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Drexel Convenient Care Center Opens in Liberty Place

College brings a new world of healthcare options with walk-in facility

With the opening of its Convenient Care Center, Drexel Medicine makes seeing a doctor as quick and easy as picking up lunch or your dry cleaning. And now people can do all three in one convenient location: Center City.

The Drexel Convenient Care Center™ that opened last month in The Shops at Liberty Place lets busy residents and workers pop in for treatment for a flat fee, no appointment necessary.

The center is the first of its kind: Unlike the “retail clinics” proliferating in the suburbs, Drexel Convenient Care is a not-for-profit operated by an academic medical center

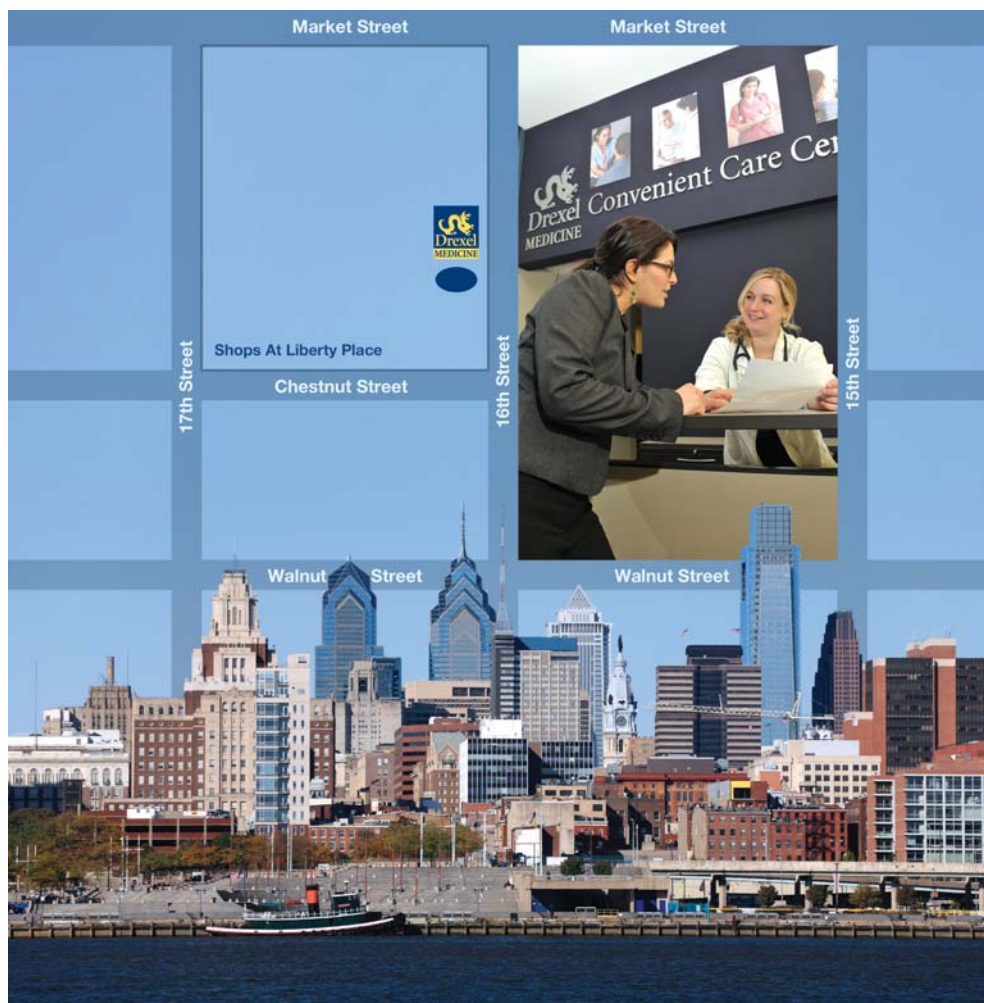
and located in the heart of Philadelphia. Patients can walk in from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday to get basic medical care without an appointment.

“Working professionals are discovering that it’s increasingly difficult to find the time for even routine healthcare, such as blood pressure screenings and flu shots,” said Howard Miller, M.D., senior associate dean for clinical affairs, Drexel University College of Medicine. “Our convenient location offers many Center City workers high quality, cost-effective care within blocks of their office.”

Nurse practitioners and a collaborating physician staff the center in this joint venture between Drexel University College of Medicine and the College of Nursing & Health Professions.

Nationwide, the number of quick care centers has grown rapidly, from just 62 centers in January 2006 to about 1,250 as of November 2009. More than 3.5 million patients have received care at these centers, and most report a positive experience. Several retail chains have reported customer satisfaction scores of 95 percent and above. Consumers from all socioeconomic groups are increasing their use of the clinics. Long-range estimates project that 2,500 to 6,000 centers will be operating by the end of 2012.

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Richard V. Homan, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Health Affairs
Annenberg Dean

Welcome Dr. George Mychaskiw as New Anesthesiology Chair

We are very pleased to welcome George Mychaskiw, D.O., as chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology. Dr. Mychaskiw comes to us from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where he was a professor and the vice chairman of anesthesiology.

He also served as chief of anesthesia and director of pediatric cardiac anesthesiology at the University of Mississippi Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, where he founded the Hyperbaric Research Center.

Widely regarded as a leader in the field of anesthesiology, Dr. Mychaskiw has distinguished himself throughout his career in the practice of both adult and pediatric anesthesiology. He is specifically knowledgeable in the areas of complex heart, thoracic and major vascular cases in children. He has a special interest in local anesthetic medicines for acute pain management following heart and chest surgery. We look forward to supporting his continuing contributions in the advancement of new pain management techniques.

