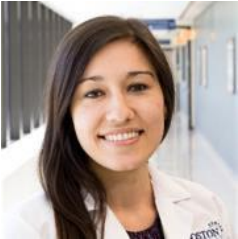








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Headshot	Name	Email	Department	Track	Bio
	Aileen Roman	Aileen.roman@bmc.org	Family Medicine	Clinician Educator	Having graduated from McGill University school of Medicine, I went on to complete my residency training in Family Medicine in Montreal, Canada, at McGill University. After this, I completed a fellowship at the University of Toronto in Low-Risk Obstetrics, as part of the Enhanced Skills in Family Medicine program that is available in Canada for Family Physicians who wish to sub specialize. I went on to do longitudinal locum work in the Northwest Territories of Canada in outpatient and inpatient obstetrical care. I was hired as a full time physician at BU in 2016, where I continue to work as a Family Physician at the Melnea Cass clinic at BMC. In addition to outpatient care, I work on the inpatient wards and labor and delivery. Part of my duties here include mentoring and teaching medical students and residents in the Family Medicine program. I am also a physician for the InstED program, where I provide remote consultations for home visits for high-complexity, high-utilizing patients, in order to minimize ED visits.
	Aliza Stern	aastern@bu.edu	Dermatology	Clinician Educator	I have been a physician assistant (PA) for over 17 years, starting in Obstetrics and Gynecology and then continuing in Dermatology. Prior to Boston University, I was a clinical preceptor for both PA students and medical students from Northeastern University, Tufts University, and Harvard Medical School at the Cambridge Health Alliance. Later, in my career, I also was a preceptor to PA students from MGH Institute of Health Professions. I joined the BU faculty as Associate Director of Clinical Education at the PA program in December of 2016. I became Director of Didactic Education at the PA program in April of 2019.
	Anna Kupcha	Anna.Kupcha@bmc.org	Ophthalmology	Clinician Educator	As a seventeen-year-old from rural Hawaii, I moved to Dallas to start medical school at UT Southwestern and likely became the youngest female in the US to earn an MD, when I was 21 at the time of my medical school graduation in 2014. After staying on in Dallas for Ophthalmology and working with the diverse and multilingual patient populations of Parkland and JPS hospitals of Dallas and Fort Worth, I then completed an Oculofacial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. I now practice Oculoplastics and Ophthalmology at BMC and at the BUEA satellite practice locations in the South Shore.
	Claire Chang	cc469@bu.edu	General Dentistry	Clinician Educator	Claire Chang is a clinical assistant professor and a group practice leader who teaches and supervises clinical general dentistry operations in the predoctoral treatment center at the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine (BUGSDM). She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management Systems from Columbia University Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, before pursuing and completing a Doctor of Dental Medicine, a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in prosthodontics, and a Master of Science in Dentistry in prosthodontics from BUGSDM. Previously, she taught in the department of restorative sciences and biomaterials at BUGSDM and in the department of prosthodontics and operative dentistry at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Deeba Kashtwari</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">deebakas@bu.edu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Dentistry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinical Administrator</p>	<p>Deeba Kashtwari is a board certified Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist. She is currently a Clinical Associate Professor the Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She is an alumna of ADEA Leadership Institute and has also completed a faculty development fellowship sponsored by NIH from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Kashtwari serves as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation for advanced education in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. At the University Of Florida College Of Dentistry, Dr. Kashtwari was appointed as Clinical Assistant Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Diagnostic Sciences in 2014, interim program director of the Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Residency Program in 2016, director for Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Residency Program in 2018. She represented the college in various committees. Dr. Kashtwari also held a secondary appointment as assistant professor of Radiology and chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Department of Radiology at the University Of Florida College Of Medicine. Dr. Kashtwari has published (as either first or second author) in several peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Kashtwari is a member of several local and national professional organizations and has been a speaker for continuing education courses nationally and taught several courses covering array of topics including two and three dimensional imaging</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Taglauer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">elizabeth.taglauer@bmc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pediatrics</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinician Scientist</p>	<p>I am currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine and an attending neonatologist in the Division of Newborn Medicine at Boston Medical Center. I obtained an MD,PhD from the University of Kansas Medical Center where I began my career as a placental immunologist. I then pursued my pediatric residency at Tufts Medical Center, post-doctoral research at Trinity College Dublin, and neonatology fellowship and early faculty transition at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Throughout the course of my career, I have received numerous funding and research excellence awards and have accumulated almost 20 years of experience in the human and rodent placenta. In my faculty career at BUMC, I will be applying my expertise in placental biology lead a research team exploring how the intrauterine environment can be optimized to improve fetal development in normal and pathological pregnancy states.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily Kline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily.kline@bmc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Psychiatry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinician Scientist</p>	<p>I am a clinical psychologist and researcher, specializing in the early course of serious mental illness and especially psychotic disorders. I am the director of psychological services at the Wellness and Recovery After Psychosis ("WRAP") program at BMC. I also have a K23 patient-oriented career development research grant from the NIMH. The focus of my research is the development, testing, and implementation of novel psychosocial interventions for individuals and families in the early course of primary psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. In my previous job, I was the director of a state-funded learning collaborative for implementing evidence based practices for early psychosis care.</p>


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	Jessica Pisegna	Jessica.Pisegna@bmc.org	Otolaryngology	Clinical Administrator	My training under Dr. Susan Langmore, an internationally known Speech Pathologist, has afforded me unique clinical research role in the department of Otolaryngology. I enjoy providing clinical care using the latest diagnostic imaging for adult swallowing disorders. In my managerial role, I have expanded the Speech department from 5 to 19 speech pathologists and have established a very high manager ranking from the mostly-female staff (18 women and 1 man) for whom I feel obligated to provide strong female role modeling.
	Jocelyn Kuhn	Jocelyn.kuhn@bmc.org	Pediatrics	Clinician Scientist	I am a clinical investigator psychologist in the Department of Pediatrics. I spend 75% of my time conducting research. These activities are currently dedicated to grant writing and contributing to several different NIMH-funded projects focused on improving assessment processes, treatment effectiveness, and aspects of the service systems for underserved populations of children with autism and their families. During my clinical time, I conduct diagnostic assessment for children with developmental and behavioral concerns, and provide behavioral medicine services in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team to children with pediatric feeding disorders.
	Katy Bockstall	Katy.bockstall@bmc.org	Medicine/ Cardiovascular Medicine	Clinician Educator	I began my clinical training in internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, followed by Cardiology fellowship at New York University. I was then fortunate to join the faculty at Boston University in 2018 as Assistant Professor. I am a noninvasive cardiologist and clinician educator. I spend most of my time in the clinical services: attending the inpatient general cardiology service, cardiology consult service, cardiology clinic and hypertension clinic; interpreting studies in the echocardiography and nuclear stress labs. As a clinician educator, I am involved in the Disease and Therapy course for second year medical students at BUSM and helped to innovate the electrocardiogram interpretation curriculum. I participated in the Early Career Faculty Development Program (2019-2020), and my academic project focused on the development and implementation of the ECG curriculum and in educational research to determine its impact. I am now involved in the integrative redesign of the medical school cardiovascular curriculum, which will be put into practice in 2022. Aside from my formal involvement in teaching in the medical school, I enjoy the opportunity to round with students, residents and fellows on the clinical services and the informal teaching opportunities this provides. Last year, I joined the leadership of the Cardiovascular Fellowship Program as Associate Program Director. I look forward to expanding my role as APD in the fellowship in the coming years.
	Misha Zahedi	mzahedi@bu.edu	General Dentistry	Clinician Educator	I graduated from UC Davis in 2010, then took a year off to work in the dental field and apply to dental school. I went to the University of the Pacific Dental School in San Francisco, California and graduated in 2014. Right after, I went to a General Practice Residency (GPR) at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. I then practiced in private practice for approximately three years before moving to Boston and joining GSDM. I currently work both at the dental school and in private practice, and I am enrolled part-time in the MBA program at Questrom.

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rman@
bmc.org">rosha.fo rman@ bmc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OBGYN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinician Educator</p>	<p>I am a Nurse-Midwife and the incoming director of Midwifery Services at Boston Medical Center. Inspired to pursue midwifery by her belief in women-centered, holistic care and a passion for elevating the voices of marginalized populations, Boston Medical Center was my natural clinical home. I joined the practice in 2009 and have been the Director of Community Health Centers for the OBGYN Department for seven years, working to ensure that each of BMC's partnering Health Centers are supported both clinically and logistically in service of providing seamless care. As Associate Director of Midwifery Services for the last five years, I have taken the lead on hiring, managing personnel issues, team building initiatives and addressing issues around equity and racial justice. I am the co-director of the Breastfeeding Medicine clerkship and have published work on managing the Zika epidemic locally and breastfeeding education initiatives for OBGYN residents. I envision a midwifery team that leads nationally in reducing maternal health disparities while providing the highest possible education to BMC's students, the next generation of birth workers. I strive to create a culture of equity, justice, and belonging for BMC's patients and provider teams. I can be seen running or biking down Mass Ave to BMC (often in the wee hours of the morning), pattering around in my small garden, and trying my best to raise three kind, brave, compassionate children.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Rodriguez- Vamvas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">svamvas@bu.edu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Dentistry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinician Educator</p>	<p>I have been a practicing dentist and dental educator for over 30 years. Right after graduation in 1990, while working in private practice, I started teaching in the pre-clinic at Tufts University. After a few years, I found myself teaching in the clinic. I became Assistant Director of the Preceptor Program, a program geared to helping students who were lagging clinically, I later became Director of Hygiene Recall and became Assistant Clinical Professor in 1995. I eventually became one of the pioneer Practice Coordinators when the school turned into a Group Practice model. I also became Vice-President and later, President of the Massachusetts Hispanic Dental Association. I came to Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 2013 to be one of the initial Group Practice Leaders of the newly created Group Practice Model, a position which I still hold. I have been a member of the Faculty Council which has given me an insight as to how decisions are considered and made University wide for the benefit of the University, faculty, student.</p>

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	<p>Valerie Gouon- Evans</p>	<p>valerige@bu.edu</p>	<p>Medicine/ Gastroenterology</p>	<p>Basic Scientist/ Translational Scientist</p>	<p>I am a Doctor in Pharmacy and a PhD. Following my PhD, I joined the lab of Dr. Pollard at Albert Einstein College of Medicine as a postdoctoral fellow, and subsequently the lab of Dr. Keller as an Instructor at Icahn School of Medicine, where I discovered the magic of pluripotent stem cell (PSC) to become hepatocytes. I started my own lab at Icahn in 2009 when Dr. Keller had already moved to Canada, which provided me with the space to become an independent Assistant Professor. My research pioneered the generation of hepatocytes from mouse PSCs demonstrating the key role of BMP4 in instructing hepatic cell fate, a widely used protocol in the field of PSC. My lab has since extensively used the PSC system from macaque and human as well as mouse models to dissect the early events driving hepatic specification. As Associate Professor, since my lab moved to BU/BMC in July 2017, my research has aimed to translate our developmental findings to develop strategies to treat liver diseases. Those include (1) PSC-based therapy, (2) in vivo gene editing of monogenic liver diseases, (3) promotion of intrinsic liver regeneration by inducing differentiation of liver progenitors into healthy hepatocytes, (4) and investigating the sexually dimorphic liver injury following acetaminophen intoxication. These projects utilize the nucleoside-modified mRNA complexed to lipid-nanoparticles, a novel technology used in mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines, that we have pioneered in the liver regeneration field.</p>
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