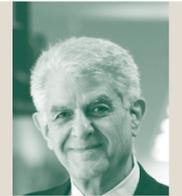


# PAGNY... teaching the next generation

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## a message from our president



As a physician-teacher and mentor, I am often asked by students:

### What makes a good doctor?

My answer is always the same:

### Treat your patients as if they were a member of your family.

No one instills this principle in residents and medical students better than PAGNY doctors, dedicated to a life of public service at some of the best Inner-City hospitals of New York. At PAGNY affiliated facilities, our patients are more than their disease or injury, more than a number in a study or a line item on a statistics report. Our patients are our neighbors, our friends and our families, whom we care for throughout all of the stages of their lives. Our trainees learn these values as integral members of the care-giver team, participating in every aspect of patient care alongside experienced physicians and other providers.

Yet, the practice of medicine requires more than humanity and empathy. As medical discovery accelerates at unprecedented speed, our duty to research, absorb and apply the latest medical science to healthcare grows more challenging.

At PAGNY, we meet this challenge through team-work and a commitment to training and education. By shaping the inquisitive minds of our students, our doctors challenge their own assumptions and constantly renew their knowledge.

Through rigorous supervision, careful observation, and hands-on frontline experience in treating the most diverse population in the country, our residents become passionate, effective, and expert providers of personalized care. Most importantly, our patients are treated by a dynamic, experienced and creative team that brings advances in medical science to the bedside.

In this second issue of the *PAGNY Insider*, we define our commitment to education and showcase the breadth of PAGNY residency, fellowship and medical student programs, clinical research and academic affiliations. It is these programs that attract those for whom medicine is a calling, and produce doctors we trust with those we love.

**BIJAN SAFAI MD, DSc**  
PRESIDENT, PAGNY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## a message from our ceo



PAGNY physicians, health care teams and researchers offer our residents, fellows and medical students an extraordinary academic setting for medical education, and clinical training and research.

### Physician-mentors...unique role models for the delivery of personalized medicine.

Our trainees learn the practice of medicine and art of empathic communication from physician-mentors, who are unique role models for the delivery of personalized medicine. Most important, they become indispensable members of the team responsible for providing patient care.

PAGNY trainees acquire first-rate clinical expertise from our dedicated faculty who ensure that each student and postgraduate trainee excels at providing patient-centered care, and acts as a well-informed advocate for the health needs of the multicultural communities we serve.

PAGNY affiliated facilities are ideal training grounds for managing the many healthcare challenges that we face as a country. Like much of America, New York City faces vast disparities in primary care capacity. For example, while there

are over 250 family physicians per 100,000 residents on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, there are fewer than 40, for the same number of residents, in the Northeast Bronx.<sup>1</sup> And, although experts project a shortage of about 17,000 physicians in New York State by 2030, there is a call to reduce the public funding for medical education.

PAGNY physicians and allied health professionals offer a great opportunity for training on ways to integrate the practice of high-quality medicine with the responsible management of public resources.

Working in close affiliation with the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation, PAGNY is committed to supporting our faculty and trainees with the appropriate level of academic funds and state-of-the-art technology.

Indeed, PAGNY physicians teach medicine with the same tireless dedication that they bring to the care of their patients every day. It is this commitment, together with PAGNY's focus on the needs of our communities, which produces outstanding physicians with entrepreneurial spirit and a strong public service mission.

I am immensely proud of PAGNY's faculty, trainees, and medical education programs.

**LUIS R. MARCOS MD**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PAGNY

<sup>1</sup> New York's Primary Care Reimbursement System: A Roadmap to Better Outcomes, Ronda Kotelchuck, Nancy Lager, Peter Epp, CPA, RSM; Deborah Zahn, MPH PCDC; RSM McGladrey, Inc., 2006

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## values

**Community** PAGNY provides a unique experience for our residents, fellows and medical students who are passionate about personalized medicine within the multicultural communities we serve and understanding the social, educational, and economic factors that influence health.

**Collaboration** Our trainees are more than observers. They are integral members of the care-giver team; they learn by doing under the rigorous supervision of dedicated and expert faculty in a collegial environment.

## vision

**Patient-Centered Care** Our commitment to accountable, efficient and responsive healthcare is instilled in our students through medical education programs that are aligned with the public need, encourage the right mix of generalist and specialty care, and develop empathic physicians who put patients first.

**Service Innovation** We capitalize on our entrepreneurial spirit and strong public service mission to create service models that incorporate cutting edge, evidence-based treatments responsive to the needs of our communities.

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## Coney Island Hospital

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### Internal Medicine

"At Coney Island Hospital, our attendings work side-by-side with the residents and are on call 24/7. Supervision is direct, collegial and constant, which is critical when treating an underserved population with patients in more advanced stages of illness."

