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Welcoming Dr. Bay Leslie-Mazwi to UW Medicine

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## We Welcome Dr. Bay Leslie-Mazwi; Milestones Reached for Our Residents

The month of June is traditionally bittersweet — and this year was no less so. As we said goodbye to our chief residents who persevered during the first worldwide pandemic in a century, we were reminded of their tremendous accomplishments and the leaders who trained them to publish on ethnic disparities in cancer care and diversity. We also welcomed new interns who start the cycle again with us.

We are delighted to announce the recruitment of our new, renowned Neurology Chair **Professor Bay Leslie-Mazwi**, MD. He is the Warren and Jermaine Magnuson Endowed Chair in Medicine for Neurosciences and co-director of the UW Medicine Neurosciences Institute.

Dr. Leslie-Mazwi is dual fellowship trained in neurologic critical care and interventional neurology and comes to us from the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. His spouse, **Dr. Nicole Mazwi** will also be joining us from Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital as UW Medicine's director of Stroke Rehabilitation. She is board certified in both physical medicine and

rehabilitation and in brain injury medicine.

As we embark on the fall, our faculty remains steadfast and dedicated as we navigate this wave of the pandemic. Thank you for supporting our mission to serve our patients and create a more promising future.

Sincerely,

**Richard G. Ellenbogen, MD, FACS**  
Chairman and Professor of Neurological Surgery  
Theodore S. Roberts Endowed Chair  
Director, UW Medicine Neurosciences Institute

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## **New Clinic for Brain and Spine Metastases Bridges Research With Patient Care**

UW Medicine's neurological surgeon [Dr. Anoop Patel](#), neuro-oncologist [Dr. Vyshak Venur](#) and radiation oncologist [Dr. Jason Rockhill](#) lead a multidisciplinary team at the new [Brain and Spine Metastases Clinic](#), a uniquely positioned national cancer center with expertise in both brain and spine metastases.

The clinic is located at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA), a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center that is recognized with UW Medical Center as one of the top in the U.S. for cancer care by U.S. News and World Report. Making this Cancer Research program more powerful are the partnerships with the [Brotman Baty Institute](#) and University of Washington's Department of Genome Sciences.

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## **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center: A New Path Forward for Cancer Care and Research**

UW Medicine is exploring a new cancer partnership to accelerate research, improve patient care and increase every patient's chance for a better outcome. Under the plan announced on July 13, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center would merge two nationally recognized programs for research and patient care — Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance — to establish a new, unified adult cancer care and research center. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center would be UW Medicine's cancer program and operate as a clinically integrated part of UW Medicine.

With this new structure, UW Medicine and its partners expect to bring advances in cell-based therapies and personalized treatments for cancer and related diseases more quickly to patients and communities in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

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## RESEARCH AND NEWS

- **Dr. John R. Williams**, UW Medicine neurological surgery senior resident, is the lead author of “Re-examining decompressive craniectomy medial margin distance from midline as a metric for calculating the risk of post-traumatic hydrocephalus,” published in the [Journal of Clinical Neuroscience](#).
- **Dr. Randall Chestnut**, the Integra Professor of Neurological Surgery, is an author of the study “A pilot prospective observational study of cerebral autoregulation and 12-month outcomes in children with complex mild traumatic brain injury,” published in the [Journal of Neurosurgery Anesthesiology](#).
- **Dr. Michael Levitt**, cerebrovascular neurological surgeon, is a coauthor of the study, “Hybrid microcatheter angioplasty for refractory cerebral vasospasm,” published in the [Journal Cerebrovascular Endovascular Neurosurgery](#).
- UW Medicine neurological surgeons **Dr. David Bass**, **Dr. Michael Meyer**, **Dr. Guilherme Barros**, **Dr. Kate T. Carroll**, **Dr. Melanie Walker**, **Dr. Mario D’Oria** and **Dr. Michael Levitt**, discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cerebrovascular disease in the review article published in [Seminars in Vascular Surgery](#).
- UW Medicine neurological surgeon **Dr. Anoop Patel** and Chief Resident **Dr. Abdullah Feroze** are co-authors on the study “Single-cell analysis of chromatin modifications in differentiation and tumor progression,” published in [Nature Biotechnology](#).
- **Dr. Anoop Patel** is also co-author of the study “Neural G0: a quiescent-like state found in neuroepithelial-derived cells and glioma,” published in [Molecular System Biology](#).

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