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H. BEN TAUB
DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL MEDICINE
& REHABILITATION

MICHAEL Y. LEE, MD, MHA, CPE
PROFESSOR AND CHAIR
MARTIN S. ADAMS ENDOWED CHAIR

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new faculty, staff, residents, and fellows who have joined our department. I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

We have many exciting events and opportunities to look forward to in the coming months. The C. George Kevorkian, M.D., Endowed Lectureship will be held on September 22 at 5:00 PM with Dr. James T. McDeavitt as the speaker. His lecture, "Trust Given, Trust Earned: The Physician's Contract with the Public," promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking presentation. We hope you will join us for this special event. As a reminder, BCM designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

I am also pleased to share the exciting news that our department has established a Section of Aerospace Rehabilitation (SOAR). Aerospace rehabilitation is an emerging and specialized area of medicine focused on optimizing function and supporting the health and performance of space travelers in reduced-gravity environments. This multidisciplinary team is led by Dr. Faye Tan and includes BCM faculty, NASA Neuroscience collaborators, faculty from Seoul, South Korea, and our community partners at the Village Shoe Shop. We are excited about the opportunities this new section brings for innovation, collaboration, and advancing rehabilitation in the aerospace environment.

I am excited about all that lies ahead for our department. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and to another productive and rewarding season together.

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22, 2026 - 5:00 PM

C. George Kevorkian, M.D., Endowed Lectureship

Lecture begins promptly at 5:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. James T. McDeavitt

McNair Campus, Conf Rooms A and B, 1st Floor

September 29-October 2, 2026

American Association of Neuromuscular
& Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM)
Orlando, Florida

November 11-14, 2026

American Academy of Physical Medicine
and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R)
Orlando, Florida

December 2026

Holiday Party

February 16-20, 2027

Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP)
Long Beach, California

February 27-March 5, 2027

61st Annual Comprehensive Review Course in PM&R
Virtual

March 11-13, 2027

21st Annual Cadaver Musculoskeletal
EMG/MSKUS/Spasticity Injection Course
Conf Rooms A and B, McNair Bldg., 1st Floor

March 2027

The Hae Ahm (Sea Rock) Lecture on Global Health
McNair Campus, Conf Rooms A and B, 1st Floor
7200 Cambridge, Houston

June 2027

Resident and Fellow Graduation 2027
Houston, Texas

June 12-19, 2027

International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation
Medicine (ISPRM)
Bali, Indonesia

SECTION OF AEROSPACE REHABILITATION (SOAR)

Our department has a new section specializing in Aerospace Rehabilitation. Aerospace Rehabilitation is a specialized medical and physical optimized function designed to help astronauts and all space travelers function in reduced gravity environments, including optimizing gait and fall prevention. This section was created by the department chair and is led by Dr. Faye Tan. The Aerospace Rehabilitation team consists of BCM faculty, previous and current NASA Neuroscience collaborators, faculty from Yonsei University in Seoul, S. Korea and the Village Shoe Shop.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS



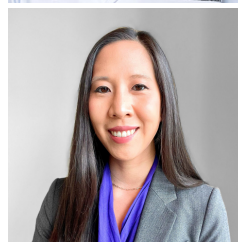
Ruth Akinlosotu, PhD, MPH, PT was appointed Assistant Professor effective July 6, 2026.



Jason Caffrey, MD, PhD graduated from our PM&R residency program in June, and was appointed Clinical Instructor effective July 1.



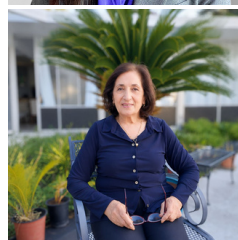
S. Ann Holmes, MD was awarded the designation Associate Professor Emeritus effective April 1, 2026.



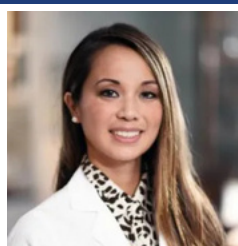
Donna Huang, MD was promoted to Associate Professor effective June 1, 2026.



Dustin Junek, CPO, LPO was appointed Assistant Professor effective April 20, 2026.



Batool Mirabi, MD was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2026.



Gabriella Nguyen, MD was promoted to Associate Professor effective June 1, 2026.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

Carol Bodenheimer, MD and Batool Mirabi, MD retired effective June 30, 2026. Thank you for your many years of service to Baylor College of Medicine and the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. We wish you the best in your retirement!

