

## NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

### Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship

#### Faculty List



**Jeffrey T. Berger, M.D., *Program Director***, is Chief of the Division of Palliative Medicine and Bioethics at NYU Langone Long Island and Professor of Medicine at NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Dr. Berger is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Berger has over 25 years experience in medical practice with more than 20 years' experience providing clinical bioethics case consultation. He established NYU Langone Long Island's Palliative Care clinical program in 2007. In addition to practicing clinical medicine, Dr. Berger has focused his academic career in the domain of medicine and bioethics. He has served on numerous state and national committees including the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, the American College of Physicians, and the New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council.

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**Amanda Hafeez, MD., *Associate Program Director***, is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She secured her medical degree from St. Georges University School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center where she continued to as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine in the practice of Hospitalist Medicine. Dr. Hafeez subsequently completed a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at New York University. She has interests in bioethics consultation and Palliative care education

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**Melissa Mooney, C-TAGME, *Program Coordinator***, is a Training Administrator of GME Certified Fellowship Coordinator. Melissa has worked as a coordinator in GME for 10 years. She is the founding coordinator for the Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship at NYU Langone Long Island. Melissa is a member of multiple committees including the House Staff Wellness Committee, House-Staff Diversity Committee, CME Planning Committee, Clinical Core Competency Committee and Program Evaluation Committee.

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**Priya Pinto, MD., *Physician Core Faculty Member*** came to the US from India and completed her residency in Internal Medicine from Staten Island University Hospital in New York. She then went on to complete fellowships in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center. She is passionate about her clinical work at NYU Long Island Hospital. She serves at the institutional and system level on several Pain committees. Through this forum, she strives to advocate for the patients that we care for. She has a love and interest in education around primary palliative care and is an active part of teaching in the Internal Medicine Residency, Pulmonary/Critical Care and Oncology Fellowship programs and in the NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Dr.Pinto is a member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine where she serves and is Chair on several Committees.

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**Luisa E. Sperry, MD, *Physician Core Faculty Member***, is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She is a graduate of Stony Brook University School of Medicine where she received Alpha Omega Alpha honors. She completed her Internal Medicine residency and Palliative Care fellowship training at The Mount Sinai Hospital. She is joined the NYU Langone Long Island Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship faculty in 2023.

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**Dustin Suanino, MD., *Physician Core Faculty Member***, is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Hospice & Palliative Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Suanino completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and completed an integrated Geriatric and Palliative Medicine fellowship at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. During his residency he served as chief resident and was honored with the Humanism Award in Internal Medicine. Dr. Suanino has a special interest in education of palliative medicine.

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**Dana Ribeiro, M.Div., LCSW, APHSW-C, Social Work Core Faculty Member**, is a licensed clinical social worker. She holds a master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work, where she was a recipient of the Dr. Maurice V. Russell Fellowship for Medical Social Work, a master's degree in Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and a bachelor's of science from Rutgers University. She completed her subspecialty Palliative Care training via the Post Graduate Fellowship in Palliative Care at the Mt. Sinai-Beth Israel Division of Palliative Medicine. In addition to staffing our clinical team, Dana is a Clinical Instructor of Medicine for the Long Island School of Medicine where she holds the position of Assistant Course Director for the Learning Communities Longitudinal Thread, focusing on Social Sciences, Humanities, Ethics and Professionalism. Dana has an interest in academic teaching and formation of clinicians at the undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate levels of education and is a frequent lecturer for NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island Medical Education. She has published in the bioethics and social work literature and also lectures regionally and nationally for organizations such as the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network. In addition, Dana is a member of the NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island Medical Ethics Workgroup and the Spiritual Care Services Advisory Committee.

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**Latifat Adeyemi, MS, ANP-BC** is a Board Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner, who completed subspecialty training in Palliative Care and received a Master's Degree from New York University. She also earned a B.A. in Speech Language Pathology from The State University of New York at Buffalo and a B.S. from The College of New Rochelle. Mrs. Adeyemi joined the Palliative Care team summer of 2014, after working more than 7 years as an Oncology/Hematology Registered Nurse at New York Langone Medical Center.

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**Kathleen DiGangi Condon, DNP-BC** is a Board Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Palliative Medicine. Kate earned her B.S. and M.S from Columbia University's School of Nursing. She also holds a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross and an M.A. from the University of Notre Dame.

Kate joined NYU Langone Long Island in May of 2013 from Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, where she served as a nurse practitioner on the Palliative care service. She also established an inpatient Palliative care consult service at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx. Prior to that Kate practiced as a registered nurse on the comprehensive transplant unit at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Kate is an Instructor in Medicine at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York, where she teaches bioethics to first and second year medical students. She has lectured at Columbia University's School of Nursing on pain, Palliative care, and ethics.

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**Catherine A. Kobza, M.S., AGACNP-BC, CCRN** is a board certified Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Catherine earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Nursing with an Adult Oncology Specialty Certificate from the University of Pennsylvania. She is certified in Critical Care Nursing and also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Bucknell University. As a Medical-Surgical Telemetry and Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse, Catherine has provided care and support for patients and families with various acute and chronic illnesses. After completing the Critical Care Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, she joined the Palliative Medicine team at NYU Langone Long Island in 2022.

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**Kathryn Stein, M.S., AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN** is a board-certified Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. She completed subspecialty training in palliative care as part of her master's degree in nursing at NYU. She also holds a BS in nursing from Johns Hopkins University and a BS in media, culture, and communication from NYU. Before joining the Palliative Medicine team at NYU-LI in January 2022, she worked as a bedside RN in an ICU and inpatient hematology-oncology.

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**Matt Catapano, LMSW** holds a Master's Degree from Fordham Graduate School of Social Service. As a graduate student, he received a Palliative Care Fellowship and completed his subspecialty training at Mount Sinai Hospital, in Manhattan. Previously, Matt was a field officer with Doctors without Borders, managing hospitals across Africa and South Asia. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont. Matt joined the Palliative Medicine team at NYU Langone Long Island in 2022.

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**Maria Almonte Batista, LMSW** received a Master's degree in Social Work from New York University. She also holds a B.A. in psychology from Hunter College. In 2022, Maria became a fellow of the Zelda Foster Studies in Palliative and End-of-Life Care fellowship and three-year program. As part of her specialized training, Maria completed a Palliative Care Social Work internship at NYU Langone Hospital – Brooklyn. Prior to her MSW program, Maria worked as a care manager for individuals diagnosed with chronic illnesses in the Bronx. Maria joined the Palliative Medicine team at NYU Langone Hospital – Long Island in 2023.

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**Allison Williams, RN., MSN** is a Registered nurse working in the outpatient practice, NYU Langone Palliative Medicine Associates. She holds a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a Master's degree in Executive Leadership from Chamberlin University. She has 14 years of nursing experience caring for patients in the ER, and Hospice & Palliative Medicine. Allison also served as adjunct faculty at Molloy University specializing in community nursing. Allison joined the NYU Langone Palliative Care team in 2022.