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## Medical Toxicology: International Renown in a Field of Growing Importance

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It's a typical day for the College of Medicine's Division of Medical Toxicology. At their primary clinical site in Hahnemann University Hospital's Emergency Department (ED), one of three toxicologists evaluates a patient for inhalational exposure at his work site while another consults on the phone with a physician whose patient has overdosed on acetaminophen. The third toxicologist is conducting a training session on preparedness for biological and chemical terrorism.

Drexel University College of Medicine is uniquely prepared to handle this broad range of issues and much more, with three of only 169 board-certified toxicologists nationwide on its faculty: Michael I. Greenberg, M.D., MPH, Director of the Division of Medical Toxicology (in the College's Department of Emergency Medicine), Director of the Medical Toxicology fellowship training program, Professor of Emergency Medicine and Professor of Public Health; Richard J. Hamilton, M.D., Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Program Director for the Emergency Medicine residency training program; and James R. Roberts, M.D., Professor of Emergency Medicine.

## Bioterrorism and WMD: The New Frontier in Medical Toxicology

Long before the events of September 11, medical toxicologists were becoming involved in a growing subspecialty: bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Michael I. Greenberg, M.D., MPH, Director of the Division of Medical Toxicology in the College's Department of Emergency Medicine, began his work in this subspecialty while he was a medical officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve assigned to the Marine Corps and serving on active duty during Operation Desert Storm. Since that time, he has become an internationally renowned authority on bioterrorism and WMD, including chemical, biological and radiological hazards.

Dr. Greenberg has been the principal investigator in a number of government-funded research studies on emergency preparedness for terrorism. His research has included a U.S. Army-funded study to determine the minimal level of preparedness necessary for a hospital-based emergency department to respond to mass casualty events involving WMD and terrorism.

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Dr. Hamilton is a Medical Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, currently recalled to active duty and serving at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Dr. Roberts, who founded the Toxicology Program, is also Chair of Emergency Medicine at Mercy Hospital.



Director of Medical Toxicology Michael Greenberg, M.D., MPH (far right) gathers his Fellows around the computer: (l-r) Matthew Salzman, M.D., Laura Spivak, M.D., John Curtis, M.D., and Rachel Haroz, M.D. Toxicologists often use computer databases to help them in clinical decision making.

The Medical Toxicology fellowship attracts board-certified emergency medicine physicians from top U.S. medical schools and universities. It is one of only 21 such programs nationwide, and one of only two located in this critical section of the Northeast Corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C.

"Since our fellowship program began in 1989, we have trained more medical toxicologists than any other program in the country," Dr. Greenberg says. Currently, the program has four fellows.

"We are clinicians, teachers and researchers," notes Dr. Greenberg, who is board certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine as well as Medical Toxicology and Emergency Medicine.

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**Barbara Schindler**  
Vice Dean for Educational  
and Academic Affairs

## *We Are Nationally Recognized Medical Educators*

When the 2004 annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges took place in Boston in November, our College of Medicine was well represented. Under the umbrella theme "Tomorrow's Doctors, Tomorrow's Cures: Fulfilling the Promise," conference subjects ran the gamut. Hot topics considered by the Group on Student Affairs included the National Resident

Matching Program proposal for a second match; medical school costs and physician indebtedness; and professionalism. With the new professionalism curriculum instituted last year by the College and incorporated in our Exit Objectives, I am proud to say we are ahead of the curve.

Many of our faculty and staff were involved in the Research in Medical Education forums, as organizers or participants. Steven J. Peitzman, M.D., discussed his findings on the question, "Does 'race' of the standardized patient influence diagnostic thinking in a high-stakes clinical skills assessment?" At another session, faculty MaryAnn Kuzma, M.D., Michael Barrett, M.D., and Kathleen Ryan, M.D., and recent medical graduates Drs. Tyler Seto, Patrick Richards, and Julie Silverstein presented their work entitled "Is Cardiac Auscultation a Technical Skill?" Dr. Kuzma and colleagues from other medical schools also conducted a workshop entitled "A Model Curricular Resource to Teach ACGME Competencies from the Beginning of Medical School."

Participating in the Group on Educational Affairs/Group on Student Affairs Discussion Sessions, Dennis H. Novack, M.D., moderated a discussion on improving medical education by enhancing the behavioral and social science content of the curriculum. Dr. Peitzman and Diane Cohen served as discussants

in a small group session entitled "Developing a Plan for Remediation: Using SP Encounters to Help Identify Clinical Skill Deficiencies," and Janet Fleetwood, Ph.D., was an invited discussant in a small group session "Are We Teaching Our Students to Be Altruistic"?

A diverse group of 15 Drexel Med faculty and staff presented posters in the Innovations in Medical Education Exhibit, all of which generated a lot of interest and discussion. Burton J. Landau, Ph.D., Samuel K. Parrish, M.D., Cynthia L. Rabuck, MLS, M.A., Robin Smith, Shahab S. Minassian, M.D., Allan B. Schwartz, M.D., and I presented a poster entitled "Bringing Structure to the Fourth Year." In addition, Drs. Landau and Parrish, Ms. Rabuck, Pauline Wong of the College of Information Science and Technology, and I also authored a poster entitled "Third Year Medical Student Perceptions of Unethical/Unprofessional Conduct Observed During Clinical Clerkships." Arnold J. Smolen, Ph.D., George Zeiset, and Mary Moran, M.D., presented a poster entitled "Clerkship Companion: A Handheld Computer Program to Log Patient Problems and

Procedures During Clinical Clerkships"; and Page S. Morahan, Ph.D., Rosalyn C. Richmond, M.A., Deidra A. Lyngard, MFA, and Victoria C. Odhner presented a poster entitled "Collaboration, Cooperation and

Relational Practice in Advancing Women and Academic Health Centers."

