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Graduation of Three Transfusion Medicine Fellows in June 2016

It is another successful year! Four fellows have completed their ACGME-accredited Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine Fellowship at New York Blood Center. The Fellowship is in collaboration with Department of Pathology & Cell Biology, Columbia University Medical Center; Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College; Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, NorthWell Health. Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD, Program Director, and Antonette Wint, Executive Assistant, presented the fellows with their certificates.

The graduated Fellows are:

Lohith S. Bachegowda, MD, obtained his medical degree from Rajiv Gandhi University, Bangalore, India. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Drexel University College of Medicine and his Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Montefiore Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Bachegowda completed his fellowship in June 2015 at New York Blood Center and has now completed an additional research year here. He will further his training with a BMT fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Alexandra Jimenez, MD, obtained her medical degree from UCC School of Medicine in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. She did her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency at University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. She will continue her career at New York Blood Center as Assistant Medical Director at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY.

Chancey Liam Christenson, MD, obtained his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine. He also completed his Clinical Pathology Residency at Tulane Medical Center, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. He will further his training with a fellowship in Informatics at Geisinger Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

Ruchika Goal, MD, obtained her medical degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India. She completed her Pediatrics Residency at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and her Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at John Hopkins University/National Cancer Institute. Dr. Goel will continue her career as Assistant Professor of Pathology and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Assistant Medical Director of Blood Bank and Cellular Therapy at NYP Hospital, Weill Cornell.

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L-R: Lohith, Alexandra, Chancey and Ruchika



We wish them all the best of luck and success for the future and look forward to watching them develop in their careers.



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NYBC also welcomed three new fellows for 2016-17:

Susmitha Edappallath, MD obtained her medical degree from Calicut Medical College in Kerala, India. She completed her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency at Baystate Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine.

Rahul Matnani, MD, PhD obtained his medical degree from Grant Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals in Mumbai, India. He completed a PhD in Immunology, a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Division of Rheumatology, and Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency, all at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Matnani completed a Hematopathology Fellowship at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Edward Yoon, MD obtained his medical degree from UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Yoon completed an Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School.

Stuart Weisberg, MD, PhD obtained his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biophysical Studies and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Microbiology, also from Columbia University. Dr. Weisberg is currently completing his Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency at Columbia University and will join the fellowship program in November 2016.