The Cornell Center for Health Equity took on the administration of Weill Cornell Medicine’s Area of Concentration (AOC) in health equity. The AOC program requires medical students to spend 6 months conducting scholarly work, most often research with a scientist. During the seminar, AOC students will present on their work in process.

“Whispering Stroke” in Southeastern African Americans with Uncontrolled Hypertension

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Justin Lee is a medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College interested in education and health disparities. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. After graduating, he worked at a nonprofit for a year helping Baltimore City public high school students get into college and pursue careers in healthcare. Throughout medical school, he has been involved with community outreach programs that enhance STEM exposure in underrepresented communities. He is a rising fourth-year medical student and plans to pursue a career in anesthesiology.

Association between Barriers to Medication Adherence and Mild
Cognitive Impairment in the Southeastern Collaboration Study

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Sunidhi Singh is a fourth year medical student. She has been working with Dr. Safford and the Southeastern Collaboration to Improve Blood Pressure Control Trial since her first year in medical school and is passionate about health equity and disparities in underserved communities both in the United States and abroad. She hopes to enter obstetrics and gynecology residency next year.

Developing a Mortality Risk Tool Based on the Social Determinants of Health

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Khalid Fahoum is a medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College with strong interests in health disparities and the social determinants of health. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Pathobiology at the University of Toronto and his Master of Science in Global Health at McMaster University. During his MSc, his work focused on the social determinants of health in the setting of conflict. His research in medical school has involved projects on COVID-19 as well as alcohol-associated liver disease. He is now entering his fourth year in medical school and plans to pursue a career in internal medicine.

Social Determinants of Health and Diabetes Cardiovascular Risk in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Lisa Zhang is a fourth year medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is originally from East Brunswick, NJ and completed her undergraduate degree in Global Affairs/International Development at Yale University. Prior to medical school, she worked as a management consultant in Boston, covering projects on financial services, consumer goods, and healthcare. During medical school, she has been involved in research projects with the Department of General Internal Medicine on social determinants of health and abstraction for the COVID-19 patient database. Her research interests lie in healthcare disparities and clinical outcomes. In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in internal medicine or pediatrics (or both!).
The Impact of Multiple Social Determinants of Health on the Recurrence of MI and Stroke

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Sachin Shah is a third-year medical student at Cornell. He is from Los Angeles, CA, and received his BA in biology from Claremont McKenna College. He is applying to internal medicine for residency and is interested in a career in gastroenterology or cardiology.

Does connectedness matter? The association between mutuality and job satisfaction among home health aides caring for adults with heart failure

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Ariel Shalev is a rising M4 at Weill Cornell Medical College. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013 with a degree in business administration. However, time volunteering with a local hospice organization shifted her path towards a career in healthcare. She completed her pre-med courses at Hunter College while working as a research assistant in Cornell's Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. During medical school, she has continued to produce research and has become highly involved in student government.