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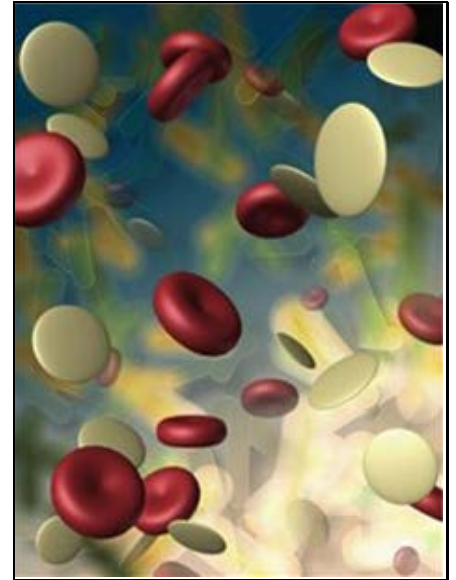
Introduction

The Cardiovascular Division and related disciplines at the Washington University School of Medicine have a distinguished track record of research productivity in both the clinical and basic sciences. The objectives of this document are twofold:

- 1.) To provide an overview of current research activities of individual investigators within the Cardiovascular Division, as well as investigators in related fields of research; and
- 2.) To assist residents, fellows, graduate students, MSTPs and junior faculty members in identifying potential mentors with specific research interests.

The document is updated at least annually to reflect evolving research interests. Questions regarding ongoing or proposed research projects should be directed to individual investigators. General questions about the Mentorship Program should be addressed to members of the Mentorship Committee, comprising Drs. Barger, D. Brown, Kates, Mann, Davila, Peterson, and Rich.

Comments or suggestions about the utility of this document and how it could be improved should be addressed to Michael W Rich, MD, Professor of Medicine, at mrich@wustl.edu.



How to Use This Document



Residents, fellows, and others who wish to identify potential mentor(s) are encouraged to browse through the Index, which lists investigators according to their areas of interest. Names in the Table of Contents and in the Index are hyperlinked to the Investigator's page within the document. Names on each Investigator's page are hyperlinked to the Cardiology website (or Washington University faculty website for investigators outside the Cardiovascular Division). The website provides additional details about each investigator's training, publications, and clinical activities. Key words at the bottom of each investigator's page indicate terms listed in the Index.

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Associate Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology, and Physiology
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Current research interests

- Inhibition of thrombosis during treatment of myocardial infarction and stroke with use of targeted antithrombotic agents and nanoparticles to increase efficacy and decrease bleeding.
- Role of phospholipase A₂γ in vascular reactivity, arrhythmogenesis, and myocardial infarction during diabetes.
- Targeting unstable atherosclerotic plaque and myocardial fibrosis after infarction with use of novel probes and optical imaging or MRI.
- Identification of electrical activation patterns in the uterus associated with pre-term delivery.

Representative publications

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Key words: antithrombotics, imaging, animal models, calcium independent phospholipases, and thrombosis

Amit Amin, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Improving outcomes of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)
- Reducing PCI complications, including bleeding and acute kidney injury
- Reducing costs of PCI and acute coronary syndromes
- Cost-effectiveness of adjunctive therapies in interventional cardiology
- Cost-effectiveness of radial access PCI

Representative publications

1. Amin AP, Reynolds MR, Lei Y, Magnuson EA, Vilain K, Durtschi AJ, Simonton CA, Stone GW, Cohen DJ. Cost-Effectiveness of Everolimus- Versus Paclitaxel-Eluting Stents for Patients Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Revascularization (from the SPIRIT-IV Trial). *Am J Cardiol*. 2012 May 29. [Epub ahead of print]
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Key words: cost-effectiveness analysis, interventional cardiology, outcomes research

Richard G. Bach, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: physiology, treatment, and genetics
- Acute coronary syndromes
- Diabetes and CAD
- Coronary physiology and imaging

Representative publications

1. Subherwal S, Bach RG, Chen AY, Gage BF, Rao SV, Newby LK, Wang TY, Gibler WB, Ohman EM, Roe MT, Pollack CV Jr, Peterson ED, Alexander KP. Baseline Risk of Major Bleeding in Non-ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction: The CRUSADE (Can Rapid risk stratification of Unstable angina patients Suppress Adverse outcomes with Early implementation of the ACC/AHA guidelines) Bleeding Score. *Circulation* 2009;119:1873-1882.
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4. Cresci S, Depta JP, Lenzini PA, Li AY, Lanfear DE, Province MA, Spertus JA, Bach RG. Cytochrome p450 gene variants, race, and mortality among clopidogrel-treated patients after acute myocardial infarction. *Circ Cardiovasc Genet*. 2014;7(3):277-86.
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Key words: coronary artery disease, diabetes, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, imaging

Philip M. Barger, MD, MSc

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current research interests

- Molecular mechanisms of cardiac reverse remodeling and recovery
- Adult congenital heart disease

Representative Publications

1. Tzeng HP, Evans S, Gao F, Chambers K, Topkara VK, Sivasubramanian N, Barger PM, Mann DL. Dysferlin mediates the cytoprotective effects of TRAF2 following myocardial ischemia reperfusion injury. *J Am Heart Assoc.* 2014 Feb 26;3(1):e000662.
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Key words: reverse remodeling, congenital heart

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Current Research Interests

- Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging
- Echocardiography
- Nuclear cardiology

Representative publications

1. Danias PG, Bhandiwad AR: Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging. In Heller, GV and Hendel, RC (Eds): *Nuclear Cardiology: Practical Applications*. McGraw-Hill, p. 227-242, 2004.
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Key words: imaging, cardiac MRI, echocardiography

Joseph J. Billadello, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Adult congenital heart disease

Representative publications

1. Holt DB, Singh GK, Rhee EK, Billadello J and Ludomirsky A: Prinzmetal Angina in an Adolescent: Adjunctive Role of Tissue Synchronization Imaging. *Circulation* 2005; 112: e91 - e92.
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Key words: congenital heart disease

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Current research interests

- Genetically triggered aneurysm syndromes (Marfan, Loeys-Dietz, Familial TAA disease)
- Aortic dissection
- Bicuspid aortic valve and aortopathy
- Aortic disease in pregnancy

Representative publications

1. Buchan JG, Alvarado DM, Haller G, Cruchaga C, Harms MB, Zhang T, Willing MC, Grange DK, Braverman AC, Miller N, Morcuende J, Tang N, Dobbs MB, Gurnett CA. Rare variants in FBN1 and FBN2 are associated with severe adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. *Hum Mol Genet.* 2014 Oct 1;23(19):5271-82. Doi:10.1093/hmg/ddu224. Epub 2014 May 15. PMID: 24833718
2. Braverman AC. Diseases of the Aorta. In, Bonow RO, Mann DL, Zipes DP, Libby P. Braunwald's Heart Disease, 10th Edition, 2014.
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Key Words: aorta and great vessels, aortic stenosis, valvular heart disease

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Current research interests

- Hypertensive Heart Disease
- Resistant hypertension
- Tools/strategies for implementing community education on cardiovascular disease prevention

Representative publications

1. de las Fuentes L, Brown AL, Waggoner AD, Davila-Roman VG. Plasma Triglyceride Level is an Independent Predictor of Altered Left Ventricular Relaxation. *J Am Soc Echocardiogr* 2005 Dec; 18(12):1285-91.
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Key words: hypertension, prevention, women and minorities

David L. Brown, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Use of Existing Public and Proprietary Databases to Answer Clinical Questions in Cardiovascular Disease
- Comparative effectiveness research of treatments for cardiovascular disease
- Health services/health policy research for cardiovascular disease
- Meta-analysis
- Machine learning and predictive analytics

Representative Publications

1. Stergiopoulos K, Brown DL. Initial coronary stent implantation with medical therapy versus medical therapy alone for stable coronary artery disease: meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. *Arch Int Med* 2012; 172:312-319.
2. Brown DL, Clarke S, Oakley J. Cardiac surgeon report cards, referral for cardiac surgery and the ethical responsibilities of cardiologists. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2012;59:2378-2382.
3. Benz Scott L, Gravely S, Sexton TR, Brzostek S, Brown DL. Patient navigation significantly improves rates of enrollment into outpatient cardiac rehabilitation: results from a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA Internal Medicine*. 2013;173(3):244-246.
4. Zhang G, Parikh PB, Zabihi S, Brown DL. Rating the risks: preferences for potential harms of treatments for cardiovascular disease. *Med Decis Making*. May 2013; 33(4): 502–509.
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Key Words: Outcomes research, comparative effectiveness research, meta-analysis, coronary artery disease, health services research, patient-centered care

George J. Broze, Jr., MD

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Current Research Interests

- Regulation of coagulation
- Thrombosis
- Atherosclerosis

Representative Publications

1. Huang X, Yan Y, Tu Y, Gatti J, Broze GJ Jr, Zhou A, Olson ST. Structural basis for catalytic activation of protein Z-dependent protease inhibitor (ZPI) by protein Z. *Blood* 2012;120:1726-1733.
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4. Broze GJ Jr. An acquired, calcium-dependent, factor X inhibitor. *Blood Cells Mol. Diseases* 2014;52:116-120.
5. van den Boogaard FE, Van't Veer C, roelofs JJ, Meijers JC, Schultz MJ, Broze GJ Jr, van der Poll T. Endogenous tissue factor pathway inhibitor has a limited effect on host defense in murine pneumococcal pneumonia. *Thromb. Haemost.* 2015;114:115-122.

