It has been more than 30 years since the HIV/AIDS epidemic began. Today, an estimated 33.3 million individuals are infected with HIV worldwide. In the United States, more than 1.5 million people are living with HIV, according to a 2010 report issued by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. While great strides in prevention and treatment have been made, much work remains to be done. Currently, Drexel University College of Medicine researchers are involved in a number of studies that may lead to enhanced prevention and care for HIV patients.

**Developing a Therapeutic Vaccine**

One such research study involves the development of a therapeutic vaccine to control HIV in already infected individuals. Since HIV mutates very readily to evade the body’s immune response, each individual has slightly different quasispecies, or strains, of HIV. Therefore, the vaccine would have to be personalized for the individual, according to Jeffrey Jacobson, M.D., chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine and principal investigator. To create the vaccine, a sample of the virus is taken from the infected individual’s own blood before HIV drugs are started. Investigators then take the RNA of the person’s virus, load it into the person’s own immune cells and give it back as a vaccine to try to stimulate a new, more potent response against HIV. The ultimate goal of this research, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health, is a “functional cure” of the infection – that is, control of HIV without the need for any HIV medications.

Jacobson also has NIH funding to study a long-acting injectable anti-HIV antibody as an alternative treatment for HIV-infected patients who have demonstrated an inability to adhere to the rigorous of taking daily oral anti-HIV medications.

**Blocking HIV Virus-Cell Interaction**

HIV infection is initiated by entry of the virus into a host cell, a process that depends on the fusion of the viral membrane with the membrane of the target cell. One very effective approach to preventing and potentially treating infection would be to inhibit this fusion. Researchers in the laboratory of Irwin Chaiken, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, have found a class of compounds – peptide triazoles – that block the virus-cell interaction. Some of these compounds also have the ability to “break” and thereby inactivate the virus before it encounters a host, while leaving the human cells undisturbed. This finding could lead to prevention and treatment options at the earliest stages of HIV-1 exposure. The peptide triazoles have the ability to inhibit the virus from multiple subtypes of HIV that are globally important. So far
Drexel University College of Medicine has undergone substantial change and enjoyed many successes over the past years due to the superb work of our exceptionally skilled and dedicated faculty and staff members. It has been a privilege to work alongside them.

In 2005, upon my recruitment to the College of Medicine by then President Papadakis and Chairman Stamatakis, I established five principal goals for the College under my leadership: (1) Stabilize and improve the operational and financial status of the College and execute a strategic vision and plan. (2) Establish the governance structure of the clinical enterprise and improve its performance to the benefit of our patients, community, and faculty. (3) Recruit, retain and appoint the best available department chairs, institute and center directors, vice deans, senior associate deans and senior administrators in order to establish a leadership infrastructure that would endure well beyond my tenure. (4) Enhance and support the research enterprise, and advance the academic programs and standing of the College of Medicine regionally and nationally. (5) Restore a culture of integrity, trust, and transparency to the Office of the Dean. The first four goals have been achieved in large measure, and the fifth has always been best left for the College community to judge.

I cannot thank the faculty and staff enough for their outstanding work. I also want to express my appreciation to the dedicated faculty and staff at our academic campuses and affiliated hospitals, without whom we could not offer our outstanding clinical education programs. Finally, I would like to thank the alumni who have inspired me with their love for the College and its abiding values, and their excitement about the future.

Throughout my career in academic medicine, an overarching ethos has been to recruit, advise and mentor the heads of the clinical, educational, research, and financial enterprises to become independently capable, without the need for my guidance. The people in these positions are now advancing the missions of our College of Medicine with extraordinary skill and aplomb. Therefore, now is an appropriate time for me to step aside and provide the opportunity for new leadership to develop a future vision for our College. It is also time for me to embark upon a new professional challenge.

I will follow the future progress of Drexel University College of Medicine with keen interest, pride and enduring affection from afar.
“Dean Homan brought stability where there was little, expertise that was sorely lacking, transparency that has been exemplary, and personal encouragement that is empowering. His integrity and collegiality are without bounds. He values faculty, students, and staff as people. This all marks him for the outstanding leader that he is.”
— Kenny Simansky, Ph.D.

“Rick, we will truly miss you and your inclusive leadership. You helped to propel our practice plan and our lives in a positive direction with good judgment and an open door policy.”
— Howard Miller, M.D.

“Dr. Homan has brought Drexel University College of Medicine further than could have been imagined, from the standpoint of both finances and the morale of faculty and staff. He has been a beloved dean who will be sorely missed.”
— Jane Clifford, Ph.D.

“Dr. Rick Homan leaves a wonderful and lasting mark on our academic community. He has raised the national stature of our school through his hard work, integrity, and visionary leadership. We will miss him and will always be grateful.”
— Mary Moran, M.D.