I also moderated a very well attended and interesting discussion on the "truthfulness," validity and usefulness of student feedback on faculty, courses, and curricula. A panel of deans and department chairs talked candidly about how they use data from students in evaluating faculty and implementing curricular changes in their institutions.

The annual AAMC meeting is a wonderful opportunity for our outstanding College of Medicine educators to interact with and to learn from our national colleagues, and to present our work at Drexel. After a very stimulating week, we returned to Drexel Med re-energized to continue our fine work as leaders in medical education.

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are ahead of the curve.*

## *ACGME Commends Stewardship of Graduate Medical Education Program*

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) commended Drexel University College of Medicine for its stewardship in protecting the residents and their education last year with the potential closure of MCP Hospital. Writing in the organization's annual report, Executive Director David C. Leach, M.D., hailed what he called our "good leadership and best practices."

"Drexel University developed exemplary closure procedures and found positions for more than 200 residents," he wrote. "This required complex negotiations between the hospital's owner, program directors, RRCs [Residency Review Committees] and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order to assure that educational quality was not compromised, and that the Medicare educational caps were not a barrier to the transfer of residents."

In addition, it should be noted that during the summer the Institutional Review Committee of the ACGME gave our residencies a three-year full accreditation cycle. Congratulations and kudos on both accounts to the residents, the program directors, and especially Jay M. Yanoff, Ed.D., Director, Educational Development and Support; Mark B. Woodland, M.D., Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education; and Olivia Rheinhardt, Director of GME.

## New Faculty Welcomed by Colleagues at College of Medicine Reception

An air of celebration pervaded the College of Medicine New Faculty Reception, held November 17. More than 150 members of the faculty and administration came to welcome their new colleagues at the event, hosted by Joseph D. Bloom, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine.



The New Faculty Reception was hosted by Dean Joseph D. Bloom, M.D., Vice President, Medical Affairs, pictured above (left) being greeted by James Archibald, CPA, MBA, Senior Vice President, Health Sciences.



The department chairs introduced the new faculty members at the special reception on November 17. Pictured are Herbert B. Allen, M.D., Chair of Dermatology, and new faculty member Carrie Ann Cusack, M.D., Instructor of Dermatology.



At the new faculty reception (l-r): Nadine Schwartz, M.D., College of Medicine Instructor of Psychiatry and Pediatric Consultation Psychiatrist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children; Mary Moran, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Faculty Development; and Bryan Chambliss, M.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Psychiatry Residency Training Program.



Waiting to be introduced (l-r): Reza Banifatemi, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, and key educator in our new educational programs at Abington Memorial Hospital; Katherine (Katie) Behan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, and co-leader of our programs at Abington; and Henry Wu, M.D., Infectious Disease specialist and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease.

## Good Morning America Turns Lens on Chronic Pain



Dr. Schwartzman

Neurology Chair Robert J. Schwartzman, M.D., was whisked away to New York December 6 to appear on *Good Morning America*. His revolutionary work using ketamine to control or eliminate the extreme pain associated with reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSD) was the topic, and a patient whose life he has transformed through treatment also appeared in the interview.

The Black Tie White Coat Ball, Saturday, April 2, will support research into the treatment of chronic pain. Guests will hear the classic Girl Groups and dance to the Flamin' Caucasians.

Call **215-762-1708** for more information.



## Mcare Extension Signed Into Law

Governor Edward G. Rendell was joined by selected health care providers, including the College of Medicine's Mark B. Woodland, M.D., Program Director, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, when he signed House Bill 1211, legislation that extends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Fund abatement program for Pennsylvania healthcare providers.

Mcare is the state-managed insurance fund that provides from \$500,000 to \$1 million of malpractice insurance for Pennsylvania's health care providers and entities. Last year, the General Assembly passed the Health Care Provider Retention Program, which provided two-year abatement for 2003 and 2004 for physicians and nurse midwives who met the eligibility requirements. Obstetricians, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, other high-risk surgeons and nurse midwives were eligible for a 100 percent abatement of their Mcare payment – all other physicians received 50 percent.

The new bill will extend the program through 2005.



*Alex Bellotti, Commonwealth Media Services*

**Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell signs legislation extending through 2005 the Mcare Fund abatement program for healthcare providers in the Commonwealth. Mark B. Woodland, M.D., Program Director, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education at the College of Medicine looks on at far left.**

## DUP Prescribes Mediation for Malpractice Cases



**Carl (Tobey) Oxholm  
General Counsel**

Working closely with the Commonwealth's Office of Health Care Reform and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the College of Medicine's physician practice group, Drexel University Physicians<sup>®</sup>, became the first in Pennsylvania to adopt mediation as its preferred method of resolving health care disputes. Not only are patients signing voluntary mediation agreements at the outset of their care, but plaintiffs are taking their malpractice claims

out of court, and most are being settled amicably.

Last March, the College started using the "Rush" model of mediation, which involves the appointment of two experienced medical malpractice attorneys (one plaintiff's lawyer and one defense lawyer) to act as neutral mediators. The patient not only chooses both attorneys, but also has the right to go to trial if dissatisfied with the result. The goal is to provide information

and to give both victims of the adverse event – the patient and the doctor – the opportunity to speak openly, honestly, and confidentially to each other. So far, the program has been very successful: of the 15 lawsuits that have been mediated, 11 were settled; 3 went on to trial and ended in defense verdicts; and 1 remains pending.