Dr. Mychaskiw's career began in academic practice at Yale, followed by a stint in private practice in Greenville, Miss. From there, he became chief operating officer of the largest physician anesthesiology group in the state. He was also chair of anesthesiology at Delta Regional Medical Center, a tertiary

care hospital. In addition, he spent much of his time in the critical care management of children at the Mississippi Firefighter's Memorial Burn Center, one of the largest burn units in the Southeast.

Dr. Mychaskiw attended medical school at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo., and completed his residency in anesthesiology at the Yale University School of Medicine. He also completed fellowships in cardiac and pediatric anesthesiology at Yale. He received training in hyperbaric medicine at the University of Texas, Galveston.

He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and the National Board of Echocardiography. The author of numerous articles and book chapters, he has been a visiting professor at many academic institutions in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, and Saudi Arabia. He serves on several editorial boards and serves as editor-in-chief of the journal



Dr. Mychaskiw

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. In addition, he is a recipient of the Stover-Link Award for outstanding contributions to hyperbaric medicine. Dr. Mychaskiw recently completed a fellowship in health policy and has worked with the U.S. Congress in the study of healthcare delivery to underserved populations. He is also interested in increasing access to affordable medical education for underrepresented populations.

Please join me in welcoming our new colleague.

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College to Participate in National Study Of Stem Cell Therapy Following Heart Attack



Dr. Eisen

Drexel University College of Medicine is the only medical center in the region to participate in a national research study evaluating a stem cell therapy for patients following a heart attack. The therapy, Prochymal[®], is a formulation of adult stem cells that may have the ability to reduce inflammation and promote heart cell regeneration.

The goal of this Phase II clinical trial is to study the therapy's ability to improve heart function, limit scar formation, and preserve functional heart tissue following a patient's first heart attack. The therapy must be administered within seven days after a patient's first heart attack. In an initial Phase I cardiac trial involving 53 patients, adverse events were lower, heart function improved, and cardiac arrhythmias were reduced in patients treated with Prochymal compared to the placebo group.

"Stem cells represent a promising cardiac research avenue, given their potential to restore heart function in at-risk patients," said Howard J. Eisen, M.D., chief of the Division of Cardiology and principal investigator for the Drexel study site. "Cardiologists today are unable to reverse cardiac deterioration following a severe heart attack. If stem cells can effectively prevent or repair heart muscle damage, there is potential to meaningfully reduce long-term complications such as repeat heart attacks and heart failure."

More than half a million Americans will have a first heart attack this year. According to the American Heart Association, within six years of a recognized heart attack, 18 percent of men and 35 percent of women will have a repeat heart attack.

This double-blind, placebo-controlled stem cell study will enroll approximately 220 patients at 40 centers in the United States and Canada.

Sex and Gender Research Forum To Focus on Children and Youth

“Gender Differences Among Children and Youth: School, Violence and Health” is the central topic of the research forum to be held March 4 under the auspices of the College’s Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership. The 7th annual Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin M.D. Sex and Gender Research Forum will take place at Bossone Research Center on Drexel’s Main Campus. Nan Stein, Ed.D., senior research scientist, Wellesley Centers for Women, will give a talk entitled “Teaching Children and Youth About Sexual Harassment, Gender Violence, and Bullying in Schools.” The program also includes panel discussions and breakout sessions.

In addition to guests from New York University and the University of Pennsylvania, speakers include Drexel faculty from the Earle Mack School of Law, the School of Public Health, and the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Nursing & Health Professions, as well as College of Medicine faculty members Judith A. Cohen, M.D., Department of Psychiatry (Allegheny General Hospital), Laniece Coleman, DNP, CNM, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Theodore Corbin, M.D., Emergency Medicine; Eugene Hong, M.D., Family, Community and Preventive Medicine; Richard Malone, M.D., Psychiatry; and Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D., Pediatrics.

The forum is free, but registration is required. For more information visit www.drexelmed.edu/SGRF or contact Shani Risien-Harvey at **215-991-8198** or shani.risien-harvey@drexelmed.edu.

Dr. Sataloff Chosen to Sing National Anthem



Dr. Sataloff

Robert T. Sataloff, M.D., D.M.A., professor and chairman, Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, and senior associate dean for

clinical academic specialties, sang the National Anthem for the 76ers game on January 15. The Sixers posted a 98-86 win against the Sacramento Kings.

Surgical Engineering Workshop Drives Cross-Campus Ideas

Some 60 faculty and students came to listen and exchange ideas at a recent Translational Medicine and Applied Biotechnology Workshop focused on surgical engineering. Held at the College of Medicine on January 28, “SEEing the Future: The Surgical Engineering Enterprise [SEE] and Beyond” fielded an impressive roster of speakers.

Led by SEE scientific director Peter Lelkes, Ph.D., a professor in both the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems and the College of Medicine, the presenters included Drs. Ari Brooks and Boris Polyak, Department of Surgery; Norman Johanson and Fredric Kleinbart, Orthopedic Surgery; and members of Drexel’s Departments of Chemical & Biological Engineering; Materials Science & Engineering; and Mechanical Engineering & Mechanics.

By inviting a cross-section of professionals from the basic sciences, biotechnology affiliations, and clinical departments to exchange project goals and ideas, the workshop provided fertile ground for interdisciplinary collaboration and energized support for a comprehensive program.

