

PaRC Annual Report -FY20

Core Research Faculty:

- Yael Schenker, MD, MAS, FAAHPM
- Robert Arnold, MD, FAAHPM
- Amar Bansal, MD, FASN
- Hailey Bulls, PhD, MA
- Jennifer Seaman, PhD, RN
- Jessica Merlin, MD, PhD, MBA
- Margaret Rosenzweig, PhD, CRNP
- Jane Schell, MD, FNKF, FAAHPM
- Jennifer Pruskowski, PharmD
- Teresa Hagan Thomas, PhD, RN
- Douglas White, MD, MAS
- Justin Yu, MD

Advisory Board:

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| • Robert Arnold, MD, FAAHPM | <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> |
| • J. Randall Curtis, MD, MPH | <i>University of Washington</i> |
| • Betty Ferrell, PhD | <i>City of Hope Medical Center</i> |
| • Kimberly Johnson, MD | <i>Duke University</i> |
| • Jean Kutner, MD, MPH/MSPH | <i>University of Colorado</i> |
| • R. Sean Morrison, MD | <i>Icahn School of Medicine</i> |
| • Kathryn Pollak, PhD | <i>Duke University</i> |

Recruitment & Growth:

- **Teresa Hagan Thomas, Douglas White, Margaret Rosenzweig, Jennifer Pruskowski, and Jennifer Seaman** joined PaRC as core faculty members.
- PaRC core research faculty supported **40 total mentees**, including medical students, residents, fellows, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty
- **Dr. Kimberly Johnson** joined the PaRC Advisory Board
- PaRC leadership developed **four key areas of focus**:
 - * Community and Collaborations
 - * Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - * Innovations in Palliative Care Science
 - * Mentorship, Training, and Career Development
- **Justin Yu** was named PaRC Assistant Director of Community Outreach and Collaboration

Palliative Research Center Mission :

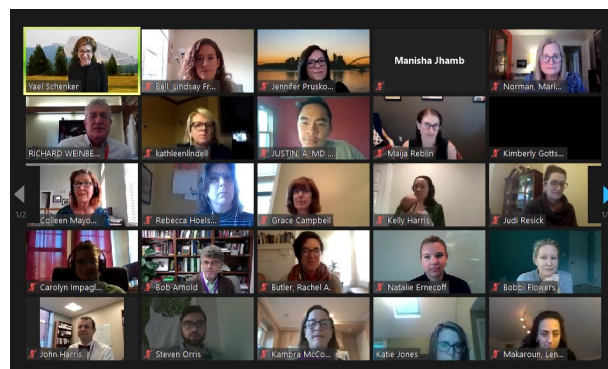
The mission of the Palliative Research Center (PaRC) is to promote the field of palliative care by building the scientific evidence base, exploring ethical dilemmas, fostering transdisciplinary collaborations, and mentoring a diverse generation of emerging palliative care research scientists.

Research Impact & Funding:

- **8 new grants funded** including:
 - * Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes in Western-PA (McElhattan Foundation)
 - * Developing an intervention to address intersecting prescription opioid and chronic pain stigma in cancer survivors: formative work (NIH-NIDA)
 - * Randomized Trial of a Scalable, Interactive Tool to Support Surrogate Decision-Makers of Elderly Critically Ill Patients (NIH-NIA)
- **6 additional grants submitted** and pending review
- **18 active grants** with over **\$21 million** in PI grant funding
- **114 publications** published by PaRC core research faculty

Awards & Recognition:

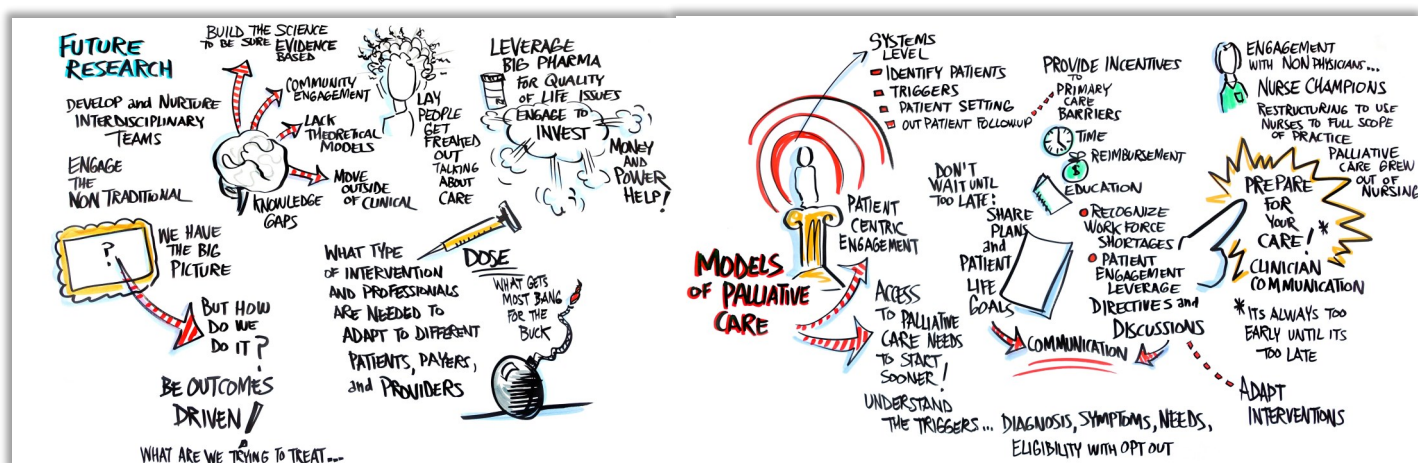
- **Robert Arnold** received the inaugural Award for Excellence in Education and Training from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- **Yael Schenker** was appointed Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine
- **Jessica Merlin and Hailey Bulls** founded the CHallenges in Managing & Preventing Pain (CHAMPP) Research Center



2020 PaRC Virtual Retreat

Other Key Accomplishments:

- PaRC virtually hosted its **2nd annual retreat** using **human-centered design methods** to address key issues in palliative care research
- PaRC's **monthly PERCOLATE sessions** provided the opportunity for faculty and mentees to receive feedback on works-in-progress
- PaRC expanded the LEADS/Gleitsman Student Research in Palliative Care Program to a total of **13 students** from underrepresented minority backgrounds and institutions without palliative care programs
- We have a new website! Check out palcare.pitt.edu!



Graphic Recording of Retreat Small Group Discussions



By The Numbers

PaRC is a collaborative of 12 faculty members devoted to palliative care research

Areas of Study:



access to palliative care



patient decision-making



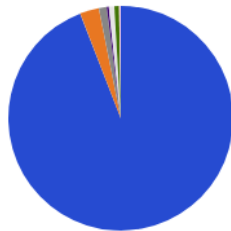
clinician communication



palliative care workforce

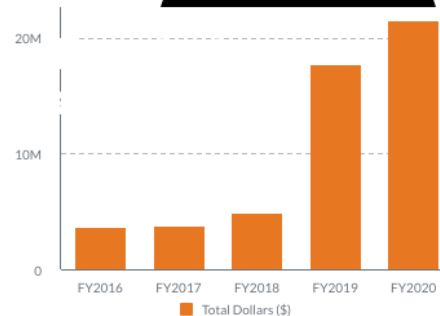


treatment of pain & addiction in serious illness



NIH (94.12%)	McElhatten (2.74%)
Arthur Vining Davis Foundation (1.14%)	
Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (0.3%)	
Cambia Health Foundation (0.78%)	
Hillman Development Fund (0.69%)	
Clinical and Translational Science Institute (0.23%)	

Funded Research



Representative Journals:

- *Annals of Internal Medicine*
- *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*
- *Journal of Critical Care Medicine*
- *Journal of Palliative Medicine*
- *JAMA Internal Medicine*
- *Journal of Addiction Medicine*
- *American Journal of Nephrology*
- *Pain Medicine*
- *Medical Decision Making*
- *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*



Publications in 2020



100,000 Twitter Users Reached



750 Followers

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