“Dean Homan has fully embraced the history and educational culture of the medical school and its commitment to providing the highest quality medical education to students from diverse backgrounds and those who may not have had the opportunity to get a medical degree.”
— Barbara A. Schindler, M.D.

“Rick Homan has made us all proud to be a part of this medical school. His quickness to praise and thank others for their accomplishments makes it a special pleasure to acknowledge his extraordinary accomplishments while our dean and president. He has brought vision, integrity and effectiveness to his office.”
— Andrew S. Wechsler, M.D.

“Rick was the perfect dean for a new chairman — eternally supportive while challenging me to take full responsibility and grow into my position. He was and is a physician first. He understands the clinician and respects our role at the College of Medicine. I will miss him and wish him the very best.”
— Owen Montgomery, M.D.

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Allscripts and GE Healthcare brought healthcare clients from several organizations together at the College of Medicine to discuss the importance of data captured in the electronic health record database for the development of future quality improvement, clinical and basic science research initiatives, and collaboration with a focus on translational research and health informatics. The May 13 event, hosted by Tish Calvarese, chief information officer, included representatives from Thomas Jefferson University, George Washington University, Columbia, St. Luke’s and WellSpan, as well as 50 participants via webinar.

The meeting also addressed the current state of meaningful use requirements. The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs provide a financial incentive for the “meaningful use” of certified EHR technology to achieve health and efficiency goals. By putting into action and meaningfully using an EHR system, providers will reap benefits beyond financial incentives – such as reduction in errors, availability of records and data, reminders and alerts, clinical decision support, and e-prescribing/refill automation. For more information as well as a CMS EHR Meaningful Use Criteria Summary, visit www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/30_Meaningful_Use.asp

New Appointments Recognize Leadership

Gerald Soslau, Ph.D., has been appointed vice dean for professional studies in the health sciences. In 2006, as the first senior associate dean for post-baccalaureate pre-professional education, Soslau oversaw the consolidation of a dozen post-baccalaureate and professional master’s programs into a single unit under the new Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences.

He now oversees 23 programs, from state-of-the-art premed and pre-vet offerings to master’s programs that are the first of their kind in the country, such as criminalistic science, histotechnology, and the only forensic science program to offer a clinical concentration. Soslau has also launched online programs, including a unique certificate program, Quantitative Principles for Clinical Research, designed to help residents and fellows meet requirements for coursework in epidemiology and biostatistics.

Soslau joined the College of Medicine in 1975. He is a professor in the Departments of Medicine and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. In addition to scholarly activities in education, he is engaged in laboratory research focused primarily on varying aspects of human platelet biochemistry.

Jane Clifford, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, has been appointed associate dean for medical student research in the Office of Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies. Already a leader in this area, Clifford will work to advance all aspects of medical student research training at the College of Medicine. She will promote the development of research opportunities for medical students within the College, including all affiliate sites; work with students to identify appropriate research mentors; and guide the development of applications for extramural funding.

Clifford joined the College of Medicine in 2000 as professor and chair. She has served as director of the M.D./Ph.D. program since 2001, as well as director of medical student research and the fourth-year Research Pathway.

Clifford’s laboratory has a longstanding interest in regulation of gene expression and cell proliferation as they relate to cancer. Her research has been continuously funded since 1985. She is also involved in interdisciplinary collaboration, notably with faculty in the College of Engineering.

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News & Events
Time Capsule Uncovered at Woman's Medical College Building

Construction workers installing utility lines in the former home of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania last spring uncovered a lead box behind the cornerstone, which had been laid in 1929. It was a time capsule, filled with items selected by the class of 1930 – the last to graduate before the College moved to the new East Falls site. The artifacts included pamphlets about the history of the College, newspapers and magazines of the time, and older documents, some dating as far back as the 1870s. There was also a gold commemorative Susan B. Anthony coin, a tribute to the suffragette who did not live to see women earn the right to vote in 1920. The time capsule was donated by the developer of the WMC property to the Legacy Center–Archives and Special Collections at Drexel University College of Medicine. Visit the Archives at www.drexelmed.edu/archives.

Marion Spencer Fay Award Lecture on HIV Research

The Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership selected Julie Overbaugh, Ph.D., of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, as the recipient of the 48th Marion Spencer Fay Award, to be presented October 27 following the annual award lecture. Overbaugh’s work focuses on aspects of HIV-1 transmission and pathogenesis, and is noted for its emphasis on translational research. She has worked closely with investigators in Kenya for the past two decades to address questions that are central to understanding and preventing the devastating spread of HIV in Africa. Her lecture topic is “Taking the Leap: A Basic Scientist’s Journey into Interdisciplinary, International HIV Research.” See Calendar, page 16, for details, or contact Janine Barber at jbarber@drexelmed.edu or 215-991-8194.

