2021 JACOBI MEDALLION

Streamed Online Award Ceremony
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
The Jacobi Medallion

As President of the Associated Alumni in 1952, Dr. William M. Hitzig conceived the idea of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Mount Sinai Hospital by honoring Mount Sinai physicians for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine or for extraordinary service to the alumni. Dr. Abraham Jacobi, after whom the medallion is named, was one of the early presidents of The Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Board and eventually became President of the AMA. He is credited with founding the specialty of pediatrics and, together with his wife Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi, established the first pediatric clinic in the United States. A man of broad interests, humanistic philosophy, investigative acumen, and clinical skill, he stands as a model not only for Mount Sinai, but for the entire medical profession.
Welcome to the 2021 virtual Jacobi Medallion ceremony.

In a year of immense challenges it is more important than ever that we recognize outstanding faculty, employees, and alumni of the Mount Sinai Health System.

Awarded since 1952, the Jacobi Medallion is the Mount Sinai Alumni Association’s highest honor, paying tribute to members of the Mount Sinai community who, over years of service, have made noteworthy contributions to biomedical research, clinical practice, and medical education. Nominations come from alumni and faculty—colleagues who appreciate, from personal experience, the level of dedication required to achieve excellence in medicine.

Excellence has been at the core of Mount Sinai’s mission for more than a century and a half, a reason the Medallion is named for Abraham Jacobi, MD, who in 1878 established the nation’s first inpatient department of pediatrics at The Mount Sinai Hospital. Known as “the father of pediatrics,” Dr. Jacobi was affiliated with Mount Sinai for 59 years.

The Mount Sinai Alumni Association this year recognizes the following physicians, researchers, faculty members, and administrators for distinguished achievement in medicine and extraordinary service to the Mount Sinai Health System, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and the Alumni Association:

Judith A. Aberg, MD; Donald A. Bergman, MD, MSH ’77; Ana Fernandez-Sesma, PhD, MSSM ’98; Evan L. Flatow, MD; Ronald H. Hoffman, MD, MSH ’76; Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP; Joy S. Gaylinn Reidenberg, PhD, MSSM ’88; Leslie E. Schneier, MBA, MPH; Phyllis A. Schnepf, MS; and Juan Pablo Wisnivesky, MD, DrPH.

Congratulations to all our 2021 Jacobi Medallion recipients.

Thank you for joining me in applauding this year’s honorees and supporting the Alumni Association’s tradition of celebrating Mount Sinai’s academic and medical excellence.

Sincerely,
Kenneth L. Davis, MD, MSSM ’73
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Mount Sinai Health System

The Jacobi Medallion ceremony highlights the commitment of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai to excellence in biomedical research and medical education. Never has this been more important than during a global health crisis, which means this year it is an especially high distinction to receive a Jacobi Medallion from the Mount Sinai Alumni Association.

Congratulations to Judith A. Aberg, MD; Donald A. Bergman, MD, MSH ’77; Ana Fernandez-Sesma, PhD, MSSM ’98; Evan L. Flatow, MD; Ronald H. Hoffman, MD, MSH ’76; Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP; Joy S. Gaylinn Reidenberg, PhD, MSSM ’88; Leslie E. Schneier, MBA, MPH; Phyllis A. Schnepf, MS; and Juan Pablo Wisnivesky, MD, DrPH.

In the tradition of Abraham Jacobi, MD, a visionary in pediatrics and president of The Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Board for 35 years, these Medallion recipients have proven themselves to be innovators who embody the best of Mount Sinai. They are great teachers, clinicians, and administrators. They have played an integral role in our response to COVID-19; helped bring new drugs to market; worked towards health equity; and played key roles in making Icahn Mount Sinai one of the nation’s top medical schools.

Because of a community of outstanding individuals, exemplified by this year’s honorees, Icahn Mount Sinai is on the leading edge of scientific discovery and medical education, and attracts faculty, trainees, and students of the highest caliber.

