



The Department of Internal Medicine is excited to announce the newly independent Division of Geriatrics. Geriatrics has historically coexisted as an integrated subdivision of General, Geriatric, and Hospital Medicine. The division was successfully led for several years by Eyad Al-hihi, MD, MBA, Professor and Vice Chair of Clinical Operations.

As the Department of Internal Medicine continues to grow, the vision to expand beyond our clinical enterprise is a natural progression towards becoming a nationally recognized leader in academic medicine. With this goal in mind, the department is pleased to also share that we have recruited, Bruce R. Troen, MD to serve as Division Chief of the newly formed Division of Geriatrics starting September 1, 2022.

Additionally, Dr. Troen will serve as Director of the Landon Center on Aging together in a dyad with Randolph Nudo, PhD, FAHA, FASNR, Professor and Vice Chair, Research Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, to assure the direction of the center is aligned in its growth. A key goal is to obtain large new grants for the Landon Center on Aging.

Dr. Troen will be joining us from University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences where he is currently Professor and Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Troen serves as a physician-investigator with the Western New York VA Healthcare System, and Chief of Geriatric Services at Erie County Medical Center and founded the Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease of Western New York and the Center for Successful Aging at the University at Buffalo.

Dr. Troen is a physician-scientist formally trained in geriatrics and molecular biology, a Fellow of the American Geriatrics Society, and has been a VA physician-investigator for 35 years. He has several major foci of research: frailty, longevity/aging mechanisms, and osteoporosis, all of which result in great morbidity in older adults. Dr. Troen and his team have been elucidating what interventions can enhance physical performance, mobility, and cognition, particularly in those who are frail. Their study on high intensity interval training was profiled in the New York Times. Dr. Troen is the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on biomedical translational grants from the NIH, VA, NY State Department of Health, and the State University of New York.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Bruce Troen to the Department of Internal Medicine family and thanking Dr. Eyad Al-hihi for his dedication and leadership of the geriatric team. We are confident the transition of the newly formed Division of Geriatrics under the leadership of Dr. Troen will be smooth and look forward to watching the growth of this dynamic division.

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