

Core Faculty

Intermountain Medical Center Transitional Year Program



John C. Christensen, MD, FACP, FHM

Program Director, Transitional Year Training Program

Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), University of Utah

Dr. Christensen graduated from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Utah where he then served as chief medical resident. He has worked as a hospitalist for Intermountain Healthcare since 2006. His research interests include patient safety and quality improvement. Dr. Christensen is passionate about education and has received several teaching awards. He spends his free time doing finish carpentry, gardening, and trying to keep up with his four boys.



Sarah E. Linson, MD

Associate Program Director, Transitional Year Training Program

Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), University of Utah

Dr. Linson earned her medical degree from McGovern Medical School in Houston, Texas and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the University of Utah. She joined Intermountain Medical Center as a hospitalist and now serves as Associate Program Director of the Transitional Year Residency Program. Her professional interests include resident wellness, medical education and quality improvement. Outside of medicine, she enjoys hiking, yoga, live music, and exploring the outdoors.



Sarah J. Beesley, MD

DIO and Chief Academic Officer, Intermountain Medical Center

Attending, Shock Trauma Intensive Care Unit

Dr. Beesley graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Tufts Medical Center. She worked as a hospitalist at the University of Utah before completing a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship also at the University of Utah. She has worked as an intensivist in the Shock Trauma ICU at Intermountain Medical Center since 2016, and a pulmonologist in the Schmidt Chest Clinic at Intermountain Medical Center since 2017. Dr. Beesley has multiple research interests, including septic cardiomyopathy and the patient and family experience during and after critical illness. She works as part of the Center for Humanizing Critical Care research group, based at Intermountain Medical Center, and serves on the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee of the American Thoracic Society.



Amanda B. Breviu, MD

Associate Program Director, University of Utah Internal Medicine Training Program

Dr. Amanda Breviu was born and raised in Iowa before attending college and medical school at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. She went on to complete a residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She initially practiced as a hospitalist at the University of Utah before transitioning to outpatient medicine at the Edwards Internal Medicine Clinic in 2022. She serves as an Associate Program Director for the University of Utah Internal Medicine Residency program. Her professional interests include education of medical students and residents, care for patients with substance use disorders as well as using quality improvement tools to improve day to day clinical care. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, skiing, seeing live music and spending time with her family/friends.



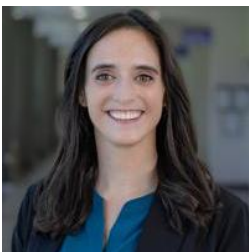
Brendan F. Cummins, MD

Course Director, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Cummins is the course director for Emergency Medicine at the Intermountain Medical Center Emergency Department. Dr. Cummins completed his Doctor of Medicine in 1997 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. His Residency was performed at Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Torrance in Emergency Medicine from 1997-2000. Dr. Cummins is board certified in Emergency Medicine.



Rebecca (Becca) Engels, MD



Mari Freedberg, MD

Associate Program Director, General Surgery

Dr. Mari Freedberg is a dedicated trauma surgeon with a passion for trauma laparotomies. She thrives on the discovery process of identifying the problem and solving it takes to address them. Dr. Freedberg finds deep fulfillment in being there for patients during their most critical moments, guiding them through what is often an incredibly stressful experience. Dr. Freedberg has diverse clinical interests, including violence intervention programs, global surgery, REBOA, and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). Her international experience in Uganda, Zambia, and South Africa has deepened her understanding of how illness impacts communities differently. She has published peer-reviewed studies on rib fracture management, tube thoracostomies, and lower extremity vascular injuries. As a Course Director for the ATLS program, Dr. Freedberg is dedicated to standardizing trauma care and teaching the stabilization of trauma patients both in the U.S. and globally.



Steven R. Granger, MD

Chairman, Department of Surgery, Intermountain Medical Center

Steven Granger, MD, FACS is serving as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Intermountain Medical Center (IMED) and is a practicing Surgeon in the disciplines of Trauma Surgery, Emergency General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. Dr. Granger has served in various IMED leadership roles to include Trauma program improvement, Division of General Surgery Chair, Medical Staff President and now as the Department of Surgery Chairman. He is double board-certified in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He serves as Chair for the Utah Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Applicants and is a Clinical Adjunct faculty at the University of Utah.

Dr. Granger attended the University of Utah where he completed an Honors Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. During that time, he worked in the Kolff Artificial Heart Research Lab, as well as the Utah Eye Bank in tissue procurement. He remained at the University of Utah for Medical School and General Surgery Residency and was recognized with the Intern of the Year Award and later the Best Resident Research Award. During his Chief Surgical year at the University of Utah, he presented a Grand Rounds Conference on Acute Care Surgery and was involved in the development and subsequent creation of that service at the University of Utah.

