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## The Specialty We All Will Need GERIATRICS

When the first baby boomers turn 65 next year, you won't find them googling "geriatric services." Although 65 is the conventional threshold for becoming an "older" American, it's not as if things go to hell in a handbasket.

Still, more than 75 percent of adults over the age of 65 suffer from at least one chronic medical condition, according to the Institute of Medicine, and the American Geriatrics Society reports that 20 percent of the Medicare population has at least five chronic conditions.

Complicating matters, many diseases present differently in the older patient and may require different treatment. Even the healthiest of older adults can benefit from a specialized approach to primary care and prevention. This is the province of geriatrics.

"There are many things we do differently," said Brent Simmons, M.D., a



**The first boomers turn 65 next year. By 2030, there will be 72 million Americans 65 and older – 19 percent of the population.**

family physician who is fellowship-trained in geriatric medicine. "We use different medications, we do more cognitive and functional assessment. We expect to see more complex medical problems."

That was one of the things that appealed to Simmons when he did an elective geriatric rotation in medical school. "I really like



the more complex patients," he said. "I like the social aspects, as well. I like working with that population."

That population, it's no secret, is set to burgeon. The number of Americans 65 and older is expected to increase to nearly 55 million in 2020 and 72 million in 2030 – or 19 percent of the population (census projections). About 33.5 million will be 75 and older. Unfortunately, the number of geriatricians is going in the opposite direction, with fewer practicing now than

there were in 2000. Currently, there are about four geriatricians for every 10,000 Americans aged 75 and older. By 2030 that ratio is expected to drop to 1.8 for every 10,000 of the 75-plus population.

In response, efforts are under way to increase geriatric experience at all levels of medical education, as well as to raise interest in geriatric fellowship training. A key role for geriatricians in the future will be to provide formal training to primary care physicians and specialists who will be seeing more geriatric patients as the population changes.

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**Richard V. Homan, M.D.**

Senior Vice President for Health Affairs  
Annenberg Dean

160 years of tradition our graduates carry with them. They are certainly well prepared for their next steps, thanks to all who have taught and mentored them.

May also brought the Top Doctors issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*, with its selection of the top physicians in the region. This year, I am proud to say that 51 members of the College of Medicine faculty were named among the best in their specialties [Editor's note: See [www.drexelmed.edu/topdocs](http://www.drexelmed.edu/topdocs)]. Congratulations and thanks to them for the honor they bring to our institution.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mary M. Moran as vice president of Philadelphia Health & Education Corporation (Drexel University College of Medicine). In this new role, she is authorized to represent me in College of Medicine affairs. Dr. Moran has also been promoted from associate dean

## A Season of Celebration

It has been gratifying to see all the alumni who have come to campus this spring for Alumni Weekend, the 50-Year Reunion, Commencement and other celebrations. At the graduation ceremonies, surrounded by the 50-year classes and faculty, many of whom are alumni themselves, I looked out at a sea of eager faces and thought of the

to vice dean for faculty affairs and professional development. She has been a member of our faculty since 1997 and currently holds an appointment as associate professor of pediatrics.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Dr. Moran completed her residency and chief residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh prior to joining the medical staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She also completed the Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship Program at Michigan State University. In 2007/08 she was a fellow in Drexel Medicine's renowned ELAM® program (the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® Program for Women).



**Dr. Moran**

Dr. Moran has held a number of academic and administrative positions at Drexel University College of Medicine, including clerkship director for pediatrics and assistant dean for clinical education, and also served as director of medical education at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. In 2007, she was chosen to lead the implementation of DUCOM's five-year strategic plan. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and has been recognized repeatedly for excellence in both teaching and clinical care, receiving honors and awards too numerous to mention.

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## Alpha Omega Alpha Inducts 51 New Members

Two alumni, two faculty members and three residents (see caption) were inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society at the annual Delta Zeta Chapter banquet held at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue on March 24. Also inducted were 44 medical students, whose names were announced last fall (*NewsPager*, November 2009). Barbara Schindler, M.D., vice dean for educational and academic affairs, gave this year's June F. Klinghoffer, M.D., AOA Lecture. Kevin Kasper, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine, a cardiologist, was selected by the student inductees to receive the AOA Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award.



**Standing (l-r):** Dean Homan; Dr. Katherine Gargiulo, chief resident, pediatrics; Dr. Schindler; Donald M. Yealy, M.D., MCP '85, chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Pittsburgh; Drs. Alan Tunkel, AOA Delta Zeta Chapter councilor, and Chileshe Nkonde, chief resident, Medicine. **Seated (l-r):** Dr. Lauren Jodie Van Scy, chief resident, Medicine; Dr. Kasper; Carol Carraccio, M.D., MCP '79, professor of pediatrics, University of Maryland; Drs. Page S. Morahan, professor, Microbiology & Immunology, and founding director, ELAM Program, and Bernard Eskin, professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, clinical associate professor of psychiatry, and adjunct professor of pharmacology.

