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<td><strong>Sheila Collins, PhD</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Interests/Achievements:</strong> Dr. Collins' laboratory is interested in the biochemical mechanisms that regulate body weight and insulin sensitivity. Activation of the adrenaline receptors, specifically the members of the beta-adrenergic receptor (beta-AR) family, provides the major stimulus for the hydrolysis and release of stored lipids. They are also key drivers of a process called &quot;nonshivering thermogenesis&quot; in brown fat. Brown fat cells are specialized cells rich in mitochondria and largely defined by their ability to express the mitochondrial uncoupling protein UCP1, which allows the dissipation of the proton gradient in the inner mitochondrial membrane to yield heat at the expense of ATP production. In addition to the beta-ARs, the cardiac natriuretic peptides also activate these same mechanisms through a parallel pathway in fat cells. By understanding their signal transduction properties and how they are regulated, Dr. Collins hopes to be able to find a way to increase energy expenditure in fat in the fight against obesity and the devastating diseases that accompany it, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and hypertension. Dr. Collins has made seminal contributions in the field of obesity and diabetes at the molecular and physiological level. She also enjoys activities such as bird watching, tailoring, dance, and weight lifting.</td>
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| **Jon Cumberledge, MD**                                       |
| **Instructor in Clinical Medicine**                           |
| **Division of General Internal Medicine and Public Health**   |
| **Previous Institution:** HSHS Medical Group, Family Practice  |
| **Specialty:** Family Medicine                                |
| **Education/Training:** M.D. - Southern Illinois University   |
| **Hometown:** Auburn, NY                                       |
| **Interests/Achievements:**                                  |
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Kimberly Dahlman, PhD
Assistant Professor
Division of Hematology/Oncology

Previous Institution: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Previous Role/Title: Assistant Professor

Specialty: Basic science research and undergraduate medical education
Education/Training: Ph.D. - Vanderbilt University
Hometown: Natick, MA

Interests/Achievements: Dr. Dahlman's research interest is in understanding tumor response and resistance to targeted therapies and immunotherapy. She directs a core laboratory (Innovative Translational Research Shared Resource) that partners with oncologists to guide, manage, and facilitate pre-clinical and clinical trial laboratory discoveries. This collaborative work has uncovered novel tumor driver mutations and mechanisms of acquired resistance to targeted therapies leading to changes in clinical tumor genotyping assays at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, pre-clinical studies of novel cancer treatments, high-impact peer-reviewed publications, and multiple grants awarded to Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center investigators.

In addition to her cancer research pursuits, she has a strong interest in education for biomedical science PhD trainees, medical students, and faculty. She co-leads the Integrated Science Courses (ISCs) at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (VUSM) and co-directs the “Precision Cancer Medicine” ISC. She also serves as a Small Group Facilitator for 1st-year medical students, a facilitator of Educator Development Core workshops, and a mentor for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the “Business for Scientists Module” supported by the VUSM Biomedical Research, Education, and Training office. Dr. Dahlman is also involved in leadership and educational activities for the Southeastern Association of Shared Resources and the Association of Biomolecular Research Facilities, organizations that provide a forum for core directors, managers, and scientists to meet, discuss, and collaborate on administrative and scientific topics.
Nancy Davis, MD
Assistant Professor
Division of Hematology/Oncology

**Previous Institution:** Aurora BayCare Medical Center

**Specialty:** GU Oncology

**Education/Training:** M.D. - The University of Texas Health Science Center

**Interests/Achievements:** Dr. Davis’ research interests are in genitourinary oncology. She believes in a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care and balancing clinical benefit with quality of life. She has interest in the clinical application of new therapies to improve outcomes and in survivorship issues unique to this population.

Career achievements include growing a successful genitourinary clinic; being the institutional PI for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) while at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW); contributing to multidisciplinary cancer clinics and conferences; representing medical subspecialists in hospital management committee decisions; involvement on chemotherapy governance, IRB, intern and fellow selection, medical oncology executive, Vince Lombardi Cancer Center (VLCC) quality committees, and genitourinary and gynecological oncology quality subcommittees.

