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About Vivek K. Moitra, MD, MHA, FCCM

Dr. Moitra is the Allen I. Hyman Professor of Critical Care Anesthesiology at the Columbia University Medical Center in the Division of Critical Care and Chief of the Division of Critical Care in the Department of Anesthesiology. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology, is subspecialty certified in Critical Care Medicine and Neurocritical Care, and is a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine.

In our education division, Dr. Moitra is Program Director of the Critical Care Medicine Fellowship. He is recognized nationally for his scholarly activity and leads his specialty as an oral board examiner and question writer. He also is the American Society of Anesthesiologists’ liaison to the American Heart Association and a co-author of the internationally recognized 2015 Guidelines for Advanced Cardiac Life Support.
Allen I. Hyman, MD, a distinguished alumnus of Columbia College and generous benefactor to the University, revolutionized care for premature infants by creating the first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Columbia University Medical Center. He was honored for this landmark achievement with an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Columbia University in 2017.

Dr. Hyman received his medical degree in 1959 from the Albany Medical College in upstate New York, with additional training at Mount Sinai Hospital and at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia. He joined the anesthesiology residency program in our department in 1961 and completed further training in neonatal physiology research at the Nuffield Institute of Medical Research in England, and here at Columbia.

Dr. Hyman’s career flourished at our institution. He joined our department as faculty in 1965, with neonatal respiratory care at the heart of his early career. Later, as much of his clinical activity shifted to adult critical care medicine, he was appointed Co-Director of the Surgery-Anesthesiology Intensive Care Unit. Between 1985 and 1993, he served as Acting Chair and then Vice Chair of our department.

During his tenure as an accomplished administrator, Dr. Hyman was awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship, employing his medical expertise and health-care leadership at the federal level. He was clinically active until 1993, when he was named Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He became Senior Physician and Special Advisor to the CEO of the hospital in 1999, serving until his retirement in 2003.

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