Interest in this initiative has taken the College's General Counsel Carl (Tobey) Oxholm onto the lecture circuit, with addresses to the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative, the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators, the Medical Society of Delaware, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (upcoming February 4) and the American Association of Clinical Urologists (in April), in addition to talks to our own students. He has also been invited by the American Medical Association's President-elect, J. Edward Hill, M.D., to address a special AMA task force.

"All we are trying to do with this program is to get doctors and their patients talking again," says Oxholm. "Mediation allows patients, their families, and their doctors to reach closure far faster than lawsuits, trials and appeals ever can. We're excited to be at the cutting edge of this new way of resolving healthcare disputes."

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# Clinical Research Group Holds First Collaborative Synergies Conference; Establishes Research Agreement with Novartis



**Novartis officials became familiar with the College of Medicine's research organization through the work of Professor Edward S. Schulman, M.D., Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, who has been involved with the company as a lead investigator.**

Drexel University College of Medicine's Clinical Research Group (CRG) co-sponsored its first Collaborative Synergies Conference, with Novartis Pharmaceuticals, in November 2004. The highly successful meeting was the first of many the College plans to hold to build strategic relationships with pharmaceutical companies and identify mutual research interests for future partnerships.

"Novartis was very pleased to spend a day interacting with the diverse research talents at DUCoM," says Rebecca Velez-Baker, Pharm.D., Regional Scientific Associate Director at Novartis. "It was a wonderful platform during which we shared our interests and visions for the future of drug development. In addition, we shared our approach to scientific collaborations with academia."

"In return, DUCoM basic scientists and clinical researchers gave us a snapshot of their research efforts, which are to be commended," Velez-Baker continues. "We are proud to collaborate with such a fine institution!"

In today's operating environment, pharmaceutical companies view academic medical centers as attractive research partners who add prestige and credibility to their efforts, as well as providing better operating efficiency than they can achieve internally, says CRG Director Donna Jones. "Pharmas are facing the challenge of a decreasing number of blockbuster drugs and a decrease in new drugs in the pipeline, as well as decreasing revenue as existing products come off patents," she says. "So it's essential for them to collaborate with partners who offer the best operating efficiencies."

During the daylong conference, Novartis representatives discussed their new product pipeline, and 16 key investigators from the College shared information about their research. As a result, the College of Medicine and Novartis are establishing a master clinical research agreement.

Many College of Medicine researchers have already been successfully involved as lead investigators with Novartis. One such investigator is Edward S. Schulman, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Velez-Baker became familiar with the College's research organization through Dr. Schulman's work with Novartis.

"Rebecca saw Drexel's commitment to research in the quality of our clinical research nurses and in our facilities, such as our new clinical research unit with capabilities for infusion during phase 1 studies," says Dr. Schulman. "She wanted to arrange a conference for research exchange within a very short time frame."

Since the conference, Novartis representatives have contacted a number of faculty members to plan collaborative programs and research in areas of mutual interest.

"Drexel is particularly attractive to the pharma companies because we offer the very unusual advantage of having a business organization – our Clinical Research Group – to take care of the business side of research while our investigators focus primarily on the science," says Jim Cavan, Executive Director, Clinical Business Development.

"Pharmas also need research partners that can help them effectively handle increased regulatory scrutiny," notes Jones. "As an academic medical center, Drexel can help meet that need."

## **College of Medicine investigators who participated in the Collaborative Synergies Conference with Novartis Pharmaceuticals included:**

Paul Ambrosini, M.D.  
*Psychiatry*

Tim Block, M.D.  
*Biotechnology & Virology*

Isadore Brodsky, M.D.  
*Hematology/Oncology*

Ari Brooks, M.D.  
*Surgery/Women's Health*

Jane Clifford, Ph.D.  
*Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

Carlton Dampier, M.D.  
*Pediatrics*

James England, M.D., Ph.D.  
*Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

Itzhak Fischer, Ph.D.  
*Neurobiology and Anatomy*

Michael Heifets, M.D.  
*Internal Medicine*

Terry Heiman-Patterson, M.D.  
*Neurology*

Lydia Komarnicky, M.D.  
*Radiation Oncology*

Anil Kumar, M.D.  
*Surgery*

Ana Núñez, M.D.  
*Women's Health*

James C. Reynolds, M.D.  
*Gastroenterology*

Edward Schulman, M.D.  
*Medicine – Pulmonary Care*

Robert Schwartzman, M.D.  
*Neurology*

Katherine Sherif, M.D.  
*Women's Health*

Ronald Wapner, M.D.  
*Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Michael White, Ph.D.  
*Pharmacology*

Brian Wigdahl, Ph.D.  
*Microbiology and Immunology*

## Upcoming CME Programs

January 2005

Jan 26 **Cardiac Auscultation**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Hahnemann Campus  
New College Building, Geary Auditorium (1st Floor)  
245 N. 15th St., Philadelphia  
Contact: Debbie Holliday – 215-842-7180

April 2005

Apr 15–21 **Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women (ELAM)**  
Gregg Conference Center, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Contact: Deidra Lyngard – 215-842-6041

## University to Offer Affinity Card

Drexel University has entered into an affinity credit card partnership with U.S. Bank. Use of the Drexel University Visa® Platinum Card will directly benefit the University by providing funding for facilities, scholarships and other expenses.

The card will be available to students, faculty, staff and alumni through the University's Web site at [www.drexel.edu](http://www.drexel.edu).

Cardholders will have access to a variety of cards, including one that earns points the user can redeem for rewards or cash. The Queen Lane campus is featured in one of four designs.