Key words: thrombosis, atherosclerosis, basic science

Robert M. Carney, PhD

Professor of Psychiatry

Current Research Interests

- The effects of psychiatric depression on the course and outcome of coronary heart Disease
- Potential mechanisms underlying the risk of depression on cardiac related morbidity and Mortality
- The effects of treating depression on course and outcome of coronary heart disease

Representative publications

1. Carney RM, Freedland KE, Rubin EH, Rich MW, Steinmeyer BC, Harris WS. Omega-3 augmentation of sertraline in the treatment of depression in patients with coronary heart disease: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA*, 2009;302(15):1651-1657.
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3. Carney RM, Freedland KE. Treatment-resistant depression and mortality after acute coronary syndrome. *Am J Psychiatry* 2009 April;166(4):410-417.
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Key words: behavioral medicine, coronary artery disease, depression, sleep disorders

Murali M. Chakinala, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Therapeutics in pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Non-invasive evaluation in pulmonary hypertension

Representative publications

1. Frantz RP, Schilz RJ, Chakinala MM, Badesch DB, Frost AE, McLaughlin VV, Barst RJ, Rosenberg D, Miller DM, Hartline BK, Benton WW, Farber HW. Hospitalization and Survival in Patients Utilizing Epoprostenol for Injection in the PROSPECT Observational Study. *Chest*. 2015; 147(2): 484-94.
2. Chakinala MM and Barst RJ. From short-term outcomes to long-term benefits: the evolution of clinical trials in pulmonary arterial hypertension. *Pulmonary Circulation*. 2013; 3(3): 507-22. PMID: 24618537
3. Lahm T and Chakinala MM. World Health Organization Group 5 Pulmonary Hypertension. *Clin Chest Med*. 2013; 34 (4): 753-778.
4. Bradley EA, Chakinala MM, and Billadello JJ. Delayed atrial septal defect closure in the presence of pulmonary arterial hypertension: Medical therapy may improve closure candidacy. *Am J Cardiol*. 2013; 112(9): 1471-6.
5. Murugappan M, Zheng J, Taichman D, Steen V, McGoon M, Soto, F, Park M, Chakinala M. Agreement for Functional Class Assignment Among Pulmonary Hypertension Experts Using a Standardized Activities Questionnaire. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2008; 177. (abstract)
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Key words: pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary arterio-venous malformations, right heart failure

Sharon Cresci, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Genetics

Current Research Interests

- Association of genetic variation with clinical outcomes in individuals with both diabetes mellitus and coronary artery disease.
- Role of genetic variation in the variable response to pharmacologic treatment (i.e., pharmacogenomics).
- Determination of modifier genes that influence phenotypic expression in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Representative Publications

1. Cresci S, Wu J, Province MA, Spertus JA, Steffes M, McGill JB, Alderman EL, Brooks MM, Kelsey SF, Frye RL, Bach RG. Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor pathway gene polymorphism associated with extent of coronary artery disease in patients with type 2 diabetes in the Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation 2 Diabetes Trial. *Circulation* 2011;124(13):1426-1434. PMID:21911782.
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4. Depta J, Lenzini PA, Lanfear DE, Wang TY, Spertus JA, Bach RG, Cresci S. Clinical outcomes associated with proton pump inhibitor use among clopidogrel-treated patients within CYP2C19 genotype groups following acute myocardial infarction. *Pharmacogenomics J* 2015;15:20-25. PMID: PMC4287459.
5. Buchanan DM, Arnold S, Li Y, Jones PG, Longmore LS, Spertus JA, Cresci S. The association of smoking status with angina and health-related quality of life after acute myocardial infarction. *Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes* 2015; 8: In Press.

Key words: coronary artery disease, diabetes, echocardiography, genetics, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, molecular cardiology, pharmacogenomics, risk factors, translational research

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Current Research Interests

- Noninvasive cardiac imaging to guide noninvasive radioablation of arrhythmias
- Surgical/ablation techniques for atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia
- Noninvasive electrophysiologic imaging of uterine contractions to study preterm birth

Representative publications

1. Wang Y, Cuculich PS, Zhang J, Desouza KA, Vijayakumar R, Chen J, Faddis MN, Lindsay BD, Smith TW, Rudy Y. Noninvasive electroanatomic mapping of human ventricular arrhythmias with electrocardiographic imaging. *Sci Transl Med*. 2011 Aug 31;3(98):98ra84. PubMed PMID: 21885406; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC3182467.
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4. Zhang J, Desouza KA, Cuculich PS, Cooper DH, Chen J, Rudy Y. Continuous ECGI mapping of spontaneous VT initiation, continuation, and termination with antitachycardia pacing. *Heart Rhythm*. 2012 Jan 2. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 22222277; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC3376666.
5. Desouza KA, Joseph SM, Cuculich PS, Ewald GA, Rudy Y. Noninvasive mapping of ventricular activation in patients with transplanted hearts. *Journal of Electrocardiology*. 2013; 46: 698-701. PMID: 23773656.
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Key words: arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation, electrophysiology, translational research

Victor G. Davila-Roman, MD

Professor of Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Radiology

Current Research Interests

- Cardiovascular imaging: echocardiography, vascular ultrasound, nuclear cardiology, cardiac CT
- Cardiac metabolism, Hypertensive heart disease, Diastolic function
- Cardiovascular genetic epidemiology

Representative publications

1. Gu CC, Flores HR, de las Fuentes L, Davila-Roman VG. Enhanced detection of genetic association of hypertensive heart disease by analysis of latent phenotypes. *Genetic Epidemiol* 2008;32(6):528-38.
2. de las Fuentes L, Waggoner AD, Mohammed BS, Stein RI, Miller BV 3rd, Foster GD, Wyatt HR, Klein S, Davila-Roman VG. Effect of moderate diet-induced weight loss and weight regain on cardiovascular structure and function. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;54(25):2376-81.
3. Mathews SJ, de las Fuentes L, Podaralla P, Cabellon A, Bierhals A, Spence K, Slatopolsky E, Davila-Roman VG, Delmez JA. Effects of Sodium Thiosulfate on Vascular Calcification in ESRD: A Pilot Study of Feasibility, Safety, and Efficacy. *Am J Nephrol* 2011;33:131-138.
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8. Barve RA, Gu CC, Yang W, Chu J, Davila-Roman VG, de Las FL. Genetic association of left ventricular mass assessed by M-mode and two-dimensional echocardiography. *J Hypertens* 2016 January;34(1):88-96.

Key words: cardiac imaging, cardiac metabolism, hypertension, genetic epidemiology, translational research, diastolic function, echocardiography

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Current Research Interests

- Genetic epidemiology of cardiovascular disease and drug response
- Hypertensive heart disease
- Metabolic and inflammatory cardiovascular risk factors

Representative publications

1. de las Fuentes L, Herrero P, Peterson LR, Kelly DP, Gropler RJ, Dávila-Román VG. Myocardial fatty acid metabolism: Independent predictor of left ventricular mass in hypertensive heart disease. *Hypertension* 2003;41:83-87.
2. de las Fuentes L, Brown AL, Mathews SJ, Waggoner AD, Soto PF, Gropler RJ, Dávila-Román VG. Metabolic Syndrome is Associated with Abnormal Left Ventricular Diastolic Function Independent of LV Mass. *European Heart J* 2007;28:553-559.
3. de las Fuentes L, Waggoner AD, Mohammed BS, Stein RI, Miller BV, Foster GD, Wyatt H, Klein S, Dávila-Román VG. Effect of moderate diet-induced weight loss and weight regain on cardiovascular structure and function. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;54:2376–81. PMID: PMC2818984.
4. de las Fuentes L, Sung YJ, Schwander KL, Kalathiveetil S, Hunt SC, Arnett DK and Rao DC. The role of SNP-loop diuretic interactions in hypertension across ethnic groups in HyperGEN. *Front Genet* 2013;4:304. PMID: PMC3872290.
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Key words: hypertension, risk factors, genetic epidemiology, diastolic function, echocardiography

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Associate Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology and Physiology

Current Research Interests

- Role of lysosomes in organelle quality control and cell survival under starvation stress
- Regulation of lysosome function in cardiac macrophages in heart failure
- Regulation of lysosomal machinery in Alzheimer's disease and amyloid heart disease
- Role of autophagy in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (Danon disease)

Representative publications

1. Ma X, Godar RJ, Liu H, Diwan A. Enhancing lysosome biogenesis attenuates Bnip3-induced cardiomyocyte death. *Autophagy*. 2012 Mar 1;8(3):297-309. PMID: PMC3337840.
2. Ma X, Liu H, Foyil SR, Godar RJ, Weinheimer CJ, Hill JA, Diwan A. Impaired Autophagosome Clearance Contributes to Cardiomyocyte Death in Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury. *Circulation*. 2012 Jun 26;125(25):3170-81. PMID: PMC3397471
3. Ma X, Liu H, Foyil SR, Godar RJ, Weinheimer CJ, Diwan A. Autophagy is impaired in cardiac ischemia-reperfusion injury. *Autophagy*. 2012 Sep 1;8(9). PMID: PMC3442889.
4. Yang KC, Ma X, Liu H, Kovacs A, Barger PM, Mann DL, Diwan A. TNF-receptor associated factor-2 mediates mitochondrial autophagy. *Circulation Heart Failure*. 2015 Jan;8(1):175-87. PMID: PMC4303508
5. Xiao Q, Yan P, Ma X, Liu H, Perez R, Zhu A, Gonzales E, Burchett JM, Schuler DR, Cirrito JR, Diwan A*, Lee JM* (*contributed equally, co-corresponding authors). Astrocytic lysosome biogenesis facilitates A β clearance and attenuates amyloid plaque pathogenesis. *The Journal of Neuroscience* 2014; 34: 9607-9620.
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Key words: autophagy, lysosome, amyloid, ischemia-reperfusion, heart failure, cell death

Gerald W. Dorn, II, MD

Philip and Sima K. Needleman Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Biology of mitochondria in the heart; metabolic remodeling
- Molecular and biochemical signaling for cardiac hypertrophy and heart failure
- Genetic diseases affecting mitochondrial dynamism and mitophagy