College’s Medical Jeopardy Team Advances to National Competition

Congratulations to Drexel University College of Medicine internal medicine residents Petros Grivas, Ashwani Gupta, Gaurav Mathur, and Krishna Rao, who won the statewide Medical Jeopardy–Doctor’s Dilemma Competition. Ably coached by Mohammed Islam, David Sass, and Joseph Vadakara, the Drexel/Hahnemann residents

Holiday Drive Provided Gift Books for 351 Children

The 2009 edition of the annual holiday book drive provided new gift-wrapped books for all 351 students at Mifflin Elementary School thanks to the support of the College of Medicine community, said Barbara Saba of the Office of Community Experience, which organizes the effort each year.

The book drive would not have been possible without the hard work of a handful of dedicated medical students – Mugdha Agrawal, Ravi Ambani, Dan Fitzgerald, Rekha Kambhampati, Raema Mir, Swetha Narahari, Xiomara Penn, Kaitlin Ryan, Sonia Singh, and Jamie Zacharias – Saba said.

“We would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Dennis DePace, who hand delivered the books in a Santa Claus costume,” she added.

“The delight on the children’s faces as they received their books from Santa was heartwarming and a reminder of the joyous spirit of the holiday season.”



Dr. DePace



Left to right: Joseph Vadakara, Gaurav Mathur, Krishna Rao, Ashwani Gupta, and Petros Grivas.



Ravi Ambani

Ravi Ambani, a second-year medical student, is the recipient of the LeCoMASE Medical Student Scholarship administered by the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society for medical students who are residents of Lehigh County. The scholarship is made possible by contributions from the Lehigh County Medical Auxiliary's Scholarship and Education (LeCoMASE) Fund. Ambani will receive \$2,500 toward his tuition.



Linda M. Thomas

Linda M. Thomas, R.N., MBA, CHC, director of compliance services, recently earned the Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) credential. This national certification is awarded by the Compliance Certification Board of the Health Care Compliance Association upon successful completion of an examination. The CHC credential is awarded to professionals with knowledge of relevant regulations and expertise in compliance processes prepared to assist the healthcare industry to understand and address legal obligations, and promote organizational integrity through the operations of effective compliance programs.



Sabina Chatterjee

Sabina Chatterjee, a graduate student in Professional Studies, won third prize in the Drexel University Non-Traditional Student Essay contest with her response to the topic "Why College? Why Now?" A single parent, Chatterjee is employed full-time as an external case manager for a sub-acute rehabilitation and long-term care facility in New Jersey, for which she travels about 100 miles a day. She also acts as a community liaison, organizing blood drives, hosting social work seminars and attending health fairs, where she distributes information and performs blood pressure and diabetes screenings.

Her myriad other responsibilities – volunteer as well as professional – would more than complete an ordinary person's day, but two years ago, Chatterjee decided to pursue a career in healthcare, where she says her heart has been since the age of 8. Now in her second year of full-time studies she expects to receive her Master of Science in interdisciplinary health sciences with a concentration in pharmacology and biochemistry this May. "Why now? Why not now is the real question," she says.

Fulbrighter Reports on His Year Out in Spain

Andrew M. Blakely, a fourth-year medical student, spent the 2008/09 academic year as a Fulbright Scholar in Spain, where he did research to help evaluate the country's initiative to combat obesity.

I finished my year in Spain very happy with what I had accomplished. My project was to assess pediatricians' use of national clinical recommendations to treat childhood obesity, by means of a questionnaire. I received over 100 responses, which produced some interesting trends about their use of BMI and frequency of diet and exercise counseling. I am working on writing up the manuscript; preliminary results were presented in November at the 5th Annual Spanish Pediatric Association Primary Care Conference in Zaragoza. In addition, I was able to collaborate with Spanish co-workers on other projects, three of which were presented at the 6th annual meeting of Health Technology Assessment International in Singapore last June.

My time in Spain was an amazing experience. I learned a great deal about Spanish culture and society, and in turn I had numerous opportunities to share parts of American culture with Spanish friends. While it was tough to be out of the country during the Phillies' World Series run, I became a big soccer aficionado. I developed a deep appreciation for Spanish cuisine, and have been experimenting with various recipes. Overall, I took



a lot from my time in Madrid, and I established great professional and personal relationships. I saw quite a bit of Spain, but there is still a lot more to see and experience on future trips. It was a memorable and enriching year to be sure, and I would not have traded it for anything.

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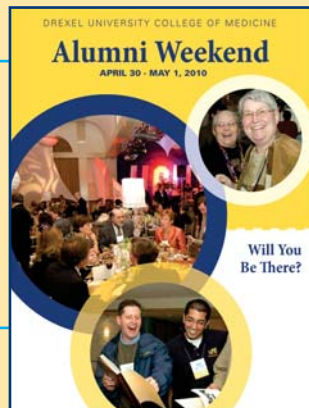
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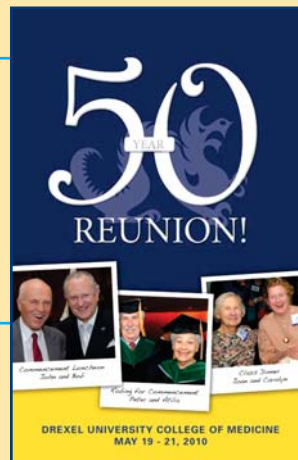


Upcoming Events

March 11
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Reception
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans Marriott – Mardi Gras F



April 30 – May 1
Alumni Weekend
Drexel University
College of Medicine



May 19 – 21
**Class of 1960
50 Year Reunion**
Drexel University
College of Medicine

May 21
Commencement

For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations
at **1-866-373-9633** or medical.alumni@drexel.edu.
Patty Comey, Director, Alumni Relations

SNOWMASS CME SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 1 – 5, 2011

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The conference begins Tuesday, February 1, 2011, starting with
the evening reception, and ends Saturday, February 5, 2011.

