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27 Outstanding Young Physicians Selected for Prestigious National Fellowship

The 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars will help lead the improvement and transformation of U.S. health care

Chapel Hill, N.C.—The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars*[®] is pleased to announce the selection of 27 young physicians who will learn to conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers on issues important to the health of all Americans. They will begin their prestigious two-year fellowships in July 2011.

“Clinical Scholars are leading change through every level of the health care system including community practice, local and state government, the federal government and professional organizations,” said Desmond K. Runyan, M.D., Dr.P.H., national program director for the *Clinical Scholars* program. “Our new scholars join a distinguished network of over 1,100 alumni that include prominent leaders of public and private agencies at the state and national levels, including RWJF president Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in the Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Nicole Lurie.”

The new *Clinical Scholars* are young physicians who were selected competitively from applicants enrolled in medical and surgical residencies across the United States. This year, the program had a record number of applicants specializing in emergency medicine and selected its first osteopath, Dr. Sidney Coupet.

“The *Clinical Scholars* program is one of RWJF’s flagship programs and is among the oldest and most prestigious fellowships awarded to physicians,” said David M. Krol, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., Human Capital Portfolio team director at RWJF and an alumnus of the *Clinical Scholars* program. “Clinical Scholars have paved the way for physicians who want to take a leadership role in improving health and health care in the U.S.”

Through the program, scholars will spend two years examining the delivery, impact and organization of health care. The new scholars plan to work on a range of issues such as mitigating disparities in care of hospitalized children; using technology to improve doctor-patient communication; improving end-of-life care; reducing hospital-based infections; reducing preterm births for at-risk women; and expanding access to primary care in underserved communities.

Clinical Scholars receive their training at one of four universities: Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan, or the University of California, Los Angeles. A program partner for more than 30 years, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs will support eight of the 27 scholars through VA Medical Centers affiliated with the participating universities.

The 2011 *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars* are:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Medical School</i>	<i>Residency</i>
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)			
Dustyn Baker	Internal Medicine	Duke Medical School	Chicago Medical
Jonathan Bergman	Urology	UCLA School of Medicine	UCLA
Kimberly Cauley	Internal Medicine	Morehouse School of Medicine	UCSF
Brian Laing	Family and Community Medicine	UCSF Medical School	UCSF General Hospital
Katherine Neuhausen	Family and Community Medicine	Emory Medical School	UCSF General Hospital
Charles Scales	Urology	Duke Medical School	Duke Medical Center
Ashaunta Tumblin	Pediatrics	Harvard Medical School	Baylor College of Medicine
University of Michigan			
Oluseyi Aliu	Plastic Surgery	Baylor College of Medicine	University of Michigan
Katherine Auger	Pediatrics	Alabama Medical School	Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Tammy Chang	Family Medicine	Michigan Medical School	University of Michigan
Sidney Coupet	Internal Medicine	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Geisinger Medical Center
Adam Sharp	Emergency Medicine	Utah Medical School	Indiana University
Gordon Sun	Otolaryngology	Pittsburgh Medical School	University of Cincinnati
Alan Teo	Psychiatry	UCSF Medical School	UCSF
University of Pennsylvania			
Nathaniel DeNicola	Ob Gyn	UC Irvine	Tulane School of Medicine
Brandi Freeman	Pediatrics	Baylor College of Medicine	Johns Hopkins
Nathan Irvin	Emergency Medicine	Harvard Medical School	Alameda County Medical Center-Highland General Hospital
Lindsay Jubelt	Internal Medicine	SUNY/Stony Brook	Massachusetts General
Chen Kenyon	Pediatrics	Boston University	Children's Hospital Boston
Roy Wade	Pediatrics	Dartmouth Medical School	UVA
Yale University			
Nicole Brown	Pediatrics	Stanford University	Johns Hopkins Hospital
Roberta Capp	Emergency Medicine	Harvard Medical School	Harvard-Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency
Kelly Doran	Emergency Medicine	Michigan	Bellevue Hospital Center
Nurit Harari	Internal Medicine & Pediatrics	Baylor College of Medicine	University of Michigan
Charlene Hooper	Ob Gyn	Brown Medical School	Yale
Heather Smith	Ob Gyn	Massachusetts	Partners Healthcare
Anita Vashi	Emergency Medicine	Michigan	Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

For more information about the *Clinical Scholars* program visit: <http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/>

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