Dr. Granger then completed a Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical fellowship at the University of Texas San Antonio. His interest in Acute Care Surgery program development, as well as additional Acute Care Surgery experience in his fellowship, were instrumental in the eventual creation of IMED's own Acute Care Surgery service, where Emergency General Surgeries are managed by an in-house service dedicated to those patients. He has published multiple book chapters, peer-reviewed articles, and national podium presentations. He joined Intermountain Healthcare during Intermountain Medical Center's inaugural year in 2008.



David Green, MD

Co-Lead Salt Lake Valley Hospitalist Group

Originally from the Philadelphia area, Dr. Green has been a Hospitalist with Intermountain since 2007, caring for hospitalized medical patients at Intermountain Medical Center, LDS Hospital and as a Tele-hospitalist. After serving as the LDSH Department of Medicine Chair for several years, he became the IMC Co-Medical Director of the Salt Lake Valley Hospitalist Group in 2020 and the Inaugural IMC Department of Hospital Medicine Chair in 2023. As a leader, Dr. Green is committed to collaboratively building and improving highly effective and patient centered care for our complex inpatient medical population, and to champion and support the world class work performed every day by Imed's dedicated Hospitalist physicians, APPs and nurses.



Keli M. Kwok, MD

Attending, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Kwok graduated from The University of Utah School of Medicine after having been elected Senior Class President of her medical school class. She completed her Transition Year Internship at LDS Hospital, followed by residency and serving as Chief Resident in Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center. She was an Assistant Residency Director in Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center for four years. While at Boston Medical Center, she organized all residency didactics and received the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award and the Educator of the Year Award in the Department of Emergency Medicine. She moved to Utah with her family in 2013 and has been practicing Emergency Medicine in Intermountain Hospitals ever since. She is currently serving as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Utah Emergency Physicians. In her free time, Dr. Kwok enjoys spending time with her family, running, reading, and watching college football.



M. Sydney LeGuyader, MD

Course Director, Edwards Internal Medicine Outpatient Clinic

Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), University of Utah

Dr. LeGuyader graduated from LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She has been practicing primary care at Intermountain's Edwards Internal Medicine Outpatient Clinic since 2019. Dr. LeGuyader is a member of the Transitional Year program clinical core faculty. Her clinical interests focus on addiction medicine, osteoporosis, and type 2 diabetes. Dr. LeGuyader spends her weekends camping and backpacking in Utah's great outdoors.



Megan S. O'Hara, MD

Attending, Inpatient Medicine

Dr. Megan O'Hara was born and raised in East Brunswick, NJ. She attended college at The University of California, Berkeley and Medical School at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. O'Hara completed internship and residency at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 2009. She then practiced at Brown Alpert School of Medicine in Rhode Island before relocating to Intermountain Medical Center in 2011. Dr. O'Hara is a hospitalist with affiliations to IMC hospital, LDS hospital, and Alta View hospital. At work she particularly enjoys her time on the teaching service and the diversity of students and residents she gets to mentor. She is married with two children and lives in Park City, Utah.



Jennifer L. Scott, MD

Attending, Inpatient Medicine

Jennifer Scott, MD, is one of the Salt Lake Valley Hospitalists and does Utilization Review as one of Intermountain's Physician Advisors. She is originally from Morehead, KY, received her undergraduate degree from Davidson College in NC and her medical degree from the University of Kentucky. Moving to Salt Lake City for Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Utah, she then stayed on as a Chief Medical Resident for a year prior to joining the Intermountain Hospitalist Group in 2008. Dr. Scott enjoys soccer, skiing, fly-fishing, and spending time with her family.



Eric C. Sorenson, MD

Program Director, General Surgery Residency

Co-Course Director, General Surgery

Dr. Sorenson is the Co-Director of the Surgery Residency Training Program at Intermountain Medical Center. Dr. Sorenson graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his general surgery residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital / Weill Cornell Medical Center. During residency, he completed a research fellowship in cancer immunology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and following residency he completed a clinical fellowship in surgical oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center. His clinical interests focus on hepatopancreatobiliary, gastric, and sarcoma surgery and on neuroendocrine tumors. Dr. Sorenson's research interest is in outcomes and quality improvement for general surgery patients. He particularly enjoys training residents in the general surgery and transitional year residency programs.



Scott C. Woller, MD

Attending, Thrombosis Outpatient Clinic

Professor of Medicine, University of Utah

Dr. Woller graduated from Northwestern University Medical School and completed his residency at the University of Utah where he then served as chief medical resident. Dr. Woller is Professor of Medicine at the University of Utah. His research interests include venous thromboembolism and anticoagulation management, and he is Co-Director of the Intermountain Medical Center Thrombosis Clinic. Dr. Woller is a recognized teacher who received the IMC Housestaff Teaching Award (2011) and University of Utah School of Medicine Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2012).