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'70s

Kenneth Brubaker, M.D., HU '70 was appointed to the board of directors of Landis Homes, a retirement community in Lititz, Pa. Brubaker, board certified in family medicine, is a physician with Lancaster General Hospital.

Frank M. Stearns, M.S., MCP '72; Ph.D., HU '78 presented two papers at the 62nd annual meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks in New Orleans, October 24-27, 2009: "A Screening Procedure for IgA-Deficient Donors by Passive Hemagglutination Inhibition on the Olympus PK7200 and Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay" (oral presentation) and "Sensitivity and Specificity Evaluation of the Bio-Rad GS HIV 1/HIV 2 Plus O EIA, an Enzyme Immunoassay for Detection of Human Antibodies to HIV-1 (Group M and O) and HIV-2, on the ORTHO Summit™ System" (poster). Stearns is the CEO and laboratory director of the American Red Cross National Testing Laboratory in Philadelphia.

Sandra Hullett, M.D., MCP '76 was named Businessperson of the Year by Alabama's *Birmingham Business Journal*. Hullett is CEO and medical director at Birmingham's Cooper Green Mercy Hospital.

Michael J. Berendt, Ph.D., HU '77 joined the board of directors of Alethia Biotherapeutics Inc., a privately held biotechnology company. Berendt is president and CEO of Aegera Therapeutics.

James Della Valle, M.D., MCP '77 joined the Guthrie Clinic as the director of the Family Medicine Residency Program in Sayre, Pa. Prior to this position, Della Valle served as an emergency physician for United Health Services at Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich, N.Y., and directed its transitional residency program.

Joseph Paul Coyle, M.D., HU '78 was named to the "Best Doctors 2009-2010"

list by Best Doctors, Inc. Coyle works at Southeast Anesthesiology Consultants in Charlotte, N.C.

Lawrence A. Real, M.D., MCP '78 the medical director of Belmont Center for Comprehensive Treatment, in Philadelphia, was elected to the board of directors of Albert Einstein Healthcare Network. Real is also co-chair of Einstein's Department of Psychiatry.

Joseph A. Abate, M.D., HU '79 was appointed to the 2009-2010 North Idaho College Foundation board of directors. The all-volunteer board oversees the NIC Foundation, which is the college's private fundraising division. Abate is a partner in Heart Clinics Northwest.

'80s

Robert S. Porter, M.D., HU '80, was named editor-in-chief of *The Merck Manuals*. He has been with Merck as an editor of The Manuals for eight years, following a career in emergency medicine in the Philadelphia area.

Alexis E. Finlay, M.D., HU '81 has opened an ophthalmology practice in Ridgefield, Conn. Previously, Finlay headed an ophthalmology practice in Greenwich, Conn. for more than 20 years. She also served as president of the New York Cornea and Refractive Surgery Society. Finlay was recognized in the 2009 *New York Magazine* "Best Doctors" issue.

James K. Fugate, Jr., M.D., HU '81 joined Grace Pediatrics in Lititz, Pa. He has been providing pediatric primary care since 1984 and has special interests in immunizations and infectious disease as well as autism spectrum disorders.

Richard L. Snyder, M.D., MCP '82 was promoted to chief medical officer at Independence Blue Cross. In this capacity, Snyder will be the chief clinical spokesperson for IBC, and will have overall corporate responsibility for medical management, quality management, and all clinical policies and programs.

Snyder joined IBC in 1997 as the senior medical director of utilization management.

David S. Zalut, M.D., MCP '82 was elected vice president of medical staff for Virtua South Medical in Voorhees, N.J. He had been secretary/treasurer since 2008 and has been chair of family medicine for the last 10 years.

Arthur Belson, M.D., HU '83, a board-certified ophthalmologist, joined the Delaware Eye Institute. Prior to joining the practice, Belson was in private practice in southeastern Pennsylvania.



Dr. Yealy

Donald M. Yealy, M.D., MCP '85 was named chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He had

been vice chair of the department since 1995. Yealy is a principal investigator on two current federally funded research trials totaling \$9.6 million. In October 2009 he received the American College of Emergency Physicians' Outstanding Contribution in Research Award. The *NewsPager* staff regrets that his first name was incorrect in an announcement in the November issue.

Chris W. Fellin, M.D., FACP, HU '86 has been presented with an award for clinical practice from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Fellin is a member of Evangelical Medical Services Organization's Hospitalist Group, and he is board certified in internal medicine.

W. John Zehner, M.D., MCP '86 joined the medical staff of Halifax Regional Health System in Virginia. Zehner, who is board certified in emergency medicine, is in the Emergency Department at Halifax Regional Hospital.

Sister Judith Jacobus, M.D., HU '87 was featured in Kane, Pa.'s *Kane Republican*

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in an article about her medical career and her decision to leave her medical practice to join the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Ann's Novitiate, a convent in Queens Village, N.Y.

William M. Merenich, M.D., MCP '87 was named one of the top doctors in Delaware, Chester, and Montgomery Counties by *Main Line Today* magazine. Merenich, a radiologist, is campus chief of Riddle Memorial Hospital's imaging centers, located in Media, Pa.

Robert Peck, M.D., HU '87 was named assistant medical director at Luther Midelfort hospital in Eau Claire, Wis. Peck has been with Luther Midelfort since 1994.