Contact: 800-853-5576, ext. 8366



## Our Man in China



Fourth-year student Joseph Walline is in China on a Fulbright Fellowship for the 2004/05 academic year [Newspaper, July/August, page 5].

Nov. 30 – Greetings from Beijing! I have settled into the rhythms of daily life in this huge metropolis, and I am busy studying the history and current culture of Chinese medical practice. As part of my Fulbright research project, I am exploring the emergency

medical system in Beijing. In China, there is a distinct difference between emergency “outpatient” medicine (“ji-zhen” in Chinese) and emergency “life-saving” medicine (“ji-jiu” in Chinese), with the two types of services accommodating the accelerating pace of urban life here.

I have begun rotations in the internal medicine and emergency medicine departments at Peking Union Medical College – one of China’s premier hospitals, founded in 1917 by the Rockefeller Foundation. My wife Priscilla (a doctoral student in medical anthropology at Harvard University) and I are also enjoying the academic life of Peking University’s Health Science Center. We are participating in a biweekly graduate seminar on medical history. We have also taught two lectures on bioethics to undergraduate students in the Biomedical English Department and helped a class of nursing students prepare hospital skits based on their newly learned English medical terminology!

I hope that the students, teachers, and staff at Queen Lane and beyond are doing well. Best of luck to the Class of 2005 with the start of residency interview season!



## *Linda Brodsky, M.D., MCP '79, Honored at Reception*



(l-r) Dr. Brodsky, Dr. Meyers and Dr. Rachlin

Drexel University College of Medicine and the Office of Alumni Relations held a reception on October 12, 2004, at the American College of Surgeons 90th Annual Clinical Congress in New Orleans. Hosted by William C. Meyers, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Surgery, the event honored Linda Brodsky, M.D., MCP '79, the recipient of the Association of Women Surgeons "2004 Distinguished Member Award."

Dr. Meyers and Dr. Lillian Rachlin, WMC '42, presented Dr. Brodsky with a gift from the Alumni Association in recognition of her achievements.

"I am extraordinarily honored to have been selected by my peers to receive this national recognition from an organization that has done so much to advance the professional careers for women surgeons," Dr. Brodsky said. "Whether shaping public health policy or providing health care directly to patients, women surgeons have brought unique talents and have changed the face of medicine for the greater good at every level."

## *Students Want Alumnae/i Mentors – All You Need Is E-Mail*

An e-mentoring (mentoring by e-mail) program between students and alumnae/i will be launched in January at the request of a group of students who recently brought the idea to the College of Medicine administration.

Our students begin hearing about the unique and rich history of Hahnemann and Woman's Medical College/Medical College of Pennsylvania from the day they come to campus for their interview. The legacy and traditions of your alma mater are alive today in the students and faculty.

The e-mentoring program provides a way for students to connect with alumnae/i on a deeper level, by corresponding with them via e-mail about career issues, shadowing experiences and life as scientists and physicians. Our goal is to create a large pool of alumnae/i from different regions of the country and with varying interests and specialties. It is not a one-on-one match program, so students may contact different alumnae/i. You may hear from several students. We hope you will consider signing up and participating in this valuable program.

Here's how it works:

- Interested alumnae/i complete an online registration form at <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/emedicalmentoring>.
- The information is posted on a password-protected website that can be accessed only by current students using their student ID and password.
- Interested students will contact alumnae/i directly by e-mail.

The e-mentoring program is sponsored by the Alumni Office (contact Patty Comey, **215-895-0983**) and the Office of Student Affairs (contact Marie Hartman, **215-991-8219**).

## *Dean Bloom Speaks to Western Pennsylvania Alumni*

Joseph Bloom, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine, was the special guest speaker at a "Taste of the Season," a Western Pennsylvania event for College of Medicine and other Drexel University alumni held in Pittsburgh in early December.

Drexel University alumnus Christian Snavelly Jr., B&A '49, and his wife, Theresa, hosted the reception at the beautiful Duquesne Club. Dr. Bloom spoke about the College of Medicine and answered questions from the assembled group of alumni, family and friends.

Alumni toll-free number: **1-866-DREXMED**



Bernard L. Kliensky, M.D., HU '52 (center) and his wife, Esther, catch up on College of Medicine news with Dean Joseph Bloom, M.D.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## '50s

**Sumi Mitsudo-Koide, M.D., WMC '56**, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Westchester Holocaust Education Center in N.Y. Dr. Mitsudo-Koide is a Clinical Professor Emeritus at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx.

## '60s

**Marguerite R. Dallabrida, M.D., WMC '60**, has been honored by the Ashland Regional Medical Center in Ashland, Pa., which named its Fifth Floor B Wing in her honor. Dr. Dallabrida, who was the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the medical center and worked there for almost 40 years, was the hospital's first female staff physician and first medical specialist as well as the founder of the hospital's first women's wellness center.

**Richard F. Corlin, M.D., HU '65**, has been named head of the physician advisory board for SecureCARE Technologies, Inc., an Internet-based document exchange, and eSignature solutions company in Texas. Dr. Corlin is a gastroenterologist, the Chairman and Chief Medical Officer for SecureCARE and a past president of the American Medical Association.

**John H. Genrich, M.D., HU '69**, has been named one of the Top Doctors for 2004 by the *Colorado Springs Business Journal*. He is a private practice pediatrician.

## '70s

**Phyllis Smith Baer, M.D., HU '72**, was honored by Harbor Health Services of Massachusetts as Clinician of the Year Harbor Wide at their Ninth Annual Staff Recognition Dinner. Dr. Baer joined the Caritas Carney Hospital medical staff in 1979 and has been a key member of the staff for 25 years. Dr. Baer is also a board member of the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association.