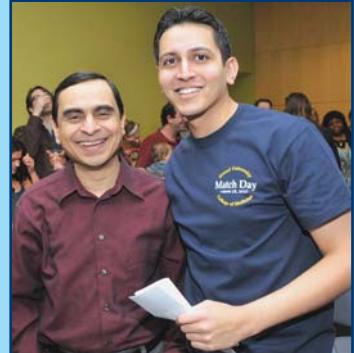
## Match Day

Students simultaneously opened sealed envelopes containing the name and location of their residency training on March 18 at the annual Match Day ceremony, celebrated on the same day at medical schools around the nation. The most popular field for the Drexel medical graduates is internal medicine, which 62 students chose for residency, followed by pediatrics, with 29 students, and emergency medicine, 21. Nineteen students chose family medicine. Other areas of study include obstetrics/gynecology, radiology, general surgery, orthopedic surgery and ophthalmology.

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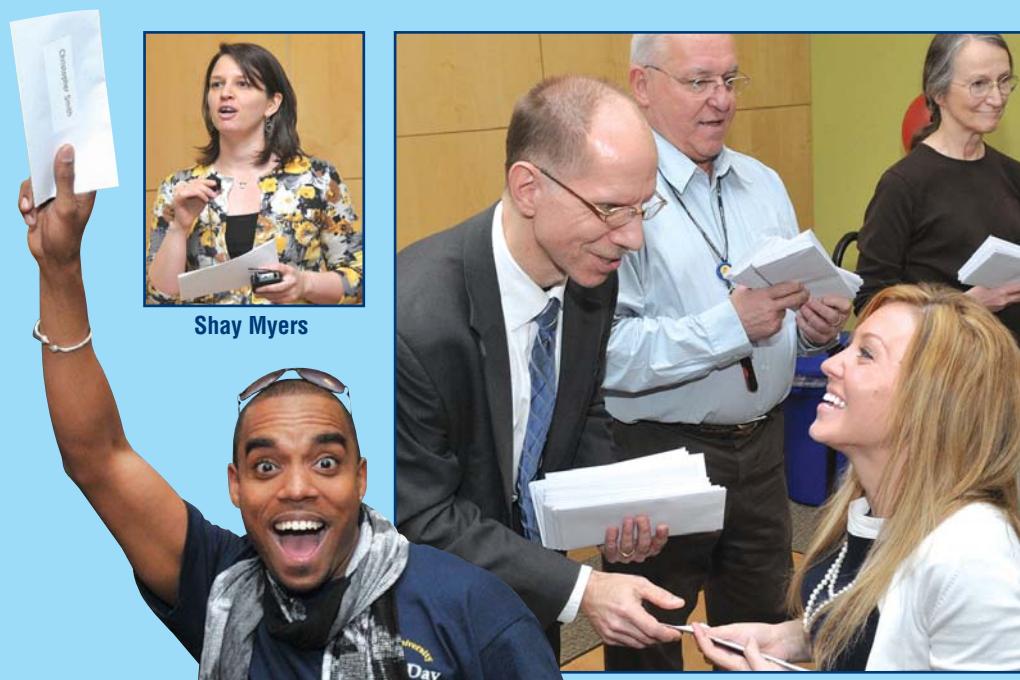
Drs. Denise Ferrier, Richard Homan, Barbara Schindler, Anthony Rodriguez



Abhay Jain and Nikhil Jain



Jeffrey Brennan, Diane Aw, Summit Datta



Drs. Joseph Boselli, Dennis DePace,  
Janet Smith; Funda Sonuparlak



Front: Adam Baker and Meredith Harrison.  
Back: John Wentzel

## **Presentations & Publications**

**Drs. Alexandra Aguilar**, fellow; **Shufang Wu**, research assistant; and **Francesco De Luca**, professor of pediatrics, co-authored “P450 Oxidoreductase Expressed in Rat Chondrocytes Modulates Chondrogenesis via Cholesterol- and Indian Hedgehog-Dependent Mechanisms” published in the June 2009 issue of *Endocrinology*. All are in the Section of Endocrinology and Diabetes at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children; De Luca is section chief.



**Dr. De Luca**



**Saeid Alemo, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Surgery, is a co-author of “Role of Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring in Lumbosacral Spine Fusion and Instrumentation” published in *World Neurosurgery*, Volume 73, Issue 1, Pages 72-76, January 2010.



**Dr. Bamford**

**Laura P. Bamford, M.D.**, assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine, and colleagues recently published “Factors Associated with Delayed Entry into Primary HIV Medical Care after HIV Diagnosis,” in *AIDS*, March 27, 2010.



