

# NEWSPAGER

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## **James C. Reynolds, M.D., Named Department of Medicine Chair and June F. Klinghoffer Distinguished Professor of Medicine**

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There's no waiting for Dr. James C. Reynolds to get up to speed on his new job – he is way ahead of the curve. Dr. Reynolds was recently named Chairman of the Department of Medicine, after serving as interim chair for 2½ years. Dr. Reynolds is also Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

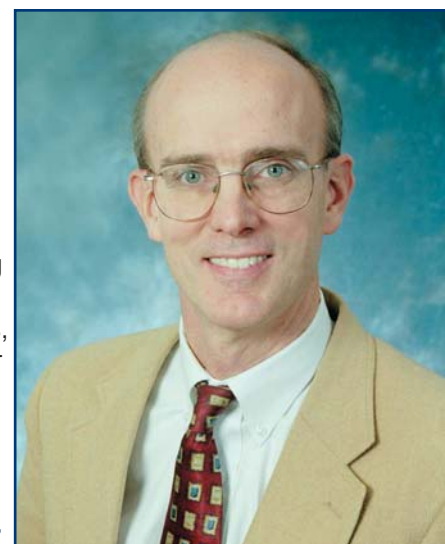
A Florida native, Dr. Reynolds was drawn to northern climes for post-graduate training in internal medicine at the New York Hospital–Cornell University Medical Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital, then completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a resident of the keystone state ever since, holding appointments for several years at Penn, and then a tenured position at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He came to Drexel University College of Medicine in 1996 as a tenured professor and division chief.

In addition to teaching, conducting research, reviewing for a dozen journals, and sitting on more than a dozen administrative and clinical committees, Dr. Reynolds practices a caliber of medicine that regularly wins him a place in such ratings as Pittsburgh's Best Doctors,

Philadelphia's Top Docs, Consumer's Guide to Top Doctors, and Best Doctors in America.

With his appointment, effective June 1, he has rolled out exciting plans for the department, including a new organizational chart, and announced several hires, including Drs. Howard Miller and Joseph Boselli, two key full-time recruits from the ranks of Hahnemann University Hospital.

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**Dr. Reynolds**

*Look for an article about the Department of Medicine in the October NewsPAGER.*

## **New Practice: Drexel Eye Physicians**



**Drs. Myron Yanoff, Yelena Doych and Polly Henderson**

There's a new kid on the block at 219 North Broad Street: Drexel Eye Physicians. This third-floor practice is led by Drs. Myron Yanoff, Yelena Doych and Polly Henderson, and features a network of board-certified ophthalmologists and licensed optometrists.

Drexel Eye Physicians offers comprehensive eye-care services that range from routine eye exams to advanced diagnostic testing for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and other conditions. For those who have problems with their eyes or vision, the doctors provide personalized recommendations on how to best take care of their eye health.

An on-site optical store, Tus Ojos, with designer and other attractive frames, offers a discount to all Drexel University students and employees as well as those in the College of Medicine, and to Hahnemann University Hospital employees.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **215-832-0080** to schedule.

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**Joseph D. Bloom, M.D.**  
Dean

Drexel University College of Medicine

management and treatment of insanity acquittees under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board. We have been studying this system for over 28 years. Over 2,000 people have been or are currently in this system. We have

## ***Sharing with Philadelphia Colleagues and Leaving the College in Good Hands***

On July 27th, I had the honor of presenting the first Sadoff Library Lecture on Legal Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. I appreciated the opportunity to share my career research interest in public psychiatry and law.

My colleagues and I have developed a longitudinal database focusing on the

tracked the Oregon state statutes regulating the insanity defense and written extensively about this system in a national context.

It was a true pleasure to meet with colleagues from the Philadelphia area involved in forensic psychiatry, including such senior psychiatrists as Dr. Robert Sadoff, Dr. Paul Fink, and our own Dr. Kirk Heilbrun, who heads the Drexel University Department of Psychology. I was also glad to see a broad representation of faculty from the College of Medicine.

August 31st will be my last day as Dean at Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Rick Homan will officially take on the role of Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs on September 1st. I have talked extensively with Dr. Homan and believe that he will do a great job here at Drexel University College of Medicine. I have enjoyed my time in Philadelphia and my work at DUCOM. I believe the College has a bright future and I was happy to play a small part in the development of this new medical school.

## ***2005 Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching***

First given in 1993, the Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching recognizes the superior training our students receive at our clinical campuses. One faculty member at each of the clinical affiliates receives the award each year. The award honors not only the excellence of their clinical teaching but also their outstanding commitment to Drexel University College of Medicine medical students.

The Family Medicine Site award is given to one of the family medicine sites rather than to an individual in each of the numerous sites.

