

# Milestones



## Creating a New Vision for Clinical Care

Dr. Robert Min, chair of radiology and president and CEO of the Weill Cornell Physician Organization, with Dr. Michele Drotman, chief of the Division of Breast Imaging

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A new Weill Cornell Imaging at NewYork-Presbyterian (WCINYP) diagnostic center at 575 Lexington Avenue will be a transformational hub for medical imaging, and a cornerstone for the future of predictive health care at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Centrally located in midtown Manhattan, this state-of-the-art facility will boldly reflect the mission of the *We're Changing Medicine* campaign: to provide pioneering, evidence-based patient care and usher in a new era of trailblazing scientific discovery.

"Every medical discipline requires imaging, and as we continue to innovate in each of these areas, we accelerate our discoveries and help more people lead longer, healthier lives," says Dr. Robert Harrington, the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine.

Predictive health care, which aims to anticipate health outcomes through comprehensive data analysis, relies heavily on advanced

imaging technologies, such as those housed in this new facility. The diagnostic center will serve as a key contributor to this evolving field, allowing Weill Cornell Medicine clinicians and scientists to gather vital data that will enhance early detection, precision health and personalized care.

"This new diagnostic center will advance the world-class care our patients have come to expect, with even greater breadth and access than ever before," says Dr. Robert Min, chair of radiology, the John A. Evans, M.D. Professor of Radiology at Weill Cornell Medicine, president and CEO of the Weill Cornell Physician Organization. "With the groundbreaking advances in our imaging technology at this facility, and the transformative nature of the care that we'll be able to provide, we are truly filling the promise of our campaign to change medicine."

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## Cutting-Edge Imaging Technology

The two-floor, 75,000-square-foot facility – the largest WCINYP site in New York City – will be equipped with the latest in medical imaging technology, enabling coordinated integration between diagnostics and multidisciplinary clinical care. In addition, the site will feature a comprehensive women’s health imaging suite that will include mammography, ultrasound and breast MRI – meeting an ever-increasing demand for these services.

The WCINYP site at 575 Lexington will feature two unique innovations that are set to transform diagnostic imaging and research:

- **7-Tesla MRI:** Weill Cornell Medicine will be one of the first medical centers in New York City to feature the 7-Tesla (7-T) MRI in the patient care setting, representing a major leap forward in diagnostic imaging and offering unprecedented clarity and detail. With its superior magnetic field strength, the 7-T MRI can capture images at a resolution that far surpasses conventional MRI, making it invaluable for detecting subtle abnormalities in the brain, spine and other musculoskeletal areas in the body.
- **Photon-Counting CAT (CT) Scan:** Another groundbreaking technology, photon-counting CT scans feature significantly higher resolution than traditional CTs. Patients can undergo these scans with a reduced radiation dose and less need for contrast agents, while physicians benefit from images that visualize even the smallest tissue structures, such as tiny bronchi in the lungs or small metastases in bones.

Under Dr. Min’s leadership, the Department of Radiology at Weill Cornell Medicine has been a leader in innovation, rising to the top 5 ranking among departments receiving funds from the National Institutes of Health and placing it at the forefront of clinical care, scientific investigation and medical education in the field. The new diagnostic center will empower his faculty to accomplish even more in the service of patients.

“New technology improves disease prevention, screening and diagnosis, and will eventually allow us to create more guided, minimally invasive or non-invasive treatments,” says Dr. Min.

## Comprehensive Clinical Care

The new midtown facility will significantly bolster the capabilities of Weill Cornell Medicine physicians, enhancing diagnosis and treatment – and advancing clinical research – across a wide range of specialties, and will support planned growth in a variety of different *We’re Changing Medicine* campaign priority areas, including:

**Women’s Health:** Breakthroughs in imaging, such as faster and more precise breast MRI technology, will lead to innovations including earlier and more accurate breast cancer detection – especially for women with dense breast tissue, which includes nearly half of all women who are over age 40 – potentially improving outcomes and enabling timely, targeted treatments and interventions.

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**Neurology:** Tools such as the 7-T MRI will revolutionize research and clinical care for movement and cognitive disorders, allowing clinicians to identify precise treatment areas in the brain with non-invasive methods previously unimaginable.

**Psychiatry:** Functional MRI, which measures brain activity by detecting blood flow changes, will pave the way for more targeted and effective treatments for mood disorders, such as treatment-resistant depression and anxiety.