**Dr. Daetwyler**



**Ms. Cohen**

**Christof Daetwyler, M.D.**, associate professor, Office of Educational Affairs and Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine; **Diane Cohen**, director, Standardized Patient Program; **Edward Gracely, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine; and **Dennis Novack, M.D.**, professor, Medicine,



**Dr. Gracely**



**Dr. Novack**

are co-authors of “doc.com and WebOSCE: zwei neue Online-Werkzeuge zum Erlernen, Ueben und Ueberpruefen medizinischer Kommunikationsfertigkeiten” [doc.com and WebOSCE: two novel online tools for the learning, practice, and assessment of healthcare communication skills], which was featured as the main article in a special volume on “E-Learning im Gesundheitswesen” [e-Learning in the Healthcare System] published by the Austrian peer-reviewed journal *Zeitschrift fuer e-Learning*.



**Dr. Goldenberg**

**Robert L. Goldenberg, M.D.**, professor, **Anand Bhattacharya, MHS**, research assistant, both in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and colleagues published “Women’s Perceptions Regarding the Safety of Births at Various Gestational Ages” in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, December 2009.

**Jon A. Grammes, D.O.**, cardiac electrophysiology fellow; Christopher M. Schulze, D.O., former fellow; Mohammad Al-Bataineh, M.D., former faculty member; George A. Yesenosky, M.D., former fellow; **Christine S. Saari, MSN, CRNP**, and **Michelle J. Vrabel, MSN, CRNP**, nurse practitioners in the Division of Cardiology;

**Jay Horrow, M.D.**, professor, Department of Anesthesiology; **Mashiul Chowdhury, M.D.**, assistant professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases; and **John M. Fontaine, M.D.**, professor of medicine, and **Steven P. Kutalek, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine, both in the Division of Cardiology, are co-authors of “Percutaneous Pacemaker and Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Lead Extraction in 100 Patients With Intracardiac Vegetations Defined by Transesophageal Echocardiogram” in the March 2, 2010, issue of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

**Mitzie L. Grant, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, and director of the Section of Pediatric Neuropsychology at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, was one of three invited speakers who conducted a continuing medical education symposium, “Evidence-Based Advances in the Treatment of Phenylketonuria: Designing the New Standards of Care,” at the 2010 American College of Medical Genetics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 25 in Albuquerque, N.M. Grant addressed “Neurocognitive, Psychological and Psychiatric Considerations in PKU.”



**Dr. Hamilton**

**Richard J. Hamilton, M.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, is the editor-in-chief of the *Tarascon Pharmacopoeia 2010 Professional Desk Reference Edition* (Jones and Bartlett, 2010). The book received a 5-star rating from Doody’s Book Reviews, signifying an “exceptional title with nearly flawless execution.”



**Dr. McColgan**



**Dr. Cruz**

**Drs. Maria McColgan, and Mario Cruz,** both assistant professors of pediatrics and emergency medicine, have published "Results of a Multifaceted Intimate Partner

Violence Training Program for Pediatric Residents" in the April 2010 issue of *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

**Drs. Vlady Ostrow**, fellow, and **Francesco De Luca**, professor of pediatrics, co-authored "Long-Term Follow-up of a Child with Ambiguous Genitalia, Mixed Gonadal Dysgenesis, and Unusual Mosaicism" published in the September 2009 issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism*. Both are in the Section of Endocrinology and Diabetes at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children; De Luca is section chief.



**Talha Shaikh**

**Talha Shaikh**, a 2nd-year medical student, is first author of the article "Improvement in Interobserver Accuracy in Delineation of the Lumpectomy Cavity Using Fiducial Markers" published in *The International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics*, March 19, 2010.



**Dr. Spector**



**Dr. Levine**



**Dr. McGregor**

**Drs. Nancy D. Spector**, assistant professor, **Leonard J. Levine**, assistant professor, and **Robert S. McGregor**, professor, all in the Department of Pediatrics, and colleagues, published an article, "e-Professionalism: Challenges in the Age of Information," in *The Journal of Pediatrics*, March 2010. The authors are developing a curriculum for Drexel University College of Medicine students and the residents at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children to address the use of technology in education and medical settings.

Submissions for Presentations & Publications and Grants & Kudos may now be emailed directly to [NewsPager@drexelmed.edu](mailto: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 6 of this issue as a model. Thank you.

## ***The Specialty We All Will Need GERIATRICS...continued***

In addition to expert diagnostics for the older patient, what goes into the geriatrics medical kit? In quick succession, Simmons mentioned medication management, the electronic medical record used by Drexel University Physicians®, exercise, and social aspects.

"Medication management is always one of the biggest challenges with older patients," Simmons said. "There are issues with compliance, confusion, sometimes they don't know what they should be taking.... A new patient may come in with a big bag full of pill bottles – you might find one that's 10 years old," he said.

**The electronic medical record** helps avert these problems, and makes coordinating patient care much easier. "Say I refer a patient to cardiology," Simmons said. "The EMR lets them see all the information right away – not only medications, but they have instant access to my notes – my concerns. Then I can see all their recommendations in return."