**Robert E. Wagner, M.D., HU '72**, has joined the staff of Cameron County Health Care Center in Emporium, Pa.

**Thomas M. Penders, M.D., HU '73**, has been appointed as the Medical Director of the psychiatric unit at the Beaufort County Hospital Health Center in North Carolina. He was previously the Medical Director of Psychiatry at FMRS Health Services in Beckley, W. Va.

**James T. Madara, M.D., HU '75**, has been named the Richard T. Crane Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago. Dr. Madara is the Dean of the Division of the Biological Sciences at the Pritzker School of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs. He has been with the University of Chicago since 2002, and was previously Chair of Pathology at Emory University's Medical School.

**Ann M. Showan, M.D., MCP '77**, has been named the Director of Strategic Clinical Affairs for the Mid-Atlantic Region at Somnia, Inc., a provider of office-based and ambulatory anesthesia services. Dr. Showan previously served as an Assistant Professor in the Anesthesia Department at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Richard R. Stout, M.D., HU '79**, has joined the medical staff of Geneva General Hospital, where he will specialize in ophthalmology. Dr. Stout has over 20 years of private practice experience in small-incision cataract and laser surgery.

## '80s

**Phillip M. Berman, M.D., MCP '80**, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of CompuMed, Inc., a medical informatics company located in Los Angeles, Calif., serving the healthcare community with diagnostic software solutions.

**Kimberly Manganaro, M.D., MCP '82**, a family medicine physician, was presented with the Victor J. Marks Award for Service Excellence at Geisinger Medical Group, Lewistown, Pa.

**Lorna R. Glassman, MCAT, HU '82**, has recently published a book, *Here Comes the Music Lady: Memoirs of a Music Therapist*, which describes 22 years' of clinical experiences as a board-certified music therapist and a licensed professional counselor. She has experiences with the elderly and the neurologically impaired, working with varied levels of physical, cognitive, and psychological functioning.

**Robert J. Schreiber, M.D., HU '83**, has joined Boston's Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged as the center's Physician-in-Chief. Dr. Schreiber was most recently the Chairman of Geriatrics at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

## In Memoriam

**Warren Lindau M.D., HU '45**, passed away on November 2, 2004, at his Coconut Grove home. He was 82. Dr. Lindau was a University of Miami professor and former president of the Dade Medical Association. He helped found South Miami Hospital, where he specialized in cardiology and continued his internal medicine practice. He continued to teach after he retired from practice in 1989. He taught at the University of Miami on and off until last year as an Associate Professor of Medicine and a Clinical Professor of Pharmacology.

**Thomas F. O'Connor, M.D., HU '47**, died November 4, 2004, at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H., at the age of 84. Dr. O'Connor was awarded the Bronze Star, the Order of the Indianhead, the Combat Medical Badge and the United Nations

Service Medal for his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1953 he moved to Winchester, Mass., where he became the town doctor, and lived there for the rest of his life.

**Marthe Denise Chauver, M.D., WMC '50**, passed away October 19, 2004, at the age of 88. Dr. Chauvet began her career in private practice with her father, physician Frank Chauvet, and her aunt, physician Mary Coleman, with associations at Mercy, Bethany and Oak Park Hospitals. In the late 1960s she joined the Medical Examiner's Office in the Chicago Public Schools, where she worked until her retirement at age 76.

**Walter F. Stull Jr, M.D., HU '53**, died October 28, 2004, in the VNA Hospice at St. Luke's in Allentown, Pa. He was a physician in the East Allentown Family Practice, practicing for 37 years, making house calls, until his retirement in 1991. He



**Elizabeth A. Bonomo, Ph.D., HU '88**, has been named the Vice President of Global Business Development for Covalent Group, Inc. She had previously worked at M.D. S Pharma Services and ICON Clinical Research.

**Karen L. Smith, M.D., HU '89**, was installed as the 2005 President of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Smith is the first African American elected as President of the organization since its beginning in 1948. Dr. Smith currently participates in the teaching programs located at Duck University Medical Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She operates a private solo practice in Raeford, N.C., that has been highlighted nationally for its aggressive use of computerized electronic medical records technology.

## '90s

**Eric I. Engelmyer, M.D., HU '90**, has been appointed Chief of Urology at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y. He is in private practice with Schenectady Urological Associates.

**Akhil K. Das, M.D., HU '91**, has joined the Los Alamos Medical Center as a urologist. He has practiced urology in New Mexico for the last four years.

**Wendy J. Cruz, M.D., HU '94**, has joined King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Ky. Dr. Cruz will practice as an anesthesiologist. She had been practicing in Puerto Rico since 1999.

**Michael D. Marino, M.D., HU '94**, has been appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and has also joined Jefferson University Hospital's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

**Marie Carrier Kinsley, M.D., MCP '97**, has opened a private medical practice, Pediatric Care Group, PC, with two partners in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Dr. Carrier Kinsley previously worked at Valley Pediatrics, PC.

**Jason Scopp, M.D., HU '97**, has been named as an Assistant Physician for the United States Men's National Soccer Team. He is an orthopaedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist with the Peninsula Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Center team at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

**Correction:** The alumni note about Michael C. DiMarino, M.D., in the December issue gave his MMS degree (HU '94). He also earned his medical degree at Hahnemann, class of '98.

## '00s

**Donna M. Allmon, M.D., HU '00**, has joined the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in Pennsylvania. She will be a member of the provisional staff in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Bethlehem Campus.

**Hope Levin, M.D., MCP-HU '00**, received the Resident Achievement Award, presented at the Benjamin Rush Ball. She completed her internship in Medicine at Brown, then her adult psychiatry training at Penn and is now in the Child and Adolescent program at Harvard/Massachusetts General.