**Cardiology:** Enhanced CT imaging, including photon-counting CT scans, will provide unprecedented visualization of the heart, with the potential not only to detect narrowing blood vessels, but also identify the specific types of plaque responsible, offering a new level of diagnostic accuracy for men and women.

“This diagnostic center will be a game-changer,” says Dr. Min. “With our advanced imaging technology and having clinical research embedded where our patients are being seen, we will be able to detect and predict disease in ways that were never before possible. We are all thrilled about the endless possibilities that will soon be at our fingertips.”



## Gift from Lisa and Sandy Ehrenkranz Supports Women's Health

Longtime champions for women's health, Lisa and Board Fellow Sanford B. Ehrenkranz have made a generous gift in support of the Midtown Clinical Care Center at 575 Lexington Avenue. In recognition of this gift and their ongoing generosity and commitment to advancing women's health, the Lisa and Sanford B. Ehrenkranz Imaging Suite at the Center will feature the latest technology and diagnostics to care for and treat women across their lifespan.

The imaging suite will include nine mammography rooms and nine breast ultrasound rooms, providing patients with increased access to critical services.

“We are thrilled to support such an important clinical milestone for Weill Cornell Medicine,” says Mr. Ehrenkranz. “We understand that providing

world-class care for women – at every age and every stage – is vital. And Weill Cornell is a true pioneer in this area.”

For decades, Mr. and Mrs. Ehrenkranz have supported a wide breadth of endeavors at Weill Cornell Medicine, many – like this most recent gift – inspired by their respect and admiration for Dr. Orli Etingin, the Lisa and Sanford B. Ehrenkranz Professor of Women's Health, founder and medical director of the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center and faculty co-chair of the *We're Changing Medicine* campaign.

“Lisa and Sandy understand the importance of philanthropy that truly makes a difference in patients' lives,” says Board Chair Jessica M. Bibliowicz. “We are enormously grateful for their philanthropic leadership and their ongoing commitment to supporting this vital campaign.”

# From Our Dean



We are in a period of unprecedented growth at Weill Cornell Medicine. As we expand our clinical enterprise through groundbreaking initiatives like the state-of-the-art imaging center at 575 Lexington Avenue – a facility poised to transform clinical care and innovation at our institution – we remain strong in our core commitment to provide comprehensive, world-class care to our patients.

This promise is reflected in every aspect of what we do. Our skilled, multidisciplinary physicians continue to deliver compassionate, evidence-based care, drawing on their clinical expertise to improve patient outcomes. Our researchers are leading the charge in cutting-edge scientific discovery, leveraging the latest technological advances to provide life-changing treatments to those who need them most. And our students are learning novel approaches to health, wellness and disease treatments, creating a new generation of health care pioneers, empowered with extensive knowledge and information and a deep appreciation for the diverse communities we serve.

As we advance each area of our mission to care, discover, teach and build a community, we do so with a profound sense of gratitude to those of you – our donors, alumni and friends – who have helped make this possible. The success of the ongoing *We're Changing Medicine* campaign is a powerful testament to our shared vision of what we can accomplish together. Your support has not only propelled our institution forward, but it illustrates your understanding of how each facet of our mission intersects to shape – and transform – the future of health care.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Harrington MD".

**Robert A. Harrington, M.D.**

Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean, Weill Cornell Medicine  
Provost for Medical Affairs, Cornell University



# From Our Co-Chairs

Weill Cornell Medicine has always been a leader and innovator in medical education, continually setting the standard for excellence. With initiatives like our cutting-edge curriculum, strong mentorship programs, diverse patient population and incredible scholarship opportunities, we attract the best and brightest minds. Once on campus, our students are immersed in an extraordinary environment, learning from world-renowned faculty and getting direct clinical experience. Through the *We're Changing Medicine* campaign, we are not only advancing each area of our mission, but we are directly empowering students to become the health care leaders of tomorrow.

**Jeffrey J. Feil**  
Campaign Co-Chair



The research enterprise at Weill Cornell Medicine is advancing in ways that were once beyond our imagination. Our physician-scientists are harnessing transformative technologies – like artificial intelligence and advanced data analytics – to unlock new insights and tackle some of the critical scientific challenges of our time. But even with these groundbreaking tools, it's collaboration that drives our greatest discoveries. Whether it's bridging disciplines or partnering with other leading institutions, the most impactful breakthroughs happen when people come together in an effort to change lives. This philanthropic collaboration is the foundation of Weill Cornell Medicine, and it is how we'll continue to change medicine for decades to come.