Jonathan W. Spivack, M.D., HU '87 a neurologist, joined the Northern Nevada Medical Group. Spivack previously worked as a physician at Aurora Advanced Healthcare in Wisconsin.

Christopher T. Olivia, M.D., HU '88 was a featured speaker at "Conversations at RAND: A Policy Circle Event" held December 2, 2009, at RAND Corporation in Pittsburgh. Olivia is president and CEO of West Penn Allegheny Health System.

Arnold Savenor, M.D., HU '88 an orthopedic surgeon, was recently named a top doctor in *Boston Magazine*. Savenor is a hand surgeon with Needham Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

David J. Malis, M.D., MCP '89 was featured in a "Physician Spotlight" at *SpaceCoastMedicine.com.*, which described him as the only fellowship-trained, board-certified pediatric ear, nose and throat specialist exclusively committed to young patients in Brevard and Indian River counties, Fla. The article discussed his work and his hobby of paragliding.

William Clay Warnick, M.D., HU '89 was named one of the top doctors in Delaware, Chester, and Montgomery

Counties by *Main Line Today* magazine. Warnick is medical director of the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic at Chester County Cardiology Associates as well as medical director of cardiac rehabilitation and co-medical director of the Heart Failure Program at the Chester County Hospital.

'90s

Fernando Bonanni, M.D., HU '90 was featured in Pennsylvania's *Bucks County Courier Times* in an article about his career. Bonanni is director of the Institute for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at Abington Memorial Hospital.

George Bean, M.D., MCP '91 was named medical director of pathology at DuBois Regional Medical Center of DuBois, Pa. Bean has served as a staff pathologist at the center as well as a staff pathologist and medical director of pathology at Punxsutawney Area Hospital.

Jeffrey L. Brown, M.D., HU '92 joined the medical staff of Winchester Hospital, Winchester, Mass., where he practices both general and bariatric surgery. Brown previously practiced for nine years in Nashua, N.H.

Barry Scott Kroll, M.D., HU '92 joined Doylestown Hospital's Department of Pediatrics in association with Margiotti/Kroll Pediatrics. Kroll completed his residency training at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Amber L. Chatwin, M.D., HU '94 joined Sutter North Medical Group in Yuba City, Calif. She will see patients in the group's orthopedic department. Chatwin completed her residency at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in Bronx, N.Y., and completed a knee fellowship at Jewett Orthopedic Clinic in Winter Park, Fla.

Peter Whitcopf, M.D., MCP '94 joined the medical staff at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa. Whitcopf, a specialist in radiation oncology, also joined the staff of Cancer Care of Central PA.

Cyrus Rangan, M.D., MCP '95 was a guest speaker for a free webinar hosted by PBS on how educators can help children better understand viruses and vaccinations. Rangan is director of the Toxics Epidemiology Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Public Health.

Stephan W. Coffman, M.D., MCP '96 a general surgeon, rejoined the medical staff of Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, N.H. Coffman previously worked at the hospital from June 2006 to January 2009. He was most recently at Providence Health in Hood River, Ore.

Robert W. Zickler, M.D., HU '96 has joined the Indiana Vascular Institute at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. He was previously affiliated with Surgical Associates of Fredericksburg, Va., and was a staff surgeon at Mary Washington Hospital.

Denise Kelley, M.D., HU '97 was featured in Pennsylvania's *Bucks County Herald* in a story about her new medical practice, Black Pearl Medical and Healing Arts. Her office will be fee-for-service instead of an insurance-based practice, and she will integrate healthcare with education and alternative medical practices.

Susan Sordoni, M.D., MCP '97 was named a Health Care Hero by the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., *Times Leader*. Sordoni serves as chair of the Board of Volunteers in Medicine, a full-service medical clinic in Wilkes-Barre for people who have no primary care health insurance. She also volunteers as a physician at the Children's Advocacy Center in Scranton. In addition, Sordoni maintains a private practice in Kingston.

Albert J. Carvelli, M.D., MCP '98 has joined the staff of St. Clair Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh. A pain management specialist, he completed his residency in anesthesiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard University and the University of Pittsburgh.

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'00s

Jeffrey Nau, MMS, MCPHU '02 was promoted to vice president of medical and clinical affairs at NeoVista, Inc., an ophthalmic medical device company in Fremont, Calif. Nau previously served as executive director of medical and clinical affairs for the company.

Lt. Cmdr. Kelli Nayak, M.D. '02 formerly Kelli McDermott, was inducted into the Worcester (Mass.) Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. Nayak was a three-sport athlete at Worcester's Burncoat High School. Before leaving the Navy in July 2009, she worked in pediatrics at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Natalee S. Sansone, M.D. '02 joined Grove Hill Medical Center in New Britain, Conn. Sansone came to the center from the private practice of gastroenterology in Norwich, Conn.

Christopher J. Drumm, M.D. '06 joined the medical staff of Montgomery Hospital Medical Center and Norristown Family Physicians, both of Norristown, Pa. Drumm recently completed his residency with Chestnut Hill Family Practice in Philadelphia.

Former Residents and Fellows

Matvey Palchuk, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident, MCPHU '01 joined Recombinant Data Corp., a healthcare data warehousing

and clinical intelligence provider, as director of medical informatics. Prior to joining Recombinant, Palchuk was Interlingua architect at the Center for Biomedical Informatics at Harvard University.

Nimish Patel, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident '09 has joined Charles Cole Memorial Hospital at Coudersport, Pa. with a specialty in internal medicine and hospitalist medicine. Patel earned his medical degree at George Washington University. During his Drexel/Hahnemann residency, he served as a clinical educator and chief resident.