I assisted in educating students, residents, and fellows (both in- and outpatient settings); precepting the oncology fellows’ clinic while at MCW; serving as a Clinical Associate Professor for Marquette University, assisting in the clinical rotations of PA students; and serving as Clinical Instructor for the University of Wisconsin Madison Wisconsin Area Rural Medicine (WARM) medical students during their clinical rotations.

Other scholarly activities involve serving as Scientific Reviewer for the Department of Defense (DOD) Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) Review Panel on the Immunologic Sciences and the Clinical Protocols panels (2004-2008). She was also a member of a Data Safety and Monitoring Committee and a participant in the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Program Guideline Implementation Network (PGIN), contributing in the review and adoption by ASCO of the American Cancer Society Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Guidelines in 2017.

Personal interests include cooking, travel, reading, and theater. In relocating to Tennessee, she anticipates milder winters and longer summers.

Ryan Doster, MD
Instructor
Division of Infectious Diseases

**Previous Institution:** Vanderbilt University Medical Center

**Specialty:** Infectious Diseases

**Education/Training:** M.D. - Indiana University School of Medicine

**Hometown:** Churubusco, IN

**Interests/Achievements:** The goal of Dr. Doster’s research is to understand mechanisms by which bacteria like GBS are able to establish vaginal colonization and then ascend to cause invasive disease during pregnancy (chorioamnionitis). Bacterial infections during pregnancy lead to adverse outcomes including stillbirth, preterm birth, neonatal sepsis, and meningitis. Streptococcus agalactiae, also known as Group B Streptococcus (GBS) is a Gram-positive bacterium that colonizes up to 50% of pregnant women. Vaginal GBS carriage is a major risk factor for chorioamnionitis and neonatal sepsis. Dr. Doster is particularly interested in the role of bacterial biofilm to promote vaginal colonization, which may increase potential for bacterial invasion, as well as how GBS interacts with and alters host-immune responses. Host inflammatory responses to infection including release of cytokines and metalloproteinases that contribute to preterm birth pathogenesis. By understanding these pathways, Dr. Doster hopes to identify new, actionable targets to prevent adverse outcomes during pregnancy. He utilizes multiple methodologies to understand microbial-host interactions during pregnancy, including high-resolution microscopy techniques, animal models of pregnancy infection, and human tissue chorioamnionitis models.
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Aaron Fidler, PhD
Research Assistant Professor
Division of Nephrology and Hypertension

Previous Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Previous Role/Title: Doctoral Student and Lab Manager

Specialty: Biochemistry, Evolution, Extracellular matrix, Collagen
Education/Training: Ph.D. - Tennessee State University
Hometown: Ashland, KY

Interests/Achievements: Aaron is interested in the evolutionary origin and role of the cellular microenvironment in the transition from unicellular organisms to multicellular animals. A major component of the cellular microenvironment is collagen IV, which forms smart scaffolds that tether proteins, connect cells, strengthen tissues, and transmit information as a component of basement membranes (BM). The role of collagen IV, along with other BM components, likely played a role in enabling the transition from unicellular ancestors to multicellular animals. To study the role of collagen IV and BM during the transition, Aaron studies the earliest animals such as ctenophores, sponges, and cnidarians, as well as unicellular relatives, such as choanoflagellates and filastereans. By studying organisms that represent this transition, we can understand the role of the cellular microenvironment throughout evolution. Furthermore, understanding the core functions of collagen in early animals and unicellular relatives might shed light on conserved functions of collagens in human tissues and disease. Aaron has been involved with the nationally-recognized Aspirnaut Program at VUMC since 2009, mentoring and teaching nearly 200 students and teaching over 1,000 students through STEM-based, hands-on "beaming" videoconferencing sessions with rural schools in Tennessee, Arkansas, Maine, and Montana over the last eight years. As a part of Aspirnaut, Aaron has actively involved students in the discovery process, resulting in co-authorships with nearly 80 middle school, high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. Aaron also enjoys hiking and camping, running, guitar, and gardening alongside his wife, Ashley, and their German Shepherd/Lab mix, Lillie, on a farm near the Natchez Trace.

Kylene Haskins, DO
Instructor in Clinical Medicine
Division of General Internal Medicine and Public Health

Previous Institution: Southern Hills Medical Center
Previous Role/Title: Hospitalist/D.O.

