NYU Langone Long Island Hospital
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 Winthrop-University Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Stony Brook University 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 Winthrop’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.

Amanda Hafeez, MD., Associate Program Director, is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Board Eligible 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.
Melissa Mooney, C-TAGME, *Program Coordinator*, is a Training Administrators of GME Certified Fellowship Coordinator. Melissa has worked as a coordinator in GME for 8 years. She is the founding coordinator for the Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship at NYU Winthrop. 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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Scott Freeman, MD. *Physician Core Faculty Member*, is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Temple University Hospital and subsequently completed a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Palliative Medicine group there for 7 years before joining NYU Winthrop. He has special interests in complex symptom management and clinical quality improvement.
Priya Pinto, MD., Physician Core Faculty Member is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Pinto completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital, and went on to complete fellowships in Geriatrics and in Palliative Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center. For the last 5 years she has served as an Assistant Professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Consulting Physician at Montefiore Medical Center and Fellowship Program Director in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Pinto has a special interest in teaching and education in Palliative Care.

Dustin Suanino, MD., Physician Core Faculty Member, is board certified in Internal Medicine and board eligible in both Palliative 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.

Dana Ribeiro, M.Div., LCSW, ACHP-SW, 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.

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.
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 Winthrop 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.

Annie Mei, AGPCNP, ACHPN, CCRN, RN-BC, is a board certified Adult Gerontology and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. She is a graduate of New York University with a Masters specializing in Primary Care and Geriatrics and holds additional board certifications in Hospice and Palliative Nursing and Critical Care Nursing. Through many years of acute care experience in Telemetry, Surgical Step Downs, and Intensive Care Units, where she witnessed life, death, and near-death experiences meshed with high tech medical interventions, Annie now focuses on providing cutting edge palliation and support with advanced illness.
Maria Christine Santos, MS, RN, ANP-BC, ACHPN, CCRN-CSC is a Board Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner. Christine earned a B.S and M.S. in Nursing, with a subspecialty in Palliative Care, from New York University’s College of Nursing. Christine joined the Palliative Care team in 2015, after working over 7 years as a Critical Care Registered Nurse at New York Langone Medical Center. Christine also serves as an adjunct clinical faculty member at New York University’s College of Nursing, where she teaches undergraduate students during their clinical rotations.

Patricia Daly, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She holds a Master’s degree in Social Work from Adelphi University School of Social Work. Patricia completed a Post Master’s certificate in Palliative and End of Life Care from the NYU Silver School of Social Work as well as a certificate in Clinical Bioethics from Hofstra University. While working as a Palliative Care Social Worker, Patricia served on the Medical Ethics committees at Stony Brook University Hospital as well as Northwell Health. Patricia has clinical experience in hospice and oncology social work with pediatric and adult patients in a variety of settings including hospitals, hospice units and home care.
Nicole Rossi, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She holds a Master’s degree from Fordham University School of Social Work and a B.A. from the University of Rhode Island. Nicole has served as adjunct faculty at Fordham University within the Palliative Care Fellowship program and has clinical experience in hospice and oncology social work in a variety of settings including hospitals, home care, outpatient clinics and long term care facilities. Nicole joined the NYU Winthrop Palliative Care team in 2018.