

Attention Fellows and Early Career Faculty!

16<sup>th</sup> Annual

# RESPIRATORY DISEASE Young Investigators' Forum

Developing the next generation of physician-scientists: a research and career mentorship opportunity for fellows and early career faculty.

**CALL FOR  
RESEARCH  
ABSTRACTS:**

**DEADLINE IS JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**2 Categories:**  
**Basic Science Research  
and Clinical Research**

**OCTOBER 8-10, 2020**  
The Westin Denver Downtown  
**DENVER, CO**  
[njhealth.org/YIF2020](http://njhealth.org/YIF2020)



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## OBJECTIVE

The goal of the Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum is to increase the number of physician-scientists through a program designed for fellows and early career faculty to promote a career in research through mentoring and peer networking, coaching, scientific presentations skills, education and encouragement.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

The 3-day agenda will include networking opportunities and formal presentations by 30 young investigators followed by feedback and commentary from peer investigators and expert faculty. The agenda also includes sessions led by expert faculty on topics ranging from strategies for successful grant applications to transitioning from trainee to independent investigator.

All attendees will have the opportunity to rehearse their presentations with constructive and supportive feedback from senior research advisors in the field of respiratory medicine.

Monetary awards will be given to the top three presenters in each category (basic science and clinical research) as judged by the expert faculty panel. See our website for more information on the agenda and program format: [njhealth.org/YIF2020](http://njhealth.org/YIF2020).



Dr. Neil Aggarwal of the National Institutes of Health talks to young investigators at the 2019 Forum where he served as one of the expert faculty.

## 2019 FACULTY COMMENT

“The next generation of physician scientists will continue to make a tremendous impact in human health and this Forum provides feedback, advice, and guidance at the most important stage of a young investigator’s career.”

**Jay Kolls, MD**  
**2019 Program Chair**

## WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

US-based fellows and early career faculty conducting clinical or basic science research with pediatric or adult populations in:

- Asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Interstitial lung disease
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Allergic rhinitis
- Genetics of airway diseases
- Bronchiectasis
- Sleep disorders
- Other respiratory diseases

Recognizing the apt attention the current pandemic requires across all healthcare organizations, we also welcome research on COVID-19 to be submitted in this Call for Abstracts.

Young Investigators (MDs, DOs) who are transitioning for initial faculty positions following the completion of their fellowship training in June 2020 are especially encouraged to participate, however junior faculty in their first two years in an academic role are also invited to apply.

For more information regarding eligibility criteria, please visit our website: [njhealth.org/YIF2020](http://njhealth.org/YIF2020).

## AWARDS

An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday evening, October 10, 2020. Award winners in each of the 2 categories (basic science and clinical) for first prize (\$2000/recipient), second prize (\$1500/recipient), and third prize (\$1000/recipient) will be announced.

## THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JULY 1, 2020.

Please see our website for information on the submission process: [njhealth.org/YIF2020](http://njhealth.org/YIF2020).

Applicants with the top 30 highest abstract scores, as judged by expert faculty, will be invited to present at the Forum in October 2020. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses will be covered.

## ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

Expert faculty will review all abstracts and 30 finalists will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. **Scientific importance** – will this research make a difference in diagnosis, treatment or quality of patient care?
2. **Quality of research** – is the hypothesis feasible and will the stated methodology enable this research to be completed in a meaningful way?
3. **Enhance knowledge** – will the research improve our knowledge about the disease or treatment?
4. **Does the research answer a question** that needs to be answered or provide new findings that may change the way we diagnose or treat a condition?
5. **Overall presentation of abstract** – Is the abstract informative and thoughtfully written; does it outline the question to be addressed; and is the research proposed able to provide an answer?

Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided to you via e-mail in July 2020.



Dr. Anita Oh and Dr. Wassim Labaki receive awards in Clinical Research from the 2019 Forum Chair Dr. Jay Kolls and Co-Chair Dr. Janet Lee.

## ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT DESIGNATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education by National Jewish Health. National Jewish Health is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

National Jewish Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 11 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## SCIENCE NEVER STOPS

The Steering Committee for the Young Investigators' Forum will continue to monitor recommendations by the CDC related to COVID-19. In the event that a live conference is not possible, virtual options are under consideration.

"The forum was an excellent opportunity to network with peers and leaders in respiratory disease in an intimate and welcoming environment. I really enjoyed learning about the innovative and fascinating research conducted by my peers, and am very impressed with the work everyone has done. I also appreciated the opportunity to interact and get to know the faculty mentors. This was an invaluable experience to network and create relationships with emerging physician-scientists across the country."

**Anita Oh, MD**  
**2019 Young Investigator Winner**

## PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS



### **Janet S. Lee, MD (Program Co-Chair)**

Professor of Medicine  
Professor of Environmental  
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## FACULTY LISTINGS



### **Neil Aggarwal, MD**

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