Specialty: Family Medicine
Education/Training: D.O. - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Hometown: Mt. Juliet, TN

Interests/Achievements: Dr. Haskins has a special interest in performing osteopathic manipulations within her practice. She has led many presentations, including Aging Actively, Becoming an Osteopathic Physician, Nutrition and Exercise, and Effects of Sugar on Oral Health and Weight Gain. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball and going to festivals, concerts, and the theater.
Jibril Hirbo, PhD
Research Instructor
Division of Genetic Medicine

Previous Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Previous Role/Title: Research Fellow
Specialty: Human Genetics
Education/Training: Ph.D. - University of Maryland
Hometown: Clarksville
Interests/Achievements: Dr. Hirbo's research interest is in understanding genetics that underlie health disparities. He has an overarching hypothesis developed from his research in population genetics and in the genetics of common diseases with complex inheritance: that the genetic adaptation to high pathogen environments is a major contributing factor to the genetic component of health disparities between those of recent European and recent African ancestry. He studies genetics of ocular diseases to test this hypothesis.

Chanhaeng Rhee, MD
Assistant Professor
Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism

Previous Institution: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Previous Role/Title: Associate Professor/Medical Director for Diabetes Management Program
Specialty: Endocrinology and Metabolism
Education/Training: M.B.A. - The University of Texas
M.D. - Kyungpook National University
Hometown: Seoul Republic of Korea
Interests/Achievements: Dr. Rhee is a clinical researcher and board-certified clinical endocrinologist. He has served as the Medical Director of the Diabetes Management Program at the University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) Medical Center since 2009 and was appointed as a Quality Officer at UTSW Medical Center in 2010. His research interests are population management of patients with diabetes and chronic care disease management of the diabetes population through the chronic care model. His career focus to date has involved getting the proper care to the correct patient in a standardized and reliable manner without disrupting the workflow of the provider, making errors less likely. His desire is to empower patients and their families to become better self-care managers, for decision-making to be evidence-based, and to customize care according to the needs, values, and readiness of the patients. He is also interested in patient safety and quality improvement and has used systems engineering principles and tools to improve patient safety and quality of care. He has successfully reduced catheter-associated urinary tract infection rates by more than 80% at UTSW University Hospitals in Dallas, Texas.
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| **Hyun Song, PhD**
Research Assistant Professor  
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine |
| **Previous Institution:** City of Hope  
**Previous Role/Title:** Postdoctoral Fellow |
| **Specialty:** Molecular Dynamics Simulation  
**Education/Training:** Ph.D. - University of Cincinnati  
**Hometown:** Chungju, South Korea |
| **Interests/Achievements:** Dr. Song’s research interest focuses on simulation studies of biomolecules, the calculation of the free energy of biomolecules, graph theory, protein-ligand interactions, coarse-grained simulations, homology modeling and docking, and protein folding. General interests include listening to music and playing the keyboard, travel, and volunteer work. He currently has five years of postdoctoral experience. |

| **Shan Wang, PhD**
Research Instructor  
Division of Rheumatology and Immunology |
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| **Previous Institution:** Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
**Previous Role/Title:** Research Fellow |
| **Specialty:** Cancer Biology  
**Education/Training:** Ph.D. - University of Toronto  
**Hometown:** Guizhou China |
<p>| <strong>Interests/Achievements:</strong> Vascular endothelial cells (ECs) are a key component of the tumor microenvironment. They form blood vessels (angiogenesis) that promote tumor growth, metastasis, and contribute to therapeutic resistance. Controlling tumor-associated angiogenesis has become a promising strategy in preventing cancer progression. Angiogenesis is a multi-step process that is regulated by a complex interplay between proangiogenic and antiangiogenic factors. PI3K/PDK-AKT-mTOR activation is one of the major proangiogenic signaling pathways that regulates the development and maturation of blood vessels. mTOR is a serine/threonine kinase that functions in two distinct complexes: mTORC1 and mTORC2, which regulate a diverse array of cellular processes in different cell types. Dr. Wang’s research interest is in understanding the molecular mechanisms of how the mTOR signaling pathway controls tumor angiogenesis and how the mTOR-mediated angiogenesis cross-talks with the tumor microenvironment to promote tumor progression. Particularly, she is focusing on 1) the relative contribution of endothelial mTORC1 and mTORC2 to tumor progression and metastasis and 2) the effect of the endothelial mTOR signaling on tumor immunity and metabolism. The ultimate goal of this project is to identify new therapeutic targets to block tumor angiogenesis. |</p>
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**Lang Wu, PhD**  
*Research Instructor*  
**Division of Epidemiology**