There is a great range in functional ability among older patients, Simmons noted. "For those who are able, there's no question that exercise will keep them healthier longer. Physical exercise is well known to help with many of the most common problems in the elderly like high blood pressure and high cholesterol," he said.

"We've known for a long time that specialized exercises taught at physical therapy are good for spinal stenosis, for arthritis, for deconditioning – from simple deconditioning to debilitating stroke.

Someone who was hospitalized for a week with pneumonia, for example, may need PT just to get up and going again. Stroke patients can really benefit from physical therapy."

**Community and social activities** are vital for the geriatric population, Simmons said. He is involved in Center in the Park, "a wonderful senior center" in Germantown. He goes there every month or two with one of the family medicine residents to give a short talk on a topic, such as cholesterol, and answer questions. "The people who come to the center love it. They can relate to the doctors on a different level," Simmons said.

Simmons also has an interest in palliative care. "A lot of times at the end of life, there is a delicate balance between the most aggressive care and quality of life," he said. "Suppose the patient has end-stage dementia and a feeding tube is ordered. I have to discuss it with the family, so that they understand that while this intervention may supplement nutrition, oftentimes it will not prolong their loved one's life, and frequently it will diminish its quality," Simmons said.

"In palliative care, we like to say our 'procedure' is the family meeting," he added. "It's a matter of helping the patient decide what's best for them."

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## Grants & Kudos



Patty Comey

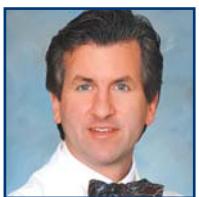
**Patty Comey** has been promoted to executive director, Alumni Relations, at the College of Medicine. In addition, she was recently elected to the position of vice chair, Alumni and Development, for the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Institutional Advancement (GIA). In her role as vice chair, she will also serve as the GIA Awards coordinator.



Dr. Lippa

**Carol F. Lippa, M.D.**, professor, Department of Neurology, and director of the Memory Disorders Center, received certification for geriatric neurology from the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties. This is a new neurological certification. Only six U.S. neurologists passed the test, and Lippa is the only one in Philadelphia.

**Pamela Geller, Ph.D.**, research associate professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology; **Mark Woodland, M.D.**, clinical professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology; **Christof Daetwyler, M.D.**,



Dr. Woodland

associate professor, Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine and Office of Educational Affairs, and colleagues received the 2010 Electronic Educational Resource Award of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics for their online learning program "Psychological and Medical Aspects of Pregnancy Loss," available at <http://webcampus.drexelmed.edu/interactive/pregloss>. The award letter noted that the program "stood out for its excellent content, engaging presentation and ease of use." Geller is also an associate professor of psychology and public health at Drexel University.



Dr. Daetwyler



Dr. Kresh

**J. Yasha Kresh, Ph.D.**, professor and research director, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and professor of medicine, was appointed co-chair of the American Heart Association Basic Science and Bioengineering Peer Review Committee. Kresh is also a professor of biomedical engineering at Drexel University School of Biomedical



Dr. McColgan

**Maria D. McColgan, M.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, recently passed the Child Abuse Pediatrics certifying exam of the American Board of Pediatrics. In addition, she has been named chair of the advisory board of Prevent Child Abuse PA, which is under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. McColgan is director of the Child Protection Program at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



Dr. Spector

**Nancy D. Spector, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, and associate residency program director at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, received the Robert S. Holm award of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, presented at the APPD's annual spring meeting in Chicago,

April 15-18. The award honors a program director or associate program director (past or present) for extraordinary contribution in pediatric program director leadership or in support of other pediatric program directors as a mentor, adviser or role model. Spector is the youngest recipient and the only associate program director ever to receive this award.

## Alzheimer's Disease, SPA Surgery, Sleep, Vitamin D – We're in the Spotlight

If you're in the Greater Philadelphia market, you would have to be trying hard recently to miss our physicians' presence on NBC TV. Our doctors have been interviewed as live in-studio guests on the *10! Show*, weekday mornings at 11, and have appeared in several Health Watch stories as part of the *Be Well/Stay Well* show at 5:30 p.m. Confident, personable, and comfortable on camera, they have a gift for explaining medical topics in accessible language.

In *Health Watch* stories, our physicians have addressed vaginitis (Paul Nyirjesy), vitamin D (Katherine Sheriff), gynecologic surgery through the belly button (Stephanie King), and Alzheimer's

research and genetic risk (Carol Lippa). The *10!* Show segments focused on sleep (Joanne Getsy), vitamin D (Sherif), and memory disorders (Lippa).

Drexel doctors from the Center for Women's Health, and Departments of Ob/Gyn, Internal Medicine, and Family Medicine staffed a phone bank on Women's Health that made the phones ring nonstop. Digestive health will be the focus of a phone bank on July 22 between 5 and 6 p.m. with our Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology.

Watch video of all the shows, except the phone banks, at [www.drexelmed.edu/videolibrary](http://www.drexelmed.edu/videolibrary).