Representative Publications

1. Chen Y and Dorn GW II. PINK1-phosphorylated Mitofusin 2 is a Parkin receptor for culling damaged mitochondria. *Science*, 340:471-5, 2013.
2. Kasahara A, Cipolat S, Chen Y, Dorn GW II*, Scorrano L* (* co-contributing authors). Mitochondrial fusion directs cardiomyocyte differentiation via calcineurin/notch signaling. *Science*, 342:734-7, 2013.
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7. Song M, Mihara K, Chen Y, Scorrano L, Dorn GW II. Mitochondrial fission and fusion factors reciprocally orchestrate mitophagic culling in mouse hearts and cultured fibroblasts. *Cell Metab*, 21:273-85, 2015.
8. Picard M, McManus M, Csordas G, Varnai P. Dorn GW II, Williams D, Hajnoczky G, Wallace DC. Trans-mitochondrial coordination of cristae at regulated membrane junctions. *Nat Commun*, 6:6259, 2015.
9. Song M, Matkovich SJ, Zhang Y, Hammer DJ, and Dorn GW II. Combined cardiomyocyte PKC and PKC gene deletion uncovers their central role in restraining developmental and reactive heart growth. *Sci Signal*, 8:ra39, 2015.
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Key words: mitophagy, heart failure, molecular cardiology

Gregory A. Ewald, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Mechanical circulatory support in advanced heart failure
- Medical therapy in patients with heart failure
- Device therapy in patient with heart failure
- Remote monitoring in management of heart failure
- Cardiac transplantation/donor evaluation and management
- Depression in heart failure

Representative publications

1. Park SJ, Milano CA, Tatroles AJ, Rogers JG, Adamson RM, Steadley E, Ewald GA, Sundareswaran KS, Farrar DJ, Slaughter MS. Outcomes in advanced heart failure patients with left ventricular assist devices for destination therapy. *Circ Heart Fail* 2012;5:241-248.
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Key words: heart failure, heart transplantation

Mitchell N. Faddis, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Catheter ablation techniques
- Treatment of atrial fibrillation
- Cardiac resynchronization therapy for advanced heart failure

Representative publications

1. Tereshchenko LG, Faddis MN, Fetis BJ, Zelik KE, Efimov IR, Berger RD. Transient local injury current in right ventricular electrogram after implantable cardioverter-defibrillator shock predicts heart failure progression. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;54(9):822-8.
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Key words: arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation, electrophysiology, heart failure, implantable devices

Kenneth E. Freedland, PhD

Professor of Psychiatry

Current Research Interests

- Depression, anxiety, stress, and physical inactivity in patients with coronary heart disease or heart failure
- Role of depression in heart failure rehospitalizations
- Clinical trials in behavioral medicine and behavior trial methodology
- Sleep apnea and other sleep problems in depressed cardiac patients

Representative publications

1. Carney RM, Steinmeyer B, Freedland KE, et al. Nocturnal patterns of heart rate and the risk of mortality after acute myocardial infarction. *Am Heart J* 2014;168(1):117-125.
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3. Freedland KE, Carney RM. Depression as a risk factor for adverse outcomes in coronary heart disease. *BMC Med* 2013;11:131
4. Davidson KW et al. Centralized, stepped, patient preference-based treatment for patients with post-acute coronary syndrome depression: CODIACS vanguard randomized controlled trial. *JAMA Intern Med* 2013;173(11):997-1004.
5. Freedland KE et al. Effect of obstructive sleep apnea on response to cognitive behavior therapy for depression after an acute myocardial infarction. *J Psychosom Res* 2012;72(4):276-281.

Key words: behavioral medicine, coronary artery disease, depression, depressive disorders, heart failure, sleep disorders

Brian F. Gage, MD, MSc

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Anticoagulants
- Atrial fibrillation
- Pharmacogenomics

Representative publications

1. Gage BF, Waterman AD, Shannon W et al. Validation of Clinical Classification Schemes for Predicting Stroke: Results from the National Registry of Atrial Fibrillation (NRAF) Project. *JAMA* 2001;285:2864-70.
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Key words: aging, atrial fibrillation, epidemiology, pharmacogenomics

Edward M. Geltman, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- New pharmacologic agents for the management of systolic and diastolic heart failure
- Importance of biomarkers for predicting events for CHF

Representative publications

1. Stolker JM, Heere B, Geltman EM, Schechtman KB, Peterson LR. Prospective comparison of ventilatory equivalent versus peak oxygen consumption in predicting outcomes of patients with heart failure. *Am J Cardiol* 2006;97:1607-10.
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Key words: diastolic function, heart failure, implantable devices

Marye J. Gleva, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Complications associated with cardiac implantable electronic devices
- Outcomes after radiofrequency ablation of atrial fibrillation: CABANA
- Implantable cardioverter-defibrillators in heart failure: SCD-HeFT

Representative publications

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Key words: atrial fibrillation, electrophysiology, implantable devices

Jeffrey I. Gordon, MD

Dr. Robert J. Glaser Distinguished University Professor of Pathology and
Immunology

Current Research Interests

- Genomic and metabolic foundations of the mutually beneficial relationship between gut microbes and humans
- Effects of diet, lifestyle, and biosphere on the human gut microbiome and the impact of these effects on human health and predisposition to disease
- Interventions designed to alter the gut microbial community to maximize health and reduce disease

Representative publications

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3. McNulty, N.P., Wu, M., Erickson, A.R., Martens, E.C., Pudlo, N.A., Muegge, B., Henrissat, B., Hettich, R.L., and Gordon, J.I. Effects of diet on resource utilization by a defined model human gut microbiota containing *Bacteroides cellulosilyticus* WH2, a symbiont with an extensive glycobiome, *PLoS Biology* **11**: e1001637 (2013).
4. Ridaura, V.K., Faith, J.J., Rey, F.E., Cheng, J., Duncan, A.E., Kau, A.L., Lombard, V., Henrissat, B., Bain, J.R., Muehlbauer, M.J., Ilkayeva, O., Ursell, L.K., Clemente, J.C., Van Treuren, W., Walters, W.A., Newgard, C.B., Knight, R., Heath, A.C., and Gordon, J.I. Gut microbiota from twins discordant for obesity modulate metabolism in mice. *Science* **341**: 1241214 doi: 10.1126/science.1241214 (2013).
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Key words: human microbiome; host-microbial symbioses in the gut; ecology; systems biology; metabolism; obesity; childhood undernutrition; immunology; global health; prebiotics/probiotics/synbiotics; anthropology of microbes

Robert J. Gropler, MD

Professor of Radiology, Medicine, and Biomedical Engineering

Current Research Interests

- Imaging of myocardial metabolic remodeling using PET, magnetic resonance spectroscopy, and other modalities
- Development of new cardiovascular molecular imaging agents

Representative publications

1. Zhengj, An H, Coggan AR, Zhang X, Bashir A, Muccigrosso D, Peterson LR, Gropler RJ. Noncontrast Skeletal Muscle Oximetry. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*: 2014;71:318-325.
2. Luehmann HP, Pressly ED, Detering L, Wang C, Pierce R, Woodard PK, Gropler RJ, Hawker CJ, Liu Y. PET/CT imaging of chemokine receptor CCR5 in vascular injury model using targeted nanoparticle. *J Nucl Med*: 2014;55:629-634.
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Key words: molecular imaging, cardiac metabolism

[Richard Gross, MD, PhD](#)

Professor of Medicine, Chemistry, and Developmental Biology

Current Research Interests

- Bioenergetics and Mitochondria
- Diabetic cardiomyopathy
- Cardiac ischemia
- Heart failure
- Phospholipases as mediators of membrane dysfunction
- Metabolomics

Representative Publications

1. Mancuso, D.J., Sims, H.F., Han, X., Jenkins, C.M., Guan, S.P., Yang, K., Moon, S.H., Pietka, T., Abumrad, N., Schlesinger, P.H., and Gross, R.W. Genetic ablation of calcium-independent phospholipase $A_2\gamma$ leads to alterations in mitochondrial lipid metabolism and function resulting in a deficient mitochondrial bioenergetic phenotype. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2007, 282:34611-34622. PMID: PMC2980283.
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3. Moon, S.H., Jenkins, C.M., Liu, X., Guan, S., Mancuso, D.J., and Gross, R.W. Activation of mitochondrial calcium-independent phospholipase $A_2\gamma$ (iPLA $_2\gamma$) by divalent cations mediating arachidonate release and the production of downstream eicosanoids. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2012, 287:14880-14895. PMID: PMC3340231.
4. Moon, S.H., Jenkins, C.M., Kiebish, M.A., Sims, H.F., Mancuso, D.J., and Gross, R.W. Genetic ablation of calcium-independent phospholipases $A_2\gamma$ (iPLA $_2\gamma$) attenuates calcium-induced opening of the mitochondrial permeability transition pore and resultant cytochrome C release. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2012, 287:29837-50. PMID: PMC3436185.
5. Kiebish, M.A., Yang, K., Liu, X., Mancuso, D.J., Zhao, Z., Sims, H.F., Cerqua, R., Cade, W.T., Han, X., and Gross, R.W. Dysfunctional Cardiac Mitochondrial Bioenergetic, Lipidomic, and Signaling in a Murine Model of Barth Syndrome. *J. Lipid Res.* 2013, 54:1312-1325. PMID: PMC3622326.

