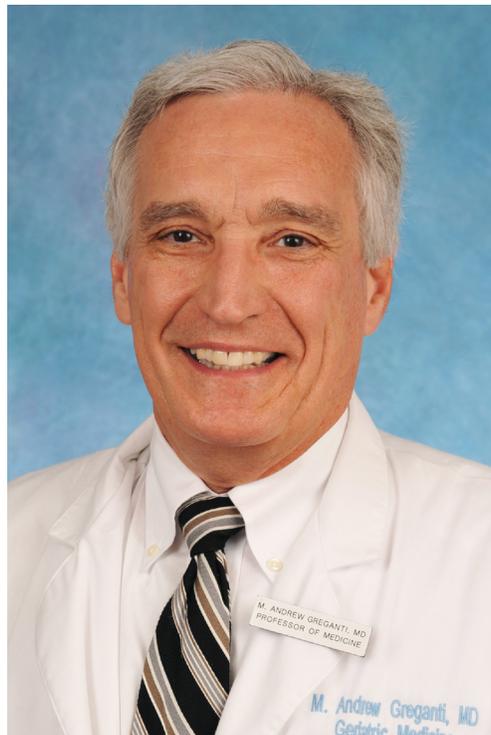


THE UNC MEDICINE CHIEFS' CORNER

The Dr. M. Andrew Greganti Edition

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TOP STORY



It is with respect and admiration that we announce the retirement this September of Dr. M. Andrew Greganti. Morning Report stalwart, multiple-time interim Chair, Doctor of Doctors, and dedicated lifelong learner. We thank you for your contributions to our program and our health, and wish you the best in your future endeavors. Whether at Morning Report or not, we will continue to ask ourselves, "What would Dr. Greganti do?"

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillsborough ICU Admission/Transfer Process Clarification: ICU transfers to Med A and Med BEST are an essential part of these teams. That said, there are some qualifications you need to be aware of which are in place to ensure patient safety through this complex process.

- Transfers should ONLY be accepted by the Hillsborough day teams; warm handoff from the daytime ICU team at Main must be provided

- It is okay for these transfers to show up overnight when already accepted by the day team
- **In general, the Hillsborough Night Float Resident should not accept ICU transfers from Main Campus between 7 pm and 7 am**
- The HBH night float CAN admit ICU-status patients from the HBH ED, and should feel free to discuss with the covering HBH Hospitalist or Main Campus ICU fellow/attending, as appropriate
- *On occasion*, can consider admission/transfer of an ICU-level patient from Main to Hillsborough when there is an extreme bed crunch at Main. In that scenario, patient populations that can be considered for admission at HBH are:
 - Simple DKA from Main ED
 - Floor status patients in the MICU
- All of these transfers must go through the MAO (or HBH Hospitalist, if no MAO), and must be eyeballed/evaluated for appropriateness by a Main Campus resident at the time of transfer

GEL ROUNDS: The POCUS elective has started! Got a question you think a bedside ultrasound could answer? Consult the POCUS Pager in the directory and we will help you out! See the attached infographic to learn what kinds of questions we can answer and what the consult residents are doing.

CLINIC CORNER

Important Clinic Logistics! Please discuss any questions or concerns with Drs. Toche and Kimel-Scott.

- All **Tricare** patients must be seen by an attending at the time of the outpatient encounter. Medicare rules for lower level billing do not apply.
- Due to the new way templates are put in, during **Same Day Clinic**/Travel Clinic/Pap Clinic or when patients are moved from “Generic Resource” to your own template, it is blocked because residents have a schedule every day that is blocked out. So, for those clinics residents can move those patients to the attending’s schedule.
- Please fill out Clinic Preceptor Evaluations - these are very important for faculty when it comes to improvement in teaching and promotion. Residents are not assigned Evaluations but can **“Initiate Evaluation of a Faculty Member”** and fill it out for preceptors they worked with.

Update on Diabetic Retinopathy Screening & Process: Screening for diabetic retinopathy is going very well. We are capturing 40% of eligible patients and screening over 20 patients per week. If your patient needs an eye exam simply turn on the yellow ball on the epic appointment screen and enter a message in the note section: “eye exam today”. Then leave the patient in the exam room. Your nurse will see the message and escort your patient to the camera. You do not need to enter an order, rather the care assistants will do so. There is also no need to send your patient a result letter or arrange referrals. Dr. Garg who reads the photos sends letters to patients and notifies the eye clinic regarding patients who need referrals. **Our job is very simple. Just turn on the yellow ball and enter a note for your nurse.** Please let Dr. Miller know if you think of ways to improve this process so that we can increase our screening rates.

BITE-SIZED NEWS

Patagonias are Coming! Leslie Appleton will be emailing separately about this. Please thank her in advance for tackling this gargantuan project!