**Specialty:** Genetic and Cancer Epidemiology  
**Education/Training:** Ph.D. - Mayo Clinic College of Medicine  
**Hometown:** Hefei, China  

**Interests/Achievements:** Dr. Wu’s research interests are investigating genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors in cancer etiology and prognosis with the goal of translating the gained knowledge into risk assessment, early detection, prevention, and prognosis prediction of human malignancies. He received a BS in biological sciences from Wuhan University and a PhD in clinical and translational science from Mayo Graduate School, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. In 2015, he joined Vanderbilt University Medical Center as a postdoctoral research fellow in the R25 Molecular and Genetic Epidemiology of Cancer (MAGEC) training program. Currently, Dr. Wu is supported by a K99 Pathway to Independence Award to study roles of polyunsaturated fatty acids in pancreatic cancer etiology using multidisciplinary study designs in multi-ethnic populations. Dr. Wu is also conducting research integrating multi-omics (e.g., genomics, transcriptomics, methylome, proteomics, and metabolomics) data to identify susceptibility genes and biomarkers for cancer risk.

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**Kimberly Akinyele, MSN**  
*Assistant in Medicine*  
**Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition**

**Specialty:** Family Health  
**Education/Training:** M.S.N. - Tennessee State University  
**Hometown:** Savannah, TN  

**Interests/Achievements:** Kim was raised in Savannah, Tennessee, one of five children, in a single parent home. She remained focused on her studies and making her parents proud. She would be the first in the family to attend and graduate from college. In 2000 she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Tennessee State University and began growing her profession. In May 2017 Kim earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Tennessee State University, and in August 2017 she received her certification as a family nurse practitioner from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Throughout her career, Kim has cared for patients with complex diagnoses including dementia, cancer, and most recently, hepatitis and liver dysfunction. She is married and has two children. Together, they enjoy movie nights, trying new recipes, and traveling.
**Christy Claiborne, MS**  
**Assistant in Medicine**  
**Division of General Internal Medicine and Public Health**

- **Previous Institution:** Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
- **Specialty:** Social Work  
- **Education/Training:** M.S. - University of Tennessee  
- **Hometown:** Lafayette, TN  

**Interests/Achievements:** Christy, originally from Lafayette, Tennessee, earned her BA in psychology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), graduating summa cum laude in 2002. After two years of direct care work in behavioral health, Christy returned to UTK, earning her MSSW in 2006. Following graduation, she accepted a position as a Clinical Therapist in a community mental health center utilizing an integrated care model and became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in 2009. For the next eight years, Christy held various clinical and supervisory roles and behavioral health treatment centers in the East Tennessee area, developing an interest in the effects of trauma on life functioning and overall wellness. Because of this interest, she completed training in EMDR, an evidence-based treatment of past trauma-related distress and present life conditions. In June 2017, without a new position, Christy took a leap of faith. Leaving her home and job in Big Orange Country, Christy, along with her chocolate Labrador Bella, returned to her Middle Tennessee roots to be closer to family. Two weeks after the move, Christy was offered the Social Worker 2 position in the new extensivist program known as Vanderbilt Familiar Faces. Christy is very excited to be a member of this new multi-disciplinary team in a program that’s part of a growing segment of the medicine field. Away from work, Christy enjoys reading, baking, watching UT Vols football, spending time with family and friends, and playing with her dog.