**Allegheny General Hospital**

**Atlantic Health System**

**Capital Health System**

**Crozer-Chester Medical Center**

**Eagleville Hospital**

**Easton Hospital**

**Friends Hospital**

**Graduate Hospital**

**Hahnemann University Hospital**

**Holy Redeemer Hospital**

**Lehigh Valley Hospital**

**Mercy Catholic Medical Center**

**Monmouth Medical Center**

**PinnacleHealth Hospital**

**Reading Hospital and Medical Center**

**St. Christopher's Hospital for Children**

**Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center**

**York Hospital**

**Family Practice Site**

**Donald Atkinson, M.D., Surgery**

**Everett Schlam, M.D., Family Medicine**

**Zach Kassutto, M.D., Pediatrics & Emergency Medicine**

**Joan Dever Sweeney, M.D., Neurology**

**Robert S. Wilson, D.O., Psychiatry**

**Chand Rohatgi, M.D., FACS, Surgery**

**William Uffner, M.D., Psychiatry**

**Lawrence J. Leventhal, M.D., FACP, FACR, Medicine**

**Susan P. Harding, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgery**

**John J. Deeney, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**Marc Shalaby, M.D., Medicine**

**Dan Gzesh, M.D., Neurology**

**Robert A. Massaro, M.D., FACOG, OB/GYN**

**John D. Goldman, M.D., Medicine**

**Anton J. Kleiner, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**Douglas A. Katz, M.D., Surgery**

**Mirza Z. Ali, M.D., Medicine**

**Mark Anthony Goedecker, M.D., Family Medicine**

**Lancaster General Hospital**

## Faculty Day: Developing and Rewarding Excellence

Educational technology was the topic of the fourth annual Drexel University College of Medicine Faculty Development Day, June 3. James B. McGee, M.D., director of the Laboratory for Educational Technology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, gave the keynote address, and the latest technology in use at DUCOM was presented by faculty to their peers. The annual faculty recognition awards were given at lunch.

**June Klinghoffer, M.D. Clinical Educator Award** for promoting excellence in the learning of clinical skills and clinical knowledge, and for serving as a teacher, leader, role model and mentor: **Cheryl A. Hanau, M.D.**

**Oksana Korzeniowski, M.D. Patient Award** for setting an outstanding standard of skill and commitment in the clinical care of patients: **William P. Sexauer, M.D.**

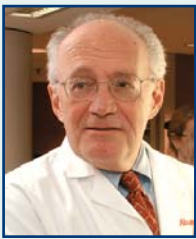
**William Likoff, M.D. Clinical Excellence Award** for serving as a role model of professionalism, humanity, ethical standards and ability to develop outstanding clinical programs: **Jill A. Foster, M.D.**

**Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award** for outstanding teaching, presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in teaching at Drexel University: **Allan R. Tunkel, M.D., Ph.D.**

**Julian Marsh, M.D. Faculty Scholar Award** for excellence in scientific research, outstanding teaching skills, and consistent high quality leadership: **Akhil B. Vaidya, Ph.D.**

**Angelo Pinto, Ph.D. Basic Science Educator Award** for a demonstrated commitment and excellence in the education of medical students, serving as a teacher, leader, role model and mentor to students and colleagues: **Dennis M. DePace, Ph.D.**





**Dr. Abrutyn**

**Elias Abrutyn, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine and Public Health, Infectious Diseases, co-authored “Staphylococcus aureus Endocarditis, A Consequence of Medical Progress,” in the June 22 – 29 edition of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.



**Dr. Hong**

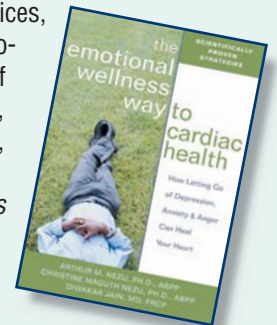
**Eugene Hong, M.D.**, Interim Chair, Family Medicine, and Chief, Division of Sports Medicine, published “Hand Injuries in Sports Medicine,” a chapter in *Primary Care Clinics in Office Practice* (2005). Dr. Hong also presented “An Unusual Case of Bilateral Leg Pain” at the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. At the STFM Annual Meeting in New Orleans in April 2005 he presented “The Science of Musculoskeletal Education,” and co-presented “And Then There Were None – Family Medicine Residency Program Closures and Mergers” and “Computer-Assisted Learning in Medical Ethics” with **Janet Fleetwood, Ph.D.**, Professor of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine, Division of Medical Humanities.