Congratulations to the 2021 Jacobi Medallion recipients and thank you for your role in helping Mount Sinai become a national leader in medical education, research, and care.

Sincerely,
Dennis S. Charney, MD
Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean,
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
President for Academic Affairs,
Mount Sinai Health System
Message from the President of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 69th annual Jacobi Medallion Virtual Awards Ceremony. I am honored to be your President of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association. And a special note of gratitude to Dr. Sandra Masur, Chair of the Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee, for ensuring the success of the event.

The Jacobi Medallion, established in 1952 commemorating the 100th anniversary of The Mount Sinai Hospital, honors extraordinary service to Mount Sinai, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and the Alumni community. This year, the Alumni Association is proud to award ten of Mount Sinai’s finest with the Jacobi Medallion: Judith A. Aberg, MD; Donald A. Bergman, MD, MSH ’77; Ana Fernandez-Sesma, PhD, MSSM ’98; Evan L. Flatow, MD; Ronald H. Hoffman, MD, MSH ’76; Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP; Joy S. Gaylinn Reidenberg, PhD, MSSM ’88; Leslie E. Schneier, MBA, MPH, Phyllis A. Schnepf, MS; and Juan Pablo Wisnivesky, MD, DPH.

The Mount Sinai Alumni Association’s founding mission is to support lifelong education and mentorship among former house staff and the attending physicians of The Mount Sinai Hospital. With the establishment of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the Alumni Association expanded to welcome members of its first graduating class. We now also welcome members of its growing healthcare system. As faculty and mentors at Icahn Mount Sinai, we have the opportunity to provide students and trainees with all of the resources they need to thrive in medical school and their future careers as physicians and scientists. The Enhanced Scholarship Initiative (ESI) strengthens our ability to recruit outstanding students while making a meaningful difference as they begin their careers in science and medicine without the burden of debt.

Today, the vision of Mount Sinai is remarkable as we dramatically advance the art and science of medical care through an atmosphere of intense collaboration, learning, scholarly inquiry, and social concerns. We thank you all for being a part of Mount Sinai and Icahn Mount Sinai’s legacy and future.

Congratulations to all recipients and enjoy tonight’s program.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Genden, MD, MBA, MSSM ’92, MSH ’99
President, The Mount Sinai Alumni Association
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Isidor Friesner Professor and System Chair,
Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Message from the 2021 Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee Chair

We celebrate the 2021 Jacobi Medallion winners tonight. They exemplify the highest ideals of our community. The range and quality of their contributions have enriched our knowledge, our workplace, our patients, our students and trainees, and beyond. We celebrate them all—Judith A. Aberg, Donald A. Bergman, Ana Fernandez-Sesma, Evan L. Flatow, Ronald H. Hoffman, Elizabeth A. Howell, Joy S. Gaylinn Reidenberg, Leslie E. Schneier, Phyllis A. Schnepf, Juan Pablo Wisnivesky—and we look forward to the continuing impact of their contributions to Mount Sinai and to the larger biomedical community.

The Jacobi award was established in 1962 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Mount Sinai Hospital. The award is equally meaningful 53 years after the founding of our medical school in 1968. In the earlier years, the Jacobi Medallion honored physicians who were so outstanding that they were known as physicians’ physicians; many of whom made seminal clinical observations that defined syndromes and diseases. And today we continue to honor these outstanding physician colleagues as well as outstanding clinician educators, scientists, and administrative leaders who make up our Mount Sinai community.

It was my honor to chair the Jacobi Medallion committee again. The number of truly excellent nominations we receive is ever more impressive. Each nominee is notable for their contributions to biomedicine or their extraordinary service especially to The Mount Sinai Hospital, Mount Sinai Health System, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, or the Alumni Association. The quality of these candidates humbled the committee members, and made us feel very proud; it also made our task very challenging. The nominees’ depth and breadth indicated the extraordinary pipeline of talent connected with our institution.

