

# The Inside View

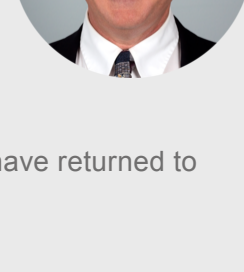
Department of Radiology



## A Message from Jonny

Dear All,

The Israel Radiological Association recently held an "Israel Meets Harvard" gathering as part of its annual meeting on the shores of the Gulf of Aqaba in Eilat. Former BIDMC Abdominal Imaging Fellow Jacob Sosna, MD, chair of Radiology at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, is their current president and hosted several of his local colleagues. Jacob is just one example of the many BIDMC alumni who have returned to Israel and distinguished themselves on the country's national stage.



Other BIDMC connections at this year's meeting included Lior Copel, Nadia Kaplan, Eyal Morag, Ziv Neeman, Nahum Goldberg, Liat Appelbaum and Ahuva Engel, and our local Boston colleagues Giles Boland and Jim Brink. We also have a strong connection and formal affiliation with Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, where both Olga Brook and Diana Litmanovitch trained. Our exchange programs with Israeli institutions go back many years and include the Paulin-Simon Exchange program that funds BIDMC radiologists to visit and teach at Rambam.

Our most recent exchange program with our Israeli colleagues highlighted the tremendous contributions that so many of our international faculty members have made in shaping this department. The statistics relating to these outstanding physicians speak for themselves. Many distinguished Europeans, including more than 35 Irish fellows, along with Felix Fleischner, Sam Robbins, Igor Laufer, Bettina Siewert, Sven Paulin, Vassili Raptopoulos, Paul Finn, Alex Bankier, Colin McArdle, Phil Costello, George Hartnell, Niall McEniff, David Brophy, Mary Keogan, Michelle McNicholas, Elvira Lang, Ivan Pedrosa, Colm McMahon, Darren Brennan and Koenraad Mortelet, are part of our community. From farther afield, we include Brian Leeming, Hiroto Hatabu, Mizuki Nishino, Dmitri Rabkin, Olga Brook, Diana Litmanovitch and Ducksoo Kim, and many, many others to whom I apologize for omitting.

Of course I am somewhat biased and will mention several from the tip of Africa, including Morris Simon, Gillian Lieberman, Barry Sacks, Haldon Bryer, Lawrence Leigh, Fourie Bezuidenhout and Norm Joffe. And from every corner of this globe, we continue to attract outstanding international physicians to both our training programs and faculty practice.

Why is this? When examining a terrific and sustained legacy, it often helps to look back at one's origins: Beth Israel Hospital was created in 1916 to welcome and to serve the needs of the growing number of Eastern European emigrants and refugees. I know of few similar institutions where the diversity of patients, faculty, staff and trainees is so broad, and we truly pride ourselves on having the opportunity to work in such a culturally inclusive environment each day.

Sincerely,

Jonny

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Melvin E. Clouse Professor of Radiology, HMS

## Radiology in the News

The *Worcester Business Journal* published an article yesterday about how a team of our BIDMC radiologists is rapidly growing a Harrington HealthCare System lung cancer screening program. [Read the story here.](#)

## Help Support BIDMC in U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals Rankings

Reminder to physicians: In order to guarantee your participation in the 2020 U.S. News and World Report Best Hospitals survey, you must have a registered Doximity account by **tomorrow, Nov. 1**. If you are not yet a Doximity member, please consider registering at [doximity.com](https://www.doximity.com) today. Boosting physician participation in the survey will help us ensure our rankings truly reflect the extraordinary, compassionate care we provide here at BIDMC. Let your voice be heard!

## Capital Equipment Update

Each year, the medical center convenes a resource allocation process where all capital expenditures are presented for funding. For those of you who don't know, this committee looks at strategic priorities, volume, technology, equipment age, service records and more to ensure the hospital's capital dollars are spent where they are needed most.



Our chair, **Jonny Kruskal, MD, PhD, FACR**, oversees the imaging committee, while other committees include administration, business plan, general clinical, infrastructure, Lexington, perioperative, procedural, and strategic commitments. As you can imagine, there are many valid competing priorities in an organization of this complexity and size. It's a rigorous process, yet one that is crucial for us to participate in so that we can continue to provide the best possible service to our patients.

