

Welcoming New Department of Medicine Leadership

Kenneth Mukamal, MD, MPH, MA



Kenneth Mukamal, MD, MPH, MA, has assumed the role of **Vice Chair for Career Development and Mentoring** for the **Department of Medicine**. A 32-year faculty member and Associate Section Chief for Research in the **Division of General Medicine**, Dr. Mukamal will support the career growth of our faculty at all levels, accomplished through one-on-one academic counseling sessions, re-evaluation of the annual review and mentorship processes in our Divisions, and continued implementation of an equitable and transparent approach to academic promotion across the Department.

Dr. Mukamal earned his BA in Biology from Washington University, Saint Louis, followed by an MA in Cellular and Molecular Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles, California. He then earned his MD from University of California, San Francisco, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. After a year as a hospitalist in New Haven, he joined Beth Israel Hospital as a clinician-educator for two years but then entered the Harvard Medical School General Internal Medicine Fellowship Program and has remained a clinician-investigator ever since. He also holds an MPH from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He currently serves as Professor of Medicine at HMS and a Department Associate in Nutrition at HSPH.

Dr. Mukamal is a devoted educator across a wide variety of platforms. He serves as Co-Site Director for the Harvard Medical School Fellowship in General Medicine and Primary Care, Director of the Hinohara Primary Care Fellowship, and an Associate Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He was recognized with the Gordon J. Strewler Mentorship of Resident Research Award from the BIDMC IM Residency and the A. Clifford Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award from HMS.

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Dr. Mukamal's primary research interests are investigating the role of dietary and lifestyle factors – with an additional focus on alcohol consumption – on the incidence and prognosis of cardiometabolic and neurocognitive disorders and their risk factors. As a general internist and clinical investigator, his research has incorporated large-scale epidemiological studies, hospital-based clinical data, and focused interventional studies and included outcomes as diverse as myocardial infarction, hip fracture, and suicide. His work has resulted in more than 560 original peer-reviewed research articles.

Dr. Mukamal assumes the Vice Chair role from Howard Libman, MD, who thoughtfully and vigorously led over mentorship efforts over the last few years. Dr. Mukamal will continue to advance the many ongoing initiatives that Howard started, in collaboration with Steve Freedman, MD, PhD, as our newly appointed Vice Chair for Promotions and Faculty Advancement, and Scot Sternberg, MS, Director of Quality Improvement. Dr. Mukamal is particularly eager to find new ways to celebrate and acknowledge formally the myriad achievements of the Department of Medicine's faculty members and to develop new and reliable systems to ensure that every faculty member receives the mentorship that they desire.