Key words: basic science, cardiac metabolism, diabetes, heart failure, lipid metabolism, molecular cardiology

Xuntian Jiang, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Development and application of LC-MS/MS methods for metabolomics in biomarker screening and validation
- Development and application of LC-MS/MS methods for clinical diagnosis and clinical trial.
- Identification of unknown molecules from biological extracts by LC-MS/MS and interpretation of mass spectra
- Synthesis of heavy isotope-labeled small organic molecules as internal standards in quantification of target analytes

Representative publications

1. Jiang X, Sidhu R, Porter FD, Yanjanin NM, Speak AO, te Vruchte DT, Platt FM, Fujiwara H, Scherrer DE, Zhang J, Dietzen DJ, Schaffer JE, Ory DS. A sensitive and specific LC-MS/MS method for rapid diagnosis of Niemann-Pick C1 disease from human plasma. *J Lipid Res* 2011, 52:1435-45.
2. Jiang H, Hsu FF, Farmer MS, Peterson LR, Schaffer JE, Ory DS, Jiang X. Development and validation of LC-MS/MS method for determination of very long acyl chain (C22:0 and C24:0) ceramides in human plasma. *Anal Bioanal Chem* 2013, 405:7357-65.
3. Sidhu R, Jiang H, Farhat NY, Carrillo-Carrasco N, Woolery M, Ottinger E, Porter FD, Schaffer JE, Ory DS, Jiang X. A validated LC-MS/MS assay for quantification of 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol in plasma and cerebrospinal fluid. *J Lipid Res*. 2015 56:1222-33.
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5. Jiang X, Ory DS. Towards a New Diagnostic Standard for Niemann-Pick C Disease. *EBioMedicine*. 2016, 4:18-9.
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Key words: Biomarker, diagnostics, lipid metabolism

Attila Kovacs, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- cardiovascular phenotyping in mice
- ultrasonic tissue characterization

Representative publications

1. Metcalf JA, Ma X, Linders B, Wu S, Schambach A, Ohlemiller KK, Kovacs A, Bigg M, He L, Tollefsen DM, Ponder KP. A Self-inactivating gamma-Retroviral Vector Reduces Manifestations of Mucopolysaccharidosis I in Mice. *Mol Ther*. 2010;18:334-42.
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4. Lavine KJ, Kovacs A, Ornitz DM. Hedgehog signaling is critical for maintenance of the adult coronary vasculature in mice. *J Clin Invest*. 2008;118:2404-14.
5. Kovacs A, Courtois MR, Weinheimer CJ, Posdamer SH, Wallace KD, Holland MR, Miller JG. Ultrasonic tissue characterization of the mouse myocardium: Successful *in-vivo* cyclic variation measurements. *J Am Soc Echocardiogr* 2004;17:883-892. Weinheimer CJ, Lai L, Kelly DP, Kovacs A. Novel mouse model of left ventricular pressure overload and infarction causing predictable ventricular remodelling and progression to heart failure. *Clin Exp Pharmacol Physiol* 2015 January;42(1):33-40.
6. Schugar RC, Moll AR, Andre dD, Weinheimer CJ, Kovacs A, Crawford PA. Cardiomyocyte-specific deficiency of ketone body metabolism promotes accelerated pathological remodeling. *Mol Metab* 2014 October;3(7):754-69.
7. Kovacs A, Olah A, Lux A, Matyas C, Nemeth BT, Kellermayer D, Ruppert M, Torok M, Szabo L, Meltzer A, Assabiny A, Birtalan E, Merkely B, Radovits T. Strain and strain rate by speckle-tracking echocardiography correlate with pressure-volume loop-derived contractility indices in a rat model of athlete's heart. *Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol* 2015 April 1;308(7):H743-H748.
8. Moon SH, Mancuso DJ, Sims HF, Liu X, Nguyen AL, Yang K, Guan S, Dilthey BG, Jenkins CM, Weinheimer CJ, Kovacs A, Abendschein DR, Gross RW. Cardiac myocyte-specific knockout of iPLA2gamma decreases oxidized fatty acids during ischemia/reperfusion and reduces infarct size. *J Biol Chem* 2016 July 23.

Key words: basic science, imaging, molecular cardiology, vascular biology

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Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology and Physiology

Adjunct professor of Physics and Biomedical Engineering

Current Research Interests

- Mathematical models of cardiac physiology and function/complexity theory
- Theoretical and applied cardiac physiology/pathophysiology
- Multimodal cardiac imaging: echo/magnetic resonance/catheterization/angiography

Representative publications

1. Mossahebi S, Zhu S, Kovács SJ. Fractionating E-wave deceleration time into its stiffness and relaxation components distinguishes pseudonormal from normal filling. *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging*, 2015;8(1). Arvidsson PM, Kovács SJ, Töger J, Borgquist R, Heiberg E, Carlsson M, and Arheden H. Vortex ring behavior provides the epigenetic blueprint for the human heart, *NATURE Scientific Reports* | 6:22021 | DOI: 10.1038/srep22021. 2016
2. Kovács SJ. Diastolic Function in Heart Failure. *Clinical Medicine Insights: Cardiology*. 2015; 9(Suppl 1): 49-55. Published online 2015 Apr 15. doi: 10.4137/CMC.S18743
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6. Chung C, Shmuylovich L, Kovács SJ. "What global diastolic function is, what it is not, and how to measure it." *Am J Physiol-Heart and Circ Physiol* - Invited Review Article, doi:10.1152/ajpheart.00436.2015.
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Key words: cardiac physiology, complexity theory, diastolic function, imaging, mathematical modeling

Ronald J. Krone, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Cardio-oncology (cardiac toxicity from cancer)
- Cardiac protection during doxorubicin therapy
- Cardiac imaging in cancer patients

Representative publications

1. Lenihan DJ, Krone RJ: Cardiac Disease in the Cancer Patient. Progress Cardiovasc Dis 2010; volume 53.
2. Krone RJ. Managing coronary artery disease in the cancer patient. Prog Cardiovasc Dis 2010; 53:149-56.
3. Krone RJ, Shaw RE, Klein LW, Blankenship JC, Weintraub WS on behalf of the American College of Cardiology - National Cardiovascular Data Registry. Ad Hoc Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCIs) in Patients with Stable Coronary Artery Disease – a study of prevalence, safety and variation in use from the American College of Cardiology National Cardiovascular Data Registry (ACC-NCDR). Cathet Cardiovasc Intervent 2006; 68:696-703.
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Key words: cancer and the heart, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy

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Current Research Interests

- Nanomedicine
- Targeted Drug Delivery
- Molecular Imaging
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Echocardiography
- Spectral CT
- Photoacoustic Tomography

Representative publications

1. Wagner EM, Jenkins J, Schmieder A, Eldridge L, Zhang Q, Moldobaeva A, Zhang H, Allen JS, Yang X, Mitzner W, Keupp J, Caruthers SD, Wickline SA, Lanza GM: Angiogenesis and airway reactivity in asthmatic brown Norway rats. *Angiogenesis* 2015; 18 (1): 1-11; PMID: 25149641 [PubMed – in process].
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Key words: basic science, imaging, molecular cardiology, nanomedicine

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Current Research Interests

- Interventional cardiology with complex coronary interventions
- Drug-eluting stents
- Percutaneous aortic valve replacement and mitral valve repair
- Structural heart/congenital heart defects

Representative publications

1. Masrani Mehta S, Depta JP, Novak E, Patel JS, Patel Y, Raymer D, Facey G, Zajarias A, Lasala JM, Singh J, Bach RG, Kurz HI. Association of lower fractional flow reserve values with higher risk of adverse cardiac events for lesions deferred revascularization among patients with acute coronary syndrome. *J Am Heart Assoc.* 2015 Aug 19;4(8): e002172. Doi: 10.1161/JAHA.115.002172
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Key words: coronary artery disease, interventional cardiology, valvular heart disease

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Current Research Interests

- Immune mechanisms governing cardiac recovery and heart failure pathogenesis
- Mechanisms that distinguish pediatric from adult cardiomyopathy
- Pathogenesis of primary graft dysfunction
- Role of macrophages in coronary development and collateral growth

Representative Publications

1. Lavine KJ, White AC, Park C, Smith CS, Choi K, Long F, Hui C, Ornitz DM. *Fibroblast growth factor signals regulate a wave of Hedgehog activation that is essential for coronary vascular development*. Genes Dev. 2006;20(12): 1651-66.
2. Lavine KJ, Smith CS, Ornitz DM. *Hedgehog signaling is essential for maintenance of the coronary vasculature in mice*. JCI. 2008;118(7): 2404-14.
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4. Lavine KJ, Sintek M, Joseph S, Ewald G, Mann DM. *Prognostic impact of collateral formation in coronary allograft vasculopathy*. Circ HF 2013;6(4): 773-84.
5. Lavine KJ, Kovacs A, Weinhemier C, Mann DL. *Repetitive myocardial ischemia promotes coronary growth in the adult mammalian heart*. J Am Heart Assoc. 2013;2(5): e000343.
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Key words: coronary development, collateral, cardiac recovery, heart failure, macrophage, transplant vasculopathy

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Current Research Interests

- Women's Heart Disease
- Heart Disease in Pregnancy
- Peripartum cardiomyopathy
- Contraception in women with heart disease
- Cardiovascular sequelae of pre-eclampsia

Representative publications

1. Lindley KJ, Ravichandran AK, Schilling J, Joseph SM. Antibody-Mediated Rejection of the Heart in the Setting of Autoimmune Demyelinating Polyneuropathy: A Case Report and Review of the Literature. *Case Reports in Cardiology* 2012. Article ID 639284. doi:10.1155/2012/639284.
2. Lindley KJ, Conner SN, Cahill AG. Adult Congenital Heart Disease in Pregnancy. *Obstet Gynecol Surv.* 2015 Jun;70(6):397-407.
3. Lindley KJ, Madden T, Cahill AG, Ludbrook PA, Billadello JJ. Contraceptive Use and Unintended Pregnancy in Women With Congenital Heart Disease. *Obstetrics and Gynecology* 2015;126(2):363-9.
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Key words: Women and minorities, Pregnancy, Cardiomyopathy

Brian R. Lindman, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Clinical and translational research on calcific aortic stenosis
- Medical therapy for aortic stenosis
- Building a tissue bank for aortic stenosis with blood, valve, and LV tissue; role of biomarkers in risk stratification of patients with AS
- Prediction models for clinical outcomes in AS
- LV Function and aortic stenosis – investigating novel echo and MRI indices of systolic and diastolic function and cardiac fibrosis
- Right heart function and pulmonary vascular load in patients with AS
- Impact of diabetes mellitus on LV remodeling and outcomes in AS

Representative publications

1. Lindman BR, Zajarias A, Madrazo JA, Shah J, Gage BF, Novak E, Johnson SN, Chakinala MM, Hohn TA, Saghir M, Mann DL. Effects of Phosphodiesterase Type 5 Inhibition on Systemic and Pulmonary Hemodynamics and Ventricular Function in Patients with Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis. *Circulation* 2012;125:2353-2362. PMID: PMC3485404.
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Key words: aortic stenosis, valve disease, translational research, echocardiography