FACULTY RECOGNITIONS AND KUDOS

2026 Annual Awards

Education Excellence - **James Doan, MD**

Research Excellence - **Michelle Seymour, MD, PhD**

Clinical Excellence - **Marina Ma, MD**

Administrative Leadership - **Christian Niedzwecki, DO**

Distinguished Service to Humanity - **Peter Lim, MD**

Emanuel Husu, MD

Dr. Husu was awarded the Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching and Evaluation.

Felicia Skelton, MD

Dr. Skelton was awarded the Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award in Educational Leadership.

Kottke Society 2026 Invitation: The Kottke Society, an honorary society dedicated to the advancement of physiatry, will bring together the leading minds in physiatry to explore and discuss the future of the specialty.

Dr. Skelton was named Vice-Chair of the newly formed Association of Academic Physiatrists Unit, joining other international units in the Cochrane Rehabilitation, Functioning and Disability Thematic Group (CochraneRehab). CochraneRehab bridges high-quality Cochrane systematic reviews with the global needs of rehabilitation clinicians, researchers, policymakers, and patients.

Paralyzed Veterans of America 2026 Clinical Excellence Award for Physicians (one of six winners nationwide). This award recognizes clinicians who have achieved national recognition, shown exemplary leadership, and demonstrated professional achievement in their contributions and advocacy for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury, ALS, MS and other motor neuron diseases (will receive award during Meeting and Expo in September).

VA Clinical Resource Hub (CRH) QI Project: facilitated a three-day workshop at Boise VA with Immergo Labs and the VA Clinical Resource Hub. The workshop explored how to extend Immergo's embodied movement-care platform from physical rehabilitation into mental health to support Whole Health across CRH's national telehealth program.

Sruthi Thomas, MD, PhD

Session director for an AAPM&R session: Pediatric Advanced Clinical Focus Session: Twists and Turns: Beyond Spasticity, Complex Dystonia and Movement Disorder Cases, 2:15 - 3:30 PM, November 12, 2026.

Joined the BCM Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)'s Faculty Operating Committee this month.

Named Top Doc for 2026 by Houstonia magazine.

THE MARTIN S. ADAMS ENDOWED CHAIR FOR THE H. BEN TAUB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

Michael Y. Lee, MD, MHA, CPE



Dr. Paul Klotman, Dr. Michael Lee and Mr. Henry J.N. Taub

Dr. Michael Y. Lee has been appointed to the Martin S. Adams Endowed Chair for the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Endowed chairs play a vital role in advancing innovation and impact by attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, supporting groundbreaking work and ensuring long-term academic leadership. The Martin S. Adams Endowed Chair stands as a lasting investment in these priorities and in the future of our institution.

We are deeply grateful to the Ben Taub and Henry J.N. Taub Foundation for its longtime support and to Dr. Lee for his leadership and innovation in the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Together, we'll continue to create tomorrow's medicine, today.

20TH ANNUAL CADAVER MUSCULOSKELETAL EMG/MSKUS/ SPASTICITY INJECTION COURSE



This year marks the 20th Annual Cadaver Musculoskeletal Anatomy EMG/MSKUS/Spasticity Injection Course. This course is a CME course offered through the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of Baylor College of Medicine. The course started in 2007 and has grown to over 50 annual participants covering three days. National and international experts in spasticity, EMG, and neuromuscular anatomy and ultrasound provide hands on experience for learners through workshop, model, and cadaveric injection. Learners from over three medical school residencies, faculty, and alumni come together each spring to share in the learning experience. Next year's course is scheduled for March 11-13, 2027.

60TH ANNUAL PM&R COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW COURSE

The H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation hosted our 60th Annual Review Course. This longstanding course, now 100% virtual, provides a comprehensive overview of the field of physiatry, supporting graduating residents and fellows in board preparation while offering practicing physicians an opportunity to refresh and update their clinical knowledge. This year's course achieved record attendance, with 42 residents, 2 fellows, and 15 practicing physicians who attended. Over the past two years, the program has expanded its global reach with international participants from the Ukraine, Singapore and Nepal joining. The course featured 44 distinguished speakers who delivered 63 hours of high-quality lectures eligible for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* credits. A new flexible registration option allowing single-day attendance was also introduced this year. In addition to its educational impact, the course raised over \$10,000 this year in support of the department. Special recognition is extended to the moderators from the graduating residents and the committee members: Drs. Sunil Kothari, Yonghoon Lee, Jessica Beardsley, Wyatt Kupperman, T.J. La, the course director Dr. Lisa Wenzel and the program coordinator Nichelle Franklin. Plans are underway for the 61st Annual Review Course, scheduled for February 27-March 5, 2027.