So thank you for joining us to honor this year’s Jacobi Medallion winners who exemplify contributions to our diverse community. We look forward to celebrating many more of our extraordinary colleagues in the future.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Masur, PhD, FASCOB
Chair, Jacobi Awards Committee
Professor, Ophthalmology and Pharmacological Sciences
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Message from the Office of Alumni Relations

On behalf of the Mount Sinai Office of Alumni Relations, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the recipients of the 2021 Jacobi Medallion, it is members of the Mount Sinai community such as yourselves who make this institution the remarkable place that it is.

I would like to recognize with gratitude the many alumni who have left us over the past year. Mount Sinai will honor their legacies for generations to come. The past year has been a testament to the generosity, humanitarianism and resilience of our alumni community. We are so fortunate to have them and are thrilled to celebrate with them this evening.

Special recognition to Sandra Masur, PhD for heading the 2021 Jacobi Medallion Selection Committee, as well as the members of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association for their efforts in making this evening a success.

Congratulations again on your honor! I am grateful to work with physicians and scientists who are so dedicated to their institution, its patients, and the community it serves.

Sincerely,

Alexis Colvin, MD, MSSM ’02
Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs
Professor, Department of Orthopedics
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

In Memory

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING JACOBI MEDALLION RECIPIENT WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE LAST YEAR.

Gone, but certainly not forgotten

Seymour Gendelman, MD
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Anonymous

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- 1976 Joel Harley (H. 1949)**
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- 1973 Louis S. Lapid (H. 1947)
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- 1970 J. Lester Gabrilove (H. 1944)
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- 1958 Elman S. Gais (H. 1927)
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- 1950 Charles E. Friedberg (H. 1933)
- 1949 Leo Edelman (H. 1917)
- 1948 Arthur R. Schwal (H. 1933)
- 1947 Richard M. Brockner (H. 1925)
- 1946 Harry Weiss (H. 1927)
- 1945 Arthur M. Master (H. 1933)
- 1943 Samuel Rosen (H. 1925)
- 1942 Irving Simon (H. 1937)
- 1941 Perry Kingslodon (H. 1923)
- 1940 Ernst B. Boas (H. 1936)
- 1939 David Back (H. 1933)
- 1938 Joseph B. Stember (H. 1921)
- 1937 Fredric D. Zeman (H. 1921)
- 1936 Edward Fridenberg (H. 1937)*
- 1935 Howard Lantuch (H. 1968)
- 1934 Alfred B. Aronson (H. 1968)
- 1933 Richard H. Hoffman (H. 1910)
- 1932 Daniel Poll (H. 1913)
- 1931 Bernard H. Elsberg (H. 1910)
- 1930 Samuel H. Geist (H. 1903)
- 1929 John A. C. Gomer (H. 1908)
- 1928 George Bahr (H. 1910)
- 1927 Burt H. Cohron (H. 1910)
- 1926 Harold Neufert (H. 1907)
- 1925 Abraham Hyman (H. 1908)
- 1924 Murray H. Bass (H. 1910)
- 1923 Bernard S. Oppenheimer (H. 1904)
Life Members and The Mount Sinai Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Program

Life Members have graciously supported The Mount Sinai Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Program, which was created to help generations of talented future physicians and scientists obtain their medical educations at Mount Sinai. Life Members and The Mount Sinai Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Program are distinguished as leaders devoted to continuing Mount Sinai's legacy of compassionate care and scientific discovery, and the pursuit of the institution's high ideals.
Past Jacobi Medallion Recipients

1968
Irving B. Goldman, MD
Alan F. Guttmacher, MD
Samuel M. Pack, MD

1969
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Aushes, Sr.
Parcy Kligman, MD
George Lee

1970
Maxine E. Bryn, MD
Albert S. Lyons, MD
Henry D. Janowitz, MD
S. David Pomrinse, MD
Richard H. Marshak, MD
George L. Engel, MD

