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**Faculty Positions**

06/2023-Present      Staff Physician, Division of Gastroenterology, Wellstar Medical Group  
Wellstar Health System  
Division Chief: Arif A Aziz, MD

01/2022-05/2023      Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and  
Hepatology. Morehouse School of Medicine  
Division Chief: Julia J Liu, MD

07/2020-06/2021      Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and  
Hepatology. Morehouse School of Medicine  
Division Chief: Julia J Liu, MD

**Postgraduate training/Education:**

07/2021-12/2021      Advanced Endoscopy Fellow, Division of Gastroenterology  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Program Director: Venkata Akshintala, MD

07/2017-06/2020      Fellow, Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Diseases  
New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital  
Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Fellowship  
Program Director: Irwin Grosman, MD

07/2016-06/2017      Chief Medical Resident  
Grady Memorial Hospital. Atlanta, GA.  
Morehouse School of Medicine. Department of Internal Medicine.  
Program Director: Cinnamon Bradley, MD

07/2014-06/2016      Resident Physician: Residency  
Morehouse School of Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency  
Program Director: Cinnamon Bradley, MD

07/2013-06/2014      Resident Physician: Internship  
Morehouse School of Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency  
Program Director: Cinnamon Bradley, MD

07/2008-12/2012      M.D. Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine. Atlanta, GA.

08/2004-05/2008      B.S. Psychology, University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.

**Board Certification**

ABIM:                      Internal Medicine 08/2016. ABIM No 371374  
Gastroenterology 11/2020. ABIM No 371374

**Medical Licensure**

Georgia:                      License number: 76667

### Honors and Awards

- 2019 **NIH Academic Career Development Workshop Travel Grant Award:** Award selected by NIH committee to participate in career development workshop at the NMA National Meeting in Honolulu, HI.
- 2019 **Excellence in Research Mentorship:** Award given by faculty and residents at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital due to engagement and mentorship of scholarly activity among resident physicians
- 2019 **American Liver Foundation Academic Debate Winner:** Selected by division chief to participate in inaugural greater NY area academic debate hosted by ALF. Competed and won our section of the debate.
- 2018 **Outstanding Poster Presenter Award:** Award given at the American College of Gastroenterology national meeting on endoscopic gastroplasty research.
- 2018 **ACG Auxiliary Award:** Annual award given by the American College of Gastroenterology to the trainee with the highest rated abstract presented at the annual national ACG meeting
- 2017 **Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award:** Arnold P. Gold foundation. Annual award given to residents who exemplify teaching and academia. This award is decided by the medical students at Morehouse School of Medicine
- 2015 **AASLD Emerging Liver Scholars Resident Travel Award.** Mentor Dr. Temitope Foster
- 2013 **W. Montague Cobb Medical Award:** Selected by regional scholarship committee of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- 2012 **Ambulatory Adult Medicine Award:** Given to one 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student who demonstrates exemplary patient care. Decided by internal medicine clerkship director

### Hobbies/Interest

I enjoy live sports and music, theatre, arts, and dining at diverse cultural restaurants.

### Invited Lecture

- 2022 ACG Annual Meeting 2022 Charlotte: "Mastering The Medical Management of Portal Hypertension and Hepatic Encephalopathy"

### Formal Teaching

- 2019 Lecture: Acute pancreatitis, New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Gave 1hr presentation to Internal Medicine Resident Physicians.
- 2018 Lecture: GI Board Review, New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Gave 1hr presentation to Internal Medicine Resident Physicians. Internal Medicine Program Director: Dr. Todd Simon
- 2016 Lecture: *H. Pylori infection and treatment*, Morehouse School of Medicine. First Year MD students. Submitted questions based on lecture to the Organ Systems 1 Final. Course Director: Dr. Martha Elks
- 2015 Lecture: *Cirrhosis*, Morehouse School of Medicine. Third year MD students. Course director Dr. Marvin Crawford
- 2014 Developed educational morning report to 3rd year medical students rotating through Dekalb Medical Center. General internal medicine topics were also discussed in small groups. First time this teaching had been done for the medical students at this hospital.

**Supervised Teaching:**

2020-Present Morehouse School of Medicine Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology: Responsibilities included teaching internal medicine residents' foundational concepts for inpatient consultative care.

2016-2017 Morehouse School of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program: Responsibilities included teaching internal medicine residents the core concepts and fundamentals of inpatient and ambulatory medical care. Supervised residents in this capacity for 2.5 months during advanced chief year.