**Sanford I. Weill**  
Campaign Co-Chair



# Q&A:

## What Inspires Giving?

### Meet Ellen Davis

When Ellen Davis joined the Weill Cornell Medicine Board of Fellows in 2015, she embarked on a decade of discovery and support for two of her passions – research and women’s health – then found a way to weave them together. In 2022, Ms. Davis became the inaugural chair of the Weill Cornell Medicine Women’s Health Council, which is helping to transform research, education and patient care for women. She also serves as the vice chair of the Board’s Committee on Research & Entrepreneurship and serves on the Development, Clinical Affairs, and Membership & Governance Committees.

A graduate of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Davis has made philanthropy a central part of her life. Together with her husband, Gary, a Cornell University trustee and alumnus of the class of 1976, and has been a generous supporter of Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell University. In 2016, they made a foundational gift to drive research in immunotherapy, launching the Ellen and Gary Davis Immune Monitoring Core. Ms. Davis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Melanoma Research Alliance and the Advisory Board of the Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management at the University of Pennsylvania. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the JCC/UJA Greenwich Board of Directors.



Ms. Davis recently sat down with Lucille M. Ferraro, Weill Cornell Medicine's assistant vice provost for development, to speak about the importance of philanthropy and her inspiration for giving.

**Thank you for your extraordinary dedication to Weill Cornell Medicine. How did you first become involved with us?**

About 15 years ago, I was successfully treated for invasive melanoma, and my experience led me to get involved with cancer research. I joined the board of the Melanoma Research Alliance and met scientists who were doing groundbreaking work in cancer. The first investigator my husband and I funded was Dr. Jedd Wolchok, a giant in the field who is now director of the Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine. We continue to support the Center's exceptional cancer researchers and marvel at their groundbreaking discoveries. Once I joined the Weill Cornell Medicine Board of Fellows, my engagement broadened, and I enthusiastically jumped in with both feet.

**You've been so generous to Weill Cornell Medicine. What inspires you to give?**

Research is my passion – it's where the action is and where change really happens. As an investor, I value great intellectual capital. The talent and brainpower are extraordinary at Weill Cornell Medicine, and I am confident our investment in research will continue to have an impact on millions of people. I don't know of a return that could be any better than that. It's a privilege to be able to give back, and profoundly fulfilling to be involved with the Weill Cornell Medicine family – and it is a family!

**What has drawn you to women's health?**

Over time, I've become involved with the health journey of women around me – my mother, sister, daughter, friends – and I realized that these women with access to terrific care had health questions that couldn't be answered by their physicians. And in many cases, they didn't even know what questions to ask, or what kind of physical and mental health issues should be addressed. For women in poor socioeconomic communities, it's even worse: They don't have access to basic screening, simple medications, or mental health support. Since the beginning of modern medical care, women have been told, "Your issues are just anxiety-related – it's all in your head." Women deserve answers, better research and better care.

At Weill Cornell, the faculty leadership in areas that comprise women's health are a dream team – providing treatment backed up by outstanding science. They're unbelievably enthusiastic and committed to changing the status quo for women.

**And now, you've inspired the formation of the Women's Health Council, a truly ambitious effort. What inspired you to take things to the next level?**

I am in the process of bringing together a council of influential doctors and thought leaders who can act as evangelistic ambassadors for the initiative, communicating our mission to diverse groups of women and donors across the tri-state area. Our grassroots approach is already generating momentum and cultivating a strong, connected community of donors and supporters who love the concept and want to work with and support our exceptional doctors and researchers. We have a great backbone. The Council's going to be very impactful.

**What are the programs that interest you most within women's health? What do we do especially well, in your eyes?**

Our new initiative treats the whole woman, from puberty to the end of life – it's unique and the way care should be. Our approach emphasizes continuity, expertise and prevention at each inflection point in a woman's life; we're well-situated to do this because we are leaders in primary care, OB-GYN, in vitro fertilization and cancer care. In addition, we've woven mental health care into every aspect of a woman's medical journey – the goal is to treat mental health issues earlier and more effectively. Weill Cornell Medicine is uniquely qualified to do this: We have the premier psychiatry department in the country, which features a comprehensive women's mental health program including outpatient, inpatient and collaborative care components and the finest eating disorders inpatient unit in the tri-state area.

