

## The Soma Weiss Student Research Day

This day honors the memory of Soma Weiss, MD (1899-1942), an inspiring teacher and physician at HMS and an ardent supporter of student research. Soma Weiss was born January 27, 1899 in Besterceze, then a part of Hungary. He immigrated to New York in 1920 and graduated from Cornell Medical College in 1923.

Soma Weiss came to Harvard Medical School in 1925 when he was appointed assistant at the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory and Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine. He rose rapidly, demonstrating his great ability as an investigator, teacher, administrator, and clinician. Within four years, Dr. Weiss was appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine. His medical capabilities, his diplomatic handling of difficult situations, and his amicable personality led to his appointment as Director of the Second and Fourth Medical Services at Boston City Hospital in 1932. In this position, he took charge of the fourth year medical students, winning their admiration and affection. One of the important contributions he made to teaching was in his development of the Clinico-Pathological Conference at the City Hospital. His own bi-weekly Pharmacological-Therapeutic Conference gave the students unusual insight into the use of drugs.

Soma Weiss possessed all the qualifications necessary for the great clinician. He was a master of observation. His ward rounds were excellent; while conducting them, he never neglected the patients, the students, or the visiting physicians. He kept them all in proper balance while he dominated the whole. He wisely insisted that clinical work must be the basis for the study of disease.

Soma Weiss became the second Physician-in-chief of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in 1939. He died January 31, 1942 from the rupture of a congenital intracranial aneurysm. In the intervening years, his generous spirit, his eager and able services for the Hospital, his great abilities as a physician, investigator, and teacher, left an indelible imprint on the many students he mentored.

*Harvard Medical School thanks the Weiss family for their support of the annual Soma Weiss Student Research Day.*

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*Tuesday,  
March 12, 2019*



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4:00 - 5:15 PM

Room 209, Tosteson Medical Education Center

- Welcome**      **Edward M. Hundert, MD**  
*Dean for Medical Education and the Daniel D. Federman, MD  
Professor in Residence of Global Health and Social Medicine and  
Medical Education at Harvard Medical School*
- Martin Prince Scholarship for Student Innovation**  
**Laura Banashek**, William Bosworth Castle Society, *A Behavioral Study  
of Digital Technology for Improving Post-Operative Incentive Spirometer Adherence*
- Introductions**      **Jeffrey N. Katz, MD, MSc**  
*Director, Scholars in Medicine Program, Harvard Medical School  
Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Medicine, Brigham and Women's  
Hospital; Professor of Epidemiology and Environmental Health,  
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- Scholars in Medicine Excellence in Mentoring Award**  
**Jeffrey Holt, PhD** Professor of Otolaryngology and Laryngology, BCH  
**Nicte Mejia, MD** Assistant Professor of Neurology, MGH  
**Vinod Nambudiri, MD** Assistant Professor of Dermatology, BWH  
**Vijay Sankaran, MD, PhD** Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, BCH
- Student Oral Presentations**  
**Annabelle Anandappa**, Irving M. London Society, *Personal neoantigen  
vaccine for glioblastoma generates neoepitope-specific intra-tumoral T cell responses in  
a phase Ib trial*  
**Gabriel Molina**, Walter Bradford Cannon Society, *Prognostic Implications  
of Co-Occurring Dermatologic and Gastrointestinal Toxicity from Immune Check  
point Inhibition Therapy for Advanced Malignancies*  
**Constantine Tarabanis**, William Bosworth Castle Society, *Engineering  
collagen-based arterial substitutes that recapitulate native vessel structural and func-  
tional properties*  
**Constance Wu**, Irving M. London Society, *Investigating Transcriptional  
CDK13 and its Putative Substrate ZC3H14 in BRAF-Driven Melanoma*

### Poster Sessions and Poster Prizes

5:15 - 6:30 PM

Atrium of the Tosteson Medical Education Center