase communication, and many new safety protocols. Dr. Raatjes created a new paradigm for collaboration with other hospitals in our health care system for the psychiatric treatment of children who register in our CPEP.

Raatjes established one of the most cohesive, clinically efficient, and safe multidisciplinary teams at Jacobi. He has become an Office of Mental Hygiene Trained Investigator of Justice Center reportable incidents and he is now enrolled in the JMC/PAGNY Leadership Training Course to further hone his skills. He teaches AECOM medical students, both those in their third year during their first exposure to Psychiatry and those in their fourth year, requesting electives in our CPEP. He also teaches Touro PA students, and Montefiore residents and fellows.

Dr. Raatjes is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. He completed his residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois and his Fellowship at the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. He is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Association for Emergency Psychiatry.



MELISSA LEE, MD

DIRECTOR OF AMBULATORY CARE
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/KINGS COUNTY

Dr. Melissa Lee joined Kings County in 2014 as the Director of Adult Primary Care. She serves as a primary care provider, ambulatory care site director, and preceptor for the SUNY Downstate Internal Medicine and Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine residency programs. Lee oversees providers, community outreach, and team-based care focused on depression and hypertension. She is a tireless advocate for her medical, nursing, and clerical staff. Now, thanks to Lee's leadership, patients often voice that ambulatory care at Kings County feels less like a clinic and more like a medical practice.

A former National Health Service Corps Scholar, she cared for Native American patients on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. There, she developed rotations for internal medicine residents in the Global Health Track from the University of Pittsburgh, and directed the Yale Primary Care rotation for fourth year medical students. After transitioning to urban primary care as a physician at Mount Sinai Queens, she served as site director for the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Ambulatory Clerkship.

Dr. Lee obtained her medical degree at the Yale University School of Medicine and completed her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Harvard Combined Program for internal medicine and pediatrics in Boston.



JEAN P. DANIEL, MD

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, INTERNAL MEDICINE
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/LINCOLN

Dr. Jean P. Daniel joined the team at Lincoln as an Attending Physician in 1998. He goes above and beyond his duty to help colleagues, patients, and residents and is an outstanding teaching physician. His compassion and empathy bring out the best bedside manner for his patients and make him a team player among staff.

Dr. Daniel completed his medical degree at Universite d'Etat d'Haiti in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. He began his residency in internal medicine at State University Hospital in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti and completed his residency at Lincoln, where he also served as Chief Medical Resident. Daniel is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill-Cornell University. At Lincoln, he chairs the Mortality and Morbidity Committee; serves as Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency program; and is a member of the Infection Control Committee. In 2008, he was named Best Attending in the Department of Internal Medicine.



ROSHAN SABAR, MD

ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/MCKINNEY

Dr. Roshan Sabar joined the McKinney team in 2014 as Assistant Medical Director. She is an internist with highly adept clinical skills and is an influential educator who trains family practice residents, physician assistants, and medical students. Dr. Sabar is currently working on evaluating the cause of hospital readmissions and will test interventions to reduce unnecessary readmissions. She serves on many committees for quality improvement, including Infection Control, Performance Improvement, Nutrition, Medical Records, and Medical Board committees. She previously worked as an Internist and Medical Director of Long-term Care at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Sabar is a graduate of Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. She completed her residency at Cook County Hospital Center in Chicago, Illinois, where she served as chief resident in internal medicine. She was a pulmonary fellow at St. Louis University.

ROSS G. HEWITT, MD, FACP, FIDSA, AAHIVS

**ASSOCIATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR HIV SERVICES,
METROPLUS HEALTH PROGRAM**
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/METROPLUS

Dr. Ross Hewitt joined MetroPlus Health Program as Associate Medical Director for HIV Services in 2015. During the past year, Hewitt has led the HIV Services department through a comprehensive reorganization, staff development, team building, and leadership coaching transformation. The important changes made under his direction have resulted in better care, increased member satisfaction, and closer ties with local hospitals and community based organizations.

A noted leader in the field of HIV/AIDS outpatient primary care for more than 25 years, Dr. Hewitt cared for some of the country's first AIDS patients as a medical student at NYC Health + Hospitals/ Bellevue. He later completed training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease and became the first Medical Director of the AIDS Designated Center Program at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York, a position he held for 18 years. He was an active clinical researcher who conducted trials that helped usher in the first 15 antiretroviral medications. He returned to New York in 2004 to work in Harlem with the HIV programs at Heritage Health Care, North General Hospital, and the Institute for Family Health - Family Health Center of Harlem, where he still practices today.

Dr. Hewitt is a graduate of NYU Medical School and completed his residency in internal medicine at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, New York. He completed his infectious disease fellowship at SUNY Buffalo. He is a member of the New York/New Jersey Academy of HIV Medicine, the International AIDS Society, the American Academy of HIV Medicine, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the HIV Medicine Association. He is a fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America and the American College of Physicians.



FERDINAND VISCO, MD, FACP, FACC, FASE, FASNC

CHIEF OF CARDIOLOGY

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/METROPOLITAN

Dr. Ferdinand Visco joined Metropolitan in 2007 as Chief of Cardiology. He previously served as Chief of Cardiology at St. Johns Queens Hospital and Associate Program Director of the Cardiology Fellowship Program at St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers.

Dr. Visco reorganized Metropolitan's nuclear cardiology program and introduced a heart failure program, which has reduced 30-day readmission rates from more than 25% to less than 15%. Within the past year, Dr. Visco has developed the Observation Unit Protocol to improve the management of patients with chest pain. He published guidelines for acute coronary syndromes, pre-operative cardiac evaluation/care for non-cardiac surgery, coronary angiography and revascularization, and congestive heart failure. Dr. Visco serves as Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at New York Medical College. He has mentored residents in research and instituted an outpatient clinical rotation for the first year Lenox Hill Cardiology Fellows, all of whom currently rotate at Metropolitan.