**Dr. Fleetwood**

**Dr. Fleetwood** also co-presented “Dancing with the Devil? – Family Medicine, Conflicts of Interest, and Industry Relationships: An Educational Module” at the STFM meeting. She was the Gheens Visiting Scholar in Medical Humanities at the University of Louisville, where she gave a Grand Rounds lecture for the medical school on physicians’ interaction with the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, she did a conference for medical educators on humanities in medical education and on medical ethics, showcasing *MedEthEx Online*.

**Diwakar Jain, M.D., FRCP**, Professor of Medicine and Director of Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiology Services, Drexel University College of Medicine, is co-author with Drexel University Professors of Psychology **Arthur M. Nezu, Ph.D., ABPP**, and **Christine Maguth Nezu, Ph.D., ABPP**, of a book published by New Harbinger in June 2005 entitled *The Emotional Wellness Way to Cardiac Health: How Letting Go of Depression, Anxiety & Anger Can Heal the Heart*.



**Sanjeev V. Kothare, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Neurology, co-authored an article entitled “Magnetic Resonance Volumetric Analysis of Hippocampi in Children in the Age Group of Six to 12 Years: A Pilot Study.” The piece appeared in the “Paediatric Neuroradiology” section of the May 14 edition of *Neuroradiology*.



**Dr. Levison**

**Matthew Levison, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine and Public Health, co-authored “Infective Endocarditis Diagnosis, Antimicrobial Therapy, and Management of Complications: A Statement for Healthcare Professionals from the Committee on Rheumatic Fever, Endocarditis, and Kawasaki Disease, Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia, and American Heart Association,” endorsed

by the *Infectious Diseases Society of America*, and featured in the June 14th issue of *Circulation*.

**Christopher E. Curtis, M.D., PIL, COM '05**, co-authored “A Fatal Case of Necrotizing Fasciitis Caused by *Serratia Marcescens*,” which appeared in the March 2005 issue of *American Surgeon*. Dr. Curtis also co-authored “Paraduodenal Hernia Causing Small Bowel Obstruction,” which appeared in the spring 2005 issue of the *Journal of Abdominal Surgery*.



**Dr. Foster**

**Jill Foster, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine, and Director of Pediatric and Adolescent HIV/AIDS at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, was the author of “Advances in HIV Tests Help Keep Us All Safer,” a commentary published on the editorial page in the May 20 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.



**Dr. Greenberg**

**Michael Greenberg, M.D., MPH**, Professor of Emergency Medicine and Public Health, in conjunction with Emergency Medicine residents Drs. Jennifer Wiler and Julie Marquez, presented “The Development of an Emergency Medicine Research Agenda in Public Health” at the recent International Interdisciplinary Conference on Emergencies in Montreal, Canada.



**Dr. Harris**

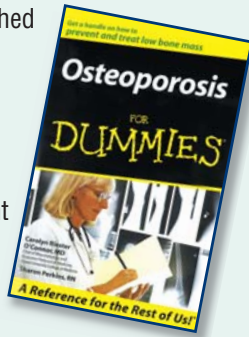


**Dr. Gelo**

**Rosemary Harris, M.D.**, and **Florence Gelo, D.Min.**, both Assistant Professors, Family Medicine, co-presented a lecture concerning “The Homeless Outreach Project,” at the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Annual Meeting in New Orleans in April 2005.

**Dr. Gelo** also presented “Treating Patients Who Pray” and “Sharing Spirituality with Patients: The Role of Family Physicians” at the STFM meeting.

**Carolyn Riester O'Connor, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, is the co-author of *Osteoporosis for Dummies* (Wiley), published in June. The book, written with Sharon Perkins, R.N., is intended to help readers assess their risk and find a practical approach to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of osteoporosis. It covers bone density tests and a wide range of treatment options. Dr. O'Connor is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology.



**Dr. Stein**

**David Stein, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, directed the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Education Seminar concerning "Extra-Intestinal Manifestations of IBD – Pane Presentation & Discussions," on June 2. Speakers from Drexel University College of Medicine included: **Asyiah Ahmad, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine in Gastroenterology, and Fellowship Program Director, presenting "General Overview of Extra-Intestinal Manifestations of IBD"; **Ari Brooks, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, presenting "Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Liver Diseases"; and **Joseph Bruno, M.D.**, Gastroenterology Fellow, presenting "Rheumatoid Issues, Joint and Muscle Complications."



**Dr. Brooks**



**Dr. Rest**

During a recent trip to China, **Richard Rest, Ph.D.**, Professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and Director, Postdoctoral Studies, Office of Biomedical Graduate, Postdoctoral and Professional Studies, College of Medicine, presented a seminar titled "Bioterrorism, Anthrax and Characterization of a New Bacillus anthracis Toxin" to biology, physics and chemistry

students and teachers at the Jिंगgangshan University, located in Ji'an, Jiangxi Province.

