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Dr. Muneeb Ahmed Assumes New BIDMC and DFCI Cancer Imaging Leadership Roles

We proudly announce that **Muneeb Ahmed, MD, FSIR**, has been named Chief of a new Division of Cancer Radiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Chair of the Department of Imaging at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute!

Read the full press release:

<https://www.bidmc.org/about-bidmc/news/2025/09/bidmc-names-new-leaders-cancer-pathology-cancer-radiology>

Dr. Ahmed is an accomplished clinician, researcher and educator with internationally recognized expertise in interventional radiology treatments for cancer, including image-guided tumor ablation and embolization. Since 2014, he has served as Chief of the Division of Interventional Radiology and Vice Chair of Radiology at BIDMC. He is also the Miriam H. Stoneman Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Ahmed is immediate past president of the Society of Interventional Oncology, and a former member of the Board of Directors of Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc. His clinical and research interests focus on tumor ablation-related biology; clinical interventional oncology outcomes in liver cancers; portal hypertension; and transplant interventions.

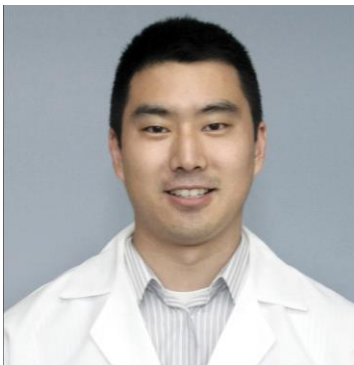
He is the author of more than 180 original research papers, societal standards, chapters and invited reviews, and has received more than \$8 million in grant funding as a principal investigator, including from The National Institutes of Health and numerous society- and industry-funded grants.

He is also the recipient of multiple national and international awards, including the Society of Interventional Radiology's prestigious Gary J. Becker Young Investigator Award, and the @Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology's Editor's Award for Distinguished Research Study four separate times. Based on his expertise, he has lectured widely at national and international conferences within the field of interventional oncology.

Dr. Ahmed earned his medical degree from The Aga Khan University Hospital (Pakistan) and holds a Master of Science degree from Harvard Medical School. He joined BIDMC in 2000 as a Cancer Radiology Research Fellow and completed his residency training at the medical center, including serving as chief resident. He then completed his fellowship in Vascular and Interventional Radiology at Johns Hopkins Medicine, before returning to BIDMC as faculty within Interventional Radiology. Dr. Ahmed is board-certified in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology.

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Dr. Justin Kung Promoted to Executive Vice Chair of Radiology

Justin Kung, MD, has been promoted to Executive Vice Chair of Radiology, where he will oversee and integrate radiology service delivery at our ever-expanding network of sites and affiliates. Justin has served tirelessly as Vice Chair for Network Integration and New Business Development for many years, and this promotion recognizes his tremendous efforts building and expanding our superb and reputable community network of sites.

In addition to the major responsibility of overseeing our attending radiologist clinical schedule and assignments, Dr. Kung wears many other hats. He is Chief of our Longwood Specialty Physicians radiology practice, where he oversees all radiologists working at our community, affiliate, and many ambulatory sites.

Dr. Kung also assesses new business proposals for service delivery, strategic opportunities, and practice expansion. He leads the Radiology Community Chiefs Committee to oversee site clinical quality, service delivery, and business operations. He serves on our Radiology Executive Committee and our Practice Management Committee, and he is a member of our BIH Radiology Foundation Board.

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Additional Leadership and Staffing News