In Memoriam

Virginia Mae Badger, M.D., WMC '61 *October 11, 2009, age 83.* One of the first women to be board certified as an orthopedic surgeon, she joined the staff of Washington University in St. Louis and practiced at Barnes Hospital and Shriners Hospital, becoming medical director of the latter. She later became assistant director of Carry Tingley Hospital in Truth or Consequences, N.M., before being called up to serve in the Army in 1979. (She had been in the reserves since 1952.) After retiring as a full colonel, she did locum tenens work all over the United States for a decade, before retiring to live in Tacoma, Wash. She is survived by three sisters.

Mary Ann Bartusis, M.D., WMC '56 *December 10, 2009, age 79,* of Las Vegas, where she had lived for 13 years. She had been a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and maintained a private practice in psychiatry in Trenton, N.J., and Bucks County, Pa., for 38 years. The author of two books, *Every Other Man* (Dutton, 1978) and *Off to a Good Start* (Donald I. Fine Inc., 1991), Bartusis was a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the American College of Psychiatrists. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Donald J. Bartusis. She is survived by her four children, Joseph Bartusis, Deborah Axilrod, Monica Anderson, and Michele Carter, M.D.

Martha J. Bender, M.D., WMC '51 *January 30, 2009*

Joseph J. Bruno, M.D., HU '35 *February 18, 2009*

Thomas M. D'Auria, M.D., HU '44 *December 19, 2009*

John V. Foyt, M.D., HU '56 *December 26, 2009*

Jeffrey T. Haimes, M.D., MCP '82 *June 4, 2009*

John S. Jenks, M.D., HU '78 *December 27, 2009*

Donald F. Nase, M.D., HU '63 *December 15, 2009*

Samuel J. Puma, M.D., HU '40 *November 23, 2009*

Ralph J. Slonim, M.D., HU '54 *October 13, 2009*

Mary Ellen Stanger, M.D., WMC '57 *February 26, 2009*

Steven K. Teplick, M.D., HU '67 *December 8, 2009*

Frank J. Tornetta, M.D., HU '46 *November 19, 2009*

Otto R. Weber, M.D., HU '51 *December 17, 2009*

Sidney N. Zubrow, M.D., HU '38 *January 9, 2010, Philadelphia,* at the age of 96. Certified as both an internist and a cardiologist, he cared for generations of the same families, primarily as an internist, over a nearly 60-year career. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in North Africa during World War II, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was associated with Pennsylvania Hospital and served as an associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was a fellow of the American College of Physicians. In 1980, he and his wife, Molly, who died in 1996, established the Sidney N. Zubrow Award to highlight humanism in medicine. He is survived by his daughters, Betsy Z. Cohen and Diane Z. Sand; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In Memoriam: Jane M. Glick, Ph.D., Former Faculty Member

Jane M. Glick, Ph.D., who had been a professor in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, passed away on November 15, 2009, following a fall. Glick joined the faculty in 1977 as an assistant professor in the Department of Physiology & Biochemistry at Medical College of Pennsylvania. She later served as an associate professor until 1994, when she joined Penn Medicine and also became an adjunct professor in MCP's Department of Biochemistry. She resigned her employment in 1998 but remained on the faculty until 2000. Glick published several dozen papers on lipid metabolism and was also a dedicated educator, receiving the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching both at MCP and at Penn. Interestingly she worked closely at Penn with Daniel J. Rader, M.D., '84, whom she had mentored when he was a medical student at MCP. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, John H. Glick, M.D., and their two daughters, Katherine Cox and Sarah Johnson, and four grandchildren.

Alum and Drexel Colleague Organize Conference on Rare Blood Disorder

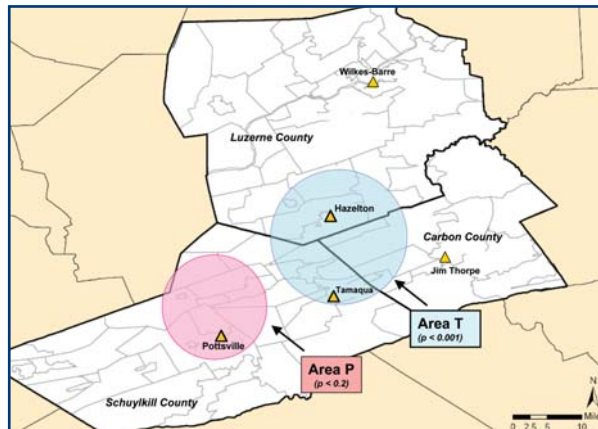
Paul I. Roda, M.D., HU '76; Internal Medicine Resident, MCP '79; Hematology/Oncology Fellow, HU '91, an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, is collaborating with Arthur Frank, M.D., Ph.D., of Drexel's School of Public Health in the study of polycythemia vera, a disorder resulting in the overproduction of blood cells. On March 6, they will host the first "Regional Symposium on P. vera and Myeloproliferative Neoplasms: Lessons from an Eastern Pennsylvania Cluster." Roda, a medical oncologist at the Geisinger Hazleton Cancer Center, was part of a team headed by the Agency for

Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) that used molecular testing to identify this cluster (V. Seaman et al. "Use of Molecular Testing to Identify a Cluster of Patients with Polycythemia Vera in Eastern Pennsylvania." *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention* 2009;18[2]:534-540). The symposium will be held in the College of Medicine's New College Building. The 11 speakers include Drs. Ronald Hoffman, head of the International Myeloproliferative Disease Research



Dr. Roda

Consortium; Vincent Seaman from the ATSDR (who first described the cluster); and Stephen Ostroff, secretary of health for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to Roda and Frank, Pamela Crilley, D.O., assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, is another Drexel face among the conference faculty. CME credit is available through the Geisinger Health System. For information, call **800-272-6692**.