THE HAE AHM (SEA ROCK) LECTURE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

The Hae Ahm (Sea Rock) Lecture on Global Health is a lectureship that is held annually in March. The lectureship is funded by the Michael Y. Lee, M.D. Endowment for Global Health in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and its purpose is to provide financial support for the global initiatives of the H. Ben Taub Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as well as an annual lecture on global health. The first lectureship was held on March 25, 2026, with the inaugural speaker being Mr. Mike Mizwa. Mr. Mizwa, CEO, BCM Global Health and President, Texas Children's Global spoke on AIDS to Aid: Redefining Strategies and Partnerships in Global Health. We look forward to the next lecture in March.

WELCOME RECEPTION 2026

Our annual welcome reception this year was held at On the Kirb. We had a great turnout and enjoyed the time we spent getting to know the new faculty, residents, fellows and staff. We look forward to working with each one of you. Welcome to BCM PM&R!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Batool Mirabi, MD



I began my residency at Baylor in the mid-1970s under the great direction and tutelage of Dr. Lewis Leavitt and Dr. Martin Grabois. After completing my residency and passing the first stage of my board certification, I had the opportunity to become a faculty member of the PM&R Department at The Methodist Hospital. There, I learned my EMGs from Dr. Grabois, who was my longtime mentor. By attending annual AANEM conferences in addition to courses at Ohio State and NYU as well as local courses at Baylor, I enhanced my EMG skill set.

I became PM&R board certified in 1979. While working at Methodist in the late 1970s and 80s, I published a few articles including one entitled "Nerve Regeneration in a Bony Bed: Vascularized vs. Non-Vascularized Nerve Graft" written in conjunction with the plastic surgery department at Baylor. Additionally, I was humbled and honored to be the first recipient of the Teacher of the Year award by the Baylor PM&R residents in 1983, a tradition which continues to this day.

I spent the majority of my career over the next several decades working in various PM&R capacities at a variety of institutions, including the VA and Harris Health facilities at Ben Taub, Quentin Meese, and Smith Clinic.

I have so many wonderful memories of my time at Baylor and I truly cherish all the amazing people I had the good fortune of working with from administrative staff to nurses, residents, fellows, faculty, and colleagues. In particular, my last decade at Baylor has been truly special as I've had the distinct honor of working closely with Dr. Tan, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Bloodworth, and many others. And now, in retirement, I am duly honored to be working as a clinical volunteer faculty member in helping to advance the educational goals of Baylor.

I have been truly blessed to be part of the Baylor family and PM&R service for so many years. It has been a joy to spend my career here and I am grateful for all the opportunities and experiences that have come my way.

EDUCATION - RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

2026-2027 TOP PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS DOXIMITY RESIDENCY NAVIGATOR TEAM

Baylor College of Medicine - Clinical #7 and Research #6

KUDOS

Recipient of a 2026 AANEM Residency and Fellowship Member Award

The AANEM Residency and Fellowship Member Award encourages young physician members to conduct research in neuromuscular and electrodiagnostic medicine. These awards are given to all residency and fellowship members who are first authors on abstracts presented at the Annual Meeting. **Congratulations, Dr. Renato Martin, Jr.!**

R. Martin, Jr., A. Haque, E. Alvarez, J. Prum, L.K. Hwang, F. Tan. *Functional Recovery Following AIN-to-Ulnar and Supinator-to-PIN Transfers in Traumatic Pan-Brachial Plexopathy: A Case Report.* AANEM 2026. September 29-October 2, 2026. Orlando, FL.

Abstract Selected for the 2026 IPSIS Best Basic Science Abstract Award

The selection of this award is determined by expert peer evaluation of submitted research abstracts based on scientific merit, originality, and relevance to interventional pain medicine and spine anatomy or mechanisms. **Dr. Renato Martin, Jr.** will be presenting this abstract at the 2026 IPSIS Conference. Congratulations!

