2022 Brenes Lecture - “Stroke Recovery Program: An Innovative Model for Healthcare Delivery”

Dr. Cuccurullo received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate in 1987 and completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Rutgers-RWJ/JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute (JRI). She was board certified in 1992. She joined the staff of JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in 1991 and served as the Residency Program Director (PD) since 1998. She has taught the PM&R Board Review Course since 1991. Dr. Cuccurullo is Editor-in-Chief and published the fourth edition of The PM&R Board Review Textbook in 2019. The royalties are donated to the JFK Johnson PM&R Residency-Education Fund. She has received the Teacher-of-the-Year Award six times and the RWJ Faculty Award multiple times. In addition, she received multiple awards including: the Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2018 AAP Outstanding Service Award, the 2019 AAPM&R Distinguished Member Award and in October 2019 was named as a NJ Top Health Care Influencer. She has served as Past President of the National Residency and Fellowship Program Director Council and is currently President of the National Chair Council. She served as a Board member of the AAP between 2014-2020 and was appointed AAP Co-Chair of the Women in Academic Physiatry Task Force. She authored 40 book chapters, 30 peer reviewed articles and over 130 abstracts. She developed a residency competency model and published seven peer reviewed papers on this model. She was appointed Chair of Rutgers-RWJ Medical School and the Medical Director/VP for JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute in February 2014. Her clinical research is focused on Rehabilitation of Stroke patients utilizing cardiovascular conditioning at the JFK Johnson Stroke Recovery Program. The research includes the Stroke-HEARTTM Trials and the upcoming Stroke Recovery Program CROSS (Cardiac Rehabilitation of Stroke Survivors) trials. Dr. Cuccurullo is a principle investigator on these projects and has been invited both nationally and internationally to present this published research. In March 2018 Dr. Cuccurullo was appointed Chair at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief of Rehabilitation Care Transformation Services of Hackensack Meridian Health Network.

2022 SHRS Lecture - “Prioritizing rehabilitation as an essential service: an opportunity for improving health equity and population health”

Dr. Bettger is an Associate Professor at Duke University with a passion for research aimed to improve health care access, quality and policies that reduce the burden of disease and disability. As a health services researcher and implementation scientist, she has led and collaborated on research that extends from observational studies to randomized and pragmatic trials such as the COMPASS, RECOVER, and VERITAS trials. She is the director of the NIA-funded Duke Roybal Center for Translational Behavioral and Social Science Research and is also funded by NINDS, NHLBI, NIDCD, Fogarty and PCORI for different studies that aim to promote implementation of evidence-based interventions for improved functional independence and participation in the community. Dr. Bettger is Duke faculty in Orthopaedic Surgery, Nursing and Health Policy, is affiliate faculty in the Duke Global Health Institute, Duke Clinical Research Institute, Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy and is a Fellow of the American Heart Association.

Tentative Schedule

8:30am - Registration and Breakfast
8:45am - Welcome, Dr. Corina Bondi
9-10:30am - Poster Session
10:30am - Brenes Lecture, Dr. Sara Cuccurullo
11:30am - SHRS Lecture, Dr. Janet Bettger
12:30pm - Lunch
1:00pm - Best Rehabilitation Research Presentations
  • Resident
  • Post-doctoral
  • Pre-doctoral/Master's
  • Medical Student
  • Undergraduate
2:30pm - Announcement of Poster Session Winners and RI Pilot Grant Awardees
Adjournment

Registration is open until June 17th. Click HERE to register now!