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## NEWS

### Raj K. Tiwari, Ph.D., Is Named Interim Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology

**Raj K. Tiwari, Ph.D.**, professor of microbiology and immunology, associate professor of otolaryngology and graduate program director, has been named interim chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, succeeding Ira Schwartz, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and immunology, medicine and biochemistry and molecular biology, who recently retired from his role as chairman. Dr. Tiwari joined the NYMC faculty in 1996 and has maintained an active, funded research program in immunological aspects of cancer biology.

Dr. Tiwari received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in biochemistry from the University of Calcutta in India and completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Toronto in Canada and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Prior to joining the NYMC community, he held faculty positions at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. [Read the full story here...](#)



### Robert A. Welke Cancer Research Foundation Continues Longstanding Support of NYMC Cancer Research

For more than two decades, the Robert A. Welke Cancer Research Foundation has been proud to fund cancer research at New York Medical College's Brander Cancer Research Institute, directed by **Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz, M.D., Ph.D.**, second from right, professor of pathology, medicine and microbiology and immunology. The Foundation was created to honor the late Robert A. Welke, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in 1993 and underwent experimental treatments at Westchester Medical Center. From time to time, Robert Welke's widow, **Betsy Welke**, second from left, and her family, including her daughter, **Carley Welke**, center, visit New York Medical College and Dr. Darzynkiewicz's lab to learn about the newest advances in the

## HIGHLIGHTS

**22nd Annual Medical Student Research Forum**

**1918-2018: 100 Years of Flu**



**Doris J. Bucher, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Pediatrics

**Thursday, February 8**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
MEC and BSB

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**Office of Undergraduate Medical Education Grand Rounds**

**Combating Unconscious Bias in Healthcare**



fight against cancer and see the latest technology and equipment, some of which was made possible to purchase and operate through the generosity of the Welke Foundation. The equipment, consisting of Flow Cytometer/Cell Sorter and Laser Scanning Cytometer, the most sophisticated instruments to analyze individual cells, serves as a Core Facility, available to all NYMC researchers. [Read the full story here...](#)

### From the Collection of Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.

Be sure to stop by the Chancellor's latest exhibit, presenting items of interest on the history of medicine and science displayed on the wall between Doc's Café and the bookstore in the Basic Sciences Building. The current exhibit features first day covers, envelopes or cards bearing a cancelled stamp on its first day of issue. The latest display includes covers from the 1960s and 1970s from Canada, Argentina, Monaco and the Philippines with the themes of the insulin, World Health Day, malaria, multiple sclerosis and tuberculosis.



### ACCOLADES



**Hasanat Alamgir, M.B.A., Ph.D.**, associate professor of health policy and management and co-director of the Center for Long-Term Care, was an invited speaker at the Sustainable Apparel Sourcing: Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration Beyond Compliance and Transparency Conference, held at Harvard University on December 15. He spoke on worker health and safety in developing countries.



**Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, dean of the School of Health and Sciences and Practice and vice president for government affairs, met with New York State Senator **Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, democratic conference leader, at the outset of the 2018 Legislative Session on January 29.

**Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S.**, left, Westchester County Health Commissioner and clinical associate professor of pediatrics and distinguished lecturer in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, and **Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, right, dean of the School of Health and Sciences and Practice and vice president for government affairs, welcomed newly elected Westchester County Executive George Latimer, on January 25.



**Mecca E. Santana, Esq.**  
Senior Vice President,  
Diversity, Inclusion and  
Community Engagement  
Westchester Medical Center  
Health Network

**Tuesday, February 13**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
19 Skyline Drive  
Ground Floor Annex  
Boardroom

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### Department of Pharmacology

**Human Translational  
Studies on Inflammation  
and Cardiometabolic  
Diseases**



**Nehal N. Mehta, M.D.,  
M.S.C.E., F.A.H.A.**  
Chief, Laboratory of  
Inflammation and  
Cardiometabolic Diseases  
NIH National Heart, Lung and  
Blood Institute

**Wednesday, February 28**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
Nevins Auditorium (MEC)

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### Save the Date

**2nd Annual Touro College  
of Dental Medicine at New  
York Medical College Gala**



**Jonathan A.N. Fisher, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physiology, presented "Classifying Acute Brain Injury Based on Noninvasive Measurements of Neurovascular Sensory Reactivity" and "Neurodome: Immersive Neuroscience Education Through Exploring 3D Brain Data in Digital Domes" at the Society of Neuroscience annual meeting, held November 11-15 in Washington, D.C.



