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NEWS



SHSP Inks Agreement with Catholic Health System of Long Island for Clinical Ethics Instruction

The Medical Ethics Program is expanding its impact with a newly signed agreement with the Catholic Health System of Long Island to provide clinical ethics instruction for the health system that operates six acute-care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home nursing service, hospice and a network of physician practices with nearly 17,400 employees. The training will be provided to members of the Ethics Committees of the Catholic Health facilities, to help them identify, analyze, facilitate and resolve, ethical conflicts in the context of their institution. [Read the full article on SHSP agreement with Catholic Health.](#)

NYMC Marks World Field Epidemiology Day

September 7, 2021, marked the first year of World Field Epidemiology Day to highlight the importance of epidemiologists amid the COVID-19 pandemic. **Elizabeth D. Drugge, Ph.D., M.P.H. '12**, assistant professor of epidemiology and adjunct professor of pharmacology, became an epidemiologist long before the term became commonplace amongst the media and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, epidemiology is at the forefront of the national public health conversation. [Read the full article on Dr. Drugge.](#)



NYMC Issues Updated Policy on the Development, Issuance and Maintenance of Policies

NYMC has issued an updated [Policy on the Development, Issuance and Maintenance of Policies](#) to provide a standardized process for the development, issuance and updates of all College policies. The revision assures consistency, compliance with law, communication with the College community and effective updating, as well as clarifies the workflow and responsibility for policy creation and review. A comprehensive review and update of all College policies will take place over the next several months and policies will be reviewed biannually thereafter.

Quill and Scope is Online

The latest edition of [Quill and Scope, Volume XIII: The Labrinth](#), is available online. The medical student journal was founded in 2008 to provide a platform for medical students to express their views on the contemporary issues in medicine and find balance in the life of a medical student. Diversity and breadth of scope are core values of the journal, as is integrity and professionalism. This year's edition represents all the twists, turns and challenges, presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and inspires to present a space for rest, reflection and creation. All forms of art and literature are considered for publication including commentaries, reviews, research abstracts, poetry, artwork and photography.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



The Health Sciences Library (HSL) Offers Abundant Resources to the NYMC Community

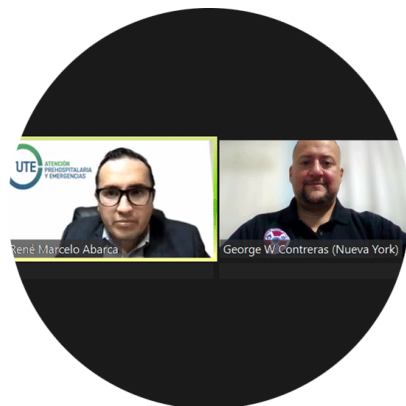
The HSL offers vital resources ranging from informational resources to printing services and much more. Located in the Basic Sciences Building (BSB), the Health Sciences Library (HSL) is full of useful resources and a knowledgeable team, led by **Marie T. Ascher, M.S., M.P.H.**, the Lillian Hetrick Huber Endowed Director of the HSL. They work constantly to make sure the dedicated students and faculty at NYMC have their research and scholarly needs supported. [Read the full article on the responsibilities of the HSL and the depth of resources available to the NYMC community.](#)

GRANT NEWS



Nicholas R. Ferreri, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology and course director for immunopharmacology and molecular pharmacology, received a four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) totaling \$1,640,000 for "Regulation of NKCC2 Isoforms and Blood Pressure by Tumor Necrosis Factor-alpha."

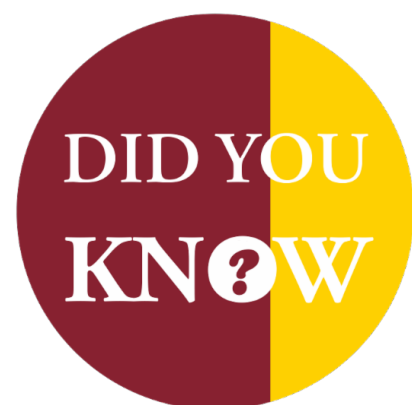
ACCOLADES



George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, EMPT, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health, was the invited keynote speaker for an online symposium on August 26, hosted by the University of Technology of Ecuador (UTE) based in Quito, Ecuador. His presentation, "The important role of emergency medical services and disaster medicine during natural disasters, public health emergencies and terrorist attacks," focused on how the New York area has dealt with various types of public health emergencies and natural disasters in recent decades.



Fernando P. Bruno, M.D., M.P.H., adjunct associate professor of public health in the Division of Epidemiology, was awarded an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (STPF). He will work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), with placement in the Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science (CTRIS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Bruno is among 284 highly trained scientists and engineers who will spend a year serving professionally in federal agencies and congressional offices as a Science and Technology Policy Fellow. The program aims to support evidence-based policymaking by leveraging the knowledge and analytical mindset of science and engineering experts, and foster leaders for a strong U.S. science and technology enterprise. Dr. Bruno will work on health and science policy to identify the best strategies for ensuring successful integration of evidence-based interventions within clinical and public health setting.