**National Committee Memberships**

2019- Current Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee. American College of Gastroenterology

**Institutional Committee Memberships**

2015- 2016 Resident Selection Committee: Chosen by the program to be involved in selection of residency applicants. Morehouse School of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program.

2014- 2016 Patient Safety Quality Improvement Committee, Morehouse School of Medicine, Graduate Medication Education. Internal Medicine Residency Program.

2013- 2016 Residency Advisory Committee, Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine.

**Society Memberships**

2022- present Atlanta Medical Association

2017- present American Gastroenterological Association

2017- present American College of Gastroenterology

2017- present American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

2017- 2021 New York Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

2014- 2020 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

2014- present National Medical Association

2010- 2019 American College of Physicians

2009- 2020 American Medical Association

**Civic activities**

2022 Atlanta Medical Association: Educational panelist for colon cancer awareness month symposium, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, GA

2016 Hosea Feed the Hungry, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA

2014 Health Screening Fair, New Life Baptist Church, Decatur, GA

2013 STEM Mentorship Program Conference: Atlanta, GA.

2011 Mentoring In Medicine, Atlanta, GA.

**Presentations and participation at national meetings**

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2022 ACG 2022 Charlotte, NC: Lecturer  
2021 DDW 2021 Virtual  
2021 ACG 2021 Las Vegas, NV  
2020 DDW 2020 Chicago, IL: Presenter  
2019 DDW 2019 San Diego, CA: Presenter  
2018 ACG 2018 Philadelphia, PA: Presenter  
2018 AGA-AASLD Academic Skills Workshop Charlotte, NC.  
2017 DDW 2017 Chicago, IL: Presenter  
2015 AASLD The Liver Meeting. San Francisco, CA  
2015 AHA National EPI/Lifestyle Conference. Baltimore, MD: Presenter

### **Research focus**

Practice management, health disparities, GI oncology and endoscopic quality outcomes.

### **Grants and Funding:**

2022: Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Award: \$120,000 annually for two years.

### **Abstract Reviewer**

2021 ACG: Small Bowel Disease

### **Publications**

2022 Mills K, Sobukonla T, Bilal M, Surapani P, Yan F, Bakinde N, Chan A, Jamorabo DS, **Renelus BD**. Young-onset colon cancer among people living with HIV in metropolitan Atlanta. *Int J Colorectal Dis* 2022 Nov;37(11):2303-2308. **PMID:** 36278999

2021 **Renelus BD**, Dixit D, Nguyen PT, Njoku KK, Patel PB, Pintor-Jimenez K, Yan F, Buscaglia JM, Woods KE, Jamorabo DS. Short-term aspirin and statin chemoprophylaxis did not reduce the risk of developing advanced adenomatous polyps in Black patients. *BMC Gastroenterol* 2021;21(1):379. **PMID:** 34657610

2021 Jamorabo DS, Khander A, Koulouris V, Feith JE, Briggs WM, **Renelus BD**. Fellowship program directors and trainees across the United States find parental leave policies to be inconsistent, inaccessible, and inadequate. *PLoS One* 2021 Nov 17;16(11):e0260057. **PMID:** 34788326

2021 Jamorabo DS, Koulouris V, Briggs WM, Buscaglia JM, **Renelus BD**. Higher author fees in gastroenterology journals are not associated with faster processing times or higher impact. *Dig Dis Sci* 2021 **PMID:** 34505255

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2021 Jamorabo DS, Chen R, Gurm H, Jahangir M, Briggs WM, Mohanty SR, **Renelus BD**. Women remain underrepresented in leadership positions in academic gastroenterology throughout the United States. *Annals of Gastroenterology* 2021;35:1-7 **PMID:** 33948055

2021 Surapaneni PK, Mills K, **Renelus BD**. A rare complication of sickle cell anemia. *Gastroenterology* 2020 Nov 19;S0016-5085(20)35422-6. **PMID:** 33221401

2020 **Renelus BD**, Khoury N, Chandrasekaran K, Bekele E, Briggs WM, Ivanov A, Mohanty SR, Jamorabo DS. Racial disparities in COVID-19 hospitalizations and in-hospital mortality at the height of the New York City pandemic. *J Racial Ethn Health Disparities* 2021 Oct;8(5):1161-1167. **PMID:** 32946070

