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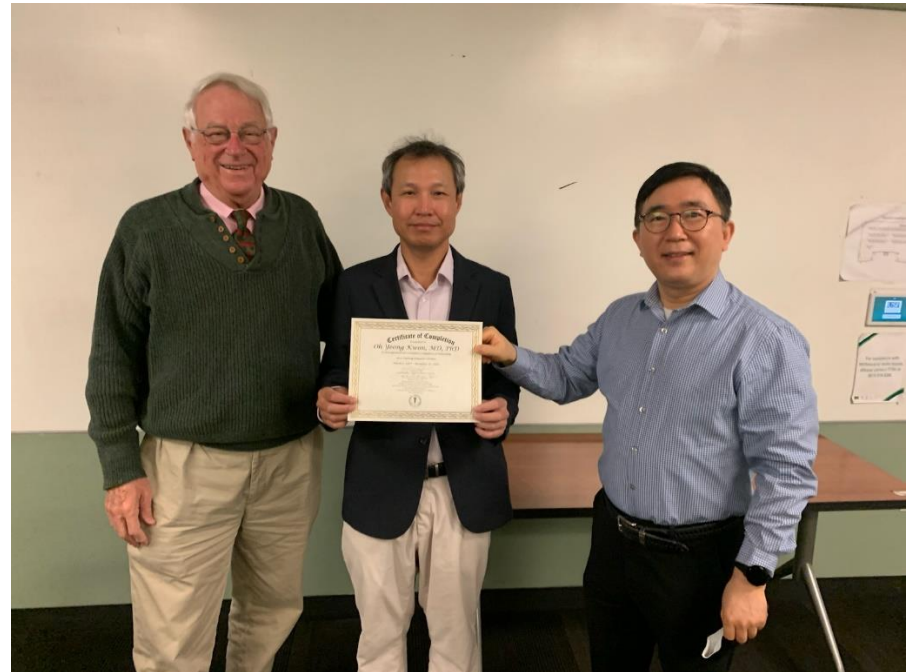
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This newsletter features Dr. Oh-Young Kwon, MD, PhD, Visiting Scholar from South Korea in Dr. Seong Cho's lab, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine.

Oh-Young Kwon, MD, PhD

Visiting Scholar

March 2020 – December 2020



*Left to Right: Richard F. Lockey, MD, Oh-Young Kwon, MD, PhD, Seong Cho, MD
Dr. Oh-Young Kwon receiving his Certificate of Completion as a Visiting Scholar*

About Dr. Oh-Young Kwon, MD, PhD

Dr. Kwon is an ER physician in his clinical training from South Korea. He is the director of medical education and medical ethics in his medical school and has interest in student medical education. Dr. Kwon came to my lab as a visiting scholar on March 2, 2020 when the COVID-19 cases started to rise internationally. Another visiting scholar who was supposed to come with him from South Korea canceled his visit, but Dr. Kwon with his wife and two daughters bravely came to Tampa and joined our Division to pursue his research. Despite many limitations due to COVID-19, he has attended our division morning conferences and my lab meetings without fail. Based on his clinical experience and knowledge about COVID-19 as an ER physician, he has participated in one of our research projects entitled "The Role of Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) in the COVID-19-Related Coagulopathy, the Disease Severity, and the Post-COVID-19 Complications". Dr. Kwon is now getting ready to return to South Korea.

It has been a pleasure having Dr. Kwon in my lab. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors back in his home country.

Kind regards,

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Dr. Kwon is an outstanding investigator, and we are looking forward to his return in the future. Covid-19 has been devastating to all of us and especially for those who often work alone in our basic laboratories. I regret not getting to know both Oh-Young and his family better. Covid-19 isolation, goodness gracious, we look forward to everything getting back too normal. Good luck to Dr. Kwon, his wife and children and our deepest regrets to his wife for the loss of her father.

With warm regards,

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