Upcoming HSC Meeting: Please join us for the next UNC Housestaff Council meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 pm. This will be held in the Cancer Center Conference Room #1; as usual, dinner will be provided. Dr. Clark Denniston will be joining at 6:15 pm for a Housestaff Town Hall. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/szCNe6AtQT48JKoV6>

SCHOLARLY & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

2019 NC Cardiovascular Update Symposium (October 11): This is a great educational experience for any resident interested in cardiology- or just anyone looking for something to do! Carol Warnes, a renowned congenital heart disease expert, will be the keynote speaker this year. This is a free event with lunch and snacks included. Register [here](#).

The UCSF HEAL Initiative: We are actively recruiting our 6th class of global health fellows and we'd like to ask your help in spreading the word. We are eager to recruit individuals who are passionate about global health equity and service to the underserved to join our community of 125+ fellows across 17 partner sites in 8 countries and the Navajo Nation. Current openings can be found [here](#).

We are currently recruiting US-trained physicians from a variety of specialties (Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Med-Peds, Pediatrics, OBGYN, Psychiatry, General Surgery, Anesthesiology).

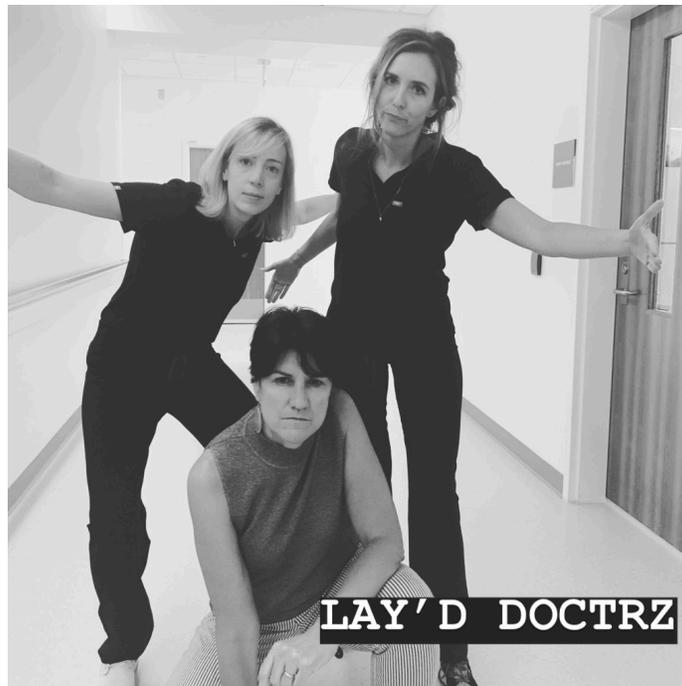
During the two-year fellowship, HEAL fellows are immersed at partner organizations aiding the underserved, splitting their time between a US and an international site. Half of the HEAL fellows are US-trained physicians and the other half are HEAL fellows from our partner sites, which allows for a diverse and inter-professional training community. Fellows participate in intensive in-person training, mentorship, professional development, ongoing curriculum, and join a community of passionate health professionals from around the world. Applicants must have completed a US-based residency program by the start of the fellowship in July 2020. Learn more [here](#).

The first Application Deadline is September 30, 2019! [Download our Brochure to Learn More!](#)

OUT & ABOUT



UNC sun visors catch some use for the first time – where else than under the fluorescent lights of the MICU.



Are you ready?!? Doctors Jeffries, Gill, and Bynum gear up to release their first single, "BEST I Ever Had." Keep your radios tuned, as one of our local AM radio stations is sure to pick up this all-too-hot, sure-to-be smash hit, any day now.

SHOUT OUTS

- To **Dr. Andrew De La Paz**, for a glowing review from the 3-Anderson nursing staff (he reportedly received a standing ovation at a recent nursing staff meeting... yes, we are not exaggerating). He has been accused of "throwing kindness like confetti." See attached snapshot from the 3-Anderson newsletter for additional information.
- To **Dr. Aaron Lerner**, for shooting from the hip and making it look easy while providing excellent critical care on Hillsborough nights as he identified a case of acute aortic insufficiency secondary to endocarditis; the patient was transported to Main for emergent valve replacement shortly thereafter.
- To **Dr. Simon Gray**, for quick thinking and a detailed neurologic exam (also on Hillsborough nights), which identified a need for a STAT head CT and subsequent finding of acute subarachnoid hemorrhage. This patient was also emergently and rapidly transported to the NSICU at Main Campus where he received appropriate intervention.

SPOTLIGHT ON



Our most recent addition, Dr. Shreena Shah!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Shreena Shah to the program. She comes to us as a PGY-2 from the sunny city of Philadelphia. We are excited to have you join our ranks, Shreena. Please join us in welcoming her when you see her on the wards!

Shreena is from Cary, North Carolina. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her undergraduate degree from the Gillings School of Public Health. She began her medical training in Philadelphia and is excited to return to UNC to complete her residency. She enjoys traveling, exploring new things, and dancing. She has various interests including gastroenterology, allergy, and academic hospital medicine.

WEEKLY TRIVIA

A ferritin of less than 15 has an LR+ of 51.8 for the presence of iron deficiency anemia.

Morning Report & Noon Conference schedule and archive: available [via Resident Links -> Conferences](#) on the residency website (requires Onyen log-in).