**Brannan Cole, MSN**  
**Assistant in Medicine**  
**Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism**

- **Previous Institution:** Hayes Endocrine & Diabetes  
- **Specialty:** Endocrinology  
- **Education/Training:** M.S.N. - Belmont University  
- **Hometown:** Blytheville, AR  

**Interests/Achievements:** Brannan U. Cole joins the Vanderbilt faculty after two years of working as a nurse practitioner specializing in diabetes and other endocrine-related health issues. He is fascinated with the relationship between diabetes and depression. Do individuals with type II diabetes make poor food choices because of an underlying brain chemistry imbalance, or does depression contribute to making poor food choices? And what is a healthcare provider’s best entry point for diagnosing and treating these conditions? Brannan wants to explore and understand the interdependence of these two issues to see how interventions to address one variable could affect or alleviate the impact of the other condition. He sees examining a patient’s relationship with food as a central component of long-term behavior change needed to address diabetes. He also works to improve and better understand counseling and patient retention of information post-appointment.

Brannan’s greatest joy is spending time with friends and family. He feels lucky to call his family his best friends. He loves to travel, watch sports (especially SEC football), finance reading, spending time at the lake, and working out. He is thrilled to join the Vanderbilt team and to contribute to positive patient outcomes.
Madeline Crego, MSN
Assistant in Medicine
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine

Previous Institution: Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Education/Training: M.S.N. - Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Specialty: Cardiology
Previous Role/Title: Student
Hometown: Birmingham, AL
Interests/Achievements: Madeline Crego graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN) in 2017 and began her career with Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute. After previously working in pediatric and adult weight management centers and obtaining a degree in exercise science prior to nursing, Madeline is interested in obesity and the impacts of lifestyle changes on cardiovascular health. Madeline was a recipient of the VUSN Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship in 2015 and VUSN Zelle Scholarship in 2016. She is also a proud member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Theta Tau (Honor Society of Nursing).

Alison Davis, MSN
Assistant in Medicine
Division of Geriatric Medicine

Previous Institution: University of Alabama
Education/Training: M.S.N. - University of Alabama
Specialty:
Previous Role/Title:
Hometown:
Interests/Achievements:
Susan Eastman, MSN
Assistant in Medicine
Division of Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine

Previous Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Specialty: Nursing
Education/Training: M.S.N. - Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Hometown: Brentwood, TN

Interests/Achievements: Ms. Susan Vance Eastman, working with a multidisciplinary team, provides advance practice condition nurse practitioner support to the cystic fibrosis adult patients practice in the Division of Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt. In this position she provides nursing care to CF patients, including patients who have undergone lung transplantation. Ms. Eastman received her baccalaureate degree in nursing in 2006 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and her MSN degree in 2011 from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She is certified as an advance practice nurse and is certified as a family nurse practitioner from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She is also certified in Basic Life Support. Ms. Eastman has provided nursing care for patients of all ages in her career and in post-surgical and acute care settings. She has provided nursing care at Vanderbilt for five years and at a family practice clinic in Florida, also serving as HIPPA officer and preceptor for a nurse practitioner there. Ms. Eastman is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American Nurses Association. She is a member of Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. While at Vanderbilt, she received a nomination for Nurse of the Year (2009). Further, she has shown steady experience as a preceptor for new nursing staff and nursing students.

Dana Hughes, MSN
Assistant in Medicine
Division of Infectious Diseases

Previous Institution: Tennessee Department of Health
Specialty: Adult Primary Care and HIV
Education/Training: M.P.H. - University of Michigan
M.S.N. - Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Hometown: Henderson, NC