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Current Research Interests:

- 3-dimensional echo and transesophageal echo
- Echocardiographic assessment of right ventricular function
- 2-dimensional speckle Doppler and strain rate imaging
- Quantification of mitral regurgitation severity

Representative Publications:

1. Rasalingam R, Bilhorn KR, Johnson SN, Kapadia CB, Makan M, Moazami N, Pérez JE: Continuous Axial Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices Improve Pulmonary Hemodynamics in Patients with Severe Heart Failure. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2010; 55 (10): A33 (abst).
2. Rasalingam R, Bilhorn KR, Johnson SN, Kapadia CB, Makan M, Moazami N, Pérez JE: Improved Right Ventricular Myocardial Performance Despite Reduced Longitudinal Deformation After Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation in Patients with Severe Heart Failure. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2010; 55 (10): A22 (abst).
3. Rasalingam R, Johnson SN, Bilhorn KR, Huang PH, Makan M, Moazami N, Pérez JE: Transthoracic Echocardiographic Assessment of Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices: Review Paper. *J Am Soc Echocardiogr* 2011; 24:2,135-148.
4. Ren J, Rich MW, Makan M: Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction by Lymphoma: Case Series and Review of the Literature. *Echocardiography* 2011; (10): 1164-7.
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Key Words: echocardiography, imaging, valvular heart disease

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Current Research Interests

- Cardiac inflammation and innate immunity
- LV remodeling and reverse LV remodeling
- Heart failure, clinical trials, and circulatory assist devices
- Translational research (T1 or T2)

Representative publications (2012 - 2015)

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2. Yang KC, Yamada KA, Patel AY, Topkara VK, Ewald GA, Mann DL, Nerbonne JM. Deep RNA sequencing reveals dynamic regulation of myocardial noncoding RNA in failing human heart and remodeling with mechanical circulatory support *Circulation*, 2014; 129: 1009-1021. PMID:24429688.
3. Epelman S, Lavine KJ, Beudin A, Sojka DK, Brija T, Carrero JA, Calderon B, Gautier EL, Ivanov S, Satpahy AT, Schwendener R, Schilling JD, Forsberg S, Yokoyama, Unanue, ER, Colonna M, Randolph GJ, Mann DL. Embryonic and Adult-Derived Resident Cardiac Macrophages Are Maintained through Distinct Mechanisms at Steady State and during Inflammation. *Immunity* 2014; 40: 91-104. PMID:24439267 NIHMSID # 551984.
4. Lavine KJ, Epelman S, Uchida K, Weber KJ, Nichols CG, Schilling JD, Ornitz DM, Randolph GJ, Mann DL: Distinct macrophage lineages contribute to disparate patterns of cardiac recovery and remodeling in the neonatal and adult heart. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 2014;111:16029-16034. PMID:25349429 PMCID:PMC423456.
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Key words: basic science, heart failure, translational research

James G. Miller, PhD

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Current Research Interests

- Echocardiography
- Myocardial tissue characterization with ultrasound
- Basic Science

Representative publications

1. Nelson AM, Hoffman JJ, Anderson CC, Holland MR, Nagatani Y, Mizuno K, Matsukawa M, and Miller JG. "Determining attenuation properties of interfering fast and slow ultrasonic waves in cancellous bone." J Acoust Soc Am 2011; 130:2233-2240.
2. Sanjiv Kaul; James G. Miller; et al. "A suggested roadmap for cardiovascular ultrasound research for the future", Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography 2011; 24(4):455-464.
3. Hoffman JJ, Nelson AM, Holland MR, and Miller JG. "Cancellous bone fast and slow waves obtained with Bayesian probability theory correlate with porosity from computer tomography." J Acoust Soc Am 2012; 132:1830-1837.
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Key words: echocardiography, imaging

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Current Research Interests

- Regulation/modulation of voltage-gated ion channels and membrane excitability in cardiac and neuronal cells
- Inherited/acquired membrane excitability disorders in the cardiovascular and nervous systems
- Molecular mechanisms controlling electrical remodeling in physiological and pathological cardiac hypertrophy

Representative Publications

1. Carrasquillo, Y., and Nerbonne, J.M. I_A channels: diverse regulatory mechanisms. *The Neuroscientist* 2014; 20: 104-111.
2. Nerbonne, J.M. Mouse models of arrhythmogenic cardiovascular disease: challenges and opportunities. *Current Opinion in Pharmacology* 2014; 15: 107-114.
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5. Bosch, M.K., Carrasquillo, Y., Ransdell, J.L., Kanakmedala, A., Ornitz, D.M., and Nerbonne, J.M. Intracellular FGF14 (iFGF14) is required for spontaneous and evoked firing in cerebellar Purkinje neurons and for motor coordination and balance. *Journal of Neuroscience* 2015; 35: 6752-6769.

Key words: ion channels, electrophysiology, molecular genetics, proteomics, arrhythmias, hypertrophy, remodeling

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Current Research Interests

- Ion channels and cardiac arrhythmias
- ion channels and cardiovascular disease
- Ion channels and blood pressure control

Representative publications

1. Levin MD, Zhang H, Uchida K, Grange DK, Singh GK, Nichols CG. Electrophysiologic consequences of K_{ATP} gain of function in the heart: Conduction abnormalities in Cantu syndrome. *Heart Rhythm*. 2015 Jun 30. pii: S1547-5271(15)00816-4.
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6. Silva JR, Cooper P, Nichols CG. Modeling K_{ATP}-dependent excitability in pancreatic islets. *Biophys J* 2014 November 4;107(9):2016-26.
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8. Henn MC, Janjua MB, Zhang H, Kanter EM, Makepeace CM, Schuessler RB, Nichols CG, Lawton JS. Diazoxide Cardioprotection Is Independent of Adenosine Triphosphate-Sensitive Potassium Channel Kir6.1 Subunit in Response to Stress. *J Am Coll Surg* 2015 August;221(2):319-25.
9. Wang S, Vafabakhsh R, Borschel WF, Ha T, Nichols CG. Structural dynamics of potassium-channel gating revealed by single-molecule FRET. *Nat Struct Mol Biol* 2016 January;23(1):31-6.

Key words: arrhythmias, basic science, cardiac development, electrophysiology, hypertension, ion channels

Daniel S. Ory, M.D.

Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology and Physiology

Current Research Interests

- Cholesterol biology
- Atherosclerosis and diabetes
- Niemann-Pick C disease
- Small RNA regulation of metabolism

Representative publications

1. Cote M, Misasi J, Ren T, Bruchez A, Lee K, Filone CM, Hensley L, Ory DS, Li Q, Chandran K, and Cunningham J. Small molecule inhibitors reveal that Niemann-Pick C1 is essential for Ebola virus infection. *Nature*, 2011, 477:344-348.
2. Bielska A*, Olsen B*, Mydock L, Krishnan K, Baker N, Schlesinger P, Covey D, Ory DS. Side-Chain Oxysterols Modulate Cholesterol Accessibility through Membrane Remodeling. *Biochemistry* 2014, 53:3042-3051. PMID: PMC4020583.
3. Tortelli B, Fujiwara H, Bagel JH, Zhang J, Sidhu R, Jiang X, Yanjanin NM, Kanakatti Shankar R, Carillo-Carasco N, Heiss J, Ottinger E, Porter FD, Schaffer JE, Vite CH, Ory DS. Cholesterol homeostatic responses provide biomarkers for monitoring treatment of the neurodegenerative disease Niemann-Pick C1 (NPC1). *Hum Mol Genet* 2014, 23:6022-6033. PMID: PMC4204776.
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Key words: atherosclerosis, cholesterol, diabetes, lipid metabolism, RNA

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Current Research Interests

- Atherosclerosis treatment
- Nanomedicine - delivery platform development
- Ion Channel in atherosclerosis management

Representative publications:

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3. Pan H, Ivashyna O, Sinha B, Lanza GM, Ratner L, Schlesinger PH, Wickline SA. Post-formulation Peptide Drug Loading of Nanostructures for Metered Control of NF- κ B Signaling. Biomaterials. 2011 Jan;32(1):231-238. PMID: 20864161.
4. Pan H, Marsh JN, Christenson ET, Soman NR, Ivashyna O, Lanza GM, Schlesinger PH, Wickline SA. Postformulation peptide drug loading of nanostructures. The Methods in Enzymology. 2012;508:17-39 PMID: 22449919.
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Key words: atherosclerosis, ion channels, basic science, nanomedicine

Julio E. Perez, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Echocardiographic assessment of ventricular function
- Applications of contrast echocardiography and myocardial perfusion imaging
- Applications of myocardial strain measurements

Representative publications

1. Boyer JK, Thanigaraj S, Schechtman K, Pérez JE: Prevalence of ventricular diastolic dysfunction in asymptomatic, normotensive patients with diabetes mellitus. *Am J Cardiol* 2004;93:870-875.
2. Zajarias A, Thanigaraj S, Lasala J, Pérez, JE: Predictors and clinical outcomes of residual shunt in patients undergoing percutaneous transcatheter closure of patent foramen ovale. *J Invasive Cardiol* 2006;18;533-537.
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5. Lindman BR, Arnold SV, Madrazo JA, Zajarias A, Johnson SN, Pérez JE, Mann DL: The Adverse Impact of Diabetes Mellitus on Left Ventricular Remodeling and Function in Patients with Severe Aortic Stenosis. *Circ Heart Fail* 2011;4:286-292.
6. Rasalingam R, Johnson SN, Bilhorn KR, Huang PH, Makan M, Moazami N, Pérez JE: Transthoracic echocardiographic assessment of continuous-flow left ventricular assist devices. *J Am Soc Echocardiogr* 2011;24(2):135-148.
7. Manzanal A, Ruiz L, Madrazo J, Makan M, Pérez JE: Inverted Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy and the Fundamental Diagnostic Role of Echocardiography. *Tex Heart Inst J* 2013;40(1):56-9.