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## '70s

**P. Christopher Metzger, M.D., HU '75** presented "The Effects of Steroid Use" at Penn State Worthington Scranton on March 3. Metzger has served as the team physician for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons, the Triple A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, and is now the team physician for the Triple A affiliate of the New York Yankees. He was also the team physician for the Abington Heights Sports Medicine Program and Marywood University.

**David Walter, M.D., HU '75**, a pediatrician, was appointed to the medical staff of Calais Regional Hospital and Calais Regional Medical Services, Calais, Maine. Walter was previously based at Eastern Maine Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

**Michael B. Wax, M.D., MCP '77** was listed in "Nurses' Choice: Top Doctors" by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine. A physician with Summit Medical Group, Wax is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine. He is also assistant professor of medicine at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, a member of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and a member of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group.

**Maureen R. Litchman, M.D., HU '78** a family physician, received a three-year appointment as a cancer liaison physician for the cancer program at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Litchman is the center director and a faculty member of the Wyoming Valley Academic Medicine program of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System in Kingston, Pa.

**Raymond S. Schreyer, M.D., HU '78** has been named one of three New Jersey top nephrologists in *New Jersey Monthly* magazine's "2010 Nurses' Choice: Top Doctors" list. Schreyer, board certified in internal medicine, critical care, and geriatrics, as well as nephrology, is in private practice with Regional Nephrology Associates in Northfield, N.J.

## '80s

**Scott Bedwell, M.D., HU '81**, a general surgeon with Saint Vincent Greater Erie Niagara Surgery in Erie, Pa., became credentialed to see patients at Westfield Memorial Hospital for colonoscopies, hernia repairs and other general surgical procedures.

**Douglas J. Ratner, M.D., HU '81**, chair of medicine at Jersey City Medical Center and author of *Tomorrow's Health for Today's Families*, was the speaker at Jersey City Medical Center's "Dinner with the Doctor" series. Ratner is board certified in internal medicine with a subspecialty from the American Board of Preventive, Occupational, and Environmental Medicine.

**Denis A. Tavani, M.D., MCP '81** was elected to the board of trustees of Memorial Hospital of Salem County (MHSC) in New Jersey. An internist, Tavani has been on the active medical staff of MHSC since 1987.

**Richard P. Glunk, M.D., MCP '82** a plastic and reconstructive surgeon for Main Line Health System's three hospitals in suburban Philadelphia, volunteered in Haiti to help victims of the earthquake. During his time in the country, he performed plastic surgery, dressed wounds, and set fractures.

**Robert J. Schreiber, M.D., HU '83** physician-in-chief at Hebrew SeniorLife and an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School, was named the 2010 Medical Director of the Year by the American Medical Directors Association.

**William Mills, M.D., HU '84** was appointed Upper Allegheny Health System's senior vice president of quality and professional affairs. He is also a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Upper Allegheny Health System is the newly formed parent company of Bradford Regional Medical Center in Bradford, Pa., and Olean General Hospital in Olean, N.Y.

## Upcoming Events

June 15  
**An Evening at the Franklin Institute**  
with "Cleopatra: The Search for the Last Queen of Egypt"  
6:00 p.m. Reception & Discussion  
7:30 p.m. Exhibit  
The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

August 6  
**The White Coat Ceremony**  
3:00 p.m.  
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue

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Patty Comey, Director, Alumni Relations

**Captain Marlene DeMaio, M.D., HU '85** was named the first recipient of the "Building Stronger Female Physician Leaders in the Military Health System" award. The award is designed to recognize outstanding female physicians who have made significant contributions to the practice of military medicine. DeMaio is the medical director of the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Clinic in Virginia.

**Michael Tindel, M.D., HU '85** joined the Gastroenterology Department at Diagnostic Clinic in Largo, Fla.

**Timothy E. Page, M.D., FCCP, HU '86** was elected vice president of the medical staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica, N.Y. Page serves on St. Elizabeth's Emergency Department Management Committee, Trauma Committee, and Medical Executive Committee.

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**Teresa Saris, M.D., HU '88** was profiled in an article, "This Doctor Makes House Calls," in the publication *Main Line Suburban Life*. The article focused on Saris's career change from a primary care physician to a physician at a concierge medical practice.

## '90s

**Phyllis Armstead-Autry, M.D., HU '92** a board-certified psychiatrist, has opened a private practice, Armstead Psychiatric Services PLLC in Fayetteville, N.C. Her area of interest and expertise is treatment of depressive, anxiety and psychotic disorders.

**Michael Bono, M.D., HU '92** general and bariatric surgeon and medical director of the Northeast Bariatric Center in Hazleton, Pa., reviewed the disease of morbid obesity, the evolution of weight loss surgery, and the surgical options available at an information session at Hazleton General Hospital.

