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New Drexel Dermatology Center for Transplant Patients

Organ transplant recipients are up to 50 times more likely to develop skin cancers than the general population because of the immunosuppressant medicines they take to prevent rejection. In transplant patients, the more dangerous squamous cell carcinoma is more common than basal cell carcinoma, and it tends to be more aggressive in these patients. Early detection and appropriate treatment are critical. To meet this need, Alden Doyle, M.D., MPH, a transplant nephrologist who is interested in designing systems to promote long-term wellness in transplant patients, collaborated with Drs. Mark Abdelmalek, Christina Chung, and Carrie Cusack, all dermatologists, to create the Drexel Dermatology Center for Transplant Patients. The center offers personalized treatment by dermatologists who have a particular interest and expertise in the care of this high-risk population.

The importance of skin cancers in transplant recipients has only fully emerged as the prognosis for transplants improved. Doyle explains: “We all form cancers all of our lives – the reason we don’t have them is that our immune system is very good at editing them out.” Earlier, transplant patients did not live long enough for many cancers to develop. “Now I have patients who received transplants 10 or 20 years ago, so they are on immunosuppressive medicines for years,” Doyle said.

Skin cancers are usually slow growing, so a program with regular screening will catch them earlier and have much better outcomes. Following a pre-transplant check, Abdelmalek recommends an

annual screening for patients on immunosuppression. A patient who has already had skin cancers or is highly immune-suppressed might be asked to return for a check in three to six months. Patients are also cautioned to watch for any new or changing lesions, but especially a sore that won’t heal or a spot that easily bleeds, Abdelmalek said.

Photodynamic light therapy may be recommended for those with many actinic keratoses, or skin pre-cancers. The treatment uses photo-sensitizing drugs in combination with light of a specific wavelength to kill abnormal cells and reduce the number of skin cancers that will develop.

Chemoprevention is another approach. “We can give patients oral retinoids, which in effect reprogram skin cells and prevent them from turning into skin cancers,” Abdelmalek said. “When transplant patients start to get too many skin cancers, we can add this medicine to prevent or slow the process.”

The treatment of skin cancer in a transplant patient is given special consideration. Instead of a regular excision, for example, more transplant patients will undergo Mohs surgery to give them the highest chance of clear margins. (Mohs surgery, a specialized technique which Abdelmalek performs, allows the physician to remove 100 percent

of the cancer while leaving as much normal tissue intact as possible.) “We also look more closely for nerve invasion by the skin cancer in transplant patients,” Abdelmalek said.

As part of a continuum of care for transplant patients, the center will allow physicians to track outcomes and set up collaborative research projects between groups. “We can provide really integrated care,” Doyle said. “Because our transplant patients are already in the system, we have a record of all the medicines they are taking. Eventually, we can start to report on the experience.”

Although most people on immunosuppressive therapy are transplant recipients, the medicines are used to treat other conditions, such as lupus, so the center’s findings could eventually help patients being treated for other diseases.

www.drexelmed.edu/dermatology/transplant



Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D.
Interim Dean and Senior Vice President
of Health Affairs

What a Match!

It was a great day at the College of Medicine when our graduating medical students found out where they will spend their residencies. We gathered at Queen Lane on Friday, March 16th – Match Day around the country – to drink a toast and learn the future.

It was a little nerve-wracking as the students waited (by tradition)

until each had his or her letter in hand. Then they simultaneously tore open their envelopes. Shrieks of excitement and happy tears, hugs and high-fives followed, while family and friends took photos. It was a joyful multigenerational scene, with parents of students, and students who are parents themselves, including one couple who beamed as they introduced their new baby.

An exhilarating time – and I was thrilled to be a part of it. Many students are going into highly competitive specialties, such as dermatology, ophthalmology, and orthopedics, just to name a few. Most of all I was proud at how successful our students were in matching to their top choices – it speaks volumes about their hard work and the quality of education and training offered by the College.

I was delighted by how well our students did in matching with our affiliates. New Drexel Med graduates will be residents at Abington Memorial Hospital, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Allegheny General Hospital, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Hahnemann University Hospital, Lancaster General Hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Reading Hospital and Medical Center, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and Saint Peter's University Hospital. As talented and hard-working trainees, our new M.D.'s will enhance our bonds with these academic campuses. And we know they will be excellent teachers for our medical students!

Please join me in congratulating the Class of 2012 and wishing them all the best as they count down the days to Commencement.



To see a photo album from Match Day, visit www.facebook.com/drexelmedicine.

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Destination Excellence

Diversity yields superior outcomes.¹ Our College of Medicine and predecessor schools have always embraced this notion and the need for a diverse student body, faculty and professional staff. With the work of the Dean's Diversity Task Force and the newly crafted diversity statement (www.drexelmed.edu/diversity) we reaffirm our commitment to diversity and thus to excellence. This column will serve to update our academic community on diversity and excellence initiatives and be a venue for solicitation of your ideas related to this work.

