# Core Faculty

## Intermountain Medical Center Transitional Year Program



### John C. Christensen MD, FACP, FHM

**Program Director, Transitional Year Training Program**
**Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), University of Utah**

Dr. Christensen graduated from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Utah where he then served as chief medical resident. He has worked as a hospitalist for Intermountain Healthcare since 2006. His research interests include patient safety and quality improvement. Dr. Christensen is passionate about education and has received several teaching awards. He spends his free time doing finish carpentry, gardening, and trying to keep up with his four boys.



### M. Sydney LeGuyader MD

**Associate Program Director, Transitional Year Training Program**
**Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical), University of Utah**

Dr. LeGuyader graduated from LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She has been practicing primary care at Intermountain's Edwards Internal Medicine Outpatient Clinic since 2019. Dr. LeGuyader is a member of the Transitional Year program clinical core faculty. Her clinical interests focus on addiction medicine, osteoporosis, and type 2 diabetes. Dr. LeGuyader spends her weekends camping and backpacking in Utah's great outdoors.



### Nathan A. Allred MD

**DIO and Director, Graduate Medical Education**
**Intermountain Healthcare Greater Salt Lake Area Hospitals**

Dr. Allred is the Medical Director for Graduate Medical Education at Intermountain Medical Center (IMC) and the IMC Designated Institutional Officer (DIO). Dr. Allred is a native of Salt Lake City and completed his training at the University of Utah. He has a special research interest in hypertension. He speaks Russian, is married to a neurologist and has four children. Other interests include travel, economics, cooking, and astronomy.



### Sarah J. Beesley MD

**Attending, Shock Trauma Intensive Care Unit**

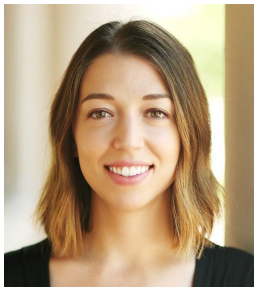
Dr. Beesley graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Tufts Medical Center. She worked as a hospitalist at the University of Utah before completing a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship also at the University of Utah. She has worked as an intensivist in the Shock Trauma ICU at Intermountain Medical Center since 2016, and a pulmonologist in the Schmidt Chest Clinic at Intermountain Medical Center since 2017. Dr. Beesley has multiple research interests, including septic cardiomyopathy and the patient and family experience during and after critical illness. She works as part of the Center for Humanizing Critical Care research group, based at Intermountain Medical Center, and serves on the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee of the American Thoracic Society.



## Joseph (Joey) R. Bledsoe MD

**Attending, Emergency Medicine**

Joseph Bledsoe completed his undergraduate degree in microbiology at Northern Arizona University, followed by his medical degree at the University of Colorado. He completed his emergency medicine residency and research fellowship at the University of Utah. He has been working with Utah Emergency Physicians in Salt Lake City since completing residency. He is currently serving as the Intermountain Healthcare Director of Research for Emergency Medicine. He is an Associate Professor of Research at Intermountain Healthcare. He also has academic appointments as an Adjunct Professor of Surgery, Division of Emergency Medicine at the University of Utah and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine with Stanford University. His research interests include thrombosis prevention, diagnosis and treatment as well as decision support implementation.



## Amanda B. Breviu MD

**Associate Program Director, University of Utah Internal Medicine Training Program**

Dr. Amanda Breviu was born and raised in Iowa before attending college and medical school at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. She went on to complete a residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. She initially practiced as a hospitalist at the University of Utah before transitioning to outpatient medicine at the Edwards Internal Medicine Clinic in 2022. She serves as an Associate Program Director for the University of Utah Internal Medicine Residency program. Her professional interests include education of medical students and residents, care for patients with substance use disorders as well as using quality improvement tools to improve day to day clinical care. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, skiing, seeing live music and spending time with her family/friends.



## Brendan F. Cummins MD

**Course Director, Emergency Medicine**

Dr. Cummins is the course director for Emergency Medicine at the Intermountain Medical Center Emergency Department. Dr. Cummins completed his Doctor of Medicine in 1997 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. His Residency was performed at Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Torrance in Emergency Medicine from 1997-2000. Dr. Cummins is board certified in Emergency Medicine.



## Steven R. Granger MD

**Chairman, Department of Surgery, Intermountain Medical Center**

Steven Granger, MD, FACS is serving as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Intermountain Medical Center (IMED) and is a practicing Surgeon in the disciplines of Trauma Surgery, Emergency General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. Dr. Granger has served in various IMED leadership roles to include Trauma program improvement, Division of General Surgery Chair, Medical Staff President and now as the Department of Surgery Chairman. He is double board-certified in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He serves as Chair for the Utah Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Applicants and is a Clinical Adjunct faculty at the University of Utah.

Dr. Granger attended the University of Utah where he completed an Honors Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. During that time, he worked in the Kolff Artificial Heart Research Lab, as well as the Utah Eye Bank in tissue procurement. He remained at the University of Utah for Medical School and General Surgery Residency and was recognized with the Intern of the Year Award and later the Best Resident Research Award. During his Chief Surgical year at the University of Utah, he presented a Grand Rounds Conference on Acute Care Surgery and was involved in the development and subsequent creation of that service at the University of Utah.

Dr. Granger then completed a Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical fellowship at the University of Texas San Antonio. His interest in Acute Care Surgery program development, as well as additional Acute Care Surgery experience in his fellowship, were instrumental in the eventual creation of IMED's own Acute Care Surgery service, where Emergency General Surgeries are managed by an in-house service dedicated to those patients. He has published multiple book chapters, peer-reviewed articles, and national podium presentations. He joined Intermountain Healthcare during Intermountain Medical Center's inaugural year in 2008.



