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**Celebration of Excellence**

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- **Five-Year Teaching Award:**
  - Alpha (Berry) Fowler, III, MD

- **Certificates of Recognition in the Role of Fellowship Director:**
  - Anthony Minisi, MD
  - George W. Venove, MD
  - Kenneth A. Ellenhogen, MD
  - Sata G. Monroe, MD
  - Diane Biskobing, MD
  - Angela Gerelli, MD
  - Laurel J. Lynchholm, MD
  - William Neal Roberts, Jr., MD
  - Lisa Brath, MD
  - Richard T. Seravitz, MD
  - Arun J. Sanyal, MD
  - Susan R. DiGiovanni, MD
  - Lawrence B. Schwartz, MD, PhD

- **Distinguished Clinical Care Awards:**
  - Domenic Sica, MD
  - Gonzalo Bearman, MD, MPH
  - John Clore, MD
  - Kevin B. Cooper, MD
  - John McCarty, MD
  - Betty Anne Johnson, MD
  - Susam Woliver, MD
  - Beth Rubenstein, MD
  - Bethany Derlinger, MD
  - Michael L. Hess, MD
  - Christopher M. Wise, MD
  - Velimir Luketic, MD

- **Distinguished Research Awards:**
  - Arun Sanyal, MD
  - Rakesh Kukreja, PhD
  - James Khatcheressian, MD
  - Christopher Kepley, MD
  - Lori B. Sweeney, MD
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- **Teaching Excellence Awards:**
  - Rosemarie Mannino, MD – Humanism and Professionalism
  - Rebecca Y. Mumpower, MD – Humanism and Professionalism
  - Frank A. Pulco, MD – Patient Care and Clinical Skills
  - Loretta M. Buckley, MD – Patient Care and Clinical Skills
  - Anthony Minisi, MD – Overall Teaching Effectiveness
  - Manolea de Wit, MD – Overall Teaching Effectiveness

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**Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds**

**March 26**

**SPECIAL WEDNESDAY GRAND ROUNDS**

**John H. Powers, MD**

Lead Medical Officer

Antimicrobial Drug Development and Resistance Initiatives

Office of Drug Evaluation IV, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**April 3**

**ANNUAL CHARLES THOMAS LECTURE**

Organized by the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology

SLE: Issues over the Life Span

Rosalind Ramsey-Goldman, MD, DrPH

Solovy Arthritis Research Society Professor, Research Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

**April 10**

**Housestaff Research Presentations**

**April 17**

**The Great Debate: What is the Leading Cause of Death in the US?**

Wally R. Smith, MD

Professor and Chair, Division of Quality Health Care

Department of Internal Medicine, VCU/MC

VS.

Arun J. Sanyal, MD

Professor and Chair, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

Department of Internal Medicine, VCU/MC

**April 24**

**Cystic Fibrosis in Adults**

Patrick Flame, MD

Professor of Medicine & Pediatrics

Pulmonary and Critical Care Division

Medical University of South Carolina

**May 1**

**TBA**

Steven A. Wasserman, PhD

Professor of Biology, Director of the Center for Molecular Genetics, University of California, San Diego

**May 8**

**ANNUAL MARKHEIM AWARD LECTURE**

Organized by the Division of General Medicine

Carolyn Clancy, MD

Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**May 15**

**Clinicopathologic Conference**

**May 22**

**ANNUAL WILLIAM BLACKARD LECTURE**

Organized by the Division of Endocrinology & Metabolism

Shalender Bhasin, MD

Professor and Chief

Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition

Department of Internal Medicine, Boston University Medical Center

**May 29**

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE GRADUATION & RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Stephanie A. Call, MD, MSPH

Associate Professor and Residency Program Director

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