He and his family stayed at the University Guest House as guests of the university president and received the "royal treatment," including breakfast with the president and the opportunity to stay out of the 100-degree heat and explore the area in an air-conditioned government car equipped with driver and tour guide. Ji'an is located in southeastern China, about 600 miles southwest of Shanghai. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, it was Mao Zhe Dong's base for the Communist Party and the Chinese Red Army as they battled Nationalist government forces.



## SEPTEMBER 2005

Sep 27 – 28 **Heart Failure Total Management: From Office Care to Hospital to Research**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Center City Hahnemann Campus, Philadelphia  
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## OCTOBER 2005

Oct 25 – 26 **Johnstone Memorial Lecture**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Center City Hahnemann Campus, Philadelphia  
**Contact: 215-762-8695**

## NOVEMBER 2005

Nov 8 – 9 **EPS/Arrhythmia Seminar**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Center City Hahnemann Campus, Philadelphia  
**Contact: 215-762-8695**

## DECEMBER 2005

Dec 10 **The Annual Day of Trauma**  
The Union League of Philadelphia  
140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia  
**Contact: 215-842-6998**

## Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism

Some of the most dangerous weapons that terrorists could use can be found in our own backyard. These hazardous substances are the reason Drexel University College of Medicine hosted a free symposium for physicians, firefighters, law enforcement officials and other first responders on the new frontline in the war on terror. Held June 13, the symposium, entitled "Toxic Industrial Chemicals/Toxic Industrial Materials: Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism," was directed by Michael Greenberg, M.D., MPH, Director of the Division of Medical Toxicology at Drexel University College of Medicine.



**Pictured (l-r): Fred Henretig, M.D., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Keith Burkhart, M.D., Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; Michael Greenberg, M.D., Richard Hamilton, M.D., and John Curtis, M.D., all Drexel University College of Medicine; Charles Haas, Ph.D., Drexel University College of Engineering; and Rachel Haroz, M.D., and Matthew Salzman, M.D., College of Medicine.**



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## '60s

**Robert L. Capizzi, M.D., HU '64**, has been appointed as the Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Xanthus Life Sciences, an oncology drug development company in Cambridge, Mass.

**Sucha Asbell, M.D., WMC '66**, has been named one of the "Women of Distinction" by the Greater Philadelphia Council of Jewish Women. Dr. Asbell is a radiology oncologist at Einstein Medical Center.

## '70s

**Marjorie Yospin Newman, M.D., MCP '71**, was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Newman is currently in the private practice of general adult psychiatry in Pasadena, Calif., and is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at U.C.L.A. School of Medicine as well as President of the Los Angeles Academy of Medicine.

**Andrew S. Levin, M.D., HU '73**, has joined the medical staff of Holyoke Medical Center in Massachusetts as a Vice President.

**Raymond J. Fabius, M.D., HU '77**, has been appointed as the President and Chief Medical Officer of I-trax, Inc., an integrated health and productivity management company in Chadds Ford, Pa. He was previously the Global Medical Leader at General Electric, where he oversaw a network of 200 on-site clinics in 29 countries and Puerto Rico.

## '80s

**Peter S. Amenta, M.D., HU '80, Ph.D., HU '84**, has been appointed Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief of Staff at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J. He had been the interim SVP and Chief of Staff at the hospital.

**Ira D. Lawrence, M.D., HU '80**, has been appointed President, CEO and a director for SciClone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in San Mateo, Calif., effective June 1. He was previously the Senior Vice President of Research and Development at Astellas Pharma US, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of Japan's Astellas Pharma Inc.

**Ronald J. Rejzer, M.D., HU '80**, has been appointed Vice President of Medical Affairs for Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va. He currently serves as the Medical Director of the Bon Secours Hospice Program and as the Chief Medical Officer and VP of Medical Affairs for Mary Immaculate Hospital.

**Sandra L. Fornwalt, M.D., MCP '83**, has joined Eastern Shore Gynecology in Maryland as a physician. For the past 18 years, she had been a private practice physician in New Jersey.

**Robert K. Clark, Ph.D., HU '85**, has written a textbook, *Anatomy and Physiology: Understanding the Human Body* (Jones and Bartlett, 2005), which was chosen as a *Scientific American* Book-of-the-Month Club selection. He is a professor at Cumberland County College in New Jersey.

**Beverly Kimpel, M.D., MCP '87**, has joined the medical staffs of the Maine General Medical Center and the Winthrop Health Center in Augusta, Maine, as a family practice physician. She most recently worked with the Emporium Health Center in Coudersport, Pa.

**Carmella M. Sebastian, M.D., MCP '88**, has been named the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for First Priority Health and Blue Cross of NEPA (Northeastern Pennsylvania).

