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Dr. Sharon Bassi is a board-certified physiatrist at New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH). In addition to her work at NEBH, Dr. Bassi holds an academic appointment as Clinical Instructor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School. She has a passion for teaching fellows and residents and is the Director of Resident Education at the Spine Center. After earning her medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine, Dr. Bassi completed her training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Harvard Medical School where she served as Chief Resident, earning numerous academic and leadership awards. She then completed a fellowship at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) focused on advanced training in non-surgical spine care, resulting in board certification in pain medicine. Dr. Bassi's clinical interests include the evaluation and treatment of non-surgical musculoskeletal and spine conditions using conservative modalities such as exercise based physical therapy and image guided injections. She is a member of many professional societies including the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Spine Intervention Society, Massachusetts Medical Society, North American Spine Society, and the Association of Academic Physiatrists. Dr. Bassi has been invited to present both nationally and internationally and has written a number of peer reviewed publications.



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In the Federal policy realm, she led development of a 2015 proposal for a Community-Focused Health & Work Service which was one of 13 selected for inclusion in the bi-partisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget's SSDI Solutions Initiative. Her team's proposal has been acknowledged for inspiring and providing a vision for the RETAIN demonstration project now underway in 8 states with \$100 million in funding from the US Department of Labor. For the last 18 years she has been the very active moderator of the Work Fitness & Disability Roundtable, a free multi-stakeholder group comprised of more than 1200 professionals in a variety of disciplines who communicate via email.

Dr. Christian began her medical career by working in a rural emergency room and a clinic for migrant farm workers in West Virginia. Later, in Alaska, she served as public health officer for Anchorage, as president of the Alaska State Medical Association and was honored as Physician of the Year. She practiced clinical occupational medicine in a variety of settings in Alaska, Washington DC, Maine, and California. She was vice president and chief medical officer of ManagedComp in Massachusetts prior to founding Webility.

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She serves as the Government Affairs Director for the Massachusetts State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), and as the Legislative Director of the Greater Merrimack Valley Human Resource Association. She is an active member of the New Hampshire Bar Association moderating the annual Labor and Employment Update for the past 18 years, serving on the CLE committee, and past chair of the Labor and Employment Section, as well as a member of the ABA Labor and Employment Section and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

She is a graduate of Wellesley College and Boston University School of Law. She is admitted to practice before the state and federal courts of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, as well as the United States Supreme Court, and is a credentialed member of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA).



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Khaula Khatlani was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan. She completed her medical education from DOW Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan with honors. She decided to pursue training in Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins under the prestigious Fogarty Fellowship in Trauma and Injury Prevention. The fellowship provided her with a platform to conduct a community-based study on "Intimate Partner Violence", in rural areas of Pakistan. After completion of her fellowship, she continued working at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health focusing on injury prevention among children in Bangladesh. Her passion for public health led her to pursue a Preventive Medicine Residency at Griffin Hospital-Yale School of Medicine, CT. Her exposure to Occupational and Environmental Medicine in Preventive Medicine Residency got her interested in working towards the prevention of workplace injuries. She enjoys clinical Occupational and Environmental Medicine because it allows her to interact with a unique patient population and apply her investigative skills in examining complex epidemiological issues. Due to her interest in injury prevention research, she is currently involved in evaluating the Yale-New Haven Hospital, CT injury database. She has focused on work place violence and related injuries reported at the hospital. She has been able to characterize these injuries and assess their predictors in a typical Emergency Department setting, which is a recognized at-risk setting in healthcare. The goal of this project is to recognize areas of



improvement in terms of designing work-place interventions for employees' safety and health at Yale-New Haven Hospital, CT.



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Landrigan returned to his alma mater, Boston College, following a distinguished career at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. A pediatrician and epidemiologist by training, Landrigan served as the dean for global health and Ethel H. Wise Professor and Chair of Preventive Medicine.

Early in his career, Landrigan spent approximately 15 years as an epidemiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. His work with fellow researchers led to the removal of lead additives from gasoline, a sweeping public health victory in the 1970s. His international work has taken him to countries including El Salvador and Nigeria and included his participation in the Global Campaign for the Eradication of Smallpox. His advocacy is credited with leading to the establishment of the Office of Children's Health Protection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In the days following the 9/11 attacks, Landrigan and his physician colleagues sketched out a plan to provide care to survivors, first responders, and others in close proximity to Ground Zero to help with the inevitable public health issues, ranging from exposure to hazardous materials to post-traumatic stress.

Mount Sinai took the lead in assisting more than 22,000 lower Manhattan residents, workers and others who spent time at the site, part of a network of New York initiatives that have aided nearly 60,000 people—including first responders—exposed to the dust, smoke, debris, and toxins unleashed when the World Trade Center towers collapsed.



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Dr. Madoff has directed the International Society for Infectious Diseases' Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases (ProMED), since 2002 and serves as ISID's Director of Emerging Disease Surveillance. He is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, Massachusetts Medical Society, past President of the U.S. Lancefield Streptococcal Research Society, a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. A graduate of Yale College and Tufts Medical School, he performed his Internal Medicine Residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and his Infectious Disease Fellowship at the Harvard Medical School-Longwood program.