2020 **Renelus BD**, Khoury N, Chandrasekaran K, Bekele E, Briggs WM, Jamorabo DS. Hospitalized coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) patients with gastrointestinal symptoms have improved survival to discharge. *Digestive and Liver Disease* 2020 Dec;52(12):1403-1406 **PMID:** 32948489

2020 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Boston I, Briggs WM, Ponerros JM. EUS-FNB provides higher diagnostic yield compared to EUS-FNA when sampling solid pancreatic lesions: A Meta-Analysis. *Clin Endosc* 2021;54(2):261-268. **PMID:** 32892519

2020 Olaiya B, **Renelus BD**, Filon M, Saha S. Trends in Morbidity and Mortality Following Colectomy Among Patients with Ulcerative Colitis in the Biologic Era (2002-2013): A Study Using the National Inpatient Sample. *Dig Dis Sci* 2021;66(6):2032-2041. **PMID:** 32676826

2019 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Mohanty SR. Global elimination of chronic hepatitis C. *N Engl J Med*. 2019 Aug 8;381(6):589-590. **PMID:** 31390515

2019 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Gurm H, Dave N, Briggs WM, Arya M. Comparative outcomes of EUS-guided cystogastrostomy for peripancreatic fluid collections (PFCs): A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Ther Adv Gastrointest Endosc*. 2019;12:1-11 **PMID:** 31192314

2019 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Kancharla P, Paul S, Dave N., Briggs WM, Peterson SJ. Racial disparities with esophageal cancer mortality at a high-volume university affiliated center: An All ACCESS Invitation. *J Natl Med Assoc*. 2019. **PMID:** 31072644

2017 Obiora E., Millard H., **Renelus B.**, Maihemuti A., Musani S., Fox E., Liu J., Taylor H., Bidulescu A. Serum Ferritin Levels in Blacks Without Known Cardiovascular Disease (from the Jackson Heart Study) *Am J Cardiol* 2017;120:1533–1540. **PMID:** 28865891

2016 **Renelus B**, Foster T. Noninvasive evaluation of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. *Clinical Liver Disease* 7:45-47. **PMID:** 31041027

#### **Poster Presentations at National Meetings**

2022 Mizrahi J, Klyachman L, Paradkar A, Menashe E, Marhaba J, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Gastroenterology* consults had little utility prior to transesophageal echocardiograms in a

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*prospective cohort study*. Accepted by ACG for presentation at ACG Annual Meeting 2022 Charlotte, NC.

2022 Park C, Marhaba J, Arjonilla M, Hameed N, Musheyev B, Kim N, Carfagno M, Hershkowitz N, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Sex, race, and geographic disparities are prevalent among authors in prospective studies published in major U.S. gastroenterology journals over the past decade*. Accepted by ACG for presentation at ACG Annual Meeting 2022 Charlotte, NC.

2022 Huynh DJ, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Dual therapy with metformin and sodium glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors (SGLT2-i) improves mortality in diabetic cirrhotic patients*. Accepted by ACG for presentation at ACG Annual Meeting 2022 Charlotte, NC.

2022 Huynh DJ, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Dual therapy with metformin and glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP1-RA) improves mortality in diabetic cirrhotic patients*. Accepted by ACG for **podium presentation** at ACG Annual Meeting 2022 Charlotte, NC.

2022 Mizrahi J, Klyachman L, Menashe E, Paradkar A, Cantor G, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Inpatient GI team evaluations prior to transesophageal echocardiograms are of minimal benefit to patients with prior upper GI imaging*. DDW 2022 San Diego, Ca.

2021 Mizrahi J, Klyachman L, Menashe E, Paradkar A, Cantor G, **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS. *Utility of gastroenterology service evaluations for patients undergoing transesophageal echocardiograms*. ACG Annual Meeting 2021 Las Vegas, NV.

2021 **Renelus BD**, Klyachman L, Paradkar A, Jamorabo DS. *Comparison of first line Treatments for Achalasia: A systematic review with meta-regression and meta-analysis*. **ACG 2021** Las Vegas, NV.

2021 Jamorabo DS, Koulouris V, **Renelus BD**. *Pay to Play: A Look at Publication Costs in Gastroenterology and Hepatology Journals*. **DDW 2021**. Virtual.

2021: **Renelus BD**, Nguyen P, Njoku K, Patel P, Yan F, Jamorabo DS. *Advanced Adenoma Risk in Blacks While on Chemoprevention Medications*. **DDW 2021**. Virtual.

