

Happy Birthday!

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Coordinator: Andrea Cifonelli

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MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MD/PhD Program

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Jen
Aug 1

I am excited to announce that Dr. Kane will serve as our temporary MD/PhD director during the fall semester!



Kailey
Aug 6

Dr. Kane will be available for research training advisement, as well as general advice during the preclinical years. MS1, MS2 and PhD students will have advisement with her this fall. Dr. Kane will also be available for Grand Rounds presentation mentorship for those presenting Paradigm Shifting Research Papers!



HJ
Aug 9

Dr. Ghosh continues to serve as our MD/PhD assistant program director and will continue mentoring students presenting clinical trials and provide advisement for MS3's and MS4's.

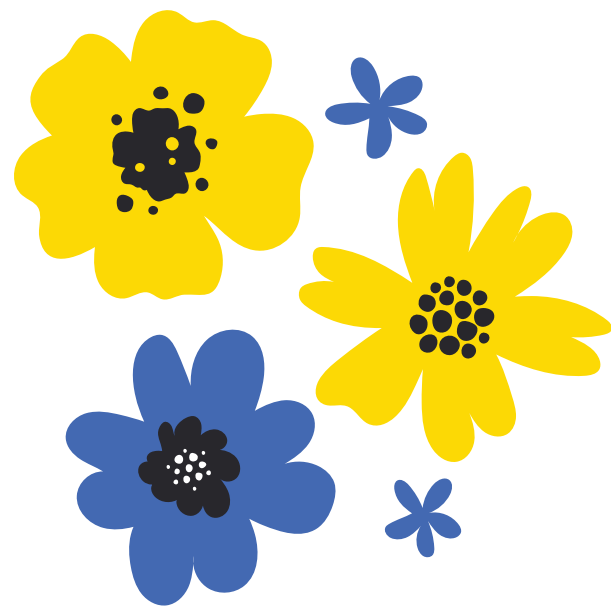
Welcome, and thank-you, Dr. Kane!



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Aug 28

Best,
Andrea





Reminders:

- Continue to notify Andrea of newly accepted publications
- Plan your schedules accordingly with our Grand Rounds schedule
 - **August 7th CANCELLED**
 - **August 14th - first GR**
- Summer rotations ended July 18th, evaluations are non-confidential and collaborative- should be signed/submitted to me by EOD August 1st
- Sign-up for fall MD/PhD advisement
 - Names in **red** note time changes for Dr. Kane's availability, I will reach out to some for rescheduling



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SAVE THE DATE

APSA
American Physician Scientists Association

APSA NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

Hosted by University of Rochester MSTP

415 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY

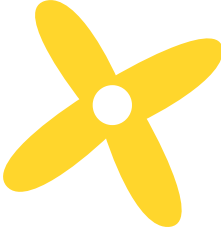
Publications

The Intersection of Disability, Race, Ethnicity,
and Financial Background on Food Insecurity.
Among Medical Students



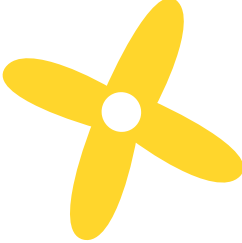


MDPH603



Patient Care and Clinical Skills

(PhD years only, fall semester optional for G4/5's)



Fall semester: August - December

SP Training (1x/semester):

Objectives, format, schedule + pre/post work posted in Brightspace

G4/5's must attend fall semester SP session, regardless of course enrollment

Clinical Mentorship Experiences (4x/semester):

- Longitudinal clinical Mentorship- student choice
 - identify Clinical mentor [here](#) (1st tab)
 - schedule 4x/semester (3x/semester for G1's)
 - tracking - submit one patient note to Dr. Ghosh and cc Andrea
- Additional inpatient clinical experience training w/ Dr. Ghosh
 - sign-up [here](#)
 - optional and replaces a clinical mentorship shadowing event

Direct all clinical mentorship questions and concerns to Dr. Ghosh (cc Andrea)

Grand Rounds

Schedule

Summer/Dissertation Research Presentations + Clinical Trials + Capstones remain

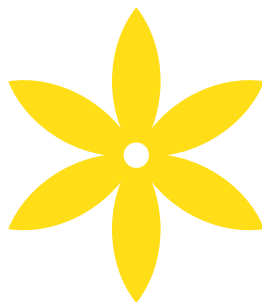
Clinical Case Study presentations → Paradigm Shifting Research Paper

Guidelines

- Present a paradigm shifting paper in your research field
- Paper published within the past three years
- Dr. Kane and your PI for mentorship
- Send paper to the MD/PhD listserv one week prior to presentation
- Invite your PI to Grand Rounds
- Present the paper and offer your critical appraisal of the work
- Address two questions:
 - How does this paper affect your research work?
 - How can or will this paper affect patients?

Clinical Trial presentations remain

- Dr. Ghosh will continue to assign these papers and provide mentorship





Earlier this year, I was devastated to learn that my F31-Diversity grant had been terminated as part of a broader effort by the Trump administration to dismantle federally supported diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. As a first-generation student and underrepresented minority in medicine and science, this felt deeply personal — a stark reminder of how political decisions can ripple down and threaten the very opportunities meant to level the playing field.

What followed was a period of uncertainty, frustration, and emotional fatigue. But I wasn't alone. With the support of my mentors, the research office, and a strong community, I continued to advocate, and thanks to a federal court ruling that overturned the termination, my funding has now been fully reinstated.

This experience reinforced how crucial it is for us — especially those from marginalized backgrounds — to keep showing up, speaking out, and leaning on each other. We shouldn't have to fight for the basic support others are granted without question, but when we do, we fight not just for ourselves — we fight for the next generation too.

Joe