Two clusters in eastern Pa. had PV rates higher than rest of study area. Area T was statistically significant. Map adapted with permission from article cited above.

Drexel Convenient Care Center...continued



Thomas McAndrew, M.D., is the medical director of the Drexel center.

Experts say that demand is likely to keep growing as more patients realize that these centers offer shorter wait times, a quicker visit and easier access to high-quality affordable

care, and insurers offer incentives to use the medical centers as a way to reduce costs.

A quick visit to a retail clinic for a simple diagnosis, such as strep throat or a urinary tract infection, could result in savings of at least \$240 over an emergency room visit.

Tine Hansen-Turton, CEO, National Nursing Centers Consortium in Philadelphia, notes that a shortage of primary care physicians is also fueling the demand for retail clinics.

"More than 30 percent of the people who walk into convenient care centers nationally don't have a primary care physician, and the clinic connects them to affordable healthcare," said Hansen-Turton. "The Drexel Convenient Care Center is going to provide easy access to healthcare, which will reduce time away from work and could help prevent lengthy and costly absences with an early diagnosis."

The Drexel Convenient Care Center will treat anyone over 18 years of age. The

Center specializes in treating basic medical conditions such as cough/cold symptoms, flu, seasonal allergies, sprains/ strains, rashes, minor wounds and burns, among many others.

Medical testing available at the Center includes diabetes and cholesterol screenings and pregnancy testing. If a patient requires X-rays or more specialized treatment, the center can offer an immediate referral to a Drexel specialist and assist in scheduling those appointments.

The Drexel Convenient Care Center can be accessed from 16th Street between Market and Chestnut or reached by telephone at **215-399-5890**. For more information, visit www.drexelmed.edu/cc.

Presentations & Publications



Dr. Abedin



Dr. Meyers

Mohammad Z. Abedin, Ph.D., associate professor, **William C. Meyers, M.D.**, professor and chair; and **Nandita Suresh, M.D.**, research fellow; all in the Department of Surgery,

and colleagues published "Gender Differences in Cholesterol Nucleation in Native Bile: Estrogen Is a Contributory Factor" in *The Journal of Membrane Biology*, December 2009 (published online in November). Angela C. Brown, Ph.D., and Steven P. Wrenn, Ph.D., Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Drexel University; were the coauthors.



Dr. Alemo

Saeid Alemo, M.D., clinical assistant professor, Department of Surgery, presented "Sources and Patterns of Pain in Lumbar Disc Disease; Revisiting of Francis Murphy's Theory" at the 44th Annual Congress of the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 11.



Dr. Komarnicky



Dr. Reiff



Dr. Curcillo

Larry Daugherty, M.D., resident, Department of Radiation Oncology, presented "Intraoperative Fluoroscopy for Confirmation of Expansion of a Single Entry Multicatheter Breast Brachytherapy Device" at the Radiological Society of North America 95th Scientific Assembly and annual meeting, in November 2009 in Chicago. His co-authors were **Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D.**, professor and chair, and **Jay E. Reiff, Ph.D.**, professor; Department of Radiation Oncology; and **Sophia L. Subong, M.D.**, resident, and **Paul G. Curcillo, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Surgery.



Dr. Ellis-Davies

Graham Ellis-Davies, Ph.D., professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, and colleagues published "Two-Color, Two-Photon Uncaging of Glutamate and Gaba" on *Nature Methods'* website on December 27, 2009.



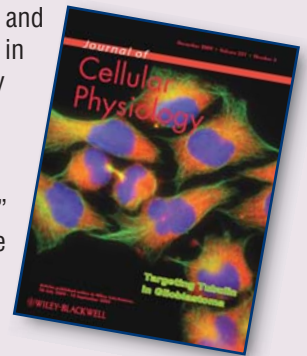
Dr. Katsetos

Christos D. Katsetos, M.D., Ph.D., research professor of pediatrics and neurology, and professor of pathology, and **Agustin Legido, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of pediatrics and neurology, and colleagues published two back-to-back review articles in *Journal of Cellular Physiology*, December 2009: "Tubulin Targets in the Pathobiology and Therapy of Glioblastoma Multiforme. I. Class III Beta-Tubulin" and "Tubulin Targets in the Pathobiology and Therapy of Glioblastoma Multiforme. II. Gamma-tubulin."



Dr. Legido

The publications were featured on the cover of the journal and as leading articles in the Highlights section.



Doris A. Morgan, Ph.D., research associate, Division of Hematology/ Oncology, **Reiner Class, Ph.D.**, research associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, **Gerald Sosla, Ph.D.**, professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and colleague published "Cytokine Mediated Proliferation of Cultured Sea Turtle Blood Cells: Morphologic and Functional Comparison to Human Blood Cells" in *Tissue and Cell*, August 2009 (published online February 2009).



Dr. Sosla

Jay E. Reiff, Ph.D., professor; **D.C. Perlingiero, CMD**, dosimetrist; and **Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, presented a poster, "Dosimetric Effects of Non-Symmetric Openings of Multi-Catheter Breast Brachytherapy Applicators," at the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology annual meeting, November 2009 in Chicago.



Dr. Rosenzweig

Steven Rosenzweig, M.D., clinical associate professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, and colleagues published "Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for Chronic Pain Conditions: Variation in Treatment Outcomes and Role of Home Meditation Practice" in *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, January 2010.