**Kristin L. Brill, M.D., HU '95** was appointed director of the Janet Knowles Breast Cancer Program of the Cooper Cancer Institute in Voorhees, N.J. Brill will also serve as the director of the Section of Breast Surgery within Cooper's Department of Surgery. Board certified in surgery, she joined Cooper from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, where she was an attending physician, instructor of surgery, and member of the Kimmel Cancer Center.

**Mathew C. Wallack, M.D., HU '96** a specialist in interventional pain in private practice in Ocean Springs, Miss., wrote an article, "Introduction to a Referred Sympathetic Pain Map," that was published in *Practical Pain Management*. Wallack specializes in the treatment of headaches.

**Brett Smith, M.D., MCP '97** joined Baptist Health Care and the Andrews Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Center in Gulf Breeze, Fla. Smith is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who

specializes in total joint replacement and reconstructive surgery. Smith will serve as the co-medical director for the health care system's Total Joint Program and will conduct his surgeries at Baptist Hospital.

**Robert Perez, M.D.; M.S., MCP '98** a radiology specialist, joined St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn. Perez now practices as a member of Radiology Associates of Hartford.

**Scott Joshua Szabo, M.D., HU '98; Orthopedic Surgery Resident, '03** was an official physician to the United States Ski Team that competed in the Winter Olympics. Although he was not one of the physicians at the Olympics in Vancouver, Szabo is hoping to travel to the 2015 Games in Russia. He is an orthopedic surgeon who practices at Tri Rivers Surgical Associates in Butler, Mars, and North Hills, Pa.

## '00s



Dr. Cocca

**Brian Cocca, Ph.D. '02** an attorney, joined Stradley Ronon's intellectual property practice group as an associate in its Malvern, Pa., office. He counsels

biotechnology and pharmaceutical clients. Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Cocca was an associate at RatnerPrestia in Valley Forge and at Woodcock Washburn in Philadelphia.

**Dante N. Lewis, M.D. '02** was elected chair of the Department of Medicine at McLeod Pediatrics—Dillon in Dillon, S.C. Lewis is board certified in pediatrics.

**John Leander Po, Ph.D. '02, M.D. '03** has been named president of the Arizona Infectious Diseases Society, the state chapter of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Po is a physician at Banner Health Estrella Medical Center, in Phoenix, Ariz., where he serves as

chairman of both the Infection Prevention and Pharmaceuticals & Therapeutics committees. He also serves on the board of the Valley Fever Alliance of Arizona Clinicians.

**Adam T. Angelilli, M.D. '05** joined the pediatrics team at Family Health Center—Burchard Hills in Freeport, Ill. He completed his pediatric residency at New Jersey Medical School—University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

**Ariadne Robin Mueller, M.D. '05** was named the associate medical director at Merrimack Valley Hospice in Lawrence, Mass. She previously served as a clinical associate with Tufts University.

**Dennis N. Nutini, M.D. '05** has joined the Center for Pain Medicine and Psychiatric Rehabilitation in Annapolis and Kent Island, Md.

**Megan D. Moschgat, MLAS '09** was featured in a brief article appearing in the *Tribune-Democrat* of Johnstown, Pa. Moschgat was accepted into the veterinary medicine program at the University of Pennsylvania, where she will pursue a degree in equine medicine.

## Former Residents and Fellows

**Lielanie Mae Liang Aguilar, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellow '09** has joined Lakeview Center of Pensacola, Fla. Previously in Philadelphia, Aguilar provided psychiatry services at Friends Hospital Crisis Response Center and the Germantown Hospital Crisis Response Center/Children's Crisis Response Center. She is also a fellow of the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Center.

**Louis C. Haenel III, M.D., Endocrinology and Metabolism Fellow, HU '74** was a recipient of the 2010 Beacon Award presented by Kennedy Health System. Haenel specializes in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism, and has been with Kennedy Health System for over 40 years.

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**Jerris Robert Hedges, M.D., Emergency Medicine Resident, MCP '79**, dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa, received the Centralia College 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding lifetime achievement. Hedges helped standardize emergency room procedures and wrote a manual for ER medical care that is in use around the world. He also contributed major research to the development of the pacemaker.

**David S. Krause, M.D., Internal Medicine Resident, MCP '78** joined the newly formed biotech company Tarsa Therapeutics, in Philadelphia, as chief

medical officer. Krause had been chief medical officer, senior vice president, and head of research and development at Zelos Therapeutics.

**Charles J. Sophy, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Resident, HU '92** wrote a book, *Side by Side: The Revolutionary Mother-Daughter Program for Conflict-Free Communication* (HarperOne, February 2010). Since 2003, Sophy has been the medical director for the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services.

**Allan R. Tunkel, M.D., Ph.D., Internal Medicine Resident, MCP '87**, chairman

of internal medicine at Monmouth Medical Center in New Jersey, recently co-edited a book in the Handbook of Clinical Neurology Series called *Bacterial Infections of the Central Nervous System* (Elsevier, March 2010). Tunkel joined Monmouth in 2006 from Drexel University College of Medicine, where he holds an appointment as professor of medicine.

