



# JOHNS HOPKINS

## M E D I C I N E

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Faculty Appointments and Promotions  
Major Awarded Grants & Honors  
DECEMBER 2009**

### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

**Promotion to Associate Professor of Medicine:**

Dale M. Needham, MD, PhD, January 1, 2010, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine  
Eric Nuermberger, MD, January 1, 2010, Infectious Diseases

**Promotion to Assistant Professor of Medicine:**

Kristine Johnson, MD, DTM&H, MSc, October 1, 2009, Infectious Diseases

**Appointment as Instructor in Medicine:**

Dona Tsihwa Wu, MD, PhD, October 1, 2009, General Internal Medicine, Bayview, CIMS

**Promotion to Instructor in Medicine:**

Lonny Brett Yarmus, DO, January 1, 2010, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

**Appointment as Research Associate:**

Joelle Hillion, PhD, December 15, 2009, Hematology  
Huifen Li, PhD, January 4, 2010, Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology  
Xuan Yuan, MD, January 4, 2010, Hematology

Effective dates noted above. New academic appointments are approved as indicated; new clinical appointments may still be pending.

### AWARDS AND HONORS

**Cynthia Boyd, MD, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology**, has been awarded the Improving Clinical Practice Guidelines for Complex Patients from AHRQ. She was awarded \$236,000. For this project, she and her co-investigators (Drs. Bruce Leff, Carlos Weiss, Ravi Varadhan, Jodi Segal and Sydney Dy from Johns Hopkins and Drs. David Kent, Tom Trikalinos and Katrin Uhlig from Tufts) will develop a framework for improving clinical practice guidelines for complex patients, from clinical trials, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, and guideline development and application.

Also, she has received a Paul B. Beeson K23 Career Development Award to study Treatment Burden in Older adults with Diabetes and Multi-morbidity (NIH and AFAR: 5 years, \$840,000).