Annual Day of EMS

The Department of Emergency Medicine, MidAtlantic MedEvac and the Philadelphia Fire Department joined forces last spring to create the first-ever Annual Day of EMS at the Philadelphia Fire Academy. More than 150 medical professionals attended the event aimed at providing emergency medicine physicians in training, fire department cadets and future paramedics, EMTs and first responders with the opportunity to train together, allowing them to become better acquainted with each other’s respective roles.

In addition to lectures, this specialized training included three different stations: the first depicted car crashes; the second was a virtual experience on maneuvering emergency vehicles; and the third included a MidAtlantic MedEvac helicopter landing on site.

Sports Medicine Division Goes World Class

Sports medicine specialist Eugene Hong, M.D., was one of two team physicians who traveled with the U.S. Lacrosse Women’s National Under 19 Team to Hanover, Germany, where the young Americans won the world championship. Hong is the Hamot and Sturgis Endowed Chair, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, and chief of the Division of Sports Medicine.
Robert J. Broselow, M.D., HU ’66 has received the Mary Bevevino Community Service Award from the Luzerne Foundation in Luzerne, Pa., in recognition of his unselfish devotion to children.

David Kistler, M.D., HU ’47 received the Palmetto Child Health Award from the SC Pediatric Association. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.

Renate G. Justin, M.D., WMC ’51 published The Last Time I Felt Safe, an e-book on the Barnes & Noble website, dealing with her experience with prejudice in Nazi Germany and the United States. She is retired from family practice.

William Oaks, Jr., M.D., HU ’55 received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Lafayette College at the College’s 176th Commencement. He graduated from Lafayette 60 years ago in 1951. He is a retired professor of medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine and a former chair of the Department of Medicine.

Robert J. Broselow, M.D., HU ’66 has joined the University of Texas Medical Branch medical staff of a women’s correctional facility in Gatesville, Texas. Broselow, an obstetrician-gynecologist, practiced in Lubbock, Texas for more than 30 years and delivered approximately 7,000 babies. Most recently, he served for four years as medical director of a privately run federal prison.

David O. Williams, M.D., HU ’69 was appointed director of the Cardiovascular Catheterization Laboratory at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, in Pawtucket. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.

Edward Zissman, M.D. HU ’69 a pediatrician in Orlando, Fla., received the 2011 Semper Fi Award of the Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families. The award is given each year to an unsung hero who advocates for children.

Herbert P. Goodheart, M.D., HU ’71 associate clinical professor, Department of Dermatology, Mount Sinai College of Medicine, and director of dermatology services, Elmhurst Hospital Center, Elmhurst, N.Y., is establishing an internet dermatology consultation program for underserved healthcare facilities.

Diane Palladino, M.D., MCP ’73; General Surgery Resident, MCP ’77 was named a “Top Doctor” of 2011 by New Hampshire Magazine. Palladino is board certified in general surgery and specializes in breast surgery. She practices at Core General and Vascular Surgery, and Exeter Hospital’s Center for Cancer Care in Exeter.

Margot Cseley, M.D., MCP ’75 has been hired for the employee health clinic for the city of Marietta, Ga. Cseley previously served as medical director for the outpatient clinic of Lifesigns of Atlanta.

Edward Zissman

Dr. Zissman

Nancy L. Kerr, M.D., MCP ’75 along with two colleagues at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, has been awarded a Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to introduce and study in Nepal an innovative low-cost device for treatment of postpartum hemorrhage. She is an obstetrician/ gynecologist primarily in public and global health related to reproductive health.

James Madara, M.D., HU ’75 was named executive vice president and CEO of the American Medical Association. He previously served as the Thompson Distinguished Service Professor and dean at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, as well as CEO of the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Gerald Frost, M.D., HU ’76 a colon and rectal surgeon, has joined the medical staff of Phoenixville Hospital in Phoenixville, Pa.

Jack D. Shocker, M.D., HU ’77; Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine Resident, HU ’81 was elected president of the medical staff of Altoona Regional Health System, Altoona, Pa. Shocker is a board-certified therapeutic radiologist in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Ellen Cosgrove, M.D., HU ’78 has been named vice dean for academic affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine effective October 17. At the time of her appointment, she was the senior associate dean for education and Regent’s Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

Gerald V. Burke, M.D., HU ’79 a specialist in reproductive endocrinology and infertility, has joined The University Doctors, the faculty practice plan at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey — School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, N.J. Burke will also serve as an assistant professor in the medical school’s Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Shirley Neal-Parker, M.D., HU ’79 joined the staff of Family HealthCare Network’s Porterville, Calif., clinic. Neal-Parker is a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.
David Weinreich, M.D., HU ’79
a cardiologist, received a Hudson Valley Top Doctors designation from Castle Connolly. Weinreich practices at the Hudson Valley Heart Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

’80s

Rebecca Jaffe, M.D., MCP ’80 who specializes in family medicine and sports medicine, was listed as one of the Top Doctors in Delaware Today. Jaffe, who practices in Wilmington, earned a Master of Public Health degree from Drexel’s School of Public Health in 2010.