The seasonal flu vaccine is now available at NYMC. The Family Health Center has the regular vaccine dose and the high dose for seniors. Faculty and staff can contact the Family Health Center at (914) 828-0435 to make an appointment, although walk-ins are welcome. Students can contact Health Services at (914) 594-4234 to schedule an appointment.



TIP OF THE WEEK

From the Health Sciences Library: Online access to *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal (WSJ)* is available through the Health Sciences Library. A two-year WSJ subscription was purchased with funding from the Sidney E. Frank Foundation with support from Joseph T. English, M.D., the Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. You can access and create accounts via the links found on the library's [databases page](#) or send questions via [Ask A Librarian](#).



HIGHLIGHTS



NYMC Founder's Dinner

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. | Marina Del Rey, Throgs Neck, NY

The Founder's Dinner is our signature, annual fundraising event, where academic, health care, business and community leaders, come together to celebrate NYMC's proud history and promising future and to honor distinguished community leaders for their impactful and transformative achievements. Funds raised from the 2021 Founder's Dinner will contribute to our success in educating the next generation of physicians and health care providers, and conducting life-saving biomedical research.



The **NYMC Free Community Food Pantry**, located outside of the Alumni House at 20 Sunshine Cottage Road, is stocked with non-perishable food items and other items donated by the NYMC community.



Yoga Class for Faculty and Staff

Mondays | 5:30 p.m. | [Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 489 054 8060; Password: YOGA
One tap mobile +19292056099 (for dial in)

Virtual yoga class led by certified yoga instructor Mary Butler-Fink

EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

[View all events...](#)

Tuesday, September 14	5:00 p.m.	Student Mental Health and Wellness Virtual Presentation
Wednesday, September 15	8:00 a.m.	Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds
	1:00 p.m.	Department of Surgery Grand Rounds
Thursday, September 16	All Day	NYMC Closed: Yom Kippur
Tuesday, September 21	All Day	NYMC Closed: Sukkot (Day 1)
Wednesday, September 22	All Day	NYMC Closed: Sukkot (Day 2)
	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
Tuesday, September 28	All Day	NYMC Closed: Sukkot (Day 8)
Wednesday, September 29	All Day	NYMC Closed: Sukkot (Day 9)
Wednesday, October 13	11:00 a.m.	Department of Pharmacology Research Seminar
Wednesday, October 20	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds

[Add an event here to the NYMC calendar.](#)

IN THE NEWS

New York Medical College Leadership News

[How To Attend a Wedding Again, According to Experts](#)

Thrillist - 9/1/2021

Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

[These Are Westchester's Dedicated Leaders in the Healthcare Field](#)

Westchester Magazine - 8/24/2021

Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs
Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S., clinical associate professor of pediatrics, adjunct professor of public health and senior fellow in the Center for Disaster Medicine
Michael D. Israel, M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine, distinguished visiting professor of public health and CEO of Westchester Medical Center

New York Medical College News

[Learn more about Lyme disease](#)

Riverdale Press - 8/29/2021

Lyme Disease Diagnostic Center

Faculty News

[Seven Resources to Help You Be Prepared for Any Type of Emergency](#)

River Journal - 9/3/2021

George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

[Paramedico latino eun padece estragos tras ayudar en el 9/11](#)

Spectrum Noticias NY1 - 9/8/2021

George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

[Hispano que sobrevivio a los ataques terroristas del 9/11 recuerda el tragico dia](#)

Telemundo - 9/7/2021

George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

[New Innovations In Brain And Heart Surgery At Westchester Medical Center](#)

WAG Magazine - 8/30/2021

Masashi Kai, M.D., assistant professor of surgery

[Masking and Vaccinations are the Key Ingredients to Attain COVID-19 Herd Immunity](#)

Healthcare Business Today - 8/28/2021

John Loike, Ph.D., interim director of the Master of Science Degree and the Graduate Certificate program in Medical Ethics and Humanities, SHSP

[Pediatric offices often unprepared for emergencies](#)

MD Alert - 8/27/2021

Jesse Michael Hackell, M.D., clinical assistant professor of pediatrics

[COVID long-hauler Catie Barber shares her story](#)

HV1 - 8/27/2021

Gary Rogg, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

[Westchester Orthopedic Surgeon Says Health Care is Social](#)

The Examiner - 9/2/2021

Howard J. Luks, M.D., assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and medicine

[Fernando P. Bruno, MD, MPH, Named Science & Technology Policy Fellow](#)

Business Fast - 9/1/2021

Fernando Bruno, M.D., M.P.H., adjunct associate professor of public health

[Rates of Opioid-Related Cardiac Arrest Rising in US](#)

Practical Cardiology - 8/26/2021

Wilbert Aronow, M.D., professor of medicine

[Nonmotor symptoms common in Parkinson's](#)

MD Ledge (Free Log In Required) - 8/26/2021

Leslie L. Citrome, M.D., M.P.H., clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences

Affiliate News

[NYMC forms academic affiliation with RI medical center](#)

Westchester and Fairfield County Business Journal

- 8/30/2021

Landmark Medical Center

Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., MACP, FAHA, FACE, dean of the School of Medicine and professor of medicine and of pharmacology

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