Are you committed to primary care and service of vulnerable patients?

Our Mission

❖ To train our residents to become excellent primary care physicians for vulnerable and underserved populations.

❖ To equip our residents to provide high-quality and comprehensive care to their future patients.

❖ To ensure the continued growth of the workforce who care for urban, inner-city, rural, and minority populations.

Our Ambulatory Block Components

The ambulatory blocks for PCVP residents are carefully designed to allow for ample continuity experience with patients in clinic, specialized training in the various fields of internal medicine, community engagement projects, didactics and academic time. In the first year, PCVP residents will have one extra month of ambulatory blocks, as compared to categorical interns. In the second and third years, PCVP residents will spend approximately six months of each year in the ambulatory setting.

❖ Continuity Clinic: During each ambulatory block, PCVP residents will have more continuity clinic than categorical internal medicine residents, allowing for more outpatient volume and opportunities for learning. The continuity clinics will take place in MetroHealth’s community clinics, which will provide a more integrated primary care environment.

❖ Specialty Clinics: PCVP residents will have intensive specialty clinic experiences in core and elective specialties, to allow for better training and referrals. in their future. PCVP residents will have exposure to endocrine, rheumatology, dermatology, Men’s Health, Women’s Health (including training in LARC, if desired), LGBTQ Health, infectious disease, psychiatry, geriatrics, neurology, musculoskeletal specialties (orthopedics, PM&R), neurology, pulmonology, ENT and ophthalmology.

❖ Community Engagement: We believe that multidisciplinary, wrap-around care is crucial to vulnerable populations. In the first year, PCVP residents will partner with a community organization of their choice to learn about the organization and how it can be a resource to our patients. If the partnership goes well, we will encourage the residents to turn the relationship into a scholarly project or a long-term engagement.

❖ Didactics: PCVP residents will receive a comprehensive curriculum, to optimally inform their practice. Our curriculum focuses on being hands-on, interactive, and case-based, using innovative methods such as problem-based learning and flipped classroom styles. There will also be special didactics focused on social justice topics such as social determinants of health, population health, quality improvement, and advocacy.

❖ Administrative and Scholarly Time: This will be built in to PCVP ambulatory block weeks and will include time for self-directed learning, careful follow up of patients, and refinement of academic skills in research and writing.
Our Program Directors

**Michelle Nemer, MD**
Born to Mexican parents in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dr. Nemer is dedicated to the primary care of traditionally underserved patients, with a particular interest in Latino populations. Dr. Nemer graduated from Yale University and attended Washington University Medical School in St Louis. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine-Primary Care at Brigham and Women’s Hospital where she stayed on to serve as chief resident and instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Nemer joined MetroHealth because of its unwavering commitment to providing excellent care for all Clevelanders. She is fluent in Spanish, and currently sees predominantly Spanish-speaking patients at the MetroHealth Thomas McCafferty Health Center. Dr. Nemer is also involved in teaching, resident advising, and community health and advocacy.

**Atsuko Yamahiro, MD, MPH, AAHIVS**
Dr. Yamahiro grew up in Tokyo, Japan and Maryland. She graduated from Cornell University and attended Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine-Primary Care at Yale New Haven Hospital where she trained in the Internal Medicine HIV track. After residency, she served as chief resident and clinical instructor in the Yale Primary Care Program. Dr. Yamahiro is a certified clinician in the American Academy of HIV Medicine and a certified HIV-specialist. She is committed to providing excellent primary care to all her patients and practices at the MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Medical Center and the MetroHealth HIV/AIDS Clinic. Dr. Yamahiro also serves as an associate program director in the internal medicine residency program with a focus on ambulatory curriculum development.

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