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Norman Wall Memorial Lecture
with Dave Chokshi, MD, MSc, FACP

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Norman M. Wall, MD, a 1930’s University of Pennsylvania Medical School alum who spent his career as a cardiologist and hospital administrator in Pottsville, Pa., was a champion of traditional family medicine, a mentor beloved by his students, and a Jewish community luminary who served as a National Commissioner and Pennsylvania Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

Wall, who died in 2013 at 99 years of age, was known for his exploits as a World War II U.S. Army medical officer in the Middle East where he played a role in establishing the facility that would evolve into today’s Sheba Medical Center, Israel’s largest medical center.

One of nine children born to immigrant Ukrainian parents who ran a dry goods shop, Wall grew up in the small Schuylkill County town of Girardville in the middle of Pennsylvania Anthracite coal country. After returning to civilian life in the 1950s, he became Chief of Staff, Chief of Medicine and Director of Medical Education at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville. There, he also conducted ongoing research and published some of the first clinical papers on black lung disease.

A supporter of the development of the Ben Gurion Hospital and Medical School in the Negev, Wall also recruited medical students from Israel for the Good Samaritan Medical Education Department’s summer training programs.

He spent his retirement years in Orlando, Florida, and, a year before his 2013 death, was presented with the ADL Centennial Champion Award, an honor bestowed for an individual’s contribution to ADL and its causes over the last century.

In the wake of Wall’s death, Congregation of Reform Judaism and the Maimonides Medical Society of Greater Orlando established the Norman M. Wall MD Fellowship in Cardiology at MedStar in Washington, DC. The program is a multiyear fellowship for Israeli heart specialists from Sheba Medical Center who pursue their studies at MedStar and Georgetown University medical centers.

Dr. Wall’s vision for medical care in his community and the health of the population he served is appropriately honored in today’s memorial lecture given by Dr. Dave Chokshi.
Dave Chokshi

Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MSc, FACP is Chief Population Health Officer at New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H)—the largest public health care system in the U.S. He also serves as Chief Executive Officer of the H+H Accountable Care Organization. Dr. Chokshi’s duties include leading a team dedicated to health system improvement, spanning innovative care models, population health analytics, primary care transformation, disease prevention, social determinants of health, care management, and implementation research. His team was recognized with the 2017 Gage Award for Quality by America’s Essential Hospitals. Dr. Chokshi practices primary care (internal medicine) at Bellevue Hospital and is a Clinical Associate Professor of Population Health and Medicine at the NYU School of Medicine.

Previously, Dr. Chokshi was Assistant Vice President of Ambulatory Care Transformation at NYC Health + Hospitals and Director of Population Health Improvement at NYU. In 2012-13, he served as a White House Fellow at the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, where he was the principal health advisor in the Office of the Secretary. His prior work experience spans the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including positions with the New York City and State Departments of Health, the Louisiana Department of Health, a startup clinical software company, and the nonprofit Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), where he was a founding member of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Chokshi has written on medicine and public health in The New England Journal of Medicine, where he is a NEJM Catalyst Thought Leader, and JAMA, where he contributes to the JAMA Forum. He has also written for The Lancet, Health Affairs, Science, The Atlantic, and Scientific American. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Primary Care Development Corporation, the Human Diagnosis Project, and the Essential Hospitals Institute. Dr. Chokshi is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and the American College of Physicians. In 2016, President Obama appointed him to the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health.