J. Talsma, Z.L. McCormick, **R. Martin, Jr.,** F. Willard. *Multiplanar Spatial Characterization of Basivertebral Foramina within the Sacral (S1) Vertebral Body Using Normalized Density Heatmaps.* IPSIS 2026. September 23-26, 2026. Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS

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D. Mansouri, D.L. Mansouri. Antimicrobial/Antibiofilm activities of Alpha Lipoic Acid and Lipoamide against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (MRSE). Board Topic Number: TOPIC9-WED-221; Abstract # 2025-A-390-ASM-BIO. The 10th American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Conference on Biofilms, Portland, OR.

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P. Lim. *Leadership and the Medical Rehabilitation Team (Online lecture). Rehabilitation Care During War: Long-term Challenges and Development Strategies.* Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University, Department of Rehabilitation, Ukrainian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, and All-Ukrainian Association of Physical Therapists. Lviv, Ukraine. May 20, 2026.

P. Lim. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: Training Programs, Licensing, Credentialing, and Accreditation (Pre-recorded lecture). Prospects of Medical Rehabilitation Development at Various Levels of Healthcare Provision Conference, I. Horbachevsky Ternopil National Medical University, Ternopil, Ukraine. Apr 23-24, 2026.

P. Lim. The medical rehabilitation team and embodied leadership. Advanced Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Training, Global Medical Knowledge Alliance and Zakarpattia Regional Novak Hospital, Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Mar 17, 2026.

P. Lim. Surgical best practices, post-surgical residual limb management, and role of pre-prosthetic rehabilitation in amputation. Advanced Rehabilitation and Prosthetics Training, Global Medical Knowledge Alliance and Zakarpattia Regional Novak Hospital, Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Mar 16, 2026.

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C. Vong, L. Lam, O. De Asis, K. Nouri. Intraoperative Syringe Misidentification During Intrathecal Pump Implantation Resulting in Massive Subcutaneous Hydromorphone Exposure: A Case Report. ASPN 2026. July 16-19, 2026. Miami Beach, FL.

L. Wenzel. Women with SCI and their Needs. TIRR Memorial Hermann 2026 Rehabilitation Conference: Crossroads and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Treatments: Present & Future. 2026. Houston, TX.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PILOT RESEARCH FUND

H. BEN TAUB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) seeks to fund pilot projects proposed by PM&R faculty (at least Assistant Professor level) that will advance knowledge in the field of rehabilitation medicine and be leveraged into additional extramural funding. Faculty with no history of federal funding should include a more senior faculty member, with a funding history, on the proposal. The maximum award is \$25,000 per application. There is no application deadline. Proposals will be reviewed and applicants will be informed of decisions within two months of submission. There is a maximum of \$25,000 per academic year available to award. If a funded proposal is for less than \$25,000, then the remaining funds can be applied for by another investigator. The Research Committee will send updates to all faculty when an award is made, and will inform faculty of remaining funds that are available to be applied for. All awards are for 1 year, with a possible no-cost extension upon request.

Pilot project topics should be novel and clearly distinct from the PI's funded research program, such that the results would facilitate application for federal funding that the investigator could not otherwise be competitive for. Faculty with substantial remaining startup or discretionary funds should particularly explain why these pilot funds are needed. Salary support for the PI is not allowed in the budget. Salary for a research assistant or coordinator is allowed. No subcontracts to other institutions will be allowed. Each proposal will be evaluated based on standard scientific review criteria, as well as on the likelihood that these funds will be leveraged into extramural funding. Efforts will be made to recruit reviewers from faculty members at BCM; however, external reviewers may be invited if the subject matter requires outside expertise. Applicants may submit a list of individuals that they wish to exclude as potential reviewers based on conflicts of interest. Proposals should be submitted using the official application packet. If funded, an interim report will be due at 6 months from the start of funding, and a final report on the project and its outcomes must be submitted to the Research Committee within 60 days of the end of the project. Please contact Dr. Sruthi Thomas (sruthi.thomas@bcm.edu) for questions or an application.

FACULTY/STAFF SERVICE/MISSION AWARD

H. BEN TAUB DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation seeks to fund multiple faculty/staff service and mission projects. There is no application deadline. Proposals will be reviewed and applicants will be informed of decision within one month of submission. The usual amount of the support would be \$500. Please contact the Chair's office (PMRChair@bcm.edu) for questions or an application.

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