Submissions for Presentations & Publications and 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. For Grants & Kudos, please use the short entries on page 4 of this issue as a model. Thank you.



Dr. Schidlow

Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Pediatrics, and colleagues published “Cystic Fibrosis Care in Chile” in the November 2009 issue of *Current Opinion in Pulmonary Medicine*.



Dr. Spector

Nancy Spector, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, and colleague published “Vitamin D Deficiency, Eosinophilic Esophagitis, and Health Literacy” in *Current Opinion in Pediatrics*, December 2009 edition.



Dr. Simmons

B. Brent Simmons, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine, authored “Students Who Participate in a Student-Run Free Health Clinic Need Education About Access to Care Issues” in the November 2009 issue of *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*.

Tanchun Wang, a doctoral student in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, and co-authors **Derek Kendig**,



Dr. Smolock

also a doctoral student, and **Elaine Smolock, Ph.D., '08**, published “Carbachol-Induced Rabbit Bladder Smooth Muscle Contraction: Roles of Protein Kinase C and Rho Kinase” in *The American Journal of Physiology*, Renal Physiology Section. **Kendig** is a recipient of a Drexel University College of Medicine Aging Initiative Graduate Fellowship. The work was

done in the laboratory of **Robert S. Moreland, Ph.D.**, professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology.

Gerald Soslau, Ph.D., professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; **Phillip Prest, D.O.**, former student; **Reiner Class, Ph.D.**, research associate professor, Radiation Oncology; **Monika Jost, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Forensic Science Program, and **Lynn Matthews, M.D.**, former student, published “Inhibition of Gamma-Thrombin-Induced Human Platelet Aggregation by Histone H1Subtypes and H1.3 Fragments” in *Platelets*, August 2009.



Dr. Jost

Michael Wong, M.D., '09, **Brandon Fisher, D.O.** and **Larry Daugherty, M.D.**, residents; **Usha Babaria, M.D.**, assistant professor, and **Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, presented a poster, “Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Hemorrhagic Radiation Cystitis,” at the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology annual meeting in Chicago in November 2009.

Compliance Corner: Medicare Eliminates Consultation CPT Codes on January 1, 2010



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance
& Privacy Officer

Beginning January 1, 2010, Medicare eliminated the use of inpatient and outpatient consultation codes. Reimbursement will be based on the appropriate selection of the evaluation and management (E/M) visit code that represents where the visit occurs, i.e., inpatient initial hospital care (codes 99221-99223), subsequent hospital care (codes 99231-99233), office/outpatient new patient (codes

99201-99205), and office/outpatient established patient services (codes 99211-99215).

In all cases, physicians will bill the available E/M visit code that most appropriately describes the level of services provided.

Linda Thomas, R.N., MBA, CPC, CHC, director of compliance services, and Fe Jesudason, M.D., CPC, director of coding services, will be scheduling a variety of departmental education sessions to review documentation requirements for E/M services with clinical faculty. Either formal presentations at faculty meetings or on-site “coding clinics” for individual faculty questions will be arranged to accommodate faculty schedules.

Please address your questions and concerns to:

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Fe Jesudason at **215-255-7355** or fe.jesudason@drexelmed.edu

Questions? Compliance or privacy training requests: 215-255-7819

Confidential compliance hotlines: Call toll-free 866-936-1010; or visit www.drexelmed.edu/ComplianceHotline

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Bulletins:

National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology June 4-6

A faculty of internationally renowned experts will speak at the Fourth National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, sponsored by the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology of Drexel University College of Medicine. The intensive program of lectures and case-based discussions begins Friday afternoon, June 4, and ends Sunday just before noon. The forum will be held at the Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia. Asyia S. Ahmad, M.D., an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, is the program director, and Barbara B. Frank, M.D., a professor in the department, is the co-director.



For additional information, contact Jennifer Sumter in the Office of Continuing Medical Education, **215-762-2581**, or visit www.drexelmed.edu/cme and click on Conferences.

Calendar:

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| February | <i>American Heart Month</i> |
| Feb 13 | Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert
Talent by Drexel Medicine students and faculty
Main Building, University City Main Campus
Contact: Shay Myers, 215-991-8219 or smyers@drexelmed.edu |
| March | <i>National Nutrition Month</i> |
| Mar 4 | Sex & Gender Research Forum
"Gender Differences Among Children and Youth: School, Violence and Health"
Bossone Research Center, 32nd & Market Streets, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Poster session and closing reception will immediately follow
Contact: Shani.Risien-Harvey@drexelmed.edu or 215-991-0267 |
| Mar 18 | Match Day!
Queen Lane Campus
Contact: Shay Myers, 215-991-8219 or smyers@drexelmed.edu |
| April | <i>National Autism Awareness Month</i> |
| Apr 19 | Woman One
The Rittenhouse, 5:30 p.m. program, reception following
Contact: iwhl@drexelmed.edu or 215-991-0267 |
| Apr 27 | Marion Spencer Fay Award/Lecture & Reception
Queen Lane Campus, 4 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Contact: jbarber@drexelmed.edu or 215-991-8194 |
| Apr 30-May 1 | Alumni Weekend |
| May | <i>Hepatitis Awareness Month</i> |
| May 19-21 | 50-Year Reunion |
| May 21 | Commencement |
| June | <i>National Scleroderma Awareness Month</i> |
| Jun 4 | Fourth National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology
The Ritz-Carlton
Contact: Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2581 |
| Jun 12 | Drexel University Commencement |