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR**  
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#### Trainees

 Residents **85**

 Med Students **70**

**Programs**  
Residencies

**4**

**Academic Affiliation**  
SUNY Downstate & New York  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

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## Harlem Hospital Center

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### Radiology

"With a faculty to resident ratio of 1:1 and front-line interaction with clinical disciplines treating a diverse patient population, and under Dr. Alan Krauthamer's leadership, our residents receive extensive personalized teaching through close relationships with faculty and intensive exposure to a wide spectrum of clinical problems and pathologies."

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#### Trainees

 Residents **191**

 Fellows **17**

 Med Students **25**

#### Programs

Residencies Fellowships

**10**

**5**

#### Academic Affiliation

Columbia University  
College of Physicians & Surgeons

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## Jacobi Medical Center

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### Pediatrics

"Our Pediatric Residency Program, which includes the busiest Pediatric trauma unit in New York City, strives to develop the full potential of each resident. Our residents become caring and competent pediatricians through formal mentoring and an extensive didactic program that complements the clinical experience."

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR**  
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#### Trainees

 Residents **323**

 Fellows **23**

 Med Students **67**

#### Programs

Residencies Fellowships

**17**

**6**

#### Academic Affiliation

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

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## Lincoln Medical Center

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### Emergency Medicine

"Our residents are on the frontline. They are an integral part of a team that runs one of the busiest trauma centers in the country. Through intense clinical experience and committed mentoring from doctors who volunteer around the world, they learn to manage patients effectively while improving healthcare delivery."

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR**  
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#### Trainees

 Residents **279**

 Fellows **7**

 Med Students **200**

#### Programs

Residencies Fellowships

**10**

**3**

#### Academic Affiliation

Weill Cornell Medical College

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## Metropolitan Hospital Center

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### Dermatology

"Our residents are trained in an intense educational environment where cutting-edge dermatological science is brought to bear on complex clinical presentations, emphasizing immunologic and molecular advances that target pathogenic mechanisms and enhance the diagnosis, management and treatment of dermatologic disease."

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Bijan Safai MD, DSc

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**  
Richard Stone MD

#### Trainees

 Residents **185**

 Fellows **13**

 Med Students **50**

#### Programs

Residencies Fellowships

**12**

**6**

#### Academic Affiliation

New York Medical College

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## North Central Bronx Hospital

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### Internal Medicine

"Apart from an excellent academic experience that enables forty percent of our residents to enter fellowship programs, they learn how to treat a uniquely diverse population with compassion, actively involving each patient in their treatment decisions."

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**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**  
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#### Trainees

 Residents **65**

 Med Students **14**

#### Programs

Residencies

**1**

#### Academic Affiliation

James J. Peters VA Medical Center &  
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recent select studies

# research serving the community

**Coney Island Hospital, Ashok Khanna MD**  
Correlation between Platelet Count and Acute Myocardial Infarction Outcomes

Researching whether patients with low platelet count will have decreased incidence of acute myocardial infarction, fewer coronary arteries involved, less severe thrombosis of coronary arteries, and better prognosis.

**Harlem Hospital Center, Soji Oluwole MD**  
Do Community-Based Patient-Assistance Programs Affect the Treatment and Well-Being of Patients with Breast Cancer?

Investigating whether connecting breast cancer patients to community-based, patient-assistance programs reduces underuse of adjuvant therapies, this study found that relevant patient assistance programs provide useful informational and psychosocial assistance but not practical help.

**Jacobi Medical Center, David K. Stein MD**  
Gene Editing of CCR5 in Autologous CD4 T-Cells of Persons Infected with HIV

Published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, this study of zinc finger nuclease (ZFN)-based genome editing technology in humans successfully demonstrated the safe engineering of the T-cell genome to mimic a naturally occurring mutation that provides resistance to HIV infection.

**Lincoln Medical Center, Brian Ladds MD**  
Shared Decision Making (SDM) in Depressed Elderly Primary Care Patients

Evaluating the impact of an SDM intervention, to empower elderly depressed patients to efficiently arrive at a treatment decision, the study will compare SDM with Usual Care as a useful model that can be successfully implemented by nurses and applied throughout a variety of primary care practice settings and populations.

**Metropolitan Hospital Center, Alexander Sy MD**  
Association between HIV or HCV and the Risk of Colonic Adenomatous Polyps

Examining the association between HIV and HCV and the risk of colonic adenomatous polyps, this study found significant correlation between HIV infection and the risk of colonic adenomatous polyps and suggests the benefit of heightening the screening for this population.