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Dr. Brian P. Gable currently serves as Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), where he is also an Assistant Professor. Dr. Gable received his medical degree from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School where he was elected into both the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) and Gold Humanism Honor (GHHS) societies. Dr. Gable remained at Robert Wood Johnson for his residency training in internal medicine and subsequently served as chief resident of the program.

Prior to joining the Cooper Family, Dr. Gable served as Associate Program Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Internal Medicine Residency Program in New Brunswick, NJ where he was integral in the development and implementation of the educational program and assisted in the administrative oversight of the residency. During this time, he was also actively involved in undergraduate medical education by teaching and mentoring countless medical students on the third-year clerkship, acting as the director of the fourth-year sub-internship, participating in the physical diagnosis and Patient-Centered Medicine courses, and serving as the Associate Director of the second-year Pathophysiology course. Dr. Gable also served as the Chapter Adviser of the Gold Humanism Honor Society at Robert Wood Johnson and co-authored the article “Humanism at Heart: Preserving Empathy in Third-Year Medical Students.”

Dr. Gable is passionate about medical education. His interests include teaching clinical skills, promoting clinical reasoning, employing innovative pedagogical techniques, and teaching at the bedside. Dr. Gable has received fourteen teaching awards from residents and students in his young career, including the prestigious Foundation of UMDNJ Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011.

Dr. Phillip Dellinger, is Professor and Chairman of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He is Medicine Service Chief at Cooper University Hospital and Medical Director of Adult Health Institute. He was previously the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) governor for both Texas and Missouri. Dr. Dellinger was president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) from 1998-1999. He is currently associate editor for the SCCM’s journal, Critical Care Medicine. He is the creator of the SCCM Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) course now translated into 5 languages and taught around the world. Dr. Dellinger has authored over 250 journal
articles and book chapters as well as edited over 30 books and journal issues in the field of critical care medicine.

His primary academic interests are new innovative sepsis therapies, sepsis management, sepsis performance improvement and clinical trial design. He co-edited the second, third and fourth editions of the major critical care textbook, Critical Care Medicine (Mosby). He has received numerous awards and honors, including induction into the Baylor College of Medicine Teaching Hall of Fame, the SCCM’s Distinguished Service Award, the Dorothy & Sol Sherry Award for Teaching Excellence Award and he was selected for full membership in the Academy of Master Educators at Cooper Medical School at Rowan University, at rank of Distinguished Scholar. He is a fellow of the ACCP and was inducted as a Master Fellow in the College of Critical Care Medicine in 2012 (one of 20 initial inductees spanning the 40-year history of SCCM). In 2015, he became the 15th recipient of the SCCM’s Lifetime Achievement Award in the 42 year history of that organization.

Dr. Dellinger was an associate chair of the 1992 consensus conference that created the first definitions for sepsis and chaired the 1997 National Institutes of Health (NIH)/American College of Chest Physicians workshop, “The Future of Sepsis Research.” He was past chairman of the International Sepsis Forum (ISF), currently serves on the ISF Governing Council and was co-chair of the 2012 ISF Scientific Colloquium on Clinical Trial Design held at the NIH. He serves on the executive committee of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC). He is co-chair and lead author of the 2013 SSC Guidelines for the Management of Severe Sepsis, now sponsored by 30 international scientific organizations. He previously served on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) ICU Collaborative Advisory Board and the Rhode Island Hospital Association Sepsis Performance Improvement Collaborative. He currently serves as lead faculty for the New Jersey Hospital Association Sepsis Performance Improvement Collaborative. He is currently one of two content leads for The Maryland Hospital Association and Maryland Patient Safety Council’s Statewide Collaborative on Sepsis Performance Improvement.

Elizabeth Cerceo, MD, FACP
Associate Program Director,
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Dr. Elizabeth Cerceo is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. She graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers University and completed her medical degree at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where she was selected for the Angelo P. Angelides Award for Academic Excellence in Medicine and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

She completed her residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a board-certified general internist in the Division of General Internal Medicine and a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine, where she is on the national Education Committee and is leading a national hospitalist faculty development resource. Dr. Cerceo is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and has multiple published and ongoing research projects as well invited reviews and book chapters. She is a national reviewer for MKSAP and several journals including Critical Care Medicine and the Journal of Hospital Medicine.