Laurel Warner, M.D., Ph.D., MCP ’81 has joined the infectious disease department at Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa Medical Center in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Eileen M. Boyle, M.D., HU ’83 has been named executive director of the East Liberty Family Health Care Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Scott R. Schaffer, M.D., MCP ’83 a board-certified otolaryngologist and founder of Advocare ENT Specialty Center in Voorhees, N.J., completed the first transoral robotic surgery performed in South Jersey.

Howard A. Klions, M.D., MCP ’84 is the recipient of the Master Faculty Award of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which is given only once every five years to a faculty member of the OU-COM system of affiliated teaching hospitals. Klions is a clinical associate professor of internal medicine at Summa Western Reserve Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Robert Alan Frank, M.D., HU ’85 a cardiothoracic surgeon, was named vice dean for clinical affairs and chief medical officer of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was previously with the Ochsner Medical Center’s West Bank campus in New Orleans, where he was vice chairman of the advisory board, chief of quality improvement and

utilizations review and medical director of the cardiovascular program.

Mary I. O’Connor, M.D., MCP ’85 a surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., and the president of the American Association of Hip and Knee surgeons, was listed as one of the “70 Outstanding Hip Surgeons and Specialists” in Becker’s Orthopedic & Spine Review.

Henry A. DePhillips III, M.D., HU ’86 has been promoted to president and chief operating officer at Audax Health Solutions, a Washington, D.C.-based organization, where he was president of healthcare operations.

David J. Shulkin, M.D., MCP ’86 president of Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, N.J., and vice president, Atlantic Health System, has been named to Modern Healthcare’s list of the “50 Most Influential Physician Executives” for 2011.

Robert Peck, M.D., HU ’87 a psychiatrist, became the second-ever medical director for Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, Wis.

Raye J. Budway, M.D., HU ’88 a breast and general surgeon, has joined the staff of St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is board certified in surgical critical care and general surgery and was recently rated one of Pittsburgh Magazine’s “Top Doctors.”

Michael J. Murray, M.D., HU ’88 has joined the Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks, Nev. He is board certified in general, breast, and endoscopic surgery.

Lily Narusevicius, M.D., MCP ’88 joined Hallmark Health Medical Associates (HHMA) in the firm’s Reading, Mass., office.

‘90s

Barrie Baker, M.D., MCP ’91 has been named medical director of HealthAmerica’s Medicaid program in Pennsylvania, CoventryCares, and its sister Medicaid program in Maryland, Diamond Plan.

Joseph Cesanek, M.D., HU ’91 has opened a new practice, Blue Valley Family Practice, in Wind Gap, Pa. Cesanek is board certified in family medicine.


Dennis Phillips, M.D., MCP ’92 is a physician for the Pittsburgh Pirates. The director of arthroscopic and reconstructive shoulder surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, he is an assistant professor in orthopedic surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Daniel Brown, M.D., HU ’93 chief, interventional radiology and interventional oncology, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, was inducted as a fellow into the Society of Interventional Radiology. Brown, who specializes in cardiovascular and interventional radiology, with a focus on liver and kidney cancer, was named to Philadelphia Magazine’s 2011 “Top Doctors.”

Dalton Daniel, M.D., HU ’93, became the new medical director of the Imaging Services Department at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, Pa. He is also with Foundation Radiology Group, a Pittsburgh-based practice of board-certified radiologists.

Carin F. Gonsalves, M.D., HU ’93 an interventional radiologist and fellowship director at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, was inducted as a fellow into the Society of Interventional Radiology. Gonsalves specializes in cardiovascular and interventional radiology, particularly metastatic uveal melanoma. She also received the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Education at

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Jefferson Medical College as well as the Jefferson Medical College Outstanding Clinical Award.

Vinay Kamat, M.D., MCP '94 board certified in internal medicine, has joined Barnes West Medical Consultants in St. Louis, Mo. He is on staff at Barnes Jewish West County Hospital in St. Louis and serves as a clinical instructor and preceptor for the Washington University School of Medicine. Kamat also works with Beverly Farm, an organization that helps people with disabilities develop life skills in Godfrey, Illinois.