## '90s

**David J. Borys, M.D., HU '93**, has been appointed as the Medical Director for the hospital laboratory at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa. He has been a member of the medical staff at Evangelical since 2000.

**Suzanne Arlene Fidler, M.D., J.D., MCP '95**, has passed the California Bar and has been admitted to the California State Bar and the United States District Court, Central District of California as an attorney.

**Cristofer Catterson, M.D., MCPHU '99**, has joined the Haywood Regional Medical Center in North Carolina as the new Medical Director for the center's Haywood Sports Medicine office. He had previously been a Fellow at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Ala.

**Michael B. Wolfson, M.D., MCPHU '99**, recently completed his Gastroenterology fellowship at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. In July he joined Main Line Gastroenterology Associates in Paoli, Pa.

## '00s

**Sheri Silfies, MCPHU '00**, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2005 Prize for Lumbar Spine Research by the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

**Lino Frank Miele, M.D., MBS, MCPHU '01**, received his Doctor of Medicine degree on June 2, 2005, from Jefferson Medical College. While at Jefferson, Dr. Miele received the Outstanding Service and Leadership Award. He also won the Phillip and Bella Medoff Prize for excellence in internal medicine and the Outstanding Service award from the Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society.

## Dr. Nancy Gary wins Woman of Medicine Award

Nancy E. Gary, M.D., WMC '62, received the Woman of Medicine Award, presented annually by the MCP/WMC Special Trust Fund Committee to a woman in medicine as recognition for her outstanding contributions to teaching, mentoring, and leadership as a role model for women in medicine. Dr. Gary is Professor of Medicine and Dean Emeritus at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

## In Memoriam

### '30s

Horst A. Agerty, M.D., HU '34  
Giovanna D. Fusco-Ripka, M.D., WMC '35  
Sydney S. Norwick, M.D., M.P.H., HU '37

### '40s

Marion Spencer Dressler, M.D., WMC '40

### '50s

Jane A. Colfax, M.D., WMC '55

### '60s

Marguerite R. Dallabrida, M.D., WMC '60

### '70s

Deborah A. Perlstein, M.D., MCP '75

**Shelia Elsie Hodgson, M.D., MCP '64** passed away July 12, 2005, at The Ohio State University Hospital after a short illness. Dr. Hodgson was born in England and traveled to the United States to continue to pursue a career in medicine after serving as Interim Director of Radiation Oncology at the University of Manchester in England. Following several appointments at Allegheny General Hospital, and the Mallinkrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University, Dr. Hodgson joined the faculty at The Ohio State University in 1973, where she served on numerous professional committees during her tenure, but will best be remembered for her commitment to the residents in training in the Division of Radiation Oncology.

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## Joyann Kroser, M.D., New President of Philadelphia County Medical Society

Joyann Kroser, M.D., MCP '90, a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, became the 144th President of the Philadelphia County Medical Society June 3. She has been a member of the PCMS Board of Directors since 1994. Dr. Kroser completed her residency in internal medicine at MCP and completed a fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of Pennsylvania. She has served as a trustee of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and a member of the American College of Physicians' Council of Associates, the Governing Council of the AMA's Women Physicians Congress, and the Diversity Committee of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy; and has been a member of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA since 1997. In 2000 she was inducted as a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.



**Dr. Kroser**

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## Barbara Frank Endoscopic Learning Center in Development

Barbara Frank, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine, was honored by the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, at a dinner on June 10. Dr. Frank was recognized by the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy at the society's national meeting in May as their Outstanding Clinical Educator for 2005. The department hosted the dinner for Dr. Frank to echo the sentiments of that award and to thank Dr. Frank "for her three decades of outstanding teaching at our College of Medicine," said Department Chair Dr. James C. Reynolds. Dr. Frank was the first female president of the American Gastroenterological Society and is a recent past President of the Pennsylvania Gastroenterological Association. In her honor an Endoscopic Learning Center is in development at the Drexel Centers for Digestive Health, and donations are welcome.

Should you wish to donate, please contact Kate Hand, at **1-866-DREXMED** or **215-895-6314**.



**(l-r) Drs. Harris Clearfield, Ricardo Morganstern, Barbara Frank, James Reynolds, and Asya Ahmad.**

## College to Participate in National Study of Women at High Risk for Breast Cancer

Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM) is one of 13 medical centers nationally to participate in a three-year study of women at high risk for developing breast cancer. Dr. Ari Brooks, surgical oncologist and Assistant Professor of Surgery at DUCOM, is among a national group of breast cancer specialists who will evaluate and monitor early cellular changes in the breast milk ducts of high-risk women using ductal lavage, a minimally invasive procedure of collecting cells from the breast milk ducts, where more than 95 percent of breast cancers originate. The objective of the study, called "SEDE" (Serial Evaluation of Ductal Epithelium), is to define the relationship between early cellular changes in the breast and long-term breast health. The results of the study will establish the role that breast-duct cell changes play in gauging a high-risk woman's individual risk for developing breast cancer.