Key words: echocardiography, imaging

Linda R. Peterson, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine and Radiology

Current Research Interests

- Nutritional treatments for myocardial and skeletal muscle
- Lipidomics
- Effects of obesity and diabetes on cardiac metabolism, structure, and function
- The obesity paradox
- Insulin resistance

Representative publications

1. Lin CH, Kurup S, Herrero P, Schechtman KB, Eagon JC, Klein S, Dorn GW II, Gropler RJ, Alan D. Waggoner, Peterson LR. Myocardial oxygen consumption change predicts left ventricular relaxation improvement in obese humans after weight loss. *Obesity* 2011;19:1804-12.
2. Peterson LR, Saeed IM, McGill JB, Herrero P, Schechtman KB, Gunawaradana R, Recklein C, Coggan AR, DeMoss AJ, Dence CS, Jamal A, Gropler RJ. Sex and type 2 diabetes: obesity-independent effects on left ventricular substrate metabolism and relaxation in humans. *Obesity* 2011;19:1804-12.
3. Lyons MR, Peterson LR, McGill JB, Herrero P, Coggan A, Saeed IM, Recklein C, Schechtman KB, Gropler RJ. Impact of sex on the heart's metabolic and functional responses to diabetic therapies. *Am J Physiol* 2013;305(11):H1584-91.
4. Coggan AR, Leibowitz JL, Kadkhodayan A, Thomas DT, Ramamurthy S, Anderson-Spearie C, Waller S, Farmer M, Peterson LR. Effect of acute dietary nitrate intake on maximal knee extensor speed and power in healthy men and women. *Nitric Oxide: Biol and Chem* 2015;48:16-21. (<http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1016/j.niox.2014.08.014>).
5. Coggan AR, Leibowitz JL, Anderson Spearie C, Kadkhodayan A, Thomas DP, Ramamurthy S, Mahmood K, Park S, Waller S, Farmer M, Peterson LR. Acute dietary nitrate intake improves muscle contractile function in patients with heart failure: a double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized trial. *Circ Heart Fail* 2015;8:914-20.
6. Kadkhodayan A, Lin CH, Coggan AR, Kisrieva-Ware Z, Schechtman KB, Joseph SM, Dávila-Román VG, Gropler RJ, Dence C, Harrison K, Peterson LR. Sex affects myocardial blood flow and fatty acid substrate metabolism in humans with nonischemic heart failure. *J Nucl Cardiol* 2016 (in press).
7. Airhart S, Cade WT, Jiang H, Coggan AR, Racette SL, Anderson Spearie C, Waller S, O'Connor R, Bashir A, Ory D, Schaffer JE, Novak E, Farmer M, Korenblat K, McGill JB, Dávila-Román VG, Leibowitz JL, Javidan-Nejad C, Peterson LR. A diet rich in medium-chain fatty acids improves systolic function and alters the lipidomic profile in patients with type 2 diabetes. *J Clin Endocrinol* (2015, epub ahead of print; <http://press.endocrine.org/doi/10.1210/jc.2015-3292>).

Key words: cardiac metabolism, inorganic nitrate, lipidomics, diabetes, obesity, skeletal and cardiac muscle performance, heart failure

Nishath Quader, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Valvular heart disease: Aortic valve, Mitral valve, Tricuspid valve
- Structural heart disease
- 3D echocardiography
- Echocardiographic assessment of left and right ventricular function and strain analysis

Representative publications

1. Quader N, McGee E, Rigolin V. Intraoperative Echocardiography in Infective Endocarditis. ASE Comprehensive Echocardiography. 2nd Edition.
2. Quader N, Davidson CD, Rigolin V. Percutaneous closure of perivalvular mitral prosthetic leak closures: How should interventionalists and the echocardiographers communicate. Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography. 2015; 28(5) 497-508.
3. Quader N, Wilansky S. "Women and Coronary Artery Disease". *Coronary Artery Disease*. Ed. Willerson JT, Holmes DR. 2015: 167-180.
4. Quader N, Chaliki H. Visual assessment of severity of aortic valve stenosis and valve calcification on 2D echocardiography compared to hemodynamic evaluations and CT derived aortic valve calcium scores. *In press*.
5. Quader N, Rigolin VH. Two and three-dimensional echocardiography for pre-operative assessment of mitral valve regurgitation. Cardiovascular Ultrasound 2014; Oct 25; 12: 42.
6. Quader N, Katta P, Najib M, Chaliki H. Effect of mitral inflow pattern on diagnosis of severe mitral regurgitation in patients with chronic organic mitral regurgitation. J Cardiovascular Ultrasound 2013; 21 (4): 65-70.
7. Worsening left ventricular apical peak strain early after right ventricular pacing. Quader N, Jalal U, Raslan S, Srivathsan K, Wilansky S, Unzek S, Chandrasekran K, Mookadam F. Ultrasound Med Biol. 2013.

Key words: Valvular and structural heart disease, 3D echocardiography

Babak Razani, MD, PhD

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Current Research Interests

- Mechanisms of atherosclerosis and insulin resistance (with emphasis on macrophage dysfunction)
- Focus on emerging cellular pathways critical for atherosclerotic progression
 - dysfunction in autophagy
 - lysosomal dysfunction
 - activation of inflammasomes
 - inclusion body formation
- Disorders of cardiac metabolism in heart failure (with emphasis on De novo Lipogenesis)

Representative publications

1. Razani B, Zhang H, Schulze PC, Schilling JD, Verbsky J, Lodhi IJ, et al. Fatty Acid Synthase modulates homeostatic responses to myocardial stress. *J Biol Chem.* 2011; 286: 30949-61.
2. Razani B, Feng C, Coleman T, Emanuel R, Wen H, Hwang S, Ting JP, Virgin HW, Kastan MB, and Semenkovich CF. Autophagy links inflammasomes to atherosclerotic progression. *Cell Metab.* 2012; 14: 534-44.
3. Spears LD, Razani B, and Semenkovich CF. Interleukins and Atherosclerosis: A Dysfunctional Family Grows. *Cell Metab.* 2013; 18: 614-616.
4. Sergin I and Razani B. Self-eating in the Plaque: What Macrophage Autophagy Reveals About Atherosclerosis. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2014; 25: 225-234.
5. Emanuel R, Sergin I, Bhattacharya S, Turner J, Epelman S, Settembre C, Diwan A, Ballabio A, and Razani B. Induction of a Lysosomal Biogenesis Program in Atherosclerotic Macrophages Can Rescue Lipid-Induced Lysosomal Dysfunction and Downstream Sequelae. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2014; 34: 1942-52.
6. Sergin I, Evans TD, Bhattacharya S, and Razani B. Hypoxia in Plaque Macrophages: A New Danger Signal for Interleukin-1 β Activation? *Circ Res.* 2014; 115: 817-820.
7. Razani B and Raines EW. Can the DNA Damage Response be Harnessed to Modulate Atherosclerotic Plaque Phenotype? *Circ Res.* 2015; 116: 770-773.
8. Sergin I, Evans TD, and Razani B. Degradation and Beyond: the Macrophage Lysosome as a Nexus for Nutrient Sensing and Processing in Atherosclerosis. *Curr Opin Lipidol.* [in press].
9. Sergin I, Bhattacharya S, Emanuel R, Esen E, Arif B, Curci JA, and Razani B. p62-enriched Inclusion Bodies in Macrophages Play a Protective Role in Atherosclerosis. [in revision].

Key words: atherosclerosis, cardiac metabolism, insulin resistance, macrophage, autophagy, lysosomes, basic science, translational research, lipid metabolism, obesity, vascular biology

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College

Current Research Interests

- Self-management of Chronic Cardiovascular Disease
- Symptom Management in Chronic Heart Failure
- Transitional Care for Re-hospitalization Prevention
- Post-hospital Discharge Environment
- Social Networks in Symptom Management & Decision-making
- Treatment-seeking Behavior

Representative Publications

1. Reeder, K. M., Ercole, P.M., Peek, G.M., & Smith, C.E. (2013). Symptom perceptions and self-care behaviors in patients who self-manage heart failure. *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*, DOI: 10.1097/JCN.0000000000000117.
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6. Reeder, K. M., Sims, J. L., & Peek, G. M. (2014). Self-management of heart failure in the post-discharge environment: A harbinger of hospital readmission or effective symptom self-care? *Heart & Lung: The Journal of Acute and Critical Care*, 43(4), 380.
7. Ramoutar, D., Pazdernik, V. K., Beasley, B. T., & Reeder, K. M. (2015, pending). Congruence of speckle tracking echocardiography and magnetic resonance imaging assessment of left ventricular ejection fraction. *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.
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Key words: Heart Failure, Self-management, Health Care Seeking Behavior, Hospital Readmission, Community-based Interventions

Stacey L. Rentschler, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Developmental Biology, and Biomedical Engineering

Current Research Interests

- Transcriptional and epigenetic basis of arrhythmias
- Development of the cardiac conduction system
- Reprogramming cardiomyocytes to pacemaker-like cells
- Notch and Wnt signaling
- Human organotypic slice culture as a translational platform

Representative publications

1. Rentschler S, Vaidya DM, Tamaddon H, Degenhardt K, Sassoon D, Morley GE, Jalife J, Fishman GI. Visualization and functional characterization of the developing murine cardiac conduction system. *Development* 2001; 128:1785-92
2. Rentschler S, Zander J, Burns K, France D, Levine R, Porter G, Rivkees SA, Morley GE, Fishman GI. Neuregulin-1 promotes formation of the murine cardiac conduction system. *PNAS* 2002; 99:10464-9.
3. Rentschler S, Harris BS, Kuznekoff L, Jain R, Manderfield L, Lu M, Morley GE, Patel VV, Epstein JA. Notch Signaling Regulates Murine Atrioventricular Conduction and Formation of Accessory Pathways. *JCI*, 2011; 121(2):525-33.
4. Rentschler S*, Yen AH, Lu J, Petrenko NB, Lu MM, Manderfield, LJ, Patel VV, Fishman GI, Epstein JA. Myocardial Notch Signaling Reprograms Cardiomyocytes to a Conduction-Like Phenotype. *Circulation*, 2012; 126(9):1058-66. *corresponding author
5. Gillers B, Aly H, Chiplunkar A, Valenta T, Basler K, Efimov I, Boukens B, Rentschler S. Canonical Wnt Signaling Regulates Atrioventricular Junction Programming and Electrophysiological Properties. *Circulation Research*, 2015; 116(3):398-406.
6. Meyers, JD, Jay, PY, Rentschler, S. Reprogramming the conduction system: Onward toward a biological pacemaker. *Trends in Cardiovascular Medicine*. 2016; 26(1):14-20
7. Kang C, Qiao Y, Li G, Baechle K, Camellitti P, Rentschler S, Efimov IR. Human Organotypic Cultured Cardiac Slices: New Platform For High Throughput Preclinical Human Trials. *Scientific Reports*, in press.