All the pieces are in place to create an innovative and exceptional women's health enterprise.

**Why is comprehensive care, backed by evidence-based research, so important for women's health?**

First of all, women are unique to men and that fact – often ignored elsewhere – drives our program. We also know that coordinated care leads to better health outcomes, and that treating the whole person is the best way to care for patients. Our hope is to create an environment that brings together specialists who understand how women's biology affects every aspect of their health and how they deal with illness. Patients will also have greater access to clinical trials, allowing their experience to inform new avenues of discovery – it's a much more efficient feedback loop for research. Overall, we will build a seamless and better experience for each patient.

**What inspires members of the Women's Health Council to support our research and clinical programs?**

It's a priority for our membership to support the research that will change lives. They recognize that the pieces are all in place for leading-edge research to work synergistically with exceptional patient care. Nowhere else in New York City has such a talented team of primary care doctors, fertility, midlife, heart, brain and mental health specialists been put together to focus on women. Add to that the emphasis on clinical research, prevention and advanced imaging for early detection and you have a world-class women's health program. Our group is excited to back a proven and winning team.

The Council's dynamic work will be transformative. As the initiative takes shape, we will amplify impact and generate donor support – and because of our dedication, this group is poised to make a lasting difference. There's nothing like the power of women helping women, on behalf of women! And this is why the Women's Health Council will ultimately be a game-changer.

*If you're interested in learning more about involvement with the Women's Health Council, please contact Principal Gifts Officer Emily Anderson at [ema2020@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ema2020@med.cornell.edu) or (646) 962-7687.*



# Planned Giving: Bequest from Dr. Suzanne Frye Will Create Professorship in Female Urology

Dr. Suzanne Frye realized she wanted to go into a surgical subspecialty during medical school in Philadelphia in the 1970s, but she was also interested in women's health care. So, she decided that urology was a great way to combine her two medical interests – even though there were few women urologists at that time.

During her sub-internship in urology (a form of clinical training for medical students), Dr. Frye had the great fortune of meeting Dr. E. Darracott Vaughan, who went on to become the esteemed first chair of Weill Cornell Medicine's Department of Urology. She admired Dr. Vaughan's expertise and strong advocacy of women urologists.

As a physician, Dr. Frye specialized in treating bladder hypersensitivity and other female urological conditions. She says she hopes the first recipient of her gift will be a woman medical leader, like Dr. Rodriguez, with similar interests in urogynecology and pelvic reconstruction.

She was impressed with the leadership and reputation of Dr. Rodriguez, who joined Weill Cornell Medicine from the University of Southern California in 2022. Among her accomplishments, Dr. Rodriguez has been a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded investigator for the past 20 years. Her expertise lies in the surgical reconstruction of pelvic

floor conditions, and she is the principal investigator of NIH-sponsored grants exploring the underlying causes of bladder pain syndrome and how best to treat it, and on the effects of stress on the development of lower urinary tract symptoms.

"I'm thrilled we now have a woman as chair of the department, especially someone of Dr. Rodriguez' caliber," says Dr. Frye. "She is a marvelous physician-scientist and a role model for women urologists."

For her part, Dr. Rodriguez is gratified that a former Weill Cornell Medicine urologist is eager to support the department and see it reach even higher levels of excellence.

"Dr. Frye's generosity will impact urological care on many levels," says Dr. Rodriguez. "Her gift will enable us to expand our superb clinical staff, innovate new therapies and heighten care for our patients in the coming years. I am truly honored that Dr. Frye has chosen to support our efforts, ensuring that Weill Cornell Medicine will continue to forge

a path in women's urological health for generations to come."

Donors like Dr. Frye can directly – and decisively – support Weill Cornell Medicine's efforts to accelerate new therapies and treatments. The Center for Female Pelvic Health at Weill Cornell Medicine, for example, is home to advanced clinical care and research in urology, urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery.

"It's vital that we raise awareness of these urological conditions and how they affect women's confidence, quality of life and intimate relationships," says Dr. Rodriguez, who serves as director of the Center. "With the help of Dr. Frye and other generous donors, we are able to empower women and remind them that they are not alone."