**Michael S. Wolin, Ph.D.**, professor of physiology, was nominated to serve on the Hypertension and Microcirculation Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.



## IN THE NEWS

### New York Medical College Leadership News

#### [Schumer Calls for CDC to Send Flu Team to NY](#)

*NBC New York - 1/29/2018*

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

### Faculty News

#### [Turn to Tara: Researchers find blows to head, not concussions cause CTE](#)

*News 12 Hudson Valley - 2/1/2018*

Patric K. Stanton, Ph.D., professor of cell biology and anatomy and neurology

#### [Advancing Care in Hudson Valley](#)

January/February 2018

#### **Wine Connoisseurs Raise a Glass to Help Support Maria Fareri Children's Hospital (page 3)**

Boriana Parvez, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics

#### **WMC Hyperbarics Program Receives Top Accreditation (page 4)**

Kausik Kar, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

#### **World-Class Cardiovascular Care Closer to Home (page 6)**

Julio A. Panza, M.D., professor of medicine

#### **What Affects Heart Disease (page 7)**

Tanya Dutta, M.D., M.A., assistant professor medicine and radiology

#### **A Heart, Helicopter, Holiday - and Restored Health (page 8)**

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

Syed H.M. Naqvi, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine

#### **Sophia's Journey (page 12)**

Michael H. Gewitz, M.D., professor of pediatrics



**Monday, March 12  
6:00 p.m.**

Ritz-Carlton Westcheshter

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### HeLa Diversity and Inclusion Conference

**Creating Healthy  
Communities:  
Collaboration. Innovation.  
Transformation.**



**Monday, March 19  
9:00 a.m.**

7 Dana Road  
Clinical Skills and Simulation  
Center

Hear from experts about issues impacting our diverse patient populations and communities we serve.

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### Save the Date Town Hall Meeting



**Thursday, April 19  
4:00 p.m.**

19 Skyline Drive  
Ground Floor Dining

**An Unlikely Victim (page 14)**

Cary L. Hirsch, M.D., adjunct assistant professor of medicine

**What If We Only Ate Plants? (page 16)**

Syed H.M. Naqvi, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine

**Life - Before and After a New Heart (page 18)**

David Spielvogel, M.D., professor of surgery  
 Alan Gass, M.D., associate professor of medicine  
 Chhaya Aggarwal, M.D., assistant professor medicine

**Winter Weather Safety and Health (page 20)**

**How can we make sure sledding stays fun?**

Darshan D. Patel, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, family and community medicine and emergency medicine

**Is snow shoveling bad for your heart?**

Martin B. Cohen, M.D., associate professor of medicine

**What is your health advice for heart failure patients?**

Alan Gass, M.D., associate professor of medicine

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**EVENTS**

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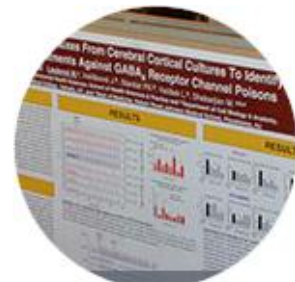
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>	
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds	11:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>	
Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds	8:00 a.m.
Department of Surgery Grand Rounds	8:30 a.m.
Department of Medicine Grand Rounds	12:00 p.m.
Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy Seminar	2:00 p.m.
Department of Health Policy and Management Seminar	3:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>	
Department of Urology Grand Rounds	8:30 a.m.
22nd Annual Medical Student Research Forum	1:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, February 9</b>	
Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation	8:00 a.m.

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

Join **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive officer, for a State of the College update, followed by a Q&A session.

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**Save the Date**  
**SHSP 6th Annual Research and Scholarship Day**



**Thursday, May 3**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
 19 Skyline Drive

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**Save the Date**

**159th Commencement Exercises**



**Wednesday, May 23**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Carnegie Hall**  
 881 Seventh Avenue  
 (at 57th Street)  
 New York, NY 10019

**Save the Date**

**5th Annual Gabor and Harriette Kaley Endowed Lectureship**



**Akos Koller, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Chairman, Scientific Council  
Institute of Natural Sciences,  
University of Physical  
Education Budapest,  
Department of Neurosurgery,  
University of Pécs and NYMC  
a djunct professor of  
physiology

**Thursday, May 24**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Chouake Auditorium (BSB)

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