**Jeffrey Jahan Vakil, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery Resident '08** a specialist in joint replacement surgery, joined the staff of the Abington Memorial Hospital, Orthopaedic Surgery Division.

## Dr. Gary Green Named Medical Director of Major League Baseball

Gary Green, M.D., HU '83, has been appointed as the medical director for Major League Baseball. Green, who completed his residency in internal medicine at Medical College of Pennsylvania (1983-86), has served as a consultant to MLB on anabolic steroids and performance-enhancing substances since 2003. As medical director, he will evaluate baseball's drug prevention and treatment programs at the major and minor league levels and will make recommendations on updates to the programs. He also will serve as the Office of the Commissioner's primary liaison to club physicians and certified athletic trainers; assist in the development of educational programs; and advise on all issues related to the health and safety of MLB personnel.

Green joined the University of California-Los Angeles Department of Family Medicine in 1988 and currently serves as a clinical professor in the Division of Sports Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He has researched performance-enhancing drug use in athletics through the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory and for five years chaired the National Collegiate Athletic Association committee on drug testing and drug education. Green is board-certified in both internal medicine and sports medicine. He also has a private medical practice, the Pacific Palisades Medical Group, in California.



Dr. Green

## In Memoriam

**Naseeb Beshara Baroody, Jr., M.D., HU '48** February 10, 2010

**Du Ree H. Eaton, M.D., WMC '56** March 8, 2010

**Joseph William Foote, DMD, M.D., MCP '85** February 26, 2010

**Lillian E. Fredericks, M.D., WMC '41** March 14, 2010

**Igor I. Islamoff, M.D., HU '59** March 26, 2010

**Florence Carol Levin, M.D., WMC '37** April, 2010

**Elaine A. Ruggiero, M.D., WMC '45** February 17, 2010

**Arthur L. Schneeberg, M.D., HU '47** March 21, 2010

**Kathleen Elinor Toomey, M.D., MCP '73** February 16, 2010

**Ephraim K. Zackson, M.D., HU '49** February 25, 2010

## Dr. Cohen Saluted as an "Iconic Icon"



Dr. Cohen

D. Walter Cohen, DDS, chancellor emeritus of the College of Medicine and a member of the board of trustees, was saluted in an article in *The Dental Tribune* on May 11, 2010. In his tribute, "D. Walter Cohen: an Iconic Icon," the author, Dr. David L. Hoexter, said that Cohen "is a pinnacle of energy and accomplishment with a glitter of idealism."

**Praising Cohen's efforts** to "encourage peace through education and understanding," Hoexter highlighted the establishment of the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education at Israel's Hebrew University in Jerusalem and its student exchange program with Al-Quds School of Dentistry, a Palestinian institution.

He also spoke of Cohen's work in the treatment of periodontal disease in pregnant women, especially teenagers, to reduce the incidence of preterm low-birth-weight babies.

## \$2.8 Million Grant to Fund Hepatitis C Vaccine Research

Drexel University College of Medicine, in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Cheyney University, and Inovio Biomedical Corporation, will receive \$2.8 million over four years for hepatitis C vaccine research from the CURE (Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement) competitive grant program funded through Pennsylvania's share of the 2009-2010 national tobacco settlement.

Funds will be used to conduct pre-clinical studies to test the safety and effect on the immune system of a DNA-based vaccine that is designed to treat persons who are chronically infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) and have not responded to currently available therapies.

People with chronic HCV infection face an increased risk of developing hepatocellular cancer, a difficult-to-treat cancer with a poor prognosis. Researchers expect that developing a vaccine to better treat HCV will ultimately lead to a reduction in hepatocellular cancer.

To create a diverse applicant pool for high-level research positions, a research training program for students and faculty from Cheyney University will also be established through this grant.

Jeffrey M. Jacobson, M.D., professor of medicine and chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine, will serve as the principal investigator for the grant.

Michele A. Kutzler, Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine, who also has an appointment in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, will serve as co-investigator for the grant.



Dr. Jacobson



Dr. Kutzler

## Two Students Selected as Schweitzer Fellows

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship has chosen two Drexel University College of Medicine students, Guensley Delva and Karen Li, as 2010-11 Greater Philadelphia Schweitzer Fellows.

The Schweitzer Fellowship supports about 200 fellows a year from the nation's top health and human service schools. Each fellow partners with a community-based organization to identify an unmet health need, then designs and implements a program to meet those needs.

Delva, a student in the College's post-baccalaureate premedical program, will focus on addressing health disparities in Philadelphia's Haitian community by creating and conducting health education prevention workshops pertaining to breast cancer, diabetes, and depression. The earthquake that devastated the island

country in January affects even local Haitians' mental health, said Delva, a first-generation Haitian-American. He will work with the Haitian Coalition of Philadelphia.