**Rosanna Pau, M.D., MCP-HU '00**, has joined the staff of the City Hospital of Martinsburg, W.Va. Dr. Pau is an Emergency Medicine physician.

**Tony Stuart Reed, M.D., MCP-HU '00**, has joined the sports medicine team at Geisinger Specialty Clinic Wilkes-Barre and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

**Barbara Roehl, M.D., MCP '01**, was named 2004 Resident of the Year by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Roehl joined the Underwood-Memorial Hospital Family Practice Residency program in Woodbury, N.J. in July of 2001. She graduated from the program in December of 2004 and will begin a Fellowship in geriatrics at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

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served as president of Muhlenberg Medical Center, 1976-77, and was director of the emergency room.

**Joseph Kaczmarczyk, M.D., HU '66**, passed away October 21, 2004, in New Britain, Conn. He was a professor of Genetics and Biochemistry in the College of Agriculture at West Virginia University until his retirement in 2002.

**Jeffrey Douglas Raub, M.D., HU '76**, died unexpectedly, September 28, 2004, at Old Town, Maine. Dr. Raub was the director of the emergency department of St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor, Maine, from 2001 to 2003. He was active throughout his career in various hospital medical staff committees and had served as co-chair of the Venango County EMS Council. At the time of his death, he was practicing emergency medicine at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay, Maine.

**John R. Azain, M.D., HU '78**, died September 20, 2004, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Dr. Azain was a doctor of internal medicine and had a practice in Easton from 1981. He was a part-time staff physician at Gracedale from 1985 to 1991, a health physician at Easton Hospital from 1982 to 1992, and medical director of Easton Serum Exchange from 1998 to 2002.

**Jon A. Sorber, M.D., HU '82**, died September 26, 2004, at his home in Springville, Pa. He was an internal medicine resident at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, from 1982 to 1985. Dr. Sorber then worked in critical care and internal medicine for the Geisinger Health System in Tunkhannock, Pa., and started the Noninvasive Vascular Lab at Tyler Memorial Hospital.

## Grants and Kudos



Dr. Clarke

**John R. Clarke, M.D.**, Professor of Surgery, was elected a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, which recognizes those who have made significant and sustained contributions to the field of medical informatics. The number of fellows has now reached 135, with five to 10 new fellows elected each year.



Dr. Ezekowitz

**Michael Ezekowitz, M.D., Ph.D.**, June F. Klinghoffer Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, is the International Principal Investigator for the upcoming Phase III Trial "Comparing Dabigatran (an orally active direct thrombin inhibitor) to Warfarin in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation." The projected budget is \$5 million and 7,500 patients will be recruited from North America and Canada alone. Also, Dr. Ezekowitz was a member of the Committee that established national standards for antithrombotic therapy in patients with coronary artery disease.

**Angelo P. Giardino, M.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics and Vice President for clinical affairs of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, is among the six new appointees to the National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH**, Director of University Animal Research Facilities, has been elected to the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research.

**Anita Ko, M.D.**, third-year Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellow, competed against other house staff around the nation this past October 2004 at the American College of Chest Physicians in Seattle, Wash. She won in her category, "Cardiovascular II."



Dr. Komarnicky



Dr. Brooks



Dr. Hughes

**Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D.**, Professor and Chair of Radiation Oncology, was recently appointed by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons as the Cancer Liaison Physician for Hahnemann University Hospital. Also Dr. Komarnicky, along with **Lesley Hughes, M.D.**, and **Ari Brooks, M.D.**, is part of the Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition.



Dr. Kresh

**J. Yasha Kresh, Ph.D.**, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery & Medicine and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, served as an Expert P41 Grant Reviewer (Complexity Science and Systems Biology), and a Site-Review Panelist, National Center for Research Resources, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

**Olimpia Meucci, M.D., Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology & Physiology, was awarded a five-year grant for \$1,825,000 from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, entitled "Molecular Mechanisms of HIV Neuropathology."



Dr. Morahan

**Page Morahan, Ph.D.**, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and faculty member in the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, served as Co-Director, with **Bill Burdick, M.D.**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, of a two-year, part-time leadership program for mid-career medical educator faculty from developing countries, sponsored by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) in Philadelphia. **Gerry Whelan, M.D.**, Professor of Emergency Medicine, and **Ana Núñez, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine are also faculty.



Dr. Núñez

**Ana Núñez, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and Director of the Women's Health Education Program of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, received a five-year, \$500,000 National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute award, "Culture Matters: Innovative Strategies for Quality Care," to create a model of cultural competency education that addresses health disparities in heart, lung and blood disorders. Collaborators include **Michael Sherman, M.D.**, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary Care, and **Carlton Dampier, M.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Marian Anderson Sickle Cell Center, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



Dr. Posner

**Joel Posner, M.D.**, Audrey Meyer Mars Professor of Gerontologic Research and Chief of Geriatric and Rehabilitation Medicine, recently received a National Institutes of Health grant in the amount of \$2.8 million to study non-medical methods for improving the health and function of people over 65 with congestive health failure. Dr. Posner plans to work in close collaboration with Drexel University College of Medicine cardiologists and private cardiology groups at Hahnemann University Hospital and Abington Memorial Hospital.

## IWHL Awards \$20,000 for Breast Cancer Research

Jay Reiff, Ph.D., Professor and Chief of Physics in Radiation Oncology, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.



Dr. Roberts

**James R. Roberts, M.D., FACEP, FAAEM, FACMT**, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, has been elected to Life Fellow membership in the American College of Emergency Physicians.