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Dr. Wayne Moschetti graduated from the University of New Hampshire magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After working in healthcare technology in New York City he obtained his MD from Boston University School of Medicine where he graduated magna cum laude. While completing his residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, he obtained a Masters of Science from The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. He then completed a one-year fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery/Total Joint Arthroplasty at Harvard's Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston, MA. Dr. Moschetti returned to Dartmouth

Hitchcock in 2014 with an interest in primary knee and hip arthroplasty with an emphasis on the direct anterior approach, partial knee replacements, uncemented total knees, patient specific technology, revision hip and knee arthroplasty, complex acetabular reconstruction, periprosthetic fracture management, periprosthetic infections, knee fusions, and general Orthopaedic trauma. He is Chief of the division of Arthroplasty and started an Adult Reconstruction fellowship where he serves as fellowship director. He was drawn back to the underlying core values and culture at Dartmouth where a strong emphasis on patient reported outcomes and shared decision making places the patient at the epicenter of their medical care. He hopes to build long term lasting relationships with his patients with musculoskeletal needs.



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Growing up as a Sushi Chef in a family owned business provided him the employer's perspective of running a business and was the beginning of his interest in the concept of lifestyle and culinary medicine. As an employee at a global pharmaceutical company, working on bioethics and policy as well as spending time in HR Wellness benefits provided him a different vantage point. The amalgamate of these experiences is what led him to help start the internal track residency program as the former Chief Resident in OEM at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. He was based at the Philadelphia Veterans' Affairs Medical Center where he interned at OSHA, NIOSH and the EPA. Dr. Saito enjoys continuing his academic activities as an adjunct faculty at UPenn, Clinical Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College and UNE, teaching OEM residents, medical students and undergraduates in pursuing medico-legal and occupational ophthalmic endeavors and engaging population health and promoting prevention through wellness and health programs. Dr. Saito currently is expanding the utilization of the teaching kitchen at MaineGeneral to the various workforce throughout Maine and beyond.

Dr. Saito graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where he founded the Penn Bioethics Society and received the Presidential Student Service Award for leadership and scholarship. He went on to complete a six-year medical and law dual degree program and was the recipient of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Award as well as the Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in the Study of Health Law.





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Dr. Theodore's interests include knee, ankle, and foot surgery, with a focus on sports-related injuries. He is a nationally recognized expert in the management of injuries in professional athletes and dancers, and he has treated some of the top athletes in the United States. Dr. Theodore is an expert in cartilage injuries, ligament injuries, and extracorporeal shockwave treatment. He has appeared on the Today Show, as well as various cable and local television programs. He has been featured in USA Today, The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald, Forbes Magazine, Wall Street Journal, Women's World, and National Public Radio. In 2005, he was named a top orthopaedic foot and ankle specialist by Boston Magazine. In 2012, he was named a top orthopaedic surgeon by Boston Magazine.

Dr. Theodore serves as Team Physician for the Boston Red Sox, and he was part of the medical staff of the 2004 and 2007 World Series Championship Teams. He is a consultant to the New England Patriots, Boston Bruins and New England Revolution. Dr. Theodore is a faculty member of the Mass General Sports Medicine Fellowship Program.



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After completing his Fellowship in Boston, Dr. Van Flandern practiced in Cincinnati, Ohio for three years. He returned to the Boston area in 1998, when he joined Longwood Orthopedic Associates. Dr. Van Flandern is married and the father of four children. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, triathlon competition and spending time with his family.

Dr. Van Flandern specializes in joint replacement surgery of the knee and hip as well as anterior hip replacement and hip arthroscopy.



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Thomas H. Winters MD, FACOEM, FACPM is Principal Partner, President and Chief Medical Officer of OEHN, an occupational and environmental medicine consulting firm which he co-founded in 2004. A graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, Dr. Winters has over 35 years' experience in the occupational health arena.

Since 1999, Dr. Winters has served as Chief of Occupational Medicine at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. He is also Medical Director of Employee Health, including animal and research laboratories at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Boston Children's Hospital Occupational Health Department and is a member of the Institutional Biosafety Committee at both hospitals. Dr. Winters also provides Medical Director services at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Employee Health Department. Since 2009 he has been Occupational Health Officer of Boston University Research Occupational Health Program and the National Emerging Infectious Disease Lab (NEIDL), one of the few BSL 4 Labs in the country. Additionally, Dr. Winters provides Medical Director oversight for Harvard University BSL 2 and 3 laboratories.

Since 1995, Dr. Winters has been a Visiting Scientist of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Harvard School of Public Health and a Visiting Lecturer at Harvard Medical School. He is a member of the Harvard School of Public Health Residency Advisory Committee.

Board Certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Internal Medicine and trained in Infectious Disease, he is also a Certified Independent Medical Examiner, and Medical Review Officer.

Dr. Winters is a devoted physician who believes strongly in wellness. He practices what he preaches by exercising regularly 5-6 times per week, walking or biking to work, hiking, skiing and playing basketball.