Keith Lafferty, M.D., MCP '94; Emergency Medicine Resident, MCPHU '97 was hired by Nuviva Medical Weight Loss as the medical director of its Sarasota, Fla., office. Lafferty is board certified in emergency medicine and practices in the Department of Emergency Management for Lee Memorial Health System’s Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers.

Kathleen Kozak, M.D., MCP '96 was interviewed for the “Doctor in the House” segment that appeared in Midweek, a Honolulu newspaper. An intern at Straub Clinic and Hospital in Honolulu, she also has a radio program, The Body Show, on 89.3 KIPO.

Kristi A. Kerner, M.D., HU ’97 has rejoined Franciscan St. Francis Neighborhood Health Center in Indianapolis after an affiliation with Citizens Health Center. She is board certified in family medicine.

Brett Smith, M.D., MCP ’97 has joined Baptist Health Care and its affiliate, the Andrews Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine Center, in Gulf Breeze, Fla. Smith is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in total joint replacement and reconstructive surgery. He also serves as the co-medical director for the health care system’s Total Joint Program.

George P. Chambers, Jr., M.D., MCP ’98 an obstetrician-gynecologist in private practice at Chambers & Associates in Las Vegas was listed as one of the city’s “Top Doctors” in the Spring 2011 issue of Las Vegas Life magazine.

Scott Cook, M.D., MCP ’98 joined the medical staff at Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc., Primary Care in Monessen, Pa. He was also appointed medical director of SPHS Primary Care.

Emily Rubenstein Engel, M.D., HU ’98 general adult neurologist and associate director of the Dalessio Headache Center at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, Calif., was elected president of the San Diego Neurology Society for the 2010 to 2012 term. She is board certified in adult neurology and in clinical neurophysiology.

Charles Levy, M.D., HU ’98 joined The Spine Center at Marietta Memorial Hospital in Marietta, Ohio. He specializes in the surgical and non-surgical management of brain and spine disorders, and is board certified in neurosurgery.

Jamiel Ambrad, M.D., MCPHU ’99 board certified in family medicine, opened a new office in Wakefield, R.I.

Sonika Bhatnagar, M.D., MCPHU ’99 a pediatrician, was one of the 30 national finalists for the 2011-12 White House Fellows Program. Bhatnagar is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Louisville.

Kerry Scott Caperell, M.D. ’05 joined the faculty of University of Louisville Pediatrics, in Louisville, Ky., in pediatric emergency medicine. Caperell also serves as assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Louisville.

Abbas Husain, M.D., ’05; Emergency Medicine Resident ’08 became the assistant residency director at the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Staten Island University Hospital in Staten Island, N.Y.

Yasser Said, M.D., HU ’05 board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, has joined Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. He also practices at DuPage Medical Group at Central DuPage Hospital Outpatient Services, Winfield, Ill., and DuPage Medical Group, Downers Grove, Ill.

Trevor M. Olsen, M.D., ’06 has joined Warren Medical Group Urology Services
in Russell (Warren County), Pa. He completed his residency in urology at Wayne State University, where he received extensive training at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Adrienne N. Dreyfuss, M.D. ’08 has joined the Children’s Memorial Hospital Urgent Care Center in Chicago as clinical instructor. She finished her residency at Northwestern University’s Children’s Memorial Hospital in June.

**Former Residents and Fellows**

Christopher King, M.D., Emergency Medicine Resident, MCPHU ’90 an expert in pediatric emergency medicine, has joined Albany Medical Center in Albany, N.Y., as chair of emergency medicine. He previously was associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Lynn Beth Satterly, M.D., General Surgery Resident, MCP ’93 a family practitioner, was named a 2011 Syracuse Post-Standard Achievement Award winner for establishing Amaus Health Services, a free clinic serving the uninsured in Syracuse.

Stephen Soloway, M.D., Rheumatology Fellow, MCP ’93 has been named one of the nation’s top doctors by U.S. News & World Report in collaboration with Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. His practice is Arthritis and Rheumatology Associates, Vineland, N.J. He is also affiliated with South Jersey Health System in Elmer, N.J., and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

Lewis Kaplan, M.D., Surgery Resident, MCP ’94 associate professor of surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital, is in training as part of a local SWAT Team in a groundbreaking role as tactical emergency medical support. He is one of just six physicians nationwide to serve in this role.

Faullin M. Paletsky, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident ’04 has joined Cape Coral Hospitalists. Following his Drexel/Hahnemann residency, he completed one year of a surgical residency and two years of a urology residency at Emory University. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Chileshe Nkonde-Price, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident ’10 has been selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar beginning in the summer of 2012. The Clinical Scholars Program is a two-year fellowship to train young physicians in leadership, health policy and health services research. Nkonde-Price served as chief resident in 2009–10 in the Drexel/Hahnemann IM program and is now a second-year cardiology fellow at Yale University School of Medicine.