**Melanie K. Tallent, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology & Physiology, was awarded a four-year grant for \$1,114,164 from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, entitled "Developmental Regulation of K<sup>+</sup> M Current in the Brain."

## Chromosome Symposium April 21

A symposium on chromosome stability will be held April 21 in honor of Elizabeth Blackburn, Ph.D., who will receive that evening the 2005 Franklin Medal in Life Sciences. Dr. Blackburn discovered telomerase, the enzyme that maintains chromosomal ends and is overexpressed in cancers. Jane Clifford, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, who sponsored Dr. Blackburn for the award, is organizing the symposium, which will take place in Drexel's Mandell Theater, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The symposium is jointly sponsored by the Franklin Institute and Drexel University Office of the Provost. Contact Jane Clifford at **215-762-4446** for information.

Competition among nine Drexel teams ended with an award of \$20,000 to Jane Clifford, Ph.D., Chair of Biochemistry and Pharmacology, to study the role of Sp1 and BRCA1 in DNA Repair in Breast Cancer.

The grant, made by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, came from the Legacy 21 Fund and funds raised at the Institute's annual Woman One event, which also honors an outstanding woman leader and supports medical school scholarships for minority women.

Elizabeth Blankenhorn, Ph.D., and Mary Kay Howett, Ph.D., who chaired the award selection committee, applauded the innovation and collaboration demonstrated in the proposals submitted and noted the importance of sex and gender research across the University.

It is expected that a similar grant competition will emerge from the next Woman One event, to be held April 28, when Olympic Champion and humanitarian Dawn Staley will be honored.



Dr. Clifford

## Eliana Papadakis Named Among Philadelphia Women of Achievement



In the neonatal intensive care unit at Hahnemann University Hospital (l-r) Linda McClellan, RNC, BSN, MSN, welcomes Dave Raible, Director of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the March of Dimes; Elba Lopez, a March of Dimes ambassador mom; and March of Dimes honoree Eliana Papadakis.

At its ninth annual salute to outstanding Philadelphia women, the March of Dimes Pennsylvania Chapter named Eliana Papadakis one of its 2004 Philadelphia Women of Achievement. The awards, presented at a breakfast at the Union League on November 16, 2004, are given to honor women who "because of their contribution to the community, stand as examples of excellence." Mrs. Papadakis, the wife of Drexel University President Constantine Papadakis, is a board member of Carelift International, The Philadelphia Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Opera Company of Philadelphia.

The award is "really not just for me," Eliana Papadakis said. "It is for the hundreds of men and women at Drexel University College of Medicine and the March of Dimes who have worked together for years to give so many babies the opportunity for a healthy life."



Dr. Barrett

**Michael J. Barrett, M.D.**, Director, Cardiac Clinic, Hahnemann University Hospital, published, "Mastering Cardiac Murmurs: The Power of Repetition" in the August 14, 2004 issue of *Chest*. Dr. Barrett's paper describes a novel and highly effective method of teaching cardiac auscultation.

**J. Steve Hou, M.D.**, Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, **Mandana Mahmoodi** and **Silvio S. Tanev**, residents in pathology, published "Translocation in Follicular Lymphoma" in the October 2004 issue of *Cancer Genetics and Cytogenetics*.



Dr. Hughes

**Lesley Hughes, M.D.**, Assistant Professor in Radiation Oncology, co-authored "Astro Physics Curriculum for Radiation Oncology Residents" which was accepted for a poster presentation at the 46th Annual AAPM Meeting. The manuscript was published in the November 1st edition of the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology and Physics*.



Dr. Krebs

**Fred Krebs, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, gave an invited address entitled "Identification of Viral Markers Predictive of NeuroAIDS" during the 6th International Symposium on NeuroVirology held in Alghero in Sardinia, Italy on September 11-14, 2004. The symposium, which brings together basic science and clinical researchers interested

in viral infections of the nervous system, is an annually sponsored event of the International Society for NeuroVirology.



Dr. Komarnicky

**Lydia T. Komarnicky, M.D.**, Professor and Chair in Radiation Oncology and **Sushil Beriwal, M.D.**, Chief Resident in Radiation Oncology co-authored "Breast Conserving Therapy after Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy: Long Term Results" which was accepted for a poster presentation at the upcoming 46th Annual American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.



Dr. Lippa

**Carol F. Lippa, M.D.**, Professor of Neurology and Director, Memory Disorders Center, was an invited speaker at the 12th International Winter Conference on Neurodegeneration, in Kyoto, Japan on November 30. Dr. Lippa's talk entitled "Mechanisms of Secondary Inclusion Formation in Neurodegenerative Diseases" addressed the question of what leads to the symptoms in Alzheimer's disease, Pick's disease and related forms of dementia.



Dr. Minimo

**Corrado Minimo, M.D.**, Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, published "Immunocytochemical Evaluation of Thyroid Neoplasms on Thin-Layer Smears from FNAB" in *Cancer Cytopathology*.



Dr. Morahan

**Page Morahan, Ph.D.**, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and faculty in the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, presented a session on the "Biographical Wardrobe: The Essentials of Curriculum Vitae" at the Early Career Women in Medicine Professional Development Seminar of the Association of American Medical Colleges, held in Santa Fe, NM, Dec. 4-7, 2004. She also provided individual and group career consultation.



Dr. Moreland

**Robert S. Moreland, Ph.D.**, Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, and research assistants Michaela C. Stanton, Daniel Delaney, and Stephen A. Zderic, published "Partial Bladder Outlet Obstruction Abolishes the Receptor- and G Protein-Dependent Increase in Calcium Sensitivity in Rabbit Bladder Smooth Muscle" in the October 2004 issue of *American Journal of Physiology*. Dr. Moreland also co-authored "Diabetes Decreases Rabbit Bladder Smooth Muscle Contraction While Increasing Levels of Myosin Light Chain Phosphorylation" in the *American Journal of Physiology*.



