Thank you to everyone who attended the 5th Annual Zoo Day outing in April!

A special thanks to Lisa Bach-Burdsall and Elizabeth Cooper for all the Zoo Day preparation.
Please Vote for Baltimore Top Doc!

Annually, Baltimore Magazine publishes in their magazine and online the “Top Doctors” in the greater Baltimore region. The Baltimore Magazine’s Top Doctors survey is now open for voting through July 1st.

To vote visit here: [Vote!](#)

*Physicians can list up to two physicians per category.

You can see last year’s results here: [Results](#).

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Recognition

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Robert Moran, and his mentor Dr. Vikesh Singh. Rob won only one of two Young Pancreatologist Awards from the European Pancreas Club.

Rob will deliver an oral presentation on “Gene Mutation Testing in Idiopathic Acute Recurrent and Chronic Pancreatitis” at the 48th Annual Meeting of the European Pancreas Club in Liverpool, UK in early July 2016.

Congratulations!

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Ashley Watson, pictured below, is a high school student in Howard County. She has worked on Dr. Hutfless’ team since Fall 2015 as part of her classroom work. She will pursue a project this summer as part of the AGA Eli & Edythe Broad Student Research Fellowship program. This fellowship offers stipends to high school and undergraduate students who perform 10 weeks or more of research related to digestive diseases or nutrition. Her project is entitled: Examining the role of *Oxalobacter formigenes* colonization in Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis compared with household-matched control. The specific aim is to compare the prevalence of colonization with *Oxalobacter formigenes* in individuals with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis to household-matched controls and correlate the degree of colonization with markers of inflammation, disease severity including surgery and dietary intake of oxalate.
Recognition

Congratulations to Dr. George John. George was selected as one of the recipients of the AGA-GRG Fellow Abstract Prize for his abstract entitled *Chronic Pain and Gastrointestinal Dysmotility Symptoms Exist Independent of Each Other in the Post-Operative Period Following Total Pancreatectomy with Islet Transplantation (TP-IAT)*.

Congratulations to Saowanee Ngamruengphong. Saowanee received AGA-GRG Fellow Abstract Prize for abstract entitled: *Prevalence of Lymph Node Metastasis and Long Term Survival of T1 Rectal Carcinoid Tumors: An Analysis of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) database*.

Research Coordinator & RN Trainings

The DOM Sponsored Projects office recommends training for research coordinators/RN’s.

Travel Reimbursements

Please turn in any travel reimbursements ASAP. The University will allow 90 days from the date of your return or it will become taxable wages, according to where you fall in your tax bracket. Please view the complete policy here.

Tip Corner

Please remind your patients to use MyChart to refill their prescriptions.

Epic Tip

How to bill for Endoscopy Procedures after July 1st. Read more!
Special Announcements

Jean Taylor, one of the Endoscopy central schedulers, who is also an accomplished artist, submitted a piece of her artwork for the JH showcase.

New Employees

Prem Bharati Ankalgi Devkota, LCPC, CCH. She will be working at our Greenspring station location as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. At Johns Hopkins Integrative Medicine and Digestive Center, Bharati will be providing Cognitive Behavior Therapy to treat clinical conditions of anxiety, depression, trauma, stress related health conditions, chronic pain, and fatigue. She completed her Masters in Clinical Psychology from Institute of Medicine, Nepal and Certificate of Advanced Study in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University, Maryland. She can provide therapy in English, Nepali, and Hindi. To refer patients, please call Johns Hopkins Integrative Medicine at 410-828-3585.

Kandy Price RN, BSN is our new infusion nurse at Greenspring station.
Featured Clinical Video

"What is Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty and How Does it Work?"

Endoscopic Sleeve

Farewell Wishes to:

Sameer Dhalla, Bonny Thul & Kaitlyn Kinser, you will be missed!

A brief message from Dr. Dhalla-

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you know, I’ve accepted a new position in northern New Jersey and will be leaving Johns Hopkins on May 1st. Though I’m very excited for the opportunity to build a clinical and academic program from the ground up in the same community I grew up in, it is mixed with a touch of sadness that I am moving away from my adopted home: Hopkins GI and Baltimore, MD. Since my first day of GI fellowship in the summer of 2009 when I held the EGD scope with the wrong hand, you have played a huge role in shaping me as a physician and more importantly as a person. Any success I may enjoy in this new professional chapter will only be possible because of the distinction of working with you and the privilege of counting on you amongst my friends. I wish to give special thanks to Drs. Kalloo, Pasricha, Giardiello and Clarke for guiding me with patience and wisdom through each career milestone including the one about to begin.

In the months ahead, I would love to hear from you.
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Best wishes to you all,
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