2025-2026 CMSRU Standing Committee Report Out

Committee: Name

Committee Chair: Cheryl Melovitz-Vasan, DPT, PhD

Voting Members

Cheryl Melovitz-Vasan, DPT, PhD	Biomedical Sciences
Andrea Bottaro, PhD	Biomedical Sciences
Gabriela Contino, MD	Medicine
Kevin Currie, PhD	Biomedical Sciences
Justin Curtis	Phase I Student Representative
Lori Feldman-Winter, MD	Pediatrics
Natali Franzblau, MD	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Kathryn Haroldson, MD	Medicine
Camille Henry, MD	Family Medicine
Monica Ianosi-Irimie, MD	Pathology
Martin Job, PhD	Biomedical Sciences
Upasana Joneja, MD	Pathology
Jared Klein, MD	Emergency Medicine
Alla Kushnir, MD	Pediatrics
Emily Lai	Phase II Student Representative
Swarna Rajagopalan, MD	Neurology

A thank you to Drs. Lori Feldman-Winter, Monica Ianso-Irimie, Joneja Upsana, Jared Klein, Alla Kushnir and student representative Emily Lai for their many years of service on the committee.

The committee will be welcoming Dr. Natali Franzblau, MD, as the new committee Vice Chair effective August 2026.

New Members for AY 2025-2026

Eduard Dedkov, MD, PhD	Biomedical Sciences
Beth Karmilovich, MD	Pediatrics
Alison Kaye, MD	Surgery
Cam'ron Kloz	Phase I Student Representative
Ashley Michael, MD	Medicine
Adriem Ortiz, MD	Medicine
Gord Guo Zhu, MD	Pathology

Meeting Dates

August 20, 2025
September 17, 2025
October 15, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025
January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026

March 18, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026

2025-2026 Highlights of Committee Work

In addition to the Curriculum Committee's routine work of reviewing and approving course reports, the academic calendar, and proposed changes to course syllabi and assessments, the committee reviewed and approved several significant curricular initiatives and changes during the 2025–2026 academic year. Highlights included:

- New PhD program in Cancer, Cell Biology, and Genomics
- Scholarly Concentration in Innovations in Medicine
- Two new Certificates of Graduate Studies:
    - Population Health
    - Climate Medicine
- New Professionalism Medical Education Program Objectives (MEPOs)
- Master of Science Program in Medical Innovation
- Acceptance and endorsement of the Phase I Review Subcommittee Report and its recommendations
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Curriculum
- Addition of Inspira Internal Medicine to the PC3 program
- Earlier availability of sub-internships
- New M3 and M4 electives:
    - M3 Ophthalmology
    - M4 ECG Interpretation
    - M4 Imposter Syndrome
- Increased time allotted for M2 written examinations, from 60 to 90 seconds per question, to align with changes in NBME examination timing

In addition, the committee engaged in robust discussions regarding the results of the annual Graduation Questionnaire (GQ), student performance on USMLE Step 1, including the operational considerations that informed the decision to make sub-internships available earlier in the curriculum.

2026-2027 Future Goals and Plans

The goals and priorities of the Curriculum Committee for the 2026–2027 academic year are to:

- Continue robust discussions regarding the CMSRU medical curriculum and identify opportunities for curricular improvement
- Monitor student performance on USMLE Step 1 and consider potential curricular implications
- Review results of the annual Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) and identify areas for curricular improvement
- Begin preparations for the 2029 LCME site visit