Key words: basic science, cardiac development, molecular cardiology, electrophysiology, arrhythmias, conduction system, reprogramming, epigenetics, translational research

Michael W. Rich, MD

Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Cardiovascular disease in the elderly, esp. heart failure, atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, hypertension, epidemiology, and prevention
- Cardiovascular aging, including interventions designed to slow the aging process
- Heart failure disease management

Representative publications

1. Forman DE, Rich MW, Alexander KP, et al. Cardiac care for older adults: time for a new paradigm. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2011;57(18):1801-1810.
2. Fleg JL, Forman DE, Berra K, Bittner V, Blumenthal JA, Chen MA, Cheng S, Kitzman DW, Maurer MS, Rich MW, Shen WK, Williams MA, Zieman SJ. Secondary prevention of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in older adults: a scientific statement from the American Heart Association. *Circulation* 2013;128:2422-2446.
3. Ades PA, Keteyian SJ, Balady GJ, Houston-Miller N, Kitzman DW, Mancini DM, Rich MW. Cardiac rehabilitation exercise and self-care for chronic heart failure. *J Am Coll Cardiol HF* 2013;1(6):540-547.
4. Whellan DJ, Goodlin SJ, Dickinson MG, Heidenreich PA, Jaenicke C, Gattis-Stough W, Rich MW. End-of-life care in patients with heart failure. *J Cardiac Failure* 2014;20:121-134.
5. Rich MW. Secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in older adults. *Prog Cardiovasc Dis* 2014;57:168-175. Published online ahead of print March 14, 2014. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pcad.2014.03.006>
6. Jurgens CY, Goodlin S, Dolansky M, Ahmed A, Fonarow GC, Boxer R, Arena R, Blank L, Buck HG, Cranmer K, Fleg JL, Lampert RJ, Lennie TA, Lindenfeld J, Piña IL, Semla TP, Trebbien P, Rich MW. Heart failure management in skilled nursing facilities: a scientific statement from the American Heart Association and the Heart Failure Society of America. *Circ Heart Fail* 2015;8(3):655-687.
7. Rich MW, Chyun DA, Skolnick AH, et al. Knowledge gaps in cardiovascular care of the older adult population. A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, and American Geriatrics Society. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2016;67(20):2419-40 and *Circulation* 2016;133(21):2103-22.
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9. Kim DH, Rich MW. Patient-centered care of older adults with cardiovascular disease and multiple chronic conditions. *Can J Cardiol* 2016. (in press)

Key words: aging, atrial fibrillation, epidemiology, heart failure, prevention

Yoram Rudy, PhD

Fred Saigh Distinguished Professor of Engineering; Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medicine, Cell Biology & Physiology, Radiology, and Pediatrics
Director, Cardiac Bioelectricity and Arrhythmia Center (CBAC)

Current Research Interests

- Mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias
- Noninvasive imaging (ECGI) of cardiac arrhythmias in patients

Representative publications

1. T.J. O'Hara, L. Virág, A. Varró, Y. Rudy, "Simulation of the undiseased human cardiac ventricular action potential: Model formulation and experimental validation" *PLoS Computational Biology* 2011; 7(5): e1002061.doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002061
2. P. Li, Y. Rudy, "A Model of Canine Purkinje Cell Electrophysiology and Ca²⁺ Cycling: Rate Dependence, Triggered Activity and Comparison to Ventricular Myocyte" *Circulation Research* 2011; 109:71-79.
3. Y. Wang, P.S. Cuculich, J. Zhang, K. A. Desouza, R. Vijayakumar, J. Chen, M. N. Faddis, B.D. Lindsay, T. W. Smith, Y. Rudy, "Noninvasive Electroanatomic Mapping of Human Ventricular Arrhythmias Using ECG Imaging (ECGI)" *Science Translational Medicine* 2011 (31 August); Volume 3 (issue 98):191-200 (98ra84).
4. Y. Rudy, "Mathematical modeling of complex biological systems: From genes and molecules to organs and organisms: Heart" In: Edward H. Egelman , editor: *Comprehensive Biophysics, Volume 9, Simulation and Modeling*. Harel Weinstein volume editor. Oxford: Academic Press, 2012. pp. 268-327.
5. Y. Rudy, "Noninvasive Electrocardiographic Imaging of Arrhythmogenic Substrates in Humans" *Circulation Research*, 2013;112:863-874.
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Key words: basic science, electrocardiography, electrophysiology

Jean E. Schaffer, MD

Virginia Minnich Distinguished Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Role of small non-coding RNAs in metabolic (lipotoxic and oxidative) stress
- Pathophysiological responses of the heart to the diabetic environment
- Metabolomic biomarkers for heart disease
- Lipids as a therapeutic target for cardiovascular disease in diabetics

Representative publications

1. Michel CI, Holley CL, Scruggs BS, Sidhu R, Brookheart RT, Listenberger LL, Behlke M, Ory DS, Schaffer JE. Small nucleolar RNAs, U32, U33, and U35 are critical mediators of metabolic stress. *Cell Metab* 2011; 14: 33-44. PMID: PMC3138526.
2. Scruggs BS, Michel CI, Ory DS, Schaffer JE. Smd3 regulates intronic non-coding RNA biogenesis. *Mol Cell Biol* 2012, 32: 4092-4103. PMID: PMC34573401. Scruggs BS, Michel CI, Ory DS, Schaffer JE. Smd3 regulates intronic non-coding RNA biogenesis. *Mol Cell Biol* 2012; 32: 4092-4103. PMID: PMC3457340.
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5. Holley CL, Li MW, Scruggs BS, Matkovich SJ, Ory DS, Schaffer JE. Cytoplasmic snoRNAs are dynamically regulated by NADPH oxidase. *J Biol Chem* 2015; 290: 11741-11748. PMID: PMC4416874.
6. Jinn S, Brandis KA, Ren, A, Chacko A, Dudley-Rucker N, Fujiwara H, Jiang H, Olsen BN, Schaffer JE, and Ory DS. snoRNA U17 regulates cellular cholesterol trafficking. *Cell Metab* 2015; 2:855-867. PMID: PMC4456254.
7. Caputa G, Zhao S, Guerrero AE, Ory DS, Duncan JG, Schaffer JE. RNASET2 is required for oxidative stress-mediated cell death. *Cell Death & Differentiation*, 2015; 23:347-357. PMID: PMC4716297.

Key words: basic science, cardiac metabolism, diabetes, heart failure, lipid metabolism, RNA

Joel D. Schilling, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Macrophage biology in post-MI remodeling and heart failure
- Macrophage dysfunction in diabetes and obesity
- The interplay between macrophage metabolism and effector function
- Diabetic cardiovascular disease

Representative publications

1. Schilling JD, Lai L, Sambandam, N, Dey C, Leone TL, and Kelly DP. Toll-like Receptor-Mediated Inflammatory Signaling Reprograms Cardiac Energy Metabolism by Repressing Peroxisome Proliferator-activated receptor Coactivator-1 (PGC-1) Signaling. *Circulation Heart Failure*. 2011 May
2. Schilling JD, Kelly DP. The PGC-1 Cascade as a Therapeutic Target for Heart Failure. *J Mol Cell Cardiol*. Oct 1.2010.
3. Schilling JD and Mann DL. Diabetic Cardiomyopathy: Bench to Bedside. *Heart Fail Clin*. 2012. Oct;8(4):619-31. PMID:22999244
4. Schilling JD, Machkovech H, Kim A, Schwendener, R, and Schaffer JE. Macrophages Modulate Cardiac Function in Lipotoxic Cardiomyopathy. *Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol*. 2012. Dec;303(11):H1366-73. PMID: 23042950.
5. Schilling JD, Machkovech H, He L, Diwan A, Schaffer JE. TLR4 Activation Under Lipotoxic Conditions Leads to Synergistic Macrophage Cell Death Through a TRIF-Dependent Pathway. *J Immunol*. 2013. Feb;190(3). PMID: 23275600
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7. Weber, K and Schilling JD. The Lysosome Mediates Metabolic-Inflammatory Crosstalk in
8. Primary Macrophages. *J. Biol Chem*. 2014. March 28; 289(13):9158-71.
9. Schilling JD. The Mitochondria in Diabetic Heart Failure: from pathogenesis to therapeutic promise. *Antioxid Redox Signal*. 2015. PMID: 25761843.
10. He L, Weber KJ, and Schilling JD. Glutamine Modulates Macrophage Lipotoxicity. *Nutrients*. 2016. Apr;12 (4). PMID: 27077881.