**Dr. Brooks**

"I am very excited about participating in this study," says Dr. Brooks. "Our advanced technology gives us the opportunity for a breakthrough that may ultimately benefit millions of women who are at risk for developing breast cancer."

For more information about the SEDE study at Drexel University College of Medicine, please contact **1-888-KNOW-RISK (1-888-566-9747)**.

## Don't Miss Our Annual Discovery Day October 5th

Discovery Day, the annual research day of Drexel University College of Medicine, will be held on October 5 at the Queen Lane Campus.

This all-day CME-accredited event of intellectual pursuit and discovery is organized to celebrate the basic and clinical research accomplishments of the graduate, medical and undergraduate students, clinical research coordinators, post-doctoral fellows and residents associated or affiliated with the College.

The morning session is dedicated to individual poster presentations, followed in the afternoon by platform presentations of selected abstracts. Both posters and platform presentations will be peer-reviewed for recognition and awards.

## Hahnemann University Hospital & Tenet Contribute to Chinatown Clinic



Hahnemann University Hospital and Tenet Foundation contributed \$45,000 to the Chinatown Clinic and Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church. The Chinatown Clinic is a project of Drexel University College of Medicine and has been serving the uninsured Asian population for more than six years. Accepting the check for the Chinatown Clinic and Holy Redeemer were (l-r) Dr. Edgar Chou, a Hahnemann staff member and clinic volunteer; Elissa Goldberg, Program Director in the Office of Community Experience; Nelson Huang, Steps Activity Grant Coordinator; Dr. Vincent Zarro, Clinic Medical Director; Hahnemann CEO Michael Halter; Father Tom Betz, Holy Redeemer Pastor; and Linda Zakorchemny, Holy Redeemer Congregant and Building Renovations Supervisor.



Kenneth S. Kosik, M.D., Harriman Professor of Neuroscience Research and Co-Director, Neuroscience Research Institute, University of California–Santa Barbara, will deliver the Walter Rubin Memorial Lecture immediately after lunch.

At the end of the day William R. Jacobs Jr., Ph.D., of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will give the Joseph R. DiPalma Lecture.

It is anticipated that more than 175 posters will be presented on topics as diverse as malaria, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, cancer, cardiology, transplantation, behavioral and cellular neurosciences, spinal cord injury, neuroengineering, Alzheimer's disease, autism, structural biology, proteomics and genomics.

For more information, contact Tara Sarica at **215-762-3948** or [tsarica@drexelmed.edu](mailto:tsarica@drexelmed.edu).

## ***Medical Malpractice Mock Trial and Debate***

The Drexel University College of Medicine Healthcare Policy Group held a medical malpractice mock trial and debate on May 5, 2005 on the Queen Lane Medical Campus. Students, faculty and staff were invited to learn about important issues facing doctors involved in malpractice lawsuits, and the issues underlying the calls for medical liability reform, as they were asked to be the "jury" and decide the outcome of the case. Med mal attorneys from the firm of O'Brien & Ryan played the various witnesses. Deborah Lorber, Drexel University College of Medicine Director of Risk Management, organized the program, and College of Medicine General Counsel Carl "Tobey" Oxholm (at far left below with the witnesses) served as judge and commentator.



## ***Crystal Ball Highlights Cause for a Cure***



The Hepatitis B Foundation honored Bill Stephenson, Ph.D., with its Distinguished Founders Award on April 30 at the Foundation's annual Crystal Ball. Dr. Stephenson (second from left) is Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Policy for Drexel University and for Drexel University College of Medicine. With him are (l-r) his wife, MaryJo Grdina, and Foundation co-founders Joan Block and Timothy Block, Ph.D., Professor of Biotechnology and Virology in the College, and President of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology and Virology Research, Doylestown, Pa.