**In Memoriam**

Anna-Jane Albertson, M.D., WMC ’51 July 20

Eleanor Bayer Barrett, M.D., WMC ’61 February 22

Minerva Buerk, M.D., WMC ’46 May 27

Ben Lee Glaspey, Sr., M.D., HU ’64 July 12

Mildred H. Gordon, Ph.D., MCP ’72 August 11

Dale J. Hawk, M.D., HU ’51 of Leesburg, Fla., and St. Charles, Minn., passed away May 24. He practiced medicine in St. Charles and was on the staff of the Mayo Medical School until retiring in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, two sons, Elliott and Steve, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

George S. Lassiter, M.D., HU ’61 May 3

C. Richard Owen, Jr., M.D., HU ’56 June 15

Jeanne Rose Pamilla, M.D., WMC ’68 May 7

Anne H. Pike, M.D., WMC ’46 June 27

Sidney Rosenbaum, M.D., HU ’50 April 19

Daniel C. Schadt, M.D., HU ’53 August 23

John H. Sewak, M.D., HU ’50 June 18

Arlene Sherer, M.D., WMC ’66 June 8

Theodore N. Smith, M.D., HU ’58 June 5

Nancy June Stubbe, M.D., WMC ’58, of Amherst, N.Y., passed away June 12. A pioneering breast cancer surgeon, she was the first female surgical resident at Buffalo General Hospital, where she later practiced for more than 50 years. Among many honors, she was named a Local Legend of Medicine by the National Library of Medicine and received a Women Helping Women Award from the National Organization for Women. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, she founded the Women Surgeons Society of the ACS.

Janis Sube, M.D., HU ’60 May 30

Kenneth R. Weller, M.D., HU ’75 May 8
Faculty Day Awards

The following awards were presented at the 10th annual Faculty Development Day, held on Friday, June 3 at the Queen Lane Campus.

**Julian Marsh Faculty Scholar Award** presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in scientific research, has achieved national/international recognition, demonstrated outstanding teaching skills, mentored students as well as peers, and providing consistent, high quality leadership to the medical school, thereby creating a better environment for all faculty and students. Carol F. Lippa, M.D.

**June Klinghoffer Clinical Educator Award** presented to a faculty member who has devoted his/her career to promoting excellence in the learning of clinical skills and clinical knowledge, serving as a teacher, an innovative educator, a leader, role model and mentor for students, residents and faculty colleagues alike. Dennis H. Novack, M.D.

**Oksana Korzeniowski Patient Care Award** presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding skills and commitment in the clinical care of patients and through his/her teaching has substantially improved the skills and knowledge of residents, students and medical colleagues. Mark A. Goedecker, M.D., York Hospital

**William Likoff Clinical Excellence Award** presented to a clinician whose professionalism, humanity, ethical standards, diagnostic acumen and ability to develop outstanding clinical programs serves as a role model for those striving for excellence in the practice of medicine. Nathalie May, M.D.

**Angelo Pinto Basic Science Educator Award** presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated commitment and excellence to the education of medical students through innovative educational programs, serving as a teacher, a leader, mentor and role model to students and colleagues alike. Haviva M. Goldman, Ph.D.

**Vincent Zarro Community Outreach Award** presented to a faculty member whose exemplary and selfless commitment to the care of members of medically underserved communities serves as the standard for medical students seeking to attain the medical school's exit objective requiring them to provide high quality care to all regardless of age, race, socioeconomic class, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or religion and be an advocate for uniform access to healthcare. Sandra M. Wolf, M.D.

**Elias Abrutyn Mentoring Award** presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in mentoring colleagues, residents, and/or students, by creating a supportive, effective environment in or more of the following areas: research, clinical care, education and scholarship, while advocating for the advancement of their mentees in their chosen discipline, and serving as a trusted advisor and role model. Nancy D. Spector, M.D., St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and Joseph Jaeger, DrPh, Monmouth Medical Center

**Phyllis Marciano Woman in Medicine Award** presented by the WMC/MCP Trust Fund to a woman in medicine as recognition for her outstanding contributions to teaching, mentoring, and patient care, and for her leadership as a role model for women in medicine. Barbara A. Schindler, M.D.

**The Mary DeWitt Pettit Fellowship** awarded by the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP to a young female faculty member to aid in advancing her career: Karen M. Berkowitz, M.D. Presented by Trust Fund President Donna L. Antonucci, M.D., MCP ’84.