Rosalyn C. Richman

**Rosalyn C. Richman**, Co-Director, Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program, led a workshop on "NETworks and Social Capital: The Ties that Bond" for the Women Faculty School of Medicine Annual Fall Program, Case Western Reserve University, on Monday, December 6.

Send your submissions to [Linda.Roth@drexelmed.edu](mailto:Linda.Roth@drexelmed.edu).

## FDA Approves Groundbreaking Shunt Analysis Device



Dr. Schindler

**Barbara Schindler, M.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry and Vice Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs, presented "Legal Issues in Psychosomatic Medicine" and "Maternal Capacity" at the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine annual meeting, November 2004, in Marco Island, Fla. **Dilip Ramchandani, M.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry presented a poster entitled "Psychiatric Assessment of Patients Seeking Bariatric Surgery for Obesity:

Preliminary Report of Outcome and Implications," as well as a review session, "Psychotic Disorders and Catatonia in the Medical Setting" at the Board Review Course presented by the academy.



Dr. Stein

**David Stein, M.D.**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery, authored an article in the fall *Counter Details: The Educational Difference*, which is a publication of the Pennsylvania Medical society and the American Cancer Society for physicians regarding colon cancer. The article entitled "Horizons in Colorectal Cancer Therapy, 2004" discusses emerging technologies in the treatment of colon cancer.



Dr. Tunkel

**Allan Tunkel, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Admissions, is the lead author of the article "Practice Guidelines for the Management of Bacterial Meningitis" that appeared in the November 1, 2004 issue of *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. These guidelines will be used in the United States and throughout the world in assisting physicians who treat this illness.



Dr. Vogel

**Eric W. Vogel, M.D., FACP**, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Residency Program Director, presented "Evidence-Based Medicine and Information Databases for Handhelds" at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, for the Mobile@Hopkins Conference on October 12, 2004.

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Samuel Neff, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, developed ShuntCheck™, the first noninvasive device designed to evaluate the flow of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) in ventricular - peritoneal or ventricular - atrial shunts. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the device for use in pediatric and adult patients by physicians in an office or hospital setting. Advanced clinical trials are under way to train patients to use the device in a home setting.



Dr. Neff

ShuntCheck operates using proprietary thermal convection analysis hardware and software. The device measures the flow of cooled CSF through the shunt tubing. Cooling is applied to the skin over a portion of the shunt. Temperature probes placed over the shunt tubing detect the changes in the skin temperature caused by the flow of CSF in the shunt tubing. There is about a one-minute delay between the time when the ice pack is applied to the shunt and when the temperature of the CSF in the shunt tubing changes.

"More than 50,000 shunt operations are performed each year," says Dr. Neff who is a pediatric neurosurgeon at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. "Shunt placement is the primary method of treating hydrocephalus, one of the most common birth defects, afflicting in excess of 10,000 babies each year. Malfunction is common, occurring in up to 60 percent of patients. These malfunctions allow intracranial pressure to rise to unsafe levels and subject a patient to risk of brain damage.

"Until now, there has been no quick, convenient or inexpensive method to assess whether a shunt is functioning in a patient," he continues. "A typical ShuntCheck test takes less than 20 minutes, and the results can then be analyzed by a physician."

Dr. Neff is marketing the device in the U.S. and worldwide through Neuro Diagnostic Devices™, the medical device company he founded.

In another recent development, Dr. Neff and Arye Rosen, research professor at Drexel University's School of Biomedical Engineering, received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a battery-operated version of another device designed by Dr. Neff known as SCIPS™. This permanently implantable self-contained intracranial pressure (ICP) sensor allows noninvasive ICP monitoring. Clinical trials of SCIPS are expected to begin in the first quarter of 2005.

Contact: 215-427-5196

## Seattle Scientist Wins IWHL Prestigious Award

Mary-Claire King, Ph.D., University of Washington scientist, became the 42nd recipient of the Marion Spencer Fay Award, presented annually to a woman physician or scientist who has achieved breakthrough work in science or medicine.

Created by the National Board for Women in Medicine, the award is named for a former dean and president of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. It is now administered by Drexel's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership. Presentation was made by Institute Director Lynn Yeakel at a December 3 ceremony at Philadelphia's Pyramid Club.

Dr. King was honored for her groundbreaking genetic analysis of breast and ovarian cancer and for her international work in the identification of victims of human rights crimes through DNA sequencing.

Dr. Daniel Schidlow, Chair of Pediatrics for the College of Medicine, read in Spanish and English an e-mail from an Argentinian grandmother whose grandson was reunited with his family through Dr. King's work.

Commented Dr. Schidlow, a native of Chile, "Although I was spared personal experience in this particular matter and its Chilean equivalent, [Dr. King's story] conjured up many images of high school and medical school class mates and acquaintances who were abducted, tortured and disposed of in ways that defy description and violate the most fundamental essence of our ethical fiber. [Her] story was poignant and, most importantly, true. Truth is more impacting than any story we can conjure up."

Earlier in the day, Dr. King delivered a lecture to faculty and students at Drexel University College of Medicine.



Drexel University College of Medicine celebrates 2004 Marion Spencer Fay Awardee Mary-Claire King, Ph.D. at the reception following the award ceremony at the Pyramid Club. Pictured here are Dean Joseph Bloom, M.D., Dr. King, Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D., Chancellor Emeritus Walter Cohen, