

Department of Pathology

Welcome New Hires



Stuart Schnitt, MD

Dr. Schnitt will join the Pathology Department this November as Chief, Division of Cancer Pathology (BIDMC) and Chief of Oncologic Pathology (DFCI).

An internationally recognized expert in breast pathology, Dr. Schnitt is also an accomplished clinician, researcher, teacher, and leader. He has been the Chief of Breast Oncologic Pathology for the Dana-Farber/Brigham Cancer Center and Chief of the Breast Pathology Service at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is a Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School.

He has published over 400 original articles, review articles, editorials, commentaries, and book chapters, primarily in the area of breast diseases. He has also authored a popular breast pathology textbook entitled *Biopsy Interpretation of the Breast*, now its fourth edition, and is also one of the editors of the 4th, 5th, and 6th editions of the *World Health Organization Classification of Tumours of the Breast*. [Read more here.](#)

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Min Zhang, MD

Dr. Zhang earned her medical degree from Shanxi Medical University in China and her PhD from the University of California, Irvine. She completed her residency in anatomic pathology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, followed by subspecialty fellowships in cardiovascular and pulmonary pathology (2023–2024) and cytopathology (2024–2025) at the UCLA Department of Pathology.

At BIDMC, Dr. Zhang joins the faculty as a staff pathologist on the cardiothoracic pathology and cytopathology teams. She will also contribute to the head and neck pathology service as well as the autopsy service. Dr. Zhang is passionate about the vital role of pathology in patient care and is dedicated to delivering accurate diagnoses, providing high-quality services, and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to improve patient outcomes.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Zhang enjoys traveling, exploring new places, and spending quality time with her family.

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Joel Henderson, MD, PhD

Dr. Joel Henderson is an MD PhD graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Program in Biomedical Engineering. He completed his residency in anatomic pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, serving as Chief Resident, followed by fellowship training in renal pathology with Dr. Helmut Rennke, and post-doctoral research in familial glomerular disease with Dr. Martin Pollak. He was recruited to join the faculty of Boston University Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine, to establish and direct a new renal pathology service at Boston Medical Center.

During his tenure at BU/BMC, in addition to his clinical role, he directed his research program in glomerular mechanobiology, served as Laboratory Director for the Framingham Heart Study, and was pathology residency program director at BMC. He also co-founded and directed the Path 2 Path Graduate Certificate program at Boston University, which prepares physicians for a pathology residency. Current research efforts include work as co-investigator for the NIDDK Kidney Precision Medicine Project, which is a human research kidney biopsy study that aims to reveal new approaches to kidney disease diagnosis and treatment; and industry collaborations aimed toward discovery of novel therapeutics in chronic kidney disease.

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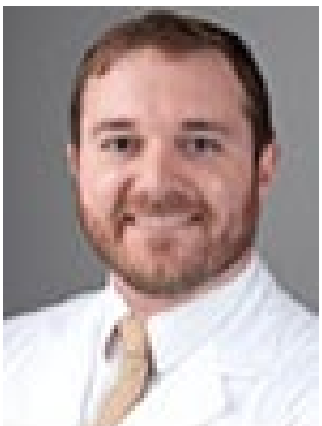
Award, Honors, and New Roles



We are pleased to announce **Vikram Deshpande, MD**, has been named Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology. Prior to assuming this new role, he served as Vice Chair of Anatomic Pathology Faculty Development & Academic Affairs.



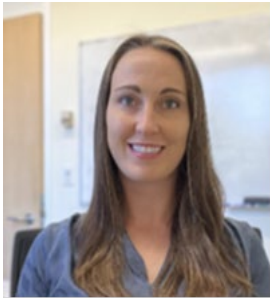
We are delighted to announce the appointment of **James Kirby, MD, PhD**, as Associate Vice Chair of Laboratory.



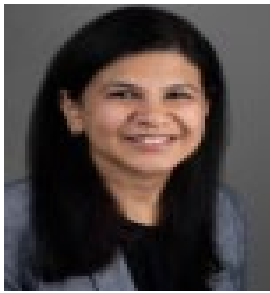
Bart White, MD, has received the 2025 Donald O'Hara Faculty Prize for Excellence in Preclerkship Teaching from HMS. The award recognizes outstanding teaching in the Foundations course. Since 1982, this honor has been bestowed on HMS's most outstanding teachers, a highly select group of the school's leading medical educators.

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Congratulations to **Jackie Hubbard, PhD**, on her recent HMS appointment to Assistant Professor. She joined our faculty and Clinical Chemistry group last September as Co-Director of Clinical Chemistry, Director of Clinical Toxicology.



We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Monika Vyas, MD**, as Associate Director, Gastrointestinal (GI) Pathology Service



We are delighted to announce that **Yuho Ono, MD** was appointed Assistant Director of the Immunohistochemistry Lab

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The outstanding scientific contributions of some of the Pathology faculty in papers published in 2024 were recognized by the BIDMC Cancer Research Institute.

- **Dr. Antoine Karnoub** received the award for Best Basic Science Paper
- **Dr. Atsushi Tanaka** received the award for Best Clinical Science Paper
- **Dr. Alex Toker** received the award for Best Collaborative Paper



Sophia Bellegarde, MD, one of our residents, has been selected by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) as a top 5, 2025 honoree of their prestigious "40 under Forty" program, which "celebrates the brightest emerging leaders and innovators of pathology, laboratory medicine, and ASCP." [Click here](#) for more information, including a description of Sophia's accomplishments.

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The Department of Pathology is pleased to announce that **Dr. James Connolly** has been appointed Professor of Pathology, Emeritus in recognition of his many years of outstanding service and dedication to the Faculty of Pathology.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Connolly has made invaluable contributions to our academic mission, research, and educational programs. His leadership and commitment have profoundly strengthened our community, for which we remain deeply grateful.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Connolly on this well-deserved honor and wish him continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead. We look forward to welcoming him at future departmental events and activities.