Our school's definition of diversity includes race; color; religion; gender; sexual orientation, identity and expression; national origin; age; disability; veteran status; and educational or economic disadvantage. Many of us believe that we are working in a richly diverse and inclusive environment; however, no data has been collected about many of the characteristics that make up our definition. To that end, the Diversity Task Force will be conducting a survey, administered by an outside firm to ensure anonymity of responses, to better understand the demographics of our community. Each individual in our community has value and contributes to the mission of the College. We first must understand who we are so that we can address unique

professional and personal needs; the survey data will help guide the development of supportive programs for all. Your participation is critical and will contribute to the College's ongoing commitment to excellence.



Dr. Moran

Our mindset is one of moving beyond a "critical mass" of a certain demographic to the goal of achieving the highest standards of education and healthcare for all that we serve. Marc Nivet, Chief Diversity Officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges, pointed out during a recent visit and in a published commentary that diversity is "a means to address quality health outcomes for all, rather than an end in and of itself."² For our College of Medicine, this is *destination excellence*.

– Mary Moran, M.D.

¹ Page SE. *The Difference: How the Power of Diversity Creates Better Groups, Firms, Schools, and Societies* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007).

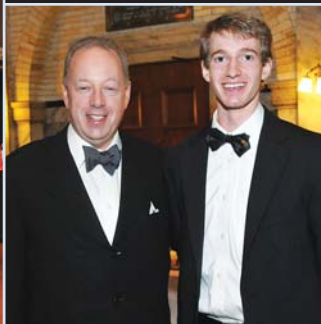
² Nivet MA. "Commentary: Diversity 3.0: A Necessary Systems Upgrade" in *Academic Medicine*, 2011; 86 (12): 1487-89.

Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert

More than 425 guests attended the 19th Annual Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert on February 18. Entertainment – a total of 13 acts – was provided by a variety of performers, ranging from first-year medical students to the College's very own Dean Schidlow. The wonderful evening raised more than \$29,500 in contributions for the Dorothy Mann Center for Adolescent and Pediatric AIDS at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



PABC committee members take a breath before the show (l-r): Freba Farhat, Jennifer Falcon, Neha Sirohi, Ashley Ruby, Andrew Salim, Marci Laudenslager, Tanya Olszewski, Arun Goel, Neal Sankhla, Andrew Shoemaker, and Michael Hanna, all second-year medical students.
 More photos at www.facebook.com/drexelmedicine



Presentations & Publications



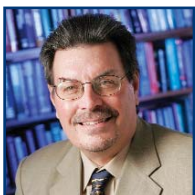
Dr. Alemo

Saeid Alemo, M.D., clinical associate professor of neurosurgery, published “Zenker-like Pouch Causing Delayed Wound Infection after Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion” in the November 2011 edition of the *Journal of Neurological and Orthopedic Medicine and Surgery*.



Dr. Allen

Herbert Allen, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Dermatology, published “A New Paradigm in the Treatment of Kerions: Treat the Inflammation” in the January/February 2012 edition of *SKINmed Dermatology for the Clinician*.



Dr. Hallowell

Michael Hallowell, M.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Radiologic Sciences, was a faculty member of CT Fest 2011 in Mumbai, India, December 23-25, 2011. The conference was sponsored by the Maharashtra State branch of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association. Hallowell presented lectures on “MDCT of Liver Tumors,” “CT of Blunt Abdominopelvic Trauma,” and “Archeoradiology of a Ptolemaic Mummy.”



Dr. Hong

Eugene Hong, M.D., was a guest speaker at the 43rd annual Medical Aspects of Sports seminar, where he presented “Depression and Anxiety in Athletes.” The event took place at the University of Delaware on February 4.



Dr. Kersten

Hans Kersten, M.D., associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, and **David Bennett, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Psychiatry, published “A Multidisciplinary Team Experience with Food Insecurity & Failure to Thrive” in *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*, Volume 3 (2012), Issue 1.



Candace Robertson-James



Dr. Núñez

Candace Robertson-James, MPH, instructor in the Department of Medicine and the Women’s Health Education Program, and **Ana Núñez, M.D.**, professor of medicine

and director of the Women’s Health Education Program, are authors of “Incarceration and Women’s Health: The Utility of Effective Health Education Programming—A Commentary” in the *American Journal of Health Education*, January-February 2012. The commentary highlights the need for, and challenges of implementing, comprehensive health education and promotion programming for incarcerated women, and discusses the distinctive opportunity for such programming to act as a catalyst for change in incarcerated women’s lives.