**In Memoriam – Faculty Members Sadly Missed**

John A. Harvey, Ph.D., professor emeritus and former chairman of the Department of Pharmacology & Physiology, passed away on June 25. One of the nation’s preeminent researchers in the field of behavioral pharmacology, Harvey, who joined the College in 1988, led pioneering work in understanding the role of brain chemistry in psychiatric and neurological function, including important discoveries defining the role of serotonin. Over the course of his career, he published extensively, served on numerous editorial boards and professional committees, and trained dozens of students and colleagues, many of whom themselves became academic leaders as well as lifelong friends.

Robert McKenzie, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and director of the Medical Science Preparatory Program, passed away on June 18. McKenzie joined the faculty of Hahnemann University in 1984, and continued his academic career at Hahnemann, MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine, and Drexel University College of Medicine for more than 26 years. He was an invaluable teacher, colleague and friend in Post-Baccalaureate Pre-professional Education, now the Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences, for the past 12 years.
Grants & Kudos

Herbert B. Allen, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Dermatology, was honored by the Philadelphia Dermatological Society with the Founders Award, which was presented at the society’s annual awards reception and dinner, May 20, at the National Society of the Colonial Dames in Philadelphia.

Donald Atkinson, M.D., clinical assistant professor of surgery, has been recognized by The National Pancreas Foundation, with the 2011 NPF Courage Award, for his lifelong dedication to patients and families coping with pancreatic disease. He is a surgical oncologist at Allegheny General Hospital.

Timothy Block, Ph.D., professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and director of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology & Virology Research, was recently named to the 2011 PharmaVOICE 100 list for serving as a positive contributor to the life-sciences industry.

Luther W. Brady, M.D., Distinguished University Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, received the Philadelphia County Medical Society’s 2011 Cristol Award, presented to a member who has made a significant contribution to the society. He has been a member since 1956. In addition, he is to be honored later this year with the Pennsylvania Medical Society’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the society’s annual House of Delegates meeting on October 15.

Robyn Cohen, M.D., MPH, assistant professor of pediatrics, has received a Clinical Innovator Award from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute for her proposal “Impact of Environmental Tobacco Smoke Exposure in Children with Sickle Cell Disease.” The grant, in the amount of $320,000, will enable Cohen to expand her pilot study of the same title, which was funded by the Mary DeWitt Pettit Fellowship she received in 2008 from the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP. Cohen is an attending pulmonologist at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children.

Jennifer Hamilton, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine, has been named a fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Edward Gracely, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine, received the Golden Apple Award from the Drexel University School of Public Health Class of 2011.

Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH, associate professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and executive director, ULAR, was elected to another two-year term as president of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research. The society was established by universities, medical schools, pharmaceutical firms, and professional societies in the commonwealth to foster a better understanding of the benefits of biomedical research to human and animal health, as well as the necessity for the humane treatment of animals in such research.

Atul Ashok Kalanuria, M.D., a fourth-year resident in the Department of Neurology, was elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

Hans Kersten, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, was a tutor at the How to Practice Evidence-Based Health Care Workshop, held April 4-6, and the 17th Oxford Workshop in Teaching Evidence-Based Practice, September 5-9, at the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, UK. The courses were attended by more than 80 practitioners from around the world.

Olimpia Meucci, M.D., Ph.D., professor, Department of Pharmacology & Physiology, has been invited to serve as a member of the NeuroAIDS and Other End-Organ Diseases Study Section of the National Institutes of Health Center for Scientific Review for the term July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2015.
Submissions for Grants & Kudos may now be emailed directly to NewsPager@drexelm.med.edu. Please be sure to include all the relevant information, including full name, title, and department for any College of Medicine or University colleagues involved. Thank you.

Page Smith Morahan, M.D., professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and the founding director of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, is the recipient of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association Distinguished Career Award. She is the co-director of the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) Institutes.

Akhil B. Vaidya, Ph.D., professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and director of the Center for Molecular Parasitology, had a grant renewed for a total of $2.1 million over five years by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. This award will support the research by Vaidya and colleagues on mitochondrial functions in malaria parasites. This grant has been awarded to Vaidya since 1989.

Predicting NeuroAIDS
While antiretroviral treatment has extended the life expectancy of patients with HIV, it has not diminished the long-term adverse effects of the disease such as cognitive decline.

Antiretrovirals are designed primarily to prevent replication of HIV in activated T-cells and other secondary target cells. However, virus replication can also lead to bystander cell damage that has a particularly negative impact within the central nervous system, ultimately leading to neurocognitive impairment.

Commonly known as neuroAIDS, this condition afflicts from 25 to 50 percent of HIV patients, according to a study reported in Neurology Today (October 7, 2010). Investigators also reported that HIV patients with neurological conditions had twice the risk of dying from AIDS.

Brian Wigdahl, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and director of the Institute for Molecular Medicine & Infectious Disease, is principal investigator of a $3.5 million five-year grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to identify very specific viral genetic markers to predict HIV patients who would be at higher risk for developing neurocognitive impairment. The research goal is to develop a viral molecular diagnostic assay to enable clinicians to identify the most appropriate patients to receive neuroprotective therapy before the onset of impairment.

Wigdahl and co-investigators Jeffrey Jacobson, M.D., Michael Nonnemacher, Ph.D., and Julio Martin-Garcia, Ph.D., are also studying the impact of substance abuse on the development of neuroAIDS in a cohort of approximately 500 HIV-infected patients who have been identified as preferential users of either cocaine or cannabinoids. One of the largest longitudinal studies of its kind in the United States, this project will help researchers understand how substance abuse alters the genetic structure of the virus during the course of HIV/AIDS, as well as the course of the disease itself. It will also allow researchers to understand what impact these genetic changes will have on the response of HIV to currently available antiretroviral therapeutic strategies. These studies may be critical to the development of the next generation of anti-HIV drugs.

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they appear to work in all subtypes of the virus that have been tested. Chaiken’s lab has collaborated in this research with Drexel engineers as well as a multi-institutional National Institutes of Health project team.

Upcoming CME Programs

November 2 – 4

November 5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Radiology Symposium for the Practitioner Drexel University College of Medicine Geary Auditorium, New College Building Contact: Maria Fuentes, 215-762-87463

November 5, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m
The Annual Day of Trauma Courtyard by Marriott 21 N. Juniper Street, Philadelphia Contact: Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2580
John R. Clarke, M.D., professor, Department of Surgery, and clinical director of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, presented the keynote address at the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research annual meeting of the nation’s Patient Safety Organizations, held May 9-10 in Rockville, Md.

Shannon M. Criniti, MPH; Erika Aaron, CRNP, MSN; Amy Hilley, MPH (former employee), all in the Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine; and Sandra Wolf, M.D., associate professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, published “Integration of Routine Rapid HIV Screening in an Urban Family Planning Clinic” in Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health, July/August 2011 (first published online May 31).

Florence Gelo, D.Min, NCPsyA, associate professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, wrote a review of the short film The Butterfly Circus, which was published in the Summer 2011 issue of The Journal of Pastoral Theology.

Edward Gracely, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, and Hans Kersten, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, were among the authors of “Primary Prevention of Lead Exposure: The Philadelphia Lead Safe Homes Study” in Public Health Reports, May-June 2011.

Gracely and Hans P. Schlecht, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine, are among the co-authors of “Weight-Based Loading of Vancomycin in Patients on Hemodialysis” published in Clinical Infectious Diseases 53(2), July 15, 2011. The other authors include Radhika Polisetti, Hahnemann Department of Pharmacy; Merideth Brown, formerly of Hahnemann; and Dr. Bulent Cuhaci, former faculty.

Eugene Hong, M.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, and chief of the Division of Sports Medicine, served as chair of the Cardiovascular Clinical Case Session at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine, held May 31-June 4 in Denver. During the meeting, he presented at the ACSM Annual Student Colloquium on Being a Sports Medicine Physician, and was an invited speaker at the Meet the Expert Luncheon. Hong and Jocelyn Ricasa, M.D., sports medicine fellow, presented a case, “An Usual Cause of Knee Pain.” Hong also served as an expert panelist for the Head and Neck Clinical Case Session.

Richard Huneke, DVM, MPH, associate professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and director of ULAR, gave presentations entitled, “Professional Opportunities for Laboratory Animal Science Trainers” and “The New Guide and AAALAC International – Expectations for Training and Education” at the Laboratory Animal Welfare Training Exchange Biennial Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on July 28 and 29.

J. Yasha Kresh, Ph.D., professor and research director, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and professor of medicine, was a visiting professor in the Center for Arrhythmia Research at the University of Michigan and an invited speaker in the Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science Seminar Program at the university’s Cardiovascular Center. His topic was “Cardiac Mechanotransduction: From Sensing to Remodeling.”

Kresh, and Hersh Patel, a Drexel medical student, were among the authors of “Cardiac Myocyte Remodeling Mediated by N-cadherin-dependent Mechanosensing” published in American Journal of Physiology – Heart and Circulatory Physiology, April 1, 2011. Another author was Erdem Tabdanov, Ph.D., a former joint post-doctoral fellow at the College of Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania (now at Columbia). The lead author was Anant Chopra, who is a Ph.D. student in the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems.
Our familiar tagline on this column leads new readers to ask a very good question of the Compliance Officer: What is it you hope the reader is not guessing about? What should they be asking about? We answer this question in a fall article designed to welcome new readers and refresh the tenured Compliance Corner reader about guessing versus asking.

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