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Dr. Larissa Rodriguez and Dr. Suzanne Frye

Dr. Frye eventually joined the Weill Cornell Medicine Department of Urology, retiring in 2015. To honor the department, she has pledged a generous bequest to endow the Suzanne Frye, M.D., M.P.H. Professorship in Female Urology. The department is currently led by Dr. Larissa Rodriguez, the first woman to chair the Department of Urology, the James J. Colt Professor of Urology and professor of urology in obstetrics and gynecology.

"I always vowed that when I had sufficient resources, I would make a gift to the Weill Cornell Medicine Department of Urology, which does so much important work and was so welcoming to me over my 25 years as a member," says Dr. Frye. "Dr. Rodriguez carries on Dr. Vaughan's commitment to advancing female urologic health and encouraging women urologists."



# Endowed Professorship Honors Memory of Dr. Arleen Rifkind



Dr. Miklos Toth and Dr. Lorraine Gudas

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With a generous gift of \$3 million, the family of Dr. Arleen Rifkind has established an endowed professorship at Weill Cornell Medicine in her memory.

Dr. Miklos Toth, a distinguished neuropharmacologist, has been appointed the first Arleen B. Rifkind, M.D. Professor in the Department of Pharmacology.

"I'm so grateful to the family of Arleen Rifkind for recognizing my work of the past three decades," says Dr. Toth, who also credits his team of researchers with helping advance the field of neuropharmacology. The Toth Lab is dedicated to studying environmental factors that can have an adverse impact on DNA, with the goal of developing targeted treatments for disorders that affect the brain.

"Although Dr. Rifkind specialized in metabolism and I focus on the brain, she always took a great interest in my research into the mechanisms of disease," adds Dr. Toth. The two had frequent conversations about their research, he says, noting that Dr. Rifkind had a particular interest in neurons and the potential implications of his lab's scientific discoveries.

During her 38 years as a professor of pharmacology, Dr. Rifkind's laboratory focused on the metabolism of toxic chemicals, primarily dioxins. During her career, Dr. Rifkind published more than 80 journal articles, served as chair of a National Institutes of Health toxicology study section, and was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to the Board of Scientific Counselors of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. She also served as chair of Weill Cornell Medicine's General Faculty Council and received an award from the institution for excellence in teaching. Dr. Rifkind joined the faculty in 1971; she died in 2021.

"Dr. Rifkind was intellectually curious about so many aspects of pharmacology and toxicology, she had an outstanding research career, she was a staunch supporter of women faculty members, and she possessed a strong moral compass," says Dr. Lorraine Gudas, chair of the Department of Pharmacology.

She believes that Dr. Toth shares many of Dr. Rifkind's outstanding qualities. "He is attempting to find new treatments for complex neuropsychiatric disorders, which requires the same type of inquisitiveness about the human brain and human disease; he performs difficult and high-quality pharmacology research; and he is a person of integrity and honor," says Dr. Gudas, who is also the

Revlon Pharmaceutical Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, and a professor of pharmacology in urology and in medicine.

Dr. Rifkind's husband, Robert, and their daughters, Amy and Nina, wanted to memorialize Dr. Rifkind's many contributions to science and to Weill Cornell Medicine by endowing a professorship in her name.

"Arleen prized the opportunity she enjoyed at Weill Cornell Medicine to run her research laboratory as it

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explored some of the mysteries of cellular biology, to teach up-and-coming generations of physicians and scientists, and to share the companionship of bright and collegial colleagues," says Mr. Rifkind.

With the establishment of the endowed professorship, the Rifkind family also aimed to address some of Dr. Rifkind's key concerns.

"She believed that basic research – the pursuit of knowledge for which there is no obvious prospect of commercialization, at least in the near term – is both critically important and tends to be underfunded. She was concerned that undue dependence on commercial enterprises gives rise to actual or perceived conflicts of interest that cannot be avoided by mere disclosure. And she was keen to see that the contributions of women in science not be undervalued," Mr. Rifkind adds. "We take great pleasure from the thought that, for generations to come, the sort of research and teaching that meant so much to Arleen will be carried on at Weill Cornell Medicine by the Arleen B. Rifkind, M.D. Professor."