Dr. Tabby



Dr. Schwartzman

David Tabby, M.D., associate professor, Department of Neurology; **Robert Schwartzman, M.D.**, chair, Department of Neurology, and **Christine Nieves**, a

neuropsychology technician, authored “Use of Therapies Other Than Disease-Modifying Agents, Including Complementary and Alternative Medicine, by Patients With Multiple Sclerosis: A Survey Study” with a colleague at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. The article was published in the January 2012 edition of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.



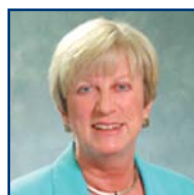
Dr. Varjavand

Nielufar Varjavand, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, and colleagues presented the breakout session “Retraining OB-GYN Physicians after a Voluntary Leave of Absence: Three Programs’ Experiences” at the 2012 annual meeting of the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Association of Professors of Gynecology, which took place March 7-10 in Orlando.



Dr. Vosseler

Keith Vosseler, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, and **Yuliya Skorobogatko**, a Ph.D. student in the department, co-authored “Increasing O-GlcNAc Slows Neurodegeneration and Stabilizes Tau Against Aggregation” in *Nature Chemical Biology* with colleagues at Simon Fraser University. The article was published online February 26.



Lynn Yeakel

Lynn Yeakel, MSM, director of the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership and founder and co-chair of Vision 2020, and Rosemarie B. Greco, co-chair of Vision 2020, were the featured speakers at the Main Line Society of Professional Women’s event “When Will Women Be Equal?” held on January 26.

Researchers Develop Assay for Colorectal Cancer



Dr. Su

Led by **Ying-Hsiu Su, Ph.D.**, a research associate professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, a team of researchers at the College of Medicine has developed a method of diagnosing pre-cancer or cancer of the colon by detecting hypermethylated vimentin (mVIM) – a marker for

colorectal cancer – in urine. In a recently published study, their test found the marker in 75 percent of urine samples of colorectal cancer patients versus 10 percent of controls with no known neoplasia. The researchers had previously demonstrated that tumor-derived DNA in the circulation can be detected in urine.

Benjamin P. Song, a former research intern; **Surbhi Jain, Ph.D.**, postdoctoral researcher; **Selena Y. Lin**, doctoral student; Quan Chen, former research intern; **Timothy M. Block, Ph.D.**, professor; Ying-Hsiu Su, Ph.D., research associate professor, all in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology; and collaborators published “Detection of Hypermethylated Vimentin in Urine of Patients with

Colorectal Cancer” in the March 2012 issue of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*. Song and Chen, now college students, were high school summer research interns at the time of the study. Drexel University College of Medicine has applied for a provisional patent.

Based on this study, the colon cancer validation study funded by the National Cancer Institute’s Early Detection Research Network (protocol ID 320) has added the collection of urine samples from 6,000 subjects to test mVIM in urine for the early detection of colon cancer. Dr. Su’s group has provided the standard operating procedure for urine collection in this study protocol and will be preparing the SOP for the detection of mVIM in urine in the study.

Submissions for Presentations & Publications may now be emailed directly to NewsPager@drexelmed.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.

Beware of Predatory Open Access Publishers

“Open access” publishing makes scientific research freely available to the public. Authors rather than publishers pay article processing charges, and authors retain copyright. Some high-impact, peer-reviewed journals are now open access or offer authors an open access option.

Unfortunately, this new publishing model has also generated scams. Researchers who receive an invitation to contribute to a new journal should watch for these red flags:

- The solicitation email is poorly written.
- The journal identifies as open access but does not specify a fee. Find out author charges before spending your valuable time writing the paper. The information may be hard to find on the website.
- The website claims to publish 100 journals, but many started up very recently or have not yet published anything.
- There appears to be no editor-in-chief. If instead there is a (sometimes very large) editorial board, look closely at the editors’ credentials. If they are legitimate researchers, however, or even people you know, bear in mind that they may have been recruited the same way you are being recruited, or they may have been listed without their permission or knowledge.
- The journal offers implausibly quick turnaround (this may indicate an inadequate or nonexistent peer review process).
- The journal is not indexed in PubMed.
- The journal invites you to “update” something you have already published (this may be duplicate publication or self-plagiarism).
- The website features superficial bells and whistles (for instance, translation services – but if you click this link, it goes to Google Translate), or a company logo that is deceptively similar to that of a well-known major publisher.

None of these indicators in themselves necessarily means a publisher is not legitimate. Several together suggest caution. Contact the library or Academic Publishing Services (aps@drexelmed.edu) for help researching a publisher if you are unsure. For further information, see <http://scholarlyoa.com/>.

– Diana Winters

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Symposium on Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease

The Institute for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease will hold its first international symposium focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of infectious, inflammatory, and oncogenic disease. The 2012 International Symposium on Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease will be held June 19-21, 2012, on the Drexel University College of Medicine Center City campus.