Li, a first-year medical student, is working on a nutritional guidance program at the Nationalities Service Center, which provides resources including social, educational and legal services to immigrants and refugees in the Greater Philadelphia area. She is recruiting medical students to talk to older adults about eating habits and educate them on the link between diet and health.

"We are providing culturally sensitive materials such as food diaries and services tailored to specific ethnicities," Li said. For example, she is working on alternative versions of the conventional American food pyramid. "Instead of seeing



Schweitzer Fellows Guensley Delva and Karen Li

whole grains, they would see a bowl of rice; instead of seeing salt, they would see a bottle of soy sauce," she explains.

Upon completion of their initial year, the students will become Schweitzer Fellows for Life, joining a network of over 2,000 individuals who are committed to addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their professional careers.

## **Legacy Center: Archives and Special Collections**

The Institute for Women's Health and Leadership® held a special ceremony on March 11 to dedicate the permanent home of the Legacy Center: Archives and Special Collections in the new wing on the Queen Lane Campus. The festive occasion also marked Founder's Day, the 160th anniversary of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Visit <http://archives.drexelmed.edu> for more information.



**Left to right:** Dean Homan; Archives Director Joanne Murray; Donna Antonucci, M.D., MCP '84; Chancellor Emeritus D. Walter Cohen, DDS; Institute Director Lynn Yeakel; professor emerita Doris Bartuska, M.D., WMC '54; and Diane Magrane, M.D., director of the Center for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine. Inset: Emblem from the IWHL globe, depicting WMC's dean Dr. Ann Preston, who in 1866 became the first woman dean of a medical school.

## **Compliance Corner: "Incident to" Services Provisions**



**Edward G. Longazel**  
Chief Compliance  
& Privacy Officer

"Incident to" services are defined by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as services that are furnished incident to physician professional services in the physician's office. To qualify as "incident to," the services must be part of the patient's normal course of treatment, during which a physician personally performs the initial service and remains actively involved in the course of treatment.

The physician-performed initial service is typically the first visit of a new patient, which precedes any "incident to" services the patient may be provided at subsequent office visits.

The physician does not have to be physically present in the patient's treatment room while the "incident to" services are provided, but must provide direct supervision. That is, a physician must be present in the office suite to render assistance if necessary during an "incident to" service.

## **Upcoming CME Programs**

### **JUNE**

Jun 4

#### **Faculty Day: Talking with Patients and Families About Medical Errors**

Drexel University College of Medicine  
Queen Lane Campus

**Contact:** Tracey McCafferty, 215-991-8561

Jun 4-5

#### **The Second Philadelphia Prenatal Diagnosis Update and Fetal ECHO Course**

Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue  
4200 City Avenue

**Contact:** Deborah Holliday, 215-762-2580

Jun 4-6

#### **Fourth National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology**

The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia  
Ten Avenue of the Arts

**Contact:** Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2581

Jun 15-19

#### **Internal Medicine Board Review Course**

Marriott Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown  
21 N. Juniper Street

**Contact:** Karen Rose, 215-762-8695

The "incident to" service must be

- An integral part of the patient's treatment course as determined by the initial visit with the physician.
- A service commonly rendered without separate charge (i.e., included in the physician's bills).
- Of a type commonly furnished in a physician's office or clinic, not an institution.
- Performed at the physician's expense (i.e., by employees of the physician).

Note that if the patient experiences a new problem – one not treated by the physician in the initial visit – then "incident to" care for the new problem may not begin until the physician has examined the patient and diagnosed the additional problem.

Once the new problem has been diagnosed, the treatment plan is revised to include the new problem, and "incident to" services for the new problem may begin.

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| <b>June</b>   | <i>Vision Research Month</i>   |
| Jun 4         | <b>Faculty Day: Talking with Patients and Families About Medical Errors</b><br>Queen Lane Campus<br>Contact: Tracey McCafferty, 215-991-8561                 |
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| Jun 4-6       | <b>Fourth National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology</b><br>The Ritz-Carlton<br>Contact: Jennifer Sumter, 215-762-2581              |
| Jun 11-12     | <b>Drexel University Commencement</b>  |
| Jun 15-19     | <b>Internal Medicine Board Review Course</b><br>Marriott Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown<br>21 N. Juniper Street<br>Contact: Karen Rose, 215-762-8695        |
| Jun 30        | <b>Student Clinician Ceremony</b><br>Queen Lane Campus, Student Activity Center<br>11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.<br>Contact: Robin Wellner, 215-991-8360            |
| <b>July</b>   | <i>UV Safety Month</i>   |
| Jul 19        | <b>Manuel Stamatakis Golf Outing</b><br>Philadelphia Cricket Club<br>Contact: 215-255-7327 or golf@drexelmed.edu   |
| <b>August</b> | <i>Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month</i>   |
| Aug 6         | <b>White Coat Ceremony</b><br>Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 3 p.m.<br>Shay Myers, 215-991-8219 or smyers@drexelmed.edu                                    |