

Anolik Elected to American Society for Clinical Investigation

Jennifer H. Anolik, M.D., Ph.D. (<http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/20015343-jennifer-h-anolik>), associate professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy/Immunology and Rheumatology, was named a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, one of the nation's oldest and most respected medical honor societies. Anolik, who runs URM's Lupus Clinic and Program, was nominated for her work conducting translational and basic science research on lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. She joins 18 other Medical Center faculty members who have been inducted into the Society in the past.



Anolik's research focuses on the role of B cells in systemic autoimmune disease through synergistic and innovative approaches in translational immunology and animal models. It has fundamentally contributed to the understanding of how and why B cell targeted therapies can be efficacious in subsets of lupus and rheumatoid arthritis patients and established these therapies as a major advance in the field of immunologic disease. Her work has broad implications for other autoimmune diseases such as vasculitis and diabetes, as well immunologic diseases like malignancy and immune deficiency.

Under Anolik's leadership, URM was one of 11 research groups across the country recently chosen by the National Institutes of Health to join the NIH Accelerating Medicines Partnership in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus Network, a partnership between the NIH, biopharmaceutical companies, advocacy organizations and academic scientists to more rapidly identify promising drug targets and develop new treatments for patients with these conditions. Anolik's team was selected for this highly competitive award based on the novelty of their translational research proposal coupled with the unique collaboration between Orthopaedics and Rheumatology at URM.

Of the 18 physicians who are members, Anolik, who is also an associate professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Microbiology and Immunology, is the only one who completed all of her medical and scientific training at URM. She credits her success to the mentors and supportive scientific environment she always found in Rochester.

The American Society for Clinical Investigation comprises more than 3,000 physician-scientists from all medical specialties elected to the Society for their outstanding records of scholarly achievement in biomedical research. It considers the nominations of several hundred physician-scientists submitted from among its members each year and elects approximately 75 new members for their significant research accomplishments.