Interests/Achievements: Dana spent the first decade of her career working in public health before returning to school to become a nurse practitioner. As a public health professional she worked in HIV prevention and is excited for this phase of her career in HIV prevention and care in the medical setting. She has a passion for social justice and working with underserved populations. In her free time, she enjoys running, travel, and spending time with her kids and dogs.
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<td>Kristin Kight, MSN</td>
<td>Pediatric Neuromuscular Clinic</td>
<td>Pediatric Neurology NP</td>
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<td>Nashville, TN</td>
<td>Ms. Kight is a nurse practitioner with a subspecialty in pediatrics. Prior to joining the Department of Medicine, she was a nurse practitioner in the Pediatric Neuromuscular Clinic at the Monroe Carell, Jr., Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.</td>
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<td>Kelsey Martin, MSN</td>
<td>Vanderbilt University Medical Center</td>
<td>Registered Nurse 3</td>
<td>Hematology/Oncology</td>
<td>M.S.N. - University of Alabama</td>
<td>Chattanooga, TN</td>
<td>Kelsey Martin is excited to join the Browning team. She has a heart for service and can’t wait to learn and work with patients. She first found her love of nursing from her grandmother who was a scrub tech at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Kelsey received her BSN at Lincoln Memorial University in Knoxville, Tennessee. Her nursing career started in oncology at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. She started her time at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on 11 North Hematology and Oncology. During her time at 11 North, she served as a Clinical Staff Leader. She then moved to the Neurology/Neurosurgery Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Kelsey earned her MSN from the University of Alabama, Huntsville. After working and completing her clinical rotations for her MSN at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, she knew that was where she wanted to work. Kelsey values the culture of openness at Vanderbilt and the practice of putting patients first, and she is thrilled to start her career as a nurse practitioner. She has research interests in all types of cancer, particularly hematology. Within hematology, Kelsey is particularly interested in researching long-term patient outcomes. After a patient has finished initial cancer treatments, she hopes to devise the best plan of care for each case. Kelsey grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as an avid Tennessee Volunteers fan; she loves watching football and basketball games with her family.</td>
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### Alexandra Moran, MSN
**Assistant in Medicine**

**Division of Cardiovascular Medicine**

**Previous Institution:** Centennial Medical Center  
**Previous Role/Title:** Registered Nurse

**Education/Training:** M.S.N. - Vanderbilt University School of Nursing  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, NC

**Specialty:** CCU  
**Interests/Achievements:** While working as a nurse in the coronary care unit and studying acute care in NP school, Ms. Moran has had a research interest in cardiology. She was thrilled to take this current position in vascular medicine. She is currently working as a fitness instructor at Shed Fitness and really enjoys it! Alexandra also enjoys running marathons, not necessarily training for them. She qualified and ran the Boston marathon the past two years. Her other hobbies include spending time with family and friends and traveling the world!

### Emily Nardone, MSN
**Assistant in Medicine**

**Division of General Internal Medicine and Public Health**

**Previous Institution:** TriStar Medical Group  
**Previous Role/Title:** Family Nurse Practitioner

**Education/Training:** M.S.N. - Vanderbilt University School of Nursing  
**Hometown:** Nashville, TN

**Specialty:** Family Practice  
**Interests/Achievements:** Ms. Nardone is a family nurse practitioner. Prior to joining the Department of Medicine, she was a nurse practitioner with the TriStar Medical Group (Family Practice Associates of Lenox Village) in Nashville.

### John Schuerlein, MS
**Assistant in Medicine**

**Division of Cardiovascular Medicine**

**Previous Institution:** New York Presbyterian Weill-cornell  
**Previous Role/Title:** Physician Assistant

**Education/Training:** M.S. - Hofstra University  
**Hometown:** Long Island, NY

**Specialty:** Internal Medicine  
**Interests/Achievements:** John Schuerlein is a physician assistant with a strong interest in providing inpatient hospital care. He began his career at New York Presbyterian Hospital where he established himself by practicing general hospitalist medicine. In his spare time, John enjoys spending time with his family and traveling.
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<td>Alexandria Wheeler, MS</td>
<td>Maury Regional Medical Center</td>
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<td>Interests/Achievements:</td>
<td>Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Lipscomb University and a Master of Science in medicine from Trevecca Nazarene University. She is certified by the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants. In her personal time, she enjoys traveling, concerts, and being outdoors.</td>
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| Brenda Zuniga, MS     | Colorado Genetics Laboratory           | Certified Senior Cytogenetic Technologist   |
|                       | Specialty: Inherited Cancer Predisposition |                                            |
|                       | Education/Training: M.S. - Ohio State University |                                            |
|                       | Hometown: Firestone, CO                 |                                            |
| Interests/Achievements: | Brenda Zuniga is a Genetic Counselor who provides strong clinical genetics support for physicians, nurses, and other allied health partners across multiple specialities (medical oncology, gynecologic oncology, genetics, breast surgery, radiology, gynecology, and gastroenterology). | |