## ***A Pride of Deans Enjoys Union League Reception***



A reception hosted by Drexel University President Dr. Constantine Papadakis at the Union League of Philadelphia on June 21 welcomed Dr. Richard V. Homan, the new Dean and Senior Vice President of Health Affairs of Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Homan was appointed after a national search and will join Drexel on September 1 from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Pictured (l-r) are the current Dean, Dr. Joseph D. Bloom, Dr. Homan, and Dr. Arthur H. Rubenstein, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

## ***Our Reputation for Medical Education Is Known Around the World ...***



Drexel University College of Medicine is attracting attention all over the world. The College was the only medical school in the region to host a team of doctors traveling from Japan in June, who came to learn about behavioral science in teaching medical education from Dr. Dennis Novack (pictured at center front above), Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean of Medical Education. Diane Cohen, Director of our Standardized Patient Program, is pictured behind Dr. Novack. Ms. Cohen shared her expertise in clinical skills assessment with standardized patients, and showed off the state-of-the-art Clinical Education and Assessment Center. The traveling scholars are members of a committee of the Japanese Medical Association charged with developing the ideal behavioral science curriculum for Japanese medical schools.



**Dr. Abrutyn**

**Elias Abrutyn, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine and Public Health, and Interim Chief, Infectious Diseases, was appointed to the Council of the International Society for Cardiovascular Infectious Diseases.

**Eugene Hong, M.D.**, Interim Chair, Family Medicine, has been named to the Board of Directors, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

**Glenn E. Lipton, M.D.**, Chief Resident of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Hahnemann University Hospital and Drexel University College of Medicine, was named the 2005 Pfizer Scholars in Pain Management Grant Recipient, targeted to recognize an outstanding physician for important contributions to research and patient care in pain management. Dr. Lipton was nominated by Stephen Bosacco, M.D., Associate Professor, Orthopedic Surgery.

**Andrea Scarry McCurry, MLAS**, Animal Facility Manager for the Center City and Queen Lane campuses, has been certified as a Laboratory Animal Technologist by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS). The AALAS Technical Certification Program is the highest of the three levels of certification for animal care and was developed to recognize professional achievement and provide an authoritative endorsement of competency in laboratory animal technology.



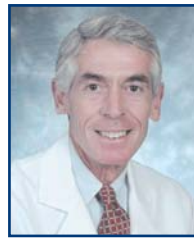
**Dr. Stockwell**

**Margaret Stockwell, M.D., Florence Gelo, D.Min, and Rosemary Harris, M.D.**, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, have received the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health Award from the George Washington University Medical Center. The award allows for curriculum development and clinical research in spiritual care and the healing arts. DUCOM's Residency Program in Family Medicine will receive \$30,000 over three years.



**Dr. Wohltmann**

**Wendi E. Wohltmann, M.D.**, COM '03, Captain, USAF, currently serving at Balad Air Base, Iraq, as a Special Ops Flight Surgeon for the 64<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, has received an Aerial Achievement Medal for flying on numerous combat rescue missions.



**Dr. Wechsler**

**Andrew Wechsler, M.D.**, the Stanley K. Brockman Professor & Chair, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, has been recognized as one of the superior physicians in his field by Woodward/White Inc. in their publication *The Best Doctors in America*. The publication uses rigorous, peer-review methodology to showcase outstanding physicians that excel in their field. Dr. Wechsler was named for his expertise in thoracic surgery, focusing on adult cardiothoracic surgery.

## Trustee Sandra Newman Receives Bar Association Award



**Justice Newman**

A College of Medicine trustee, **Justice Sandra Newman**, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, received the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Anne X. Alpern Award, given to a female lawyer or judge who demonstrates excellence in the legal profession and who makes a significant professional impact on women in the law.

## Biomed Students Garner Grants



**Melanie Alexander**, 4th year, Neuroscience, was recently awarded a \$55,324 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her project "MDMA Modulation of Sensory Information Processing."



**Elaine Smolock**, 3rd year, Pharmacology and Physiology, recently received a grant from the American Heart Association for her research in the role of caldesmon in vascular smooth muscle contraction. The grant is for \$21,000 per year for two years.



**Cuie Qui**, Pharmacology and Physiology doctoral candidate, was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship from the Epilepsy Foundation of America. Her project is "The Role of Somatostatin Receptor Subtype 4 in Seizures."

## First Professional Enrichment and Growth Grants Awarded



**Mary Moran, M.D. (I), Associate Dean for Faculty Development, congratulates the College's first PEG Grant recipients Drs. Renee Turchi (center) and Susie Chen.**

Renee Turchi, M.D., MPH, and Susie Chen, M.D., both Assistant Professors of Pediatrics, were each awarded the 2005 Professional Enrichment and Growth (PEG) Grant from the College of Medicine. This grant program was recently established to enable junior

faculty members from basic science or clinical departments to undertake an activity to help advance their careers and the missions of their departments and the College of Medicine. Each year the College of Medicine will award two \$5,000 grants to deserving faculty members at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor.

