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<u>Ana Maria Rivas-Grajales, MD, MSc</u>		Psychiatry	Clinician Scientist	amrivasg@bu.edu	I am a neuropsychiatrist and Assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. I completed residency training in psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine and a clinical fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital. I joined the faculty at BU/BMC's Psychiatry Department in September 2022 and currently serve as the Director of the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Clinic.
<u>Anne Beckett, MD, MPH</u>		General Internal Medicine	Clinician Educator	anne.beckett@bmc.org	I am a hospitalist (serving patients admitted to BMC's pediatric and adult inpatient services) and educator (leading teams of residents and medical students). I am dedicated to medical advocacy for incarcerated individuals and am part of a multidisciplinary team working to improve BMC's care for patients who are incarcerated. I am interested in medical education focused on global and local health inequities, drawing on my years of experience in global health delivery.
<u>Audrey Provenzano, MD, MPH</u>		General Internal Medicine, DoM	Clinical Administrator	audrey.provenzano@bmc.org	Audrey Provenzano is an internist focused on providing care for patients in safety net clinical settings. She aims to make the experience of primary care everything patients deserve – compassionate, evidence-based care that is responsive to each patient's needs; and, to make the experience of working in primary care satisfying & sustainable for clinicians. She is a primary care physician in the BMC General Internal Medicine Practice, and the Associate Chief of Clinical Affairs Primary Care.
<u>Beth Cohen, MD</u>		GIM/ Endocrinology, Diabetes Nutrition & Weight Management	Clinician Educator	beth.cohen@bmc.org	I am the Medical Director of the GenderCare Center at BMC and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. I am Board-Certified in Endocrinology as well as Internal Medicine. I specialize in gender affirming hormone therapy and in the care of transgender and gender diverse individuals. I graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed Internal Medicine residency in the Women's Health Track at the University of Pittsburgh Medical
<u>Elizabeth Sanders, DPM</u>		Podiatry/Surgery	Clinician Educator	elizabeth.sanders@bmc.org	Elizabeth Sanders, DPM, FACFAS, DABPM is a Podiatric Surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Boston University. She completed surgical residency at BMC, fellowship in reconstructive surgery in Ohio and a mini-fellowship Russian Ilizarov Scientific Center in Russia. Her clinical and research interests include reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, limb salvage techniques including external fixation, sports medicine, pediatrics, trauma, multi-disciplinary medicine, and medical education.



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<u>Emily Hurstak,</u> <u>MD, MPH,</u> <u>MAS</u>		General Internal Medicine	Clinician Innovator	emily.hurstak @bmc.org	Emily Hurstak is a primary care physician, addiction medicine specialist, and Assistant Professor at the Boston University Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine. She provides primary care to underserved patient populations, is engaged in medical education, and conducts research on health communication and methods to improve integrated care for patients with substance use disorders (SUD) within primary care. She is the medical director of the Office Based Addiction Treatment clinical program
<u>Kaila Rudolph,</u> <u>MD, MPH,</u> <u>MBE</u>		Medicine/ Psychiatry	Clinician Scientist	kaila.rudolph @bmc.org	Kaila Rudolph is an Assistant professor of psychiatry and Director of Consultation Liaison psychiatry. She completed her medical training at Dalhousie University, psychiatry residency at the University of Toronto and has completed fellowships in Geriatric and Consultation-Liaison psychiatry. She has Master's degree training in public health and bioethics and is a member of the BMC ethics committee. Her practice focuses on providing psychiatric care to older adults in integrated care settings.
<u>Karin Schon,</u> <u>Dipt. – Psych</u> <u>(German</u> <u>BA/MA in</u> <u>Psych), PhD</u>		Anatomy & Neurobiology	Basic	KSCHON@BU.EDU	I am a cognitive neuroscientist with expertise in the medial temporal hippocampal memory system. My work examines how environmental and lifestyle factors and aging impact this and related brain systems across the lifespan. Environmental and lifestyle modulators examined include cardiorespiratory fitness and exercise, including randomized controlled exercise trials, and markers of psychosocial and physiological chronic stress, including stress due to discrimination and racism, and allostatic load
<u>Kerry Pearl,</u> <u>MS</u>		Pediatric Speech- Language Pathology	Clinician Scientist	kerry.pearl @bmc.org	Kerry Pearl, MS, CCC-SLP, CLC is the Pediatric Speech-Language Pathology Section Leader at BMC. She is responsible for the clinical and administrative management of her section. She specializes in the evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders in infants, children, and young adults in inpatient and outpatient settings. Kerry supervises speech-language pathology graduate students in their clinical rotations and regularly teaches medical students and residents.
<u>Maithri</u> <u>Ameresekere</u> <u>MD, MSc</u>		Psychiatry	Clinician Educator	maithri. Ameresekere @bmc.org	Maithri Ameresekere M.D., M.Sc. is a Clinical Associate Professor in Psychiatry and Director of Women's Mental Health at BMC/BUCASM. Specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder and reproductive/perinatal psychiatry, she provides clinical services and training experiences in various settings including the Refugee Women's Health Clinic and Project RESPECT. Her scholarly work focuses on multicultural populations' barriers to care and mental health service provision in resource-limited settings.

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<u>Mara Murray Horwitz, MD, MPH</u>		Medicine, GIM	Clinician Scientist	Mara.MurrayHorwitz@bmc.org	In my clinical time (~25%) I work as a primary care clinician in the Women's Health Group. In my other time (75%) I conduct health services research to improve postpartum access to primary care and chronic disease prevention. I am passionate about mentoring the next and hopefully more diverse generation of researchers; my current mentees include an undergraduate student, a medical student, and my research assistant, all of them women from underrepresented groups in medicine.
<u>Mei Elansary, MD, MPhil</u>		Pediatrics	Clinician Scientist	elansary@bu.edu	Mei Elansary MD, MPhil is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine, a developmental behavioral pediatrician at Boston Medical Center, and a health services researcher. Dr. Elansary's research investigates maternal mental health and child development. She has specific interests in parenting interventions for trauma-exposed families, with a focus on prevention of child psychopathology. She also studies the effects of early life opiate exposures on child health and development. Dr. Elansary leads an embedded developmental behavioral pediatrics consultation program in SOFAR (Supporting Our Families in Addiction and Recovery), a medical home in the pediatric primary care clinic for parents in recovery and their children. She has a BA in the Biological Basis of Behavior and Environmental Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania, an MPhil in Medical Anthropology from the University of Oxford, and an MD from Yale School of Medicine.
<u>Nana Addo-Tabiri, MD</u>		Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology	Clinical Investigator	Nana.Addo-Tabiri@bmc.org	Dr. Nana Addo-Tabiri is an Assistant Professor at the Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine and a former Ambulatory Medical Director for the Hematology and Medical Oncology Section. She holds medical and doctorate degrees from the University of Hamburg/ University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf UKE in Germany. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at YNHMC/YSM. She also undertook the Leadership Development for Physicians in Academic Health Centers at the Harvard T.H.Chan School.
<u>Naomi Ko, MD, MPH</u>		DoM, Hematology/ Oncology	Clinician Scientist	naomiko@bu.edu	I am a medical oncologist with a specialty in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment who is committed to health equity and research that can make an impact to improve inequities. I treat and research the needs of women with breast cancer who are vulnerable and underserved.

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<u>Rohini Rau-Murthy, MD</u>		Family Medicine	Clinician Educator	Rohini. rau-murthy @bmc.org	Rohini Rau-Murthy is an Assistant Professor in Family Medicine. Committed to providing equitable care for immigrant populations and accessible primary care, she launched a newcomer clinic at Dorchester House. She has previously held leadership roles in Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) and Integrated Behavioral Health at DotHouse. She received her AB in Biology from Harvard University, her MD from Albany Medical College, and completed residency in Family Medicine at BMC.
<u>Sara Higgins, MD</u>		Pathology	Clinician Educator	sara.higgins@ bmc.org	I graduated medical school in 2014 from University of Vermont Robert Larner College of Medicine and completed Anatomic Pathology Residency at BIDMC in 2017 and a Surgical Pathology Fellowship at BWH in 2019. Currently, I am Assistant Professor of Pathology at Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine and Director of Pathology Residency Program at BMC. My areas of focus are GI and soft tissue pathology and resident education.