## Keli M. Kwok MD

**Attending, Emergency Medicine**

Dr. Kwok graduated from The University of Utah School of Medicine after having been elected Senior Class President of her medical school class. She completed her Transition Year Internship at LDS Hospital, followed by residency and serving as Chief Resident in Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center. She was an Assistant Residency Director in Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center for four years. While at Boston Medical Center, she organized all residency didactics and received the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award and the Educator of the Year Award in the Department of Emergency Medicine. She moved to Utah with her family in 2013 and has been practicing Emergency Medicine in Intermountain Hospitals ever since. She is currently serving as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Utah Emergency Physicians. In her free time, Dr. Kwok enjoys spending time with her family, running, reading, and watching college football.



## Lana J. McGill MD

**Attending, Inpatient Medicine**

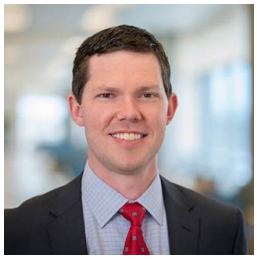
Dr. Lana McGill is originally from the small town of Springboro, Ohio. She went to college at Andrews University in southwest Michigan. She attended Loma Linda University for medical school followed by Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Utah. After completing residency Dr. McGill joined the Hospitalist group at Intermountain Medical Center where she has enjoyed engaging with other teachers and learners from all over the country and world. Dr. McGill has a passion for inpatient medicine and medical education. She enjoys mountain biking, glamping and spending time with my family when not providing patient care.



## Jennifer L. Scott MD

**Attending, Inpatient Medicine**

Jennifer Scott, MD, is one of the Salt Lake Valley Hospitalists and does Utilization Review as one of Intermountain's Physician Advisors. She is originally from Morehead, KY, received her undergraduate degree from Davidson College in NC and her medical degree from the University of Kentucky. Moving to Salt Lake City for Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Utah, she then stayed on as a Chief Medical Resident for a year prior to joining the Intermountain Hospitalist Group in 2008. Dr. Scott enjoys soccer, skiing, fly-fishing, and spending time with her family.



## Eric C. Sorenson MD

**Co-Course Director, General Surgery**

Dr. Sorenson is the Co-Director of the Surgery Residency Training Program at Intermountain Medical Center. Dr. Sorenson graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed his general surgery residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital / Weill Cornell Medical Center. During residency, he completed a research fellowship in cancer immunology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and following residency he completed a clinical fellowship in surgical oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center. His clinical interests focus on hepatopancreatobiliary, gastric, and sarcoma surgery and on neuroendocrine tumors. Dr. Sorenson's research interest is in outcomes and quality improvement for general surgery patients. He particularly enjoys training residents in the general surgery and transitional year residency programs.



## Megan S. O'Hara MD

**Attending, Inpatient Medicine**

Dr. Megan O'Hara was born and raised in East Brunswick, NJ. She attended college at The University of California, Berkeley and Medical School at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. O'Hara completed internship and residency at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 2009. She then practiced at Brown Alpert School of Medicine in Rhode Island before relocating to Intermountain Medical Center in 2011. Dr. O'Hara is a hospitalist with affiliations to IMC hospital, LDS hospital, and Alta View hospital. At work she particularly enjoys her time on the teaching service and the diversity of students and residents she gets to mentor. She is married with two children and lives in Park City, Utah.



## Erik R. Riessen MD

**Course Director, Edwards Internal Medicine Outpatient Clinic**

Dr. Riessen is the Medical Director of the Intermountain Medical Center Outpatient Internal Medicine Clinic. Though originally from Minnesota, he has become rooted in the intermountain west since residency at the University of Utah in 1999. Academic interests include hypertension, dyslipidemia, and organ transplant primary care. Dr. Riessen is married with three children. Other interests include hockey, endurance sports, and STEM research.



## Scott M. Stevens MD

**Senior Medical Director, Medical Specialties Clinical Program**
**Attending, Thrombosis Outpatient Clinic**
**Professor of Medicine, University of Utah**

Dr. Stevens received his medical degree from Loma Linda University. He completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at LDS Hospital, where he also served as Chief Medical Resident. Dr. Stevens received both the Intern of the Year and Resident of the Year awards at LDS Hospital. In medical school Dr. Stevens received the Comstock Award for outstanding performance in Internal Medicine and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Society. Dr. Stevens is an active volunteer at Wasatch Homeless Healthcare in Salt Lake City and is engaged in research in venous thromboembolism.



## Chesley E. Wells MD

**Attending, Inpatient Medicine**

Dr. Wells has been a Hospitalist with Intermountain since 2011, first at Alta View Hospital and several years later at IMED and LDS hospitals where she continues to work clinically. She served as Associate Medical Director for Med/Surg since 2018 and Lead Hospitalist at LDS hospital since 2018 until she transitioned to become the Salt Lake Valley Co-Lead in Nov 2020. She also currently serves on the IMED MEC as Secretary/Treasurer. She is a member of the System Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Hospitalist Council, and of the Post-Acute Care Team, working in several Skilled Nursing Facilities that Intermountain serves.

She graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 2008 and completed residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah in 2011.



## Scott C. Woller MD

**Attending, Thrombosis Outpatient Clinic**
**Professor of Medicine, University of Utah**

Dr. Woller graduated from Northwestern University Medical School and completed his residency at the University of Utah where he then served as chief medical resident. Dr. Woller is Professor of Medicine at the University of Utah. His research interests include venous thromboembolism and anticoagulation management, and he is Co-Director of the Intermountain Medical Center Thrombosis Clinic. Dr. Woller is a recognized teacher who received the IMC Housestaff Teaching Award (2011) and University of Utah School of Medicine Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2012).