2021 **Renelus BD**, Dixit D, Jamorabo DS. *Post-polypectomy Bleeding With Prophylactic Clips: East Meets West*. **DDW 2021**. Virtual

2021 **Renelus BD**, Nguyen P, Njoku K, Patel P, Yan F, Jamorabo DS. *Advanced Adenoma Risk In Blacks While on Chemoprevention Medications*. **DDW 2021**. Virtual

2021 Jamorabo DS, Koulouris V, Briggs WM, **Renelus BD**. *Pay to Play: A Look at Publication Costs in Gastroenterology and Hepatology Journals*. **DDW 2021**. Virtual

2020 **Renelus BD**, Kagbo-Kue S, Hamilton F., Jamorabo DS. *EUS-Guided Coil Embolization Alone or in Combination With Glue for Gastric Varices: A Meta-Analysis*. **ACG 2020**. Nashville, TN. October 2020.

2020 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Boston I, Ponerros JM. *EUS-FNB Provides Higher Diagnostic Yield Compared To EUS-FNA When Sampling Solid Pancreatic Lesions: A Meta-Analysis*. **DDW 2020**. Virtual. May 2020. Presenter



2020 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Bekele E, Kancharla P, Gurm H, Grosman I, Arya M. *Size Matters: Tumor Size Impacts Endosonographic Rectal Cancer Staging Accuracy*. **DDW 2020**. Virtual. May 2020. Presenter

2020 Jamorabo DS, Khander A, **Renelus BD**, Feith J, Briggs WM, Mohanty SR, Chasen S. *Are Parental Leave Policies Helping Our Trainees? Fellowship Program Directors Across the U.S. Weigh In*. **DDW 2020**. Virtual. May 2020.

2019 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Gurm H, Dave N, Arya M. *Clinical Success of Cystogastrostomy For Peripancreatic Fluid Collections (PFC): A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. **DDW 2019**. San Diego, CA. May 2019. Presenter

2018 **Renelus BD**, Briggs WM, Woods KE. *Efficacy of Endoscopic Gastroplasty for Weight Loss: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. **ACG 2018**. Philadelphia, PA. October 2018. Selected to **ACG endoscopy showcase** for ACGblog.org. Won “**Outstanding Poster Presenter Award**”. **Presenter**

2018 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Gill S, Singh G, Sadhu A, Golpanian D, Ajah O. *Are Socioeconomic Factors or Medical Comorbidities Associated With Adenoma Detection Rate? An examination of outpatient colonoscopies at a high-volume community hospital*. **ACG 2018**. Philadelphia, PA. October 2018. Presenter

2018 **Renelus BD**, Jamorabo DS, Dave N, Ajah O. *Factors Associated With Adequate Bowel Preparation in Inpatient Colonoscopies: A Retrospective Analysis From a High-Volume Community Center*. **ACG 2018**. Philadelphia, PA. October 2018. Presenter

2018 Jamorabo DS, **Renelus BD**, Chen R, Gurma H, Jahangir M, Mohanty SR. *Is Sex Associated With Differences in Academic Productivity Among Gastroenterologists at U.S. Training Programs?* **ACG 2018**. Philadelphia, PA. October 2018. **Auxiliary Award Winner, Presidential Award Winner**. **ACG 2018**

2018 Jamorabo DS, **Renelus BD**, Chen R., Gurma H., Jahangir M., Mohanty S. *Scoping for Productivity: An Analysis of Academic Metrics Among Gastroenterologists at U.S. Training Programs*. **ACG 2018**. Philadelphia, PA. October 2018.

2017 Olanipekun T, Effoe V, Adamson P, Gopalakrishnan A, Bradshaw K, Frimpong N, Nayyar K, **Renelus BD**. *Health Insurance Status of Hospitalized Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Effect on Quality of Care: Findings from the National Health Discharge Survey*. **DDW 2017**. Chicago, IL. May 2017 Presenter

2015 **Renelus BD**, Fan Y, Flood M. *Comparison of Noninvasive Fibrosis Scores and Association With Mortality in Adults With Moderate to Severe Hepatic Steatosis and NAFLD*. **AASLD The Liver Meeting**. San Francisco, CA. November 2015.

2015 **Renelus BD**, Millard H, Maihemuti M, Musani S, Fox E, Liu J, Taylor H, Bidulescu A. *Prospective associations of serum ferritin levels with cardiovascular disease incidence among African Americans: the Jackson Heart Study*. **AHA Epilifestyle**. Baltimore, MD. March 2015. Presenter

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