1971
Louis R. Wasserman, MD
Robert Turrell, MD
Jean Pakter, MD
Henry Dolger, MD
Sheldon R. Coons

1972
Frederick H. Theodore, MD
Hans Popper, MD
Alvin J. Gordon, MD
J. Lester Gabrilove, MD
Alfred R. Stern
Louise Siltzbach, MD
Robert S. Siffert, MD
Irving J. Selikoff, MD

1973
Saul Jarcho, MD
Claire Hirschfield
Alan H. Barnert, MD
Martin R. Steinberg, MD
Isidore Snapper, MD
Gordon D. Oppenheimer, MD
Joseph Harkavy, MD

1974
Percy Klingenstein, MD
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Aufses, Sr.
John H. Garlock, MD
Burrill B. Crohn, MD
Leon Ginzburg, MD
Max Ellenberg, MD
Moses Swick, MD
Solomon Silver, MD
Isidor C. Rubin, MD
Bernard H. Eliasberg, MD

1975
M. Ralph Kaufman, MD
Morris A. Goldberger, MD
Gustave L. Levy
Lester R. Tuchman, MD
Joseph L. Goldman, MD
Albert Cornell, MD
Eugene Braunwald, MD
M. Ralph Kaufman, MD
Morris A. Goldberger, MD
Gustave L. Levy
Lester R. Tuchman, MD
Joseph L. Goldman, MD
Albert Cornell, MD
Eugene Braunwald, MD

1976
Ira A. Schur
Albert S. Lyons, MD
Isa A. Schur
Norman Simon, MD

1977
J. Lester Gabrilove, MD
Alan J. Gordon, MD
Haris Popper, MD
Frederick H. Theodore, MD

1978
John H. Garlock, MD
Burrill B. Crohn, MD
Leon Ginzburg, MD
Max Ellenberg, MD
Moses Swick, MD
Solomon Silver, MD
Isidor C. Rubin, MD
Bernard H. Eliasberg, MD

1979
Isidor C. Rubin, MD
Bernard H. Eliasberg, MD
Izidor C. Rubin, MD

1980
Paul Klopman, MD
Israil S. Wexhiar, MD
David Weiler, MD

1981
George Bawin, MD
Samuel Karovitz, MD
Elli Moschowitz, MD

1982
Rajin Cope, MD
Reuben Ottengen, MD
Jonas Salk, MD
Knaack Schuwel, MD, Posthumous
Harry Weiss, MD

1983
David Beck, MD
Richard Lewischin, MD
Benedict S. Oppenheimer, MD
Bella Schol, MD

1984
William M. Hitzig, MD
Harry Rosenwasser, MD
Gyorgy Shwartzman, MD
Israal Strauss, MD

1985
Loi E. B. Barnstein, MD, MSSM '88
Robin R. Blum, MD, MS '07
Michale Bonomo, MD, MS '94, MS '99
George Braun, MD, MS '73
Michael J. Bonzon, MD
Marjaret Ochada, MD
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Ms. Diana Chuen, MA, IMSMS '15
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Sandy M. Fung, MSIMM '98
Janice L. Gabrilove, MD, MSIMM '77
Steven K. Galion, MD, MSIMM '83
Jessica M. Galion, PhD, MSIMM '86
Irwin M. Galant, MD, MS '67
Eli M. Gandel, MD, MSIMM '99
Isabella M. Gombra, MD
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Chitoor S. Goudaraja, MD
James M. Grufton, MD, MSIMM '80
Elissa M. Gritz Friedman, MD, MSIMM '84
Robert T. Ostrom, MD, MSIMM '76
Robert J. Grossi, MD
Lae S. Gruber, MD, MS '92
Alan R. Hartman, MD, MSIMM '79
Laurence Hausman, MD

1989
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Hanson H. Hsu, MD, MSIMM '95
George W. Hanbly, MD
Adolwugu P. Ighodaro-Oganyanu, MD, MSIMM '95
Rama S. Jeyang, MBA, AAJ
Sinivas Iyengar, PhD
Jethby C. Jacoques, MD, MSIMM '96
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Society of Alumni Leaders

The Society of Alumni Leaders comprises of Mount Sinai alumni who are committed to making annual gifts to elevate alumni philanthropy at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, while directly supporting scholarships for Icahn Mount Sinai’s students. Because of the pandemic, Society membership was extended to Mount Sinai alumni who donated to COVID-19 relief funds in 2020.

Members of the Society serve as ambassadors and advocates for engagement, whose demonstrated commitment is set to inspire fellow alumni within the institution and externally.
Judith A. Aberg, MD, is the Dean of System Operations for Clinical Sciences, the Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, and the Dr. George Baehr Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. An internationally renowned expert in infectious disease and clinical trials, in her new role as Dean, Dr. Aberg works with other deans, chairs, and directors to introduce and integrate clinical and translational research across the Mount Sinai Health System. She also collaborates on health disparities research and grows novel programs in areas previously untapped for research participation. She joined Mount Sinai in 2014 after serving as Director of Infectious Diseases and Immunology at New York University School of Medicine and Director of Virology at Bellevue Hospital Center. After receiving her MD from Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Aberg completed her internal medicine and chief residency at the Cleveland Clinic and an infectious disease fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Aberg created the Infectious Disease Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC) to conduct National Institutes of Health (NIH)-sponsored, investigator-initiated, and industry-sponsored studies. The CTRC has grown to span all four full-service Mount Sinai hospitals in Manhattan, offering Phase 1-3 studies in infectious disease, including HIV. She was also the Co-Chair of the Ebola Task Force, working closely with hospital presidents, chief medical officers, and emergency management. She remains a member of the Health System’s Emergency Operations Center. Dr. Aberg is also Co-Chair of the protocol for the NIH-sponsored Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in HIV (REPRIEVE), the largest such trial to date in persons with HIV.

Dr. Aberg’s work was an integral part of Mount Sinai’s COVID-19 response. Among other accomplishments, she led the introduction of the antiviral agent remdesivir; was a key member of the team that created the Convalescent Plasma Program through a partnership with ImmunoTek and Emergent BioSolutions to manufacture hyperimmune globulin (HIG), a purified and highly concentrated antibody therapy; and transformed The Mount Sinai Hospital's chemotherapy infusion center for Regeneron anti-spike monoclonal antibody studies. She also opened the Pfizer mRNA vaccine study at The Mount Sinai Hospital and created the infrastructure for the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine study at Mount Sinai Brooklyn and Mount Sinai Queens. She serves as a member of the NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines panel and Crain’s Notable in Health Care 2020 and 2020 Empire Whole Health Heroes recognized her for her work in COVID-19.

Dr. Aberg has been involved in more than 150 clinical trials, many for HIV/AIDS, trained dozens of researchers, and writes and lectures frequently on her work.

Donald A. Bergman, MD, MSH ’77

Donald A. Bergman, MD, is an Endocrinologist and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Drawing upon more than 45 years of experience in endocrinology, diabetes, and academia, Dr. Bergman has been a clinical professor of medicine at Icahn Mount Sinai since 2004 and in private practice in New York City since 1977. He joined Icahn Mount Sinai as an instructor in 1977, going on to become first an assistant clinical professor and then an associate clinical professor before taking on his current role. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College and a Doctor of Medicine from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Bergman completed a first-year residency in obstetrics-gynecology at The Mount Sinai Hospital and an internship in internal medicine at Bellevue, New York University and VA Hospitals, along with a residency in internal medicine and fellowship in endocrinology at Mount Sinai.

Dr. Bergman is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a master of the American College of Endocrinology, where he is a former president. Further, he served as president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and the Board of Regents of the American College of Endocrinology Foundation. He was also president of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association receiving the Mount Sinai Alumni Special Recognition Award in 2020 for his exceptional service to the alumni community. During his tenure as president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, he founded the Power of Prevention, now known as Empower, a program that provides information to patients who have endocrine and metabolic disorders. Dr. Bergman has contributed to several books, including a chapter of The Mount Sinai School of Medicine Complete Book of Nutrition in 1999 and as co-editor of Guide to Physical Activity in 2006. Dr. Bergman also served as the executive editor of EmPower Magazine from 2010 to 2016. Dr. Bergman has appeared in New York Magazine’s Best Doctors and in Castle Connolly’s Top Doctors in New York, and in America, and Super Doctors. At Mount Sinai, he teaches a weekly metabolic bone disorders seminar he initiated for endocrinology fellows, now called “Bones and Breakfast.” In 2020, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology recognized Dr. Bergman’s leadership with the American College of Endocrinology Young D. Cole, Jr., MD, Distinguished Service Award.
Ana Fernandez-Sesma, PhD is a tenured professor in the Department of Microbiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Her research focuses on viruses such as dengue, influenza, chikungunya, Zika, HIV, and SARS-CoV-2. With her team, she has discovered novel mechanisms used by these viruses to circumvent immune responses and infect humans. She is a world-renowned viral immunologist with publications in top journals. Since 2007, she has been a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Virology and serves as a Senior Editor of mSphere and a Section Editor of PLoS Pathogens. Among several projects funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), she leads a consortium focused on dengue infection and vaccination. She has taken part in several scientific review panels and is currently a member of the Scientific Council of the Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at the NIH.

Dr. Fernandez-Sesma has also demonstrated outstanding dedication to graduate education and mentoring by co-directing the Microbiology Main Training Area of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn Mount Sinai for 10 years. She has also participated in numerous academic committees at Icahn Mount Sinai, including the Center for Excellence in Youth Education (CEYE) Advisory Council and the Biorepository & Pathology Advisory Committee. Due to her expertise, Dr. Fernandez-Sesma is in high demand internationally as a public speaker, both at academic conferences and in the media. In 2021, she was elected into the American Academy of Microbiology.

Evan L. Flatow, MD, the Bernard J. Lasker Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, is President of Mount Sinai West, part of the Mount Sinai Health System. Prior to this appointment, he served as Chair of the Leni and Peter W. May Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and Director of the Orthopedic Surgery Service at The Mount Sinai Hospital. A nationally and internationally recognized leader in shoulder surgery, he has made many clinical, educational, and research contributions to the care of shoulder disorders.

Since joining Mount Sinai in 1998, Dr. Flatow has established an internationally renowned shoulder service, training numerous shoulder fellows and residents. He, along with others, helped to develop a comprehensive shoulder replacement system that is widely used by shoulder surgeons around the world. Dr. Flatow established a tendon basic science research group at Mount Sinai, serving as principal investigator on National Institutes of Health R01 grants based on a new animal model of tendon damage. Before coming to Mount Sinai, Dr. Flatow spent 11 years on the faculty of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

A 1977 graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Flatow received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1981. He completed a surgical residency at Roosevelt Hospital, and an orthopedic residency and a year of shoulder fellowship under the direction of Charles S. Neer, II, MD, at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Dr. Flatow has received numerous honors and awards and has written or edited five books and more than 170 articles and book chapters. He has served as President of American Shoulder & Elbow Surgeons, Chair of the Trustees of the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, and as Chair of the Publications Committee and of the Council on Education of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is currently the Treasurer of the International Board of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery. Dr. Flatow has spoken about his work at conferences around the world, most recently at the China International Shoulder Conference in Chengdu, China.
Ronald H. Hoffman, MD, MSH ’76

Ronald H. Hoffman, MD is the Albert A. and Vera G. List Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. A physician-scientist, he concentrates on diagnosing and treating patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs) and has an extensive history of laboratory-based stem cell research. He is a past president of both the International Society of Experimental Hematology and the American Society of Hematology (ASH). He received the 2017 ASH Mentor Award for his efforts in mentoring students, residents, hematology/oncology fellows, and junior faculty. He was the editor of the journal Experimental Hematology and is the lead editor of Hematology Basic Principles and Practice, which, in its eighth edition, is the leading textbook in hematology.

Dr. Hoffman has contributed to numerous publications dealing with stem cell biology and expansion, polycythemia vera, myelofibrosis, and clinical trials for patients with MPNs. He is currently the principal investigator of the only MPN-focused program project grant, the MPN-Research Consortium. Continuously funded by the National Cancer Institute for over a decade, the Consortium coordinates the activities of 12 institutions focusing on the biology and treatment of myelofibrosis.

Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP

Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP is the Harrison McCrea Dickson President’s Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously she was a Professor of Population Health Science & Policy and Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Science and the Founding Director of the Blavatnik Family Women’s Health Research Institute at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Howell’s major research interests lie at the intersection between quality of care and disparities in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity and postpartum depression and its impact on underserved communities. One of the few OB/GYN health services researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Howell has played a major role in maternal health care policy.

Dr. Howell has served on several expert committees at the Institute of Medicine, NIH, the Joint Commission, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, among others, and on international external scientific advisory boards. She co-chaired the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Working Group on Reduction of Peripartum Racial Disparities, served on the Governor’s Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes for New York State, and the New York City Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Steering Committee for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She has testified to the US Congress for maternal healthcare legislation and currently co-chairs the National Quality Forum Committee on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality. Dr. Howell has contributed to many top peer-reviewed journals, and speaks at academic conferences across the country. Many media outlets have featured Dr. Howell, including NPR, ProPublica, the NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, The New York Times, and Essence Magazine. She recently shared her research on quality of care, maternal mortality and morbidity, and racial and ethnic disparities in a TEDMED talk that has garnered nearly two million views.
Joy S. Gaylinn Reidenberg, PhD is a Professor at the Center for Anatomy and Functional Morphology, and Department of Medical Education, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where she teaches medical and graduate students. Her research focuses on the comparative anatomy of animals adapted to environmental extremes, including the ability to produce sound underwater or mitigate pressure effects while diving. Studying such "natural experiments" helps uncover basic biomechanical relationships that affect all animals, including humans. She hopes to mimic these adaptations to develop protective/preventive technologies or new medical treatments for injuries and diseases whose causes or symptoms mimic these extreme environmental conditions.

Dr. Reidenberg is a graduate of Cornell University and Mount Sinai’s Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences. She is a Guest Investigator in the Department of Biology at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and a Guest Researcher at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. She has been featured in many international science and educational television documentaries (e.g., PBS, BBC, NatGeoWild, Discovery, Science Channel), many interviews (e.g., Nature, New York Times-Science Times, O the Oprah Magazine), and TED talks. On television, she is best known as the comparative anatomist for the BAFTA Award-winning series, Inside Nature’s Giants. Dr. Reidenberg is a recipient of the American Association of Anatomy’s Basmajian Award, their highest award for research and education in gross anatomy.

Leslie E. Schneier, MBA, MPH, is the Dean for Faculty Affairs and Administration at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. For over two decades, she has been an essential member of the Office of the Dean, starting as Assistant Dean for Administration in 1995. After earning her MBA and MPH from Yale University, Ms. Schneier joined the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation as a planner, and subsequently consulted to a New York State biomedical ethics task force. She was recruited to Mount Sinai in 1986 as a project associate in the Office of the President and also worked as an administrator in the Division of Genetics.

Ms. Schneier advises and collaborates with deans, department chairs, institute directors and administrators, in-house counsel, and human resources with a goal of balancing institutional, departmental, and faculty needs and interests. Specific accomplishments have included developing and implementing faculty appointment and promotion guidelines; conducting promotion seminars for junior faculty; overseeing the Faculty Handbook content; creating an annual faculty performance review process; and conceiving, designing, and implementing a heavily utilized policy, benefits and services website specifically for faculty.

In addition, Ms. Schneier organizes and facilitates leadership searches, including selection of nearly 50 percent of current department chairs. She co-chaired a successful effort to obtain initial institutional accreditation for Icahn Mount Sinai from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and co-chaired the Faculty Affairs Committee for MD program re-accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.
Phyllis A. Schnepf, MS

Phyllis A. Schnepf, MS is the Dean for Education and Research Administration at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. As a member of the Icahn Mount Sinai executive leadership team, she provides direction and support to the School’s education and research programs, ensuring that activities and goals are properly aligned with the institution’s strategic objectives.

Since joining Icahn Mount Sinai in 2007, Ms. Schnepf has made countless contributions that have improved the School’s administrative functions and benefited its community of faculty, staff, trainees, and students. She served as the chief architect of the recently launched Enhanced Scholarship Initiative, which has increased institutional scholarships for medical students and reduced their debt burden. Ms. Schnepf established the Office of Enrollment Services, combining the admissions, registration, financial aid, disability and health insurance functions under a more efficient structure. She also centralized the Master’s degree programs under the administrative umbrella of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Ms. Schnepf is Icahn Mount Sinai’s liaison to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and manages its submissions to register new degree programs. She also co-led the successful application for initial institutional accreditation and subsequent reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Ms. Schnepf has led many initiatives in support of Icahn Mount Sinai’s research mission. These efforts include directing the unification of research administration services across sites following the establishment of the Mount Sinai Health System, forming the Investigational Drug Service as a stand-alone entity, and launching a comprehensive orientation program for research faculty.

In addition to her core responsibilities across education and research enterprises, Ms. Schnepf serves many other essential roles at Icahn Mount Sinai. She established and supervises the Office of Global Operations, which provides expert guidance and oversight for international engagement activities by faculty, staff, and trainees. Ms. Schnepf also directs trainee housing program, serves as principal liaison to the Student Council, and works closely with the Mount Sinai Alumni Advisory Council and Alumni Association. She also leads emergency preparedness activities for Icahn Mount Sinai, notably serving as the School’s ears and voice in the Health System’s Emergency Operations Center throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to joining Icahn Mount Sinai, Ms. Schnepf held a series of progressively senior leadership positions over 25 years of service at The Mount Sinai Hospital, rising to Senior Vice President for Hospital Operations in 2003 with responsibility for the clinical ancillary services, non-clinical support services, supply chain, security, quality, risk, and regulatory departments.

Juan Pablo Wisnivesky, MD, DrPH

Juan Pablo Wisnivesky, MD, DrPH, is the Drs. Richard and Mortimer Bader Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Wisnivesky is a health services investigator with a research interest in chronic pulmonary disease self-management, lung cancer outcomes, and disparities in care. Dr. Wisnivesky’s history at Icahn Mount Sinai goes back to 2000, when he joined the Department of Medicine as an Assistant Professor after graduating from a fellowship program at Cornell University Medical College. He received his MPH and DrPH in Biostatistics at The Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and his MD at the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine in Argentina.

Dr. Wisnivesky has received multiple grants from the National Institutes of Health to support his research and he directs a federally funded Cancer Prevention and Control Training Program focused on underserved priority populations. Dr. Wisnivesky has published several manuscripts addressing issues related to lung cancer epidemiology, asthma, and COPD. He has mentored and trained dozens of medical students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty, many of whom have moved to independent research careers and academic leadership roles. More recently, he has been directly involved in the institutional efforts to understand the long-term consequences of COVID-19 infection and is leading the Mount Sinai COVID-19 Registry.

Dr. Wisnivesky is an active faculty in the American Thoracic Society’s MECOR Program and was appointed to the Coordinating Committee for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. He is also Vice Chair of the Health Equality Committee of the American Thoracic Society and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.
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We are honored to celebrate your distinguished achievements, and salute you for your dedication, support and commitment to Mount Sinai.

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