Key words: basic science, cardiac metabolism, macrophage, diabetes, heart failure

Clay F. Semenkovich, MD

Professor of Medicine, Cell Biology and Physiology

Current Research Interests

- Lipid metabolism
- Atherosclerosis
- Diabetes

Representative publications

1. Bernal-Mizrachi C et al. Vascular respiratory uncoupling increases blood pressure and atherosclerosis. *Nature* 2005; 435:502-506.
2. Schneider J et al. ATM-dependent suppression of stress signaling reduces vascular disease in metabolic syndrome. *Cell Metabolism* 2006; 4:377-389.
3. Chakravarthy M et al. Brain fatty acid synthase activates PPAR α to maintain energy homeostasis. *J. Clin. Invest.* 2007; 117:2539-2552.
4. Chakravarthy M et al. Identification of a physiologically relevant endogenous ligand for PPAR α in liver. *Cell* 2009; 138:476-488.
5. Schneider J et al. Macrophage fatty acid synthase deficiency decreases diet-induced atherosclerosis. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2010; 285:23398-23409.
6. Hsu FF, Lodhi IJ, Turk J, Semenkovich CF. Structural distinction of diacyl-, alkylacyl, and alk-1-enylacyl glycerophosphocholines as [M - 15]⁻ ions by multiple-stage linear ion-trap mass spectrometry with electrospray ionization. *J Am Soc Mass Spectrom* 2014 August;25(8):1412-20.
7. Lodhi IJ, Wei X, Yin L, Feng C, Adak S, Abou-Ezzi G, Hsu FF, Link DC, Semenkovich CF. Peroxisomal lipid synthesis regulates inflammation by sustaining neutrophil membrane phospholipid composition and viability. *Cell Metab* 2015 January 6;21(1):51-64.
8. Izawa T, Rohatgi N, Fukunaga T, Wang QT, Silva MJ, Gardner MJ, McDaniel ML, Abumrad NA, Semenkovich CF, Teitelbaum SL, Zou W. ASXL2 Regulates Glucose, Lipid, and Skeletal Homeostasis. *Cell Rep* 2015 June 16;11(10):1625-37
9. Semenkovich CF. Insulin Resistance and a Long, Strange Trip. *N Engl J Med* 2016 April 7;374(14):1378-9.

Key words: atherosclerosis, basic science, diabetes, lipid metabolism

Jasvinder Singh, MD

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Current Research Interests

- Interventional cardiology, especially complex interventions
- Outcomes from intervention procedures
- Stent design
- Coronary Physiology
- FFR/IVUS

Representative publications

1. Singh J, Patel Y, Depta JP, Mathews SJ, Cyrus T, Zajarias A, Kurz HI, Lasala JM, Bach RG: A modified provisional stenting approach to coronary bifurcation lesions: clinical application of the "jailed-balloon technique". *J Interv Cardiol* 2012; Jun 25:289-96. PMID: 22364484.
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Key words: coronary artery disease, interventional cardiology

Timothy W. Smith, MD, DPhil

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Techniques of ICD/pacemaker implantation
- New approaches to therapy (especially ablation) of ventricular tachycardia
- Prevention of sudden death and ICD utilization
- Electrocardiography and ECG education
- Cardiac Resynchronization

Representative publications

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Key words: arrhythmias, electrocardiography, electrophysiology

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Current Research Interests

- Heart rate variability (HRV) and outcomes in different populations
- HRV as a marker for autonomic dysfunction in genetic disorders
- HRV as a marker for autonomic dysfunction in genetically modified mice
- Detection of sleep-disordered breathing, circadian rhythm disorders, and sinoatrial node function from ambulatory ECG recordings
- Clinical applications of HRV from bedside monitoring in the NICU and PICU

Representative publications

1. Stein PK, Barzilay JI, Chaves PHM, Mistretta SQ, Domitrovich PP, Gottdiener JS, Rich MW, Kleiger RE. Novel Measures of Heart Rate Variability Predict Cardiovascular Mortality in Older Adults Independent of Traditional Cardiovascular Risk Factors: The Cardiovascular Health Study. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol*. 2008;19:1169-74.
2. Stein PK, Deedwania P. Usefulness of abnormal heart rate turbulence to predict cardiovascular mortality in high-risk post-acute myocardial infarction patients from the EPHEBUS study. *Am J Cardiol* 2009;103:1495-99.
3. Stein PK, Barzilay JI, Chaves PH, Domitrovich PP, Gottdiener JS. Heart rate variability and its changes over 5 years in older adults. *Age Ageing* 2009;38(2):212-8.
4. Stein PK, Sanghavi D, Sotoodehnia N, Siscovick DS, Gottdiener J. Association of Holter-based measures including T-wave alternans with risk of sudden cardiac death in the community-dwelling elderly: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *J Electrocardiol* 2010. (epub ahead of print Jan 22, 2010)
5. Stein PK, Barzilay JI. Relationship of abnormal heart rate turbulence and elevated CRP to cardiac mortality in low, intermediate, and high-risk older adults. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol*. 2011;22):122-7.. Epub 2010 Dec 6.
6. Stein PK, Deedwania P. New York Heart Association functional class influences of the impact of diabetes on cardiac autonomic function. *J Electrocardiol*. 2010 Sep-Oct;43(5):379-84. Epub 2010 Jan 25.
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8. Stein PK, Soare A, Meyer TE, Cangemi R, Holloszy JO, Fontana L. Caloric Restriction May Reverse Age-Related Autonomic Decline in Humans. *Aging Cell*. 2012;11(4):644-5020.

Key words: aging, ambulatory ECG, heart rate variability, autonomic function assessment, cancer and the heart, depression, diabetes, epidemiology, heart failure, epidemiology, sleep disorders, circadian rhythm, hypertension, risk factors, trauma, women and minorities

[Nathan Stitzel, MD, PhD](#)

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Genetics

Current Research Interests

- Genetics of Mendelian cardiovascular disease
- Genetics of complex cardiovascular disease
- Clinical application of genetics

Representative Publications

1. Lee VS, Halabi CM, Hoffman E, Carmichael N, Leshchiner I, Lian CG, Bierhals AJ, Vuzman D, Mecham RP, Frank NY, Stitzel NO. Loss of function mutation in LOX causes thoracic aortic aneurysm and dissection in humans. *Proc Natl Acad Sci*. In press. (2016).
2. Stitzel NO, Stirrups KE, Masca NG, et al. Coding variation in *ANGPTL4*, *LPL*, and *SVEP1* and the risk of coronary disease. *N Engl J Med*. 374(12):1134-44 (2016).
3. Do R, Stitzel NO, Won H-H, et al. Exome sequencing identifies rare LDLR and APOA5 alleles conferring risk for myocardial infarction. *Nature*. 518(7537):102-6 (2015).
4. Mega JL, Stitzel NO, Smith JG, et al. Genetic risk, coronary heart disease events, and the clinical benefit of statin therapy: an analysis of primary and secondary prevention trials. *Lancet*. In press (2015).
5. Stitzel NO, Won HH, Morrison AC, et al. Inactivating mutations in NPC1L1 and protection from coronary heart disease. *N Engl J Med*. 371(22): 2072-82. (2014).
6. Stitzel NO, MacRae CA. A clinical approach to inherited premature coronary artery disease. *Circ Cardiovasc Genet*. 7(4):558-64 (2014).

Key words: atherosclerosis, basic science, genetics, translational research

[Carla J. Weinheimer, MS](#)

Associate Professor of Medicine

Current Research Interests

- Mouse cardiovascular phenotyping through surgery, hemodynamic evaluations, imaging, and histology
- Models of ischemic disease and heart failure in mice

Representative publications

1. Weinheimer CJ, Kovacs A, Courtois MA, and Mansfield C: In-Vivo Physiologic Evaluation of Murine Cardiovascular Phenotypes. In: Textbook of Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging. Edited by Robert Gropler, Albert Sinusas, David Glover, and Heinrich Taegtmeier. July, 2007.
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Key words: cardiovascular phenotyping, novel surgical models, heart failure, ischemia, imaging, molecular cardiology

[Samuel A. Wickline, MD](#)

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Current Research Interests

- Nanotechnology
- Cardiac MRI
- Ultrasound

Representative publications

1. Myerson, J., He, L., Lanza, G., Tollefsen, D., and Wickline, S. (2011) Thrombin-inhibiting perfluorocarbon nanoparticles provide a novel strategy for the treatment and magnetic resonance imaging of acute thrombosis. *J Thromb Haemost* 9, 1292-1300.
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Key words: basic science, imaging, nanomedicine

Pamela K. Woodard, MD

Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Engineering

Current Research Interests

- Molecular Imaging of atherosclerosis
- Cardiac MRI
- Cardiac CT – coronary CT angiography

Representative publications

1. Liu Y, Abendschein D, Woodard GE, Rossin R, McCommis K, Zheng J, Welch MJ, Woodard PK. Molecular Imaging of Atherosclerotic Plaque with ⁶⁴Cu-Labeled Natriuretic Peptide and Positron Emission Tomography. *J Nucl Med*. 2010, 51(1):85-91.
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4. Nie X, Laforest R, Elvington A, Randolph GJ, Zheng J, Voller T, Abendschein DR, Suzanne Lapi SE, and Woodard PK. PET/MR imaging of hypoxic atherosclerosis using ⁶⁴Cu-ATSM in a rabbit model. *J Nuc Med*, 2016. [Epub ahead of print]
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Key words: atherosclerosis, cardiac MRI, cardiac CT, molecular imaging

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Current Research Interests

- Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)
- Use of CT for procedural planning of TAVI
- Echocardiographic assessment of RV function in patients with pulmonary hypertension undergoing TAVI for aortic stenosis
- Racial differences in aortic stenosis
- Mitral regurgitation and outcomes in patients with cardiomyopathy
- Patient selection and procedural outcomes in patients undergoing TAVI

Representative publications

1. Kodali SK, Williams MR, Smith CR, Svensson LG, Webb JG, Makkar RR, Fontana GP, Dewey TM, Thourani VH, Pichard AD, Fischbein M, Szeto WY, Lim S, Greason KL, Teirstein PS, Malaisrie SC, Douglas PS, Hahn RT, Whisenant B, Zajarias A, Wang D, Akin JJ, Anderson WN, Leon MB; PARTNER Trial Investigators. Two-year outcomes after transcatheter or surgical aortic-valve replacement. *N Engl J Med*. 2012 May 3;366(18):1686-95. Epub 2012 Mar 26.
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Key words: aortic stenosis, interventional cardiology, valvular heart disease