Dr. Cerceo is involved in medical education
Daniel Fabius, DO is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He graduated in three years magna cum laude from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in biomedical engineering. He completed his medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He trained as an intern and resident at the Cooper University Hospital. After completion of his residency, he was offered and accepted to stay for an additional year as 4th year Chief Resident. During this year he helped to redevelop the residency program. He has implemented complete electronic access for the residents via their smart phones to the most commonly used applications (e.g., schedules, EMR, educational materials). He is a board-certified general internist and a member of the American College of Physicians. As Associate Program Director at Cooper, Dr. Fabius oversees all technological and operational needs for the residency program. In addition, he works for the Department of Medical Informatics.

Dr. Jenny Melli is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. She graduated from Villanova University and went on to receive her MD from UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson, Camden. She completed medical internship and residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at Brown University, where she developed a special interest in women’s health, providing primary care services for women in the state prison.

Dr. Melli is involved in clinical teaching on the medical student and residency level. She is the Program Director for the Primary Care Track and Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program, and directs the outpatient continuity care experience for the residency program. She precepts trainees in their outpatient clinic and maintains her own practice at that site. Dr. Melli also serves as the Deputy Clerkship Director for the Adult Primary Care clerkship at CMSRU. She has special interests in evidence-based medicine, mental health in primary care, care of the underserved, and resident wellness.
Ritesh Patel, MD, FACP
Assistant Program Director, Internal Medicine
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Dr. Ritesh Patel is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He graduated from Gujarat University, India. He finished his residency training at Cooper University Hospital. He is a board-certified general Internist in the division of Hospital Medicine and a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine and the American College of Physicians.

He has special interests in preventive medicine, medical education, clinical skills and clinical research. He has been involved in multiple Quality Improvement and Education committees. He is involved in medical education both at the student and resident level. He also serves as a co-director of the Foundation of Medical Practice curriculum at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. He is currently serving as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine test writing committee.

Dr. Patel has won multiple awards for teaching excellence during his young career. As an Assistant Program Director at Cooper, Dr. Patel oversees resident simulation laboratory exercises, evidence-based physical diagnosis and weekly updates on high-yield articles from journals.

Mark Angelo, MD, FACP
Director of Professionalism and Communication Skills

Dr. Mark Angelo is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Cooper University School of Medicine of Rowan University and the Director of the Palliative Care Program at Cooper University Hospital. He completed his undergraduate studies maxima cum laude at La Salle University. He then completed his medical education at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He subsequently completed his internship and residency at Temple University Hospital where he was recognized for his excellence in teaching and clinical knowledge. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Angelo joined the Cooper faculty in 2003 where he built a busy primary care practice while functioning as a medical director for hospice and palliative care. He founded the Palliative Care Program at Cooper where he cares for many types of patient with advanced illness. He has been recognized statewide for his contributions to the field and success in palliative care program building.

Dr. Angelo is the Chair of the institutional Bioethics Committee here at Cooper. He has been named the Director of Professionalism and Communication within the Internal Medicine Residency Program where he focuses on teaching the Art of Medicine Series through lecture, role-play, modeling, and interactive small group sessions. Dr. Angelo also is the director of the Humanism and Professionalism Council for the Internal Medicine Residency Program.
Antoinette Spevetz, MD, FCCM, FACP, FCCP
Professor of Medicine and
Designated Institutional Official

Dr. Antoinette Spevetz is a graduate of Hahnemann University Medical School. She trained as an intern and resident at Abington Memorial Hospital, where she was selected to be a Chief Resident. She then completed a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine followed by a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine, both at Cooper University Hospital. After her fellowships, Dr. Spevetz became an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida at Jacksonville, where she actively involved in residency education. After four years in Florida, Dr. Spevetz took a position as Director of Critical Care for Upper Chesapeake Health System in Maryland, where she also served as Chief of Pulmonary Medicine and Director of Critical Care. Dr. Spevetz is very involved in national critical care organizations, including the Society of Critical Care Medicine, where she is the past Chancellor of the Board of Regents and currently serves on the Board of Trustees. She is also active in graduate and continuing medical education, serving as a member of the Liaison Committee to the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Spevetz was the 2007 recipient of the Critical Care Teaching Award. Dr. Spevetz was also a former President of the Internal Medicine Section of the SCCM and prior Chair of the ABIM Critical Care Medicine review courses. Dr. Spevetz recently received her Master degree in Medical Education and Leadership at the University of New England. Additionally, she has been an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. While she no longer holds that title, she is one of the Core Faculty for the Program and interfaces with the residents in her role as Designated Institutional Official for all Cooper Residency & Fellowship Programs for ACGME Accreditation.

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