Visco completed medical school at the University of Padua in Padua, Italy. He completed his internship at Flushing Hospital and Medical Center, and finished his residency at Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn and Queens General Hospital. Visco completed his fellowship in cardiology at Nassau County Medical Center. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, and the Heart Failure Society of America.



CLAUDIA ALVARADO, MD

PEDIATRICIAN

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/MORRISANIA

Dr. Claudia Alvarado assesses her patients thoroughly and has demonstrated stellar clinical acumen. Her patient-centered care is on point and she warmly involves families and staff to provide the best possible care for each patient. Dr. Alvarado mentors two pediatric residents, and has mentored several in the past. Her residents express great satisfaction with her teaching ability. Some have even said that Dr. Alvarado has been instrumental in making them better clinicians. She focuses on the most current, evidence-based clinical guidelines, to prepare her students for the pediatric board exam and for a strong future as independent pediatricians.

Dr. Alvarado completed medical school at Universidad de El Salvador in San Salvador, El Salvador. She completed her internship at National Hospitals of Health Ministry of El Salvador and completed her residency at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln.



EUGENIO GUZMAN, MD, FCCP

DIRECTOR, INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/NORTH CENTRAL BRONX

Dr. Eugenio Guzman joined North Central Bronx in 2007 as Medical Attending, Pulmonary/Critical Care. His leadership skills and compassion were recognized early on and he was appointed the Director of the Intensive Care Unit just three years later. Since assuming that role, the unit has maintained a near zero rate of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI). He is the go-to person for residents and other providers when guidance is needed to perform challenging or complicated procedures. His impeccable bedside manner never fails to put patients at ease, often when they are at the most vulnerable times in their lives. Guzman works tirelessly to enhance the experience of the patients and families he serves not only in his role, but also as a member of the CAC committee, treasurer of the MEC committee, and a member of the PAGNY local governance council. Leaders at North Central Bronx unanimously agreed that Dr. Guzman should be recognized as the facility's Doctors' Day honoree.

Guzman is a graduate of UTESA University School of Medicine in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Saint Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. He completed his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Saint Vincent's as well. Dr. Guzman is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

VINCENT RIZZO, MD, MBA, FACP

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEDICINE

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/QUEENS

Dr. Vincent Rizzo began his career at NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens as a resident in internal medicine. He quickly distinguished himself as a dedicated and gifted physician and was asked to serve as Chief Resident in 2009. Upon completing his residency, Rizzo served as a Teaching Hospitalist. In 2010, Rizzo was appointed Associate Director of Medicine and has been the driving force behind many new clinical activities and process improvement initiatives. He trains staff in patient-centered and culturally competent communication and has co-authored the Care Pathways for congestive heart failure and sickle cell anemia. He led the redesign of the weekend discharge process and the Department of Medicine's preparation for our new electronic medical record. Rizzo was named Attending of the Year in 2012 and Consumer Research Council of America named him one of America's Top Doctors in 2015.

Dr. Rizzo is a graduate of Ross University School of Medicine and earned an MBA from Hofstra University Frank Zarb School of Business. He is an Assistant Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York.



IJEOMA ANYANWU, MD, FAAP

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, PEDIATRICS

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/RENAISSANCE

Dr. Ijeoma Anyanwu came to Renaissance in March 2015. Dr. Anyanwu has been instrumental in leading a review of pediatric charts as a clinician representing NYC Health + Hospitals' Collaborative Council on staff engagement and patient satisfaction. In addition to her skills as a clinician, she has distinguished herself with a team spirit and regularly pitches in to cover for colleagues who need an extra hand.

Dr. Anyanwu is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the State University of New York Upstate Medical University. She performed her pediatric residency at Brooklyn's Maimonides Infants and Children's Hospital before becoming an attending pediatric physician at Harrisburg Health Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She formerly served as Vice President of the Student National Medical Association and is currently a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.



MARIA L. BUNAG, MD

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/SEA VIEW

Since coming to Sea View in 2004, Dr. Bunag has distinguished herself as an enthusiastic contributor to clinical programs and projects focusing on hypoglycemia, wound care, avoidable hospitalizations, and non-pharmacological interventions. Dr. Bunag is dedicated to her profession, makes herself available to help around-the-clock, and owns her personal mission to help those in need. She has worked at Lutheran Medical Center and Doctor's Hospital of Staten Island.

Dr. Bunag received her medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Lutheran Medical Center and completed her fellowship in hematology at Montefiore Hospital.



TUDOR GAVRILESCU, MD, PHD, FACOG

**DIRECTOR OF GYNECOLOGY,
DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY**
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/WOODHULL

Dr. Tudor Gavrilesco came to Woodhull in 2007 following a long and distinguished medical career both in the United States and in his native Romania. He is an acknowledged expert in treating obstetric hemorrhages, and can be depended on to treat the most difficult cases. Dr. Gavrilesco is an invaluable asset to his patients and his fellow staffers as both a skilled senior clinician and teacher. He has worked as an Attending in obstetrics and gynecology at Municipal Hospital, Turda, Romania; and Ion Chiricuta National Institute of Cancer, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He served as both the Associate Director and Chief Director of Gynecology at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York.

Dr. Gavrilesco earned his medical degree at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He completed his residency at Nassau University Medical Center. Dr. Gavrilesco served as Senior Faculty Attending and as Visiting Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn before coming to Woodhull. He has authored and contributed to more than 30 published medical articles, is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and is a Clinical Associate Professor at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.



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