From left: Dean Robert A. Harrington, M.D., Dr. Francis Lee, Board of Fellows member Jeffrey Greenberg and Dr. Steven Corwin, president and CEO of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

## Greenberg Award Dinner

The 41st Maurice R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award Dinner, held on April 16 at The Plaza, honored Dr. Francis Lee, chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine and psychiatrist-in-chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Lee also holds professorships in psychology, pharmacology and neuroscience, and served as interim dean of Weill Cornell Medicine from January 2023 to September 2023. The award, which honors senior members of the medical staff, was endowed in 1981 by Mr. Greenberg, a member of the Weill Cornell Medicine Board of Fellows and a chair emeritus of the NewYork-Presbyterian Board of Trustees. The event was chaired by Bernadette Castro, the widow of Dr. Peter Guida, who was instrumental in creating the Greenberg Award.

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## Spring 2024 Dean's Council Meeting



From left: Dean Robert A. Harrington, Dr. Fei Wang, Dr. Mert Sabuncu, Dr. Ashley Beecy, Dr. Robert Min, Sanford Ehrenkranz and Leonard Harlan

president and CEO of the Weill Cornell Medicine Physician Organization. Panelists included Dr. Ashley Beecy, an assistant professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and medical director of artificial intelligence operations at NewYork-Presbyterian; Dr. Mert Sabuncu, vice chair of AI and engineering research in the Department of Radiology; and Dr. Fei Wang, professor of population health sciences in emergency medicine and professor of population health sciences at Weill Cornell Medicine.

An engaging panel discussion, "Revolutionizing Health Care with Artificial Intelligence (AI)," was the focus of the Dean's Council Spring Meeting on April 2.

Panelists explored the transformative impact of AI on patient care, research and medical administration. The interactive format encouraged audience participation, showcasing diverse perspectives from our faculty members. The dynamic Q&A session sparked a lively exchange among the audience members.

Serving as moderator was Dr. Robert Min, chair of the Department of Radiology and



## 2024 Joan and Sanford I. Weill Exemplary Achievement Award

Dr. Javaid I. Sheikh, Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, was honored with the 2024 Joan and Sanford I. Weill Exemplary Achievement Award at a special gala in New York City on June 4.

The Weill Award was established in 2018 in honor of the institution's preeminent benefactors, Joan and Sanford I. Weill, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Weill Cornell Medicine's renaming. The award is presented to an exceptional faculty member whose transformational work enhances health care worldwide.

A world-renowned leader in global academic medicine, distinguished clinician-scientist and respected medical executive, Dr. Sheikh has been instrumental in advancing Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar's international reputation since becoming dean in 2010.



From left: Sanford I. Weill, Joan Weill, Dr. Javaid I. Sheikh and Dr. Robert A. Harrington, Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine

## Weill Cornell Medicine in Palm Beach



From left, medical student Silvano Gonzalez, Dr. Kathleen Foley (M.D. '69) and Dean Robert A. Harrington, M.D.

Weill Cornell Medicine returned to Palm Beach in early March with a redesigned and well-attended program featuring Dean Robert A. Harrington, M.D., Weill Cornell Medical College alumni and the Women's Health Council.

The event kicked off with an "Alumni and Friends" brunch at The Ben on March 3, with Dean Harrington, Alumni Association President Dr. Kathleen Foley (M.D. '69) and alumni association student representative Silvano Gonzalez, of the class of 2026. "Dinner with the Dean," on March 4, offered the opportunity to hear from Dean Harrington and Board of Fellows chair Jessica Bibilowicz.

The event wrapped up with a Women's Health Council luncheon and presentation on March 5, featuring Dr. Larissa Rodriguez, chair of the Department of Urology and the James J. Colt Professor of Urology, and urogynecologist Dr. Renee Rolston, an assistant professor of urology.

## Women's Health Council Spring Presentation

Advancing its mission to expand women's health research and patient care innovations at Weill Cornell Medicine, the Women's Health Council hosted a presentation on menopause and mental health on May 30. The presentation was held at the Belfer Research Building, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

The event featured Dr. Susan Loeb-Zeitlin, director of the Women's Midlife Center at Weill Cornell Medicine and an assistant professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology, and Dr. Lauren Osborne (M.D. '09), vice chair for clinical research in obstetrics and gynecology, and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and of psychiatry. The Women's Health Council aims to enhance women's health across all stages of life, targeting areas including brain health, maternal-fetal medicine, cancer care, metabolic health, heart health and midlife.



From left: Dr. Laura Riley, Dr. Susan Loeb-Zeitlin, Ellen Davis, Dr. Geraldine McGinty and Dr. Lauren Osborne



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