Dr. Turchi is the Associate Director of the Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. The PEG grant will allow her to analyze the unmet medical needs of children with special health care needs in Pennsylvania. She will work collaboratively with individuals from the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Departments of Health, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Chen, who is a member of the Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, was recruited to develop a comprehensive weight management center for children and adolescents. The PEG grant will allow her to visit one of the few existing centers in the United States, at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and bring back wisdom to better address the crisis of pediatric obesity.

**Contact Dr. Moran: 215-762-3879**

## Dr. Walter Cohen Receives Harvard Goldhaber Award

Commended for his distinguished service to dental education and the dental profession, D. Walter Cohen, DDS, Chancellor Emeritus of Drexel University College of Medicine, received the 2005 Paul Goldhaber Award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Presented in Boston on June 9, the award cited Dr. Cohen for outstanding national and international contributions to dental education and the profession, his leadership of several healthcare institutions, and the creation of the ELAM [Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine] program and the Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, among other lasting achievements.



**Dr. Cohen**

## Compliance Corner: Annual Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy Distribution and Personal Disclosure



**Edward G. Longazel**  
Chief Compliance Officer

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## Bulletins:

### Watch for Faculty Doctor on "Mystery Diagnosis"

A television crew from Discovery Health Channel was here June 30 to film an episode of the show "Mystery Diagnosis." The episode, featuring Dr. Katherine Sherif and a patient diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), will air sometime in September. Check your local listings.

### Forensic Science Master's Program Announced

Drexel University College of Medicine becomes the first allopathic medical school to offer a master's program in forensic science (MFS), featuring nationally and regionally recognized faculty in the areas of forensic pathology, forensic toxicology, forensic anthropology and criminalistics in an 18-month curriculum. Designed to attract students at a multidisciplinary level, the MFS Program welcomes candidates from various educational backgrounds. Students must have the basic courses in biology, chemistry and physics to deal with the scientific aspects of the program. For further information, visit [www.drexelmed.edu/ims](http://www.drexelmed.edu/ims), or call the MFS Program Office at 215-762-8217.

### Smile for Miles Run/Walk October 23

Help raise funds to assist children and their families at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children by participating in the 10th annual Smile for Miles five-mile run and three-mile walk on October 23, beginning at 10 a.m. on West River Drive. The event, held by the Debbie Romano Memorial Foundation, will raise funds for an endowment to support a Chronic Care Coordinator dedicated to helping children and their families cope with the overwhelming emotional and financial burdens associated with a cancer diagnosis. For more information contact the Smile for Miles hotline at 215-591-9885 or visit [www.smileformiles.org](http://www.smileformiles.org).

### Take Study Results with a Grain of Salt

Have you been taking vitamin E pills to prevent heart attacks? Or antioxidants to protect against heart disease? Do these methods actually help prevent disease? A new study confirms that what doctors once said was good for you often is not. The review of studies done between 1990 and 2003 that claimed a drug or treatment worked shows that nearly one-third of the original results did not hold up, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Experts say the study is a reminder that doctors and patients should not put too much value on a single study, including the subsequent studies themselves, although the review noted that in all cases in which results were contradicted, the subsequent studies were either larger or better designed.

## Calendar:

- September** *Baby Safety Month*  
*Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month*  
*National Cholesterol Education Month*  
*Women in Medicine Month*
- Sep 5 *Labor Day Holiday*
- Sep 24 *Family Health and Fitness Day*
- Sep 28 *National Women's Health and Fitness Day*
- October** *National Down Syndrome Awareness Month*  
*Healthy Lung Month*  
*National Brain Injury Awareness Month*  
*Children's Health Month*
- Oct 1 Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival on the Schuylkill, including two College of Medicine boats and two Drexel University boats. Contact: Michele Morales, 215-991-8571 or [mmorales@drexelmed.edu](mailto:mmorales@drexelmed.edu) or visit [www.philadragonboatfestival.com](http://www.philadragonboatfestival.com)
- Oct 4 *National Child Health Day*
- Oct 5 Discovery 2005, Drexel University College of Medicine Annual Research Day. Contact: Tara Sarica, 215-762-3948 or [tsarica@drexelmed.edu](mailto:tsarica@drexelmed.edu)
- Oct 17-23 *National Health Education Week*
- Oct 21 *National Mammography Day*
- Oct 23 Smile for Miles Run/Walk to benefit St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Contact: 215-591-9885 or visit [www.smileformiles.org](http://www.smileformiles.org)
- Oct 26 *National Lung Health Day*
- November** *American Diabetes Month*  
*National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month*  
*Great American Smokeout*
- Nov 20-26 *National GERD Awareness Week (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease)*
- December**
- Dec 1 Holiday Pops Concert and alumni reception with cocktail buffet, Kimmel Center for Performing Arts. For more information: [www.drexel.edu/ia/events](http://www.drexel.edu/ia/events) or 1.888.DU.GRADS