Following our most recent proposal to the committee, we have received approval to replace and upgrade several machines and systems across our sections and sites, including a(n):

- 3D mammography unit replacement, Lexington
- 3T MRI upgrade, West Campus
- Breast Imaging biopsy system replacement, Shapiro
- CD burner replacement, Lexington
- Community enterprise diagnostic PACS system
- Computed-to-digital radiography upgrade, Lexington
- Informatics and clinical-decision support system upgrade
- IR system replacement, West Campus, Room A
- Nuclear SPECT-CT replacement, East Campus
- PACS monitor and workstation replacement
- Radiographic room replacement, SCC2 Orthopedics, Shapiro
- Two 3D mammography unit replacements, Shapiro
- Two ultrasound unit replacements

## Neurorad Fellowship Announcement

Many of you know that after thoughtful planning, **Yu-Ming Chang, MD, PhD**, will step down as Neuroradiology Fellowship Program Director, to be succeeded by **Mary Tenenbaum, MD**.



Mary was a BIDMC fellow herself and since many of us have had a chance to work with her over the last few months, we know she is an excellent radiologist and a proud example of the kind of neuroradiologist our training program can produce.

On Oct. 21, Mary became our de facto program director. Yu-Ming will continue to sign legal forms and documents until the BIDMC GMEC and then the ACGME officially approves the change. Please send all other program requests to Mary.



Yu-Ming expresses his gratitude for having been the head of the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program and has full confidence in Mary's leadership and ability to continue to develop and expand the program for our fellows.

## The Research Roundup

Welcome, **Stephanie Waldman!**

Stephanie joined our MRI Research team in June. As a clinical research assistant for the Director of MRI Research, David Alsop, MD, and MRI Research Program Manager, Meaghan Strob, Stephanie will maintain regulatory documents for MRI research and be responsible for the screening, recruiting and consenting of MRI research study participants, while also serving as principal correspondent to the hospital's Institutional Review Board.



Originally from Collegeville, Penn., Stephanie is a recent graduate from Lafayette College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. She plans to attend medical school and hopes that working in clinical research will help her decide to pursue either an MD or MD/PhD.

On a personal note, Stephanie is passionate about music and in her free time, she enjoys playing the guitar, wandering around Boston, and playing with her dog, Harley.

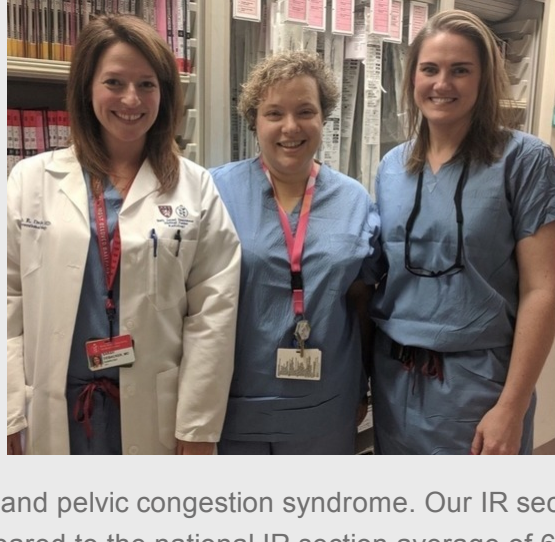
### Did You Know?

The Portal contains a wealth of information for busy researchers, including printable forms, FAQs, examples of successful grant applications, guidelines for onboarding research fellows and much more. For those in the field, here are a few useful links you might like to bookmark:

- [Research and Academic Forms](#)
- [Resources for Principal Investigators](#)

## A Day in the Life

Three of our Interventional Radiology (IR) faculty pause for a photo during a break between procedures on West Campus. Pictured from left to right are **Sarah Schroepfel Debacker, MD**, who leads our Mass Vein Care practice with a clinical focus in biliary and venous interventions; **Olga R. Brook, MD**, director of CT with a clinical focus in women's health and CT-guided interventions; and **Julie Birch, MD**, whose clinical interests include venous insufficiency and varicose veins, uterine fibroid embolization, and pelvic congestion syndrome. Our IR section proudly comprises 30 percent women, compared to the national IR section average of 6 percent.



## Footnotes

**2020 Open Enrollment Reminder:** Select your 2020 employee benefits now through Friday, Nov. 15. For more information and resources, visit the [Portal](#).

**Seeking residents, fellows and faculty** who are interested in teaching our medical students in their second year of undergraduate medical education. A lecture would require one hour of your time and we have pre-made slides for most topics to minimize prep work. [Visit our Google Drive file](#) to sign up. For additional questions, contact Radiology Clerkship Coordinator [Ceejay Powell Francis](#).

**Calling all artists!** We are reinvigorating our art display in the third-floor Rosenberg "Gallery" room with original photographs, paintings and drawings. These pieces would be displayed as part of a rotating art schedule. If you would like to submit your work for consideration, please email a brief description, including medium/materials used, and a .jpeg or .png of your work to [RadiologyNews@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:RadiologyNews@bidmc.harvard.edu).

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