Dr. Jeff Weinstein



Dr. Sal Faintuch



Dr. Fourie
Bezuidenhout



Dr. Leo Martinez

- With **Muneeb Ahmed, MD**, having taken on the administrative roles of Chief of the new Division of Cancer Radiology at BIDMC and Chair of the Department of Imaging at Dana-Farber, **Jeff Weinstein, MD**, has been appointed as our next **Section Chief of Interventional Radiology** and as **Vice Chair for Interventional Care Services** here at BIDMC, effective 1/1/26. During this transition period, **Sal Faintuch, MD**, has stepped up and will serve as our **interim IR Section Chief of Interventional Radiology**.
- In early 2026, Jeff will relinquish his role as Vice Chair of Education as he steps up to spearhead our interventional services. In the meantime, **Fourie Bezuidenhout, MD**, has been appointed as our **Associate Chair of Education** and will step up and oversee our education and lifelong learning programs. Fourie will also drive the missions and activities of our **Herb Gramm Education Academy**, including oversight of our Radiology Grand Rounds portfolio.
- In parallel, Fourie will also be taking over as **Program Director of our ACGME-accredited Abdominal Imaging Fellowship**—allowing Jesse Wei, MD, to focus on his other large portfolios of CT Director and Vice Chair for Data Science and Informatics—and will also be appointed as the inaugural Program Director for our **Cancer Imaging Fellowship program**.
- **Leo Martinez, MD**, will now take on the role of **interim Section Chief of our MSK Radiology Section**. Leo has been an enthusiastic and highly productive member of this excellent section and was awarded an **HMS Shore Fellowship** this year to pursue his research interests. In this role, Leo will first focus on the educational aspects as Section Education Officer, followed by oversight of section service quality and peer learning and improvement, while we continue to recruit faculty members in anticipation of our upcoming DFCI collaboration.
- In addition to our excellent current MSK Fellow, **Hafsa Babar, MD**, who is joining the section in January, former resident and current MSK Fellow at MGH, **Jeff Wang, MD**, will join our MSK section next July.
- With the rapid expansion of BIDMC's breast surgery program in support of the future DFCI collaboration, we have commenced a parallel expansion of our breast radiology services, including the re-establishment of our academic **HMFP Breast Imaging Section**. Our former radiology resident **Geunwon Kim-Sun, MD, PhD**, will be returning to us from MGB Enterprise Radiology in January, and we look forward to welcoming Geunwon back "home."
- **Binh Nguyen, MD**, currently a cardiothoracic staff radiologist at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, will join our **Cardiothoracic Imaging Section** as a remote reader.



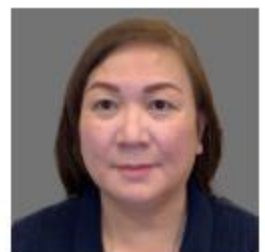
Dr. Hafsa Babar



Dr. Jeff Wang



Dr. Geunwon Kim-Sun



Dr. Binh Nguyen

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Welcome, New Faculty!



Dr. Zeynep Nur Akyol Sari officially joined our Division of Abdominal Imaging and Interventions as a faculty member. Dr. Sari recently completed an Abdominal Imaging and Interventions Fellowship with our department and, prior to that, a Cardiothoracic Imaging Fellowship with us as well.

Dr. Sari holds a medical degree from Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine in Turkey, where she also completed her radiology residency training.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Sari to the team!



Dr. Mari Tassarotti joined our Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology on September 1.

Most recently, Dr. Tassarotti served as an attending interventional radiologist at Columbia University Irving Medical Center/NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Prior to that, she completed Integrated Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology residency training at Mass General Hospital, where she also trained as a surgical intern.

Dr. Tassarotti holds a medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and, on a personal note, was born and raised in Kāne'ohe, Hawaii.

Welcome to our department, and back to Boston, Dr. Tassarotti!

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Dr. Jung Yun joins our Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology on October 1. Dr. Yun holds a medical degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine and has recently completed an Integrated Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology residency training program, including a Chief Resident position, at Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia.

Welcome to Boston and our department, Dr. Yun!



Dr. Yiftach Barash Awarded 2025 rCORI Innovations and Outcomes Grant

Our Simon Center for Outcomes Research and Improvement (rCORI) has awarded its **2025 Innovation and Outcomes Grant** to **Dr. Yiftach Barash** to study "Large Language Models for Comprehensive Liver MDC Decision-Making." This innovative project aligns with Dr. Simon's work advancing the use of computers and data analytics to enhance safety, improve outcomes, and foster learning.

Dr. Barash is an Independent Interventional Radiology Resident with a medical degree from Tel Aviv University, and an AI healthcare researcher with an MSc in Biotechnology Engineering and a background in industry. He has prior experience leading research on machine learning and advanced imaging to improve clinical decision-making. He combines technical expertise, clinical training, and cross-disciplinary experience to drive innovation in healthcare.

Congratulations, Dr. Barash!

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Dr. Mari Tassarotti Appointed Principal Clinical Experience Core Faculty Member

Mari Tassarotti, MD, who recently joined our IR section, has been appointed to the position of **Principal Clinical Experience (PCE) Core Faculty Member** in the HMS Radiology Core Clerkship here at BIDMC.

Mari will be joining our Diagnostic Neuroradiology Faculty Member Elizabeth Du, MD, in this teaching role, and is replacing Colin J. McCarthy, MD, who is stepping down after helping us to launch this popular program. We are very appreciative of Colin's contributions and dedication to this program since its inception. As part of her new position, Mari will bring image-guided interventions to the teaching program. Congratulations, Mari, and thank you, Colin!