The symposium will highlight ongoing investigations in the areas of HIV/AIDS, brain impairment, and neuroprotection; molecular mechanisms of malarial disease; pathogenic mechanisms of bacterial disease; control of microbial disease; molecular mechanisms of inflammation; pathogenic mechanisms of hepatitis B/C; viral oncogenic disease; biomarkers of cancer; molecular genetics and infectious disease; and more.

Outstanding achievement awards in the areas of Infectious Disease, Immunology, and Translational Medicine will be presented to three eminent scientists, who will present their state-of-the-art investigations in lectures during the symposium.

Abstracts will be accepted for two poster sessions to be held at the end of the day on June 19 and 20.

Speakers and attendees will reflect the great wealth of research in science, health and biotechnology concentrated in Greater Philadelphia and the East Coast corridor and will also include investigators from across the country and around the world.

Registration is required and can be accomplished by visiting www.drexelmed.edu/immid.

Dental & Medical CME

AmeriHealth Mercy Foundation will present "Promoting Wellness Through Collaboration: The Integration of Dental & Medical" on Friday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Queen Lane Campus.

For information, contact Jillian Gonzales at 215-937-8070.

Announcement of FY2012 DUCOM CURE Awardees

A scientific review panel comprising faculty from the College of Medicine and other Drexel University schools and colleges evaluated applications for research grants from the Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement Program (funded through Pennsylvania's settlement with the tobacco industry). The rigorous review was conducted according to the traditional process used by NIH study sections. The following principal investigators and their projects were selected to receive awards:

Michael Bouchard, Ph.D., Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
An Interdisciplinary Approach to Directly Identify Changes in the miRNA-Targeted mRNA Population Induced by HBV Infection
Co-Investigators: Laura Steel, Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology; Aydin Tozeren, Ph.D., School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems

Wilbur Bowne, M.D., Department of Surgery
Novel Anti-Pancreatic Cancer Peptides from the Ras-p21 Protein
Co-Investigator: Jane Clifford, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Alison Carey, M.D., Department of Pediatrics
Impaired T Cell Immunity and Survival in Neonatal Influenza Virus Infection
Co-Investigator: Peter Katsikis, M.D., Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Janet Clark, Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology & Physiology
Epigenetic Modulation in an Animal Model of Depression
Co-Investigators: Seena Ajit, Ph.D., Pharmacology & Physiology; Ahmet Sacan, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering

Jane Clifford, Ph.D., Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Characterization of the Effects of Non-thermal Plasma on Liquids and Cells
Co-Investigator: Gary Friedman, Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering

Alessandro Fatatis, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology & Physiology
Novel Antagonists of CX3CR1 to Prevent Skeletal Metastasis
Co-Investigator: Joseph Salvino, Ph.D., Pharmacology & Physiology

Adrian Shieh, Ph.D., School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems
Interactive Roles of Interstitial Flow and Hepatitis B Virus in Liver Cancer Progression
Co-investigator: Michael Bouchard, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Claudio Torres, Ph.D., Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Astrocyte Senescence as a Component of HIV-Related Neurodegeneration
Co-Investigators: Brian Wigdahl, Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology; Christian Sell, Ph.D., Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Michael Nonnemacher, Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology



Drexel Med Students Lobby Congress

Three Drexel medical students traveled to Capitol Hill on Monday, February 13, to lobby Congress alongside fellow medical students from more than thirty states. Second-year students Jason Woloski and Ashley Reddy and first-year student Halley Park each participated in three congressional meetings. They met with legislative assistants from the offices of Pennsylvania Senators Robert P. Casey, Jr., and Pat Toomey, and each met with a staff member from the office of their own congressional representative. Medical student debt, graduate medical education funding, and the repeal of Medicare's sustainable growth rate formula were among the key issues they discussed.



Medical students (l-r) Halley Park, Jason Woloski, and Ashley Reddy lobbied on Capitol Hill.

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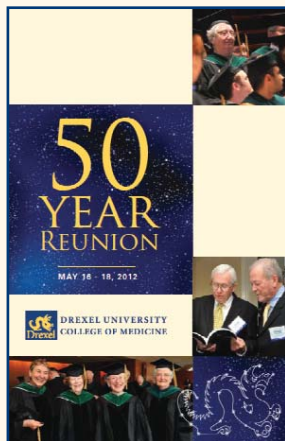
Alumni Weekend May 4-5, 2012

This premier event continues to exceed our expectations each year! Alumni from all over the country return to celebrate milestone anniversaries with classmates and friends, testing the seating capacity of our room. The College proudly welcomes its family of alumni, many of whom are the most prominent, influential doctors and scientists in their fields.



50 Year Reunion: WMC & Hahnemann Class of 1962 May 16-18, 2012

May 2012 is the perfect time to come back to Philadelphia and reconnect with your medical school family and celebrate your 50 Year Reunion! Join your fellow classmates and reminisce about medical school days, share life experiences as physicians, and rejoice in what now gives pleasure and meaning to your lives.



Saris Memorial Award Presented

The third Demetrius S. & Nayda E. Saris Memorial Award was presented to James A. Clyne, D.O., an intern in internal medicine on November 11, 2011 (Demetrius Saris's birthday).



Pictured (l-r) are Hahnemann COO Jim Burke; Barbara Saris Easby; Dr. and Mrs. Clyne with their son, Joey; Terry Saris Parkes, M.D.; and Hahnemann CEO Mike Halter.

The award is offered annually to an intern or member of the house staff at Hahnemann University Hospital to help defray the cost of childcare. Demetrius Saris and Nayda Emanuelli met each other during their first year at Hahnemann Medical College (class of 1950) and were married for 55 years. While completing their medical training at Hahnemann University Hospital, the couple struggled to raise their first two children and afford appropriate childcare. The Sarises ultimately had six children, who created the Saris award. Three of them earned medical degrees from Hahnemann University: Anne ('76), Steven ('77), and Theresa ('88). To apply for the award, please contact the Office of Graduate Medical Education at **215-762-2618**. If you are interested in creating an award or scholarship, please contact John Zabinski in Institutional Advancement at **215-255-7343**.

Alumni Association of Drexel University College of Medicine Slate of Nominees for Board Term 2012-2015

The Alumni Association's Nominating Committee has put forth the slate for the year 2012 election period. The names listed below fulfill the Bylaws' membership requirements of 24 M.D. graduates and 6 Ph.D. graduates. Receiving no other petitions for elections, the Association's Executive Board approved the slate and is submitting this current slate to the active Association Membership for approval.

M.D. Positions

David Cohen, M.D., HU '83

Mark Codella, M.D., HU '84

Lorraine F. Gutowicz, M.D., MCP '78

A. George Neubert, M.D., HU '89

Anna Meadows M.D., WMC '69

Alan Schindler, M.D., MCP '77

William David Surkis, M.D. '02

Vincent Zarro, M.D., Ph.D., HU '62, '65

Ph.D. Positions

Douglas V. Dolfi, Ph.D. '07

Robert K. Dix, Ph.D., MCP '81

Voting will be available to all members on the Alumni website: www.drexelmed.edu/alumni/Association/BoardNominations
The voting deadline is April 20. The results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting during Alumni Weekend. Paper ballots can be obtained by calling **1-866-373-9633**.



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'50s



Dr. Glass

Dorothea Glass, M.D., WMC '54; Hon. MCP '87 a long-time volunteer with the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Stuart, Fla., and a member of the board of The Friends of VIM Clinic, was honored this year with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Florida Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in recognition of "her many years of extraordinary service and dedication to the specialty." "Thea" Glass retired following a distinguished career in Philadelphia, where she served as a department chair at Temple University School of Medicine, medical director at Moss Rehabilitation Center, and head of service at Albert Einstein Hospital. In fact she retired twice, most recently in 1992. But in 1995, she became involved with Volunteers in Medicine, serving many years as a physician at the clinic, which provides healthcare to low-income residents without insurance.

'60s

Corine Overkamp, WMC '60 who spent 32 years as a medical missionary in Bahrain, has published a book about her experiences, *Transitions*. The book is available online at Lulu.com. She practices in Lincoln Park, N.J.

'70s

Helen Meeks Horstmann, M.D., MCP '72 was elected to the board of trustees at Villanova University. Horstmann is a surgeon with Penn Orthopaedics at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine Radnor.

Frederick B. Myers, M.D., HU '72 a retired physician, has been named a "Professional of the Year" in internal medicine by Cambridge Who's Who®. In addition, Myers has been recognized by Elite American Physicians. He currently volunteers as an assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Commonwealth Medical College in Pennsylvania.

Barbara Schlager, M.D., MCP '73 a radiation oncologist, joined Avera Medical Group in Sioux Falls, S.D. She has been affiliated with Avera McKennan and the Avera Cancer Institute. Schlager is certified in general radiology and therapeutic radiology by the American Board of Radiology.

Amy Early, M.D., HU '76 was selected as one of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Top Docs of 2012." Early is a medical oncologist at Buffalo Medical Group in

New York and is a clinical professor of medicine at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Mark E. Braun, M.D., HU '79 an internist, has been elected president of the medical staff of Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, R.I. He served as vice president from 2008 to 2011. He has also been the director of Ambulatory Medical Education at Roger Williams since 1997. Braun is in private practice with Woodbridge Medical Group in Cranston, R.I.

Fred Toffel, M.D., MCP '79 an endocrinologist, was listed in *Vegas Seven*, a weekly publication, as one of the "Top Docs 2012." Toffel is in private practice in Las Vegas.

'80s

Michael Novia, M.D., MCP '80 joined the team of plastic surgeons at Bel-Red Center for Aesthetic Surgery in Bellevue, Washington. Novia is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology.

Thomas Turner, M.D., HU '80 board certified in family medicine, was named medical director at Glenbeigh Outpatient Center in Rock Creek, Ohio. Turner is the former medical director of the St. Vincent Serenity Recovery Center, where he specialized in care for chemically dependent individuals. He has an established family practice in Fairview, Pa.

Mike Donahoe, M.D., HU '83 was inducted into the Grove City College Hall of Fame. When Donahoe was a senior at Grove City College in the 1978 – 1979 year, he helped the men's basketball team earn two NCAA Division III Championship Tournament invitations. Also that year, he earned Sportsman of the Year at the College. Donahoe works as associate chief for clinical programs in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Mark Kender, M.D., HU '83 joined St. Luke's Physician Group as a member of the St. Luke's Internal Medicine Hamilton Court practice in Allentown, Pa. He is board certified in internal medicine and has been practicing in the Lehigh Valley for most of his career.

Elaine Lewis, M.D., MCP '84 has been named chair of the Department of Radiology at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Reading, Pa. She is the current vice president of the Pennsylvania Radiological Society. Lewis practices at West Reading Radiology Associates.

Susan A. Reisinger, M.D., HU '84 was named one of the "Women to Watch 2012" in *Vegas Inc.* magazine. She is a radiation oncologist with 21st Century Oncology in Henderson, Nev.

Michelle Andrews, M.D., HU '85 was named one of *Becker's Orthopedic, Spine & Pain Management's* "125 Outstanding Knee Surgeons." She practices in Cincinnati.

Fritz R. Bech, M.D., MCP '85 board certified in vascular surgery, has been named chief of surgery at Kennedy Health System in southern New Jersey. Bech was previously assistant professor of surgery and director of the Required Surgery Clerkship at Stanford University College of Medicine.

'90s

Alyssa Dweck, M.D., HU '90 an obstetrician/gynecologist, co-wrote the book *V is for Vagina*. A portion of the book's proceeds will be donated

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to the Fistula Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises awareness and funding for obstetric fistula treatment, prevention and education programs worldwide. Dweck is also involved in filming a pilot for a reality television show called *Working Wives of Westchester*. She practices at Mount Kisco Medical Group in New York.

Michael Moclock, M.D., MCP '90 a board-certified family practitioner, recently joined InterMountain Medical Group's new office at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's Mountaintop Campus. He completed his residency in family medicine at Wyoming Valley Family Medicine Residency Program, Kingston.

Susan Tower, M.D., MCP '91 was named director of rehabilitation physician services at Mirador senior living community in Corpus Christi, Texas. Tower is a certified medical director in long-term care, and is certified in wound care. She previously served as medical director of rehabilitation services for Christus Spohn Health System.

Amelia Paré, M.D., HU '92 was elected to the office of 2012 president-elect of the Allegheny County Medical Society Board. Paré is a board-certified plastic surgeon in private practice at Plastic Surgery of Pittsburgh in McMurray, Pa.

Catherine R. Cabungcal, M.D., HU '96; Former Internal Medicine Resident, HU '99 an internist, has joined the Wayne Health Medical Clinic in Goldsboro, N.C. She was previously with Eastern Carolina Physicians in Kinston, N.C.

Michael A. Neri, Jr., M.D., HU '96 was voted the 2011 Physician of the Year from among 400 candidates by Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Riverside, California. He was recognized for his work with the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the Riverside County Medical Association. Neri is a board-certified family practitioner and serves as the coordinating chief of urgent care for 13 Kaiser Permanente hospitals and all outlying clinics in southern California.

Amir Matityahu, M.D., HU '97 has joined the University of California, San Francisco, as an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Orthopaedics. He is also the director of pelvis and acetabular trauma reconstruction at San Francisco General Hospital.

David M. Salib, M.D., MCP '98 a board-certified vitreo-retinal specialist, has become a partner at Virginia Eye Consultants in Norfolk, Va. He joined the practice in 2008.

'00s

Kevin Lutsky, M.D., MCPHU '01 has joined the Rothman Institute. A hand surgeon, he sees patients at Rothman's offices in Egg Harbor Township and Manahawkin, N.J. He was previously in practice with the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Center in Paoli.

Brett J. Karlik, M.D. '03 an ophthalmologist, has extended his surgical care to include residents in the Kane, Pa., area through a relationship with Christian Howard, O.D., of Allegheny Eye Care. Karlik sees patients at Allegheny Eye Care in Kane and performs surgeries at Kane Community Hospital.

Alexandra K. Retana, M.D. '04 a gastroenterologist, joined Hawthorn Medical Associates in Dartmouth, Mass. Retana is fluent in Spanish and Russian and has special interests in gastroenterology, endoscopy, video capsule endoscopy and women's health.

Sarah Kane, M.D. '05 completed her fellowship in urogynecology at MetroHealth/Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She will be staying on as a faculty member at MetroHealth Medical Center as of July 2012.

Teresa Romano, M.D. '05 joined the Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Shalini Shah, M.D. '05 joined Bayhealth Kent General Hospital in Dover, Del. She also sees patients at Dover Family Physicians.

Kevin Schulz, M.D. '09 has accepted a position as an emergency medical services and disaster medicine fellow at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Schulz will also become the assistant medical director of the Houston Fire Department in July 2012. He is currently finishing his emergency medicine residency at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey.

Former Residents and Fellows

Michael D'Ambrosio, D.O., Psychiatry Resident, MCP '89 has been named chairman of Capital Health's Department of Emergency Medicine, overseeing all of the health system's emergency medicine services, including emergency departments at Capital Health in Trenton, Hopewell, and Mercer, N.J. He joined Capital Health in 2011 as director of the Center for Neurologic Emergency Medicine. In his new role, he oversees all of Capital Health's emergency medicine services. D'Ambrosio is board certified in emergency medicine, neurology and vascular neurology.

Susan F. Borys, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident, MCP '91 was recognized by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians for her exceptional legislative involvement on behalf of patients and physicians in Pennsylvania. Borys practices at the Penn State Hershey West Campus Health and Wellness Center.

John Riccio, M.D., Pathology Fellow, MCP '91 has been appointed chief medical officer at Auburn Memorial Hospital in Auburn, N.Y. Riccio joined AMH in 2000, and has been the director of the medical laboratory and chief of pathology since 2003.

Nicholas Skiadas, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident '07 recently opened an office at Brandywine Valley Cardiology in West Grove, Pa. Skiadas is on staff at Jennersville Regional Hospital in West Grove.

Ahmad Subhi, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident '07 an infectious disease specialist, has joined MidMichigan Physicians Group in Midland, Mich.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the tradition of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College

Tatyana Shereshevsky, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology Resident '08 has joined the Juneau Clinic in Juneau, Wis. She is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. Shereshevsky has a special interest in minimally invasive surgeries, advanced laparoscopic procedures, pelvic floor disorder, urinary incontinence and infertility.

Elisa Stein, M.D., Surgery Resident '08 recently became the medical director and lead surgeon at Healing Waters Spa & Cosmetic Clinic in Durham, N.C. She completed a three-year fellowship in plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Minnesota.

Christina Stevenson, M.D., Surgery Resident '09 a surgical oncologist, began seeing patients at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Connecticut in Farmington. Stevenson's areas of expertise include breast cancer and endocrine neoplasia.

In Memoriam

Dierdre L. Arthur, M.S., HU '79
March 4, 2012, Downingtown, Pa.
She worked for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals for 23 years after obtaining her master's in clinical chemistry.

Raymond A. Baker, M.D. HU '52
January 20, 2012

Claude F. Light, M.D., HU '57
December 31, 2011, Greensboro, Ga.
A family medicine physician, he practiced for 10 years in Pennsylvania and for 30 years in Connecticut before retiring to Georgia.

Mildred R. Mitchell-Bateman, M.D., WMC '46
January 25, 2012

Paul Lee Orr, M.D., MCP '74
February 10, 2012

Carol M. Profy, M.D., WMC '49
January 31, 2012

Paul B. Sher, M.D., HU '56
January 11, 2012, Galloway Township, N.J.
After completing his residency, he served as a captain in the United States Air Force for two years. He practiced in Millville for 37 years and had served as president of the Cumberland County Medical Society.

Gatherine F. Sladowski, M.D., WMC '70
February 7, 2012, Boonton, N.J.
An obstetrician/gynecologist, she practiced in Verona and Livingston, N.J.

Thomas J. Zaydon, Sr., M.D., HU '44
January 12, 2012

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In Memory of Former Faculty Member Anne Barnes, M.D.

Anne Barnes, M.D., a former faculty member of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and later the Medical College of Pennsylvania, died of pneumonia on February 18.

She joined the Department of Surgery in 1966. A dedicated educator, she participated in teaching gross anatomy for several years after her retirement from surgery in 2001.

Throughout her career, she received many awards for excellence in teaching. In 2009, the Trust Fund of the Alumnae/i Association of WMC/MCP presented Barnes with the Phyllis Marciano, M.D., WMC '60 Woman in Medicine Award for her outstanding contributions to teaching, mentoring, and patient care, and for her leadership as a role model for women in medicine.



Family and friends congratulated Dr. Barnes for her award at Faculty Day in 2009. Beginning second from left: Drs. Francis Sessler, Haviva Goldman, Dennis DePace, Bruce Hirsch, Anne Barnes, Janet Smith. Far left and right are Barnes family members.

Douglas F. Clough, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine, was honored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians for his ongoing leadership and grass-roots involvement in advocacy activities on behalf of patients and physicians in Pennsylvania. He is on staff at Allegheny General Hospital, UPMC Passavant Hospital and St. John's Specialty Care. Clough is also chairman of the board of the Allegheny County Medical Society.

Michael A. Goldfarb, M.D., professor, Department of Surgery, and chair of surgery at Monmouth Medical Center, was named president-elect of the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, after previously serving as vice president. He is a founding member of the American Trauma Society and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. He also serves on the board of trustees for Monmouth Medical Center.

Andrew Rosenzweig, M.D., clinical assistant professor, Department of Medicine, has been elected president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society.

Malcom Schwartz, D.O., clinical associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, and a pediatric endocrinologist with The Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center, was recently recognized by the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association for his work as a pioneer in the research and treatment of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome.

Major NIH Grant for Research into Antimalarial Compounds



Dr. Vaidya



Dr. Bergman



Dr. Kortagere

The College of Medicine has been awarded a \$1,954,696 grant by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for a four-year project to investigate molecular pathways targeted by antimalarial pyrazole compounds. The compounds were discovered and are being developed by the Drexel Med team led by **Dr. Akhil B. Vaidya**, as the principal investigator, with **Drs. Lawrence W. Bergman** and **Sandhya Kortagere** as co-investigators (all are faculty members in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology). The drug discovery and development work has been supported over the last three years with a grant totaling \$1,076,000 from Medicines for Malaria Research, a nonprofit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland. The Drexel team is collaborating with an international group of investigators in the United States, Australia, Singapore, and Switzerland for preclinical development of a potentially new antimalarial drug.

Submissions for Grants & Kudos may now be emailed directly to NewsPager@drexelmed.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.

Compliance Corner: Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Review



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance &
Privacy Officer

Every year, College of Medicine employees are required to review the Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Conduct, and complete a conflict disclosure and federal sanction attestation. This process will come earlier in 2012 so that these activities can remain coordinated with the performance appraisal cycle, now based on the fiscal year. The date for completion

will coincide with the due date for performance appraisals – May 25.

Having employees review the Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Conduct and complete the required disclosure and attestation enables the College to satisfy important

responsibilities of health care organizations that provide care to patients funded by Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The satisfaction of these goals is an important objective of the annual compliance program plan in preventing misconduct and protecting our College and University.

Call the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer with any questions about conflict of interest, code of conduct, or federal sanction checks.

We never guess ... we ask! Call anytime to ask a compliance or privacy question, or to request training: 215-255-7819.

Confidential compliance hotline: 866-936-1010 or visit www.drexelmed.edu/ComplianceHotline.

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Bulletins:


New Name for NewsPager?

The *NewsPager* is about to undergo some elective surgery. We'll be rolling out an exciting new design in the coming months to better highlight news and events in a fresh and contemporary format. As part of the redesign, we are considering a name change as well. We have some names in mind, but we want to know what you think. Like us on Facebook and cast your vote in our *NewsPager* poll.

Visit www.facebook.com/drexelmedicine to participate. Voting ends May 11.

Zipcar Comes to Queen Lane

Drexel's partnership with Zipcar, the car-sharing network, has expanded to the Queen Lane Medical Campus. Under the current arrangement, two Zipcars are available – by reservation – at Queen Lane 24 hours a day, seven days a week to students ages 18 and older, as well as faculty and professional staff members.



Members may reserve a Zipcar at any location, including the eight cars now offered at the University City Main Campus. Drexel members pay a \$35 annual fee, and rates on campus Zipcar vehicles start at \$7 per hour and \$69 per day. Gas, insurance, reserved parking spots, up to 180 miles of driving per day, and roadside assistance are included in the hourly and daily Zipcar rates. Cars can be reserved for as little as an hour or for multiple days.

College of Medicine students, faculty and staff can join at www.zipcar.com/drexel. Departments can also open departmental accounts.

Calendar:

April	<i>National Donate Life Month</i>
Apr 23	Woman One Award Celebration Rittenhouse Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Reservations required: www.drexelmed.edu/womanone
May	<i>National Hepatitis Awareness Month</i>
May 4-5	Alumni Weekend www.drexelmed.edu/alumni
May 15	Senior Class Formal
May 16-18	50 Year Reunion www.drexelmed.edu/alumni
May 18	Commencement Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m. (robing, 8 a.m.) Information: Shay Myers, shay.myers@drexelmed.edu
June	<i>National Cataract Awareness Month</i>
Jun 8	Promoting Wellness Through Collaboration: The Integration of Dental & Medical Information: www.amerihhealthmercyfoundation.org
Jun 15-16	Drexel University graduation ceremonies
Jun 19-21	International Symposium on Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease Information: www.drexelmed.edu/immid
July	
Jul 16	Manuel Stamatakis Golf Classic Philadelphia Cricket Club Contact: Kelly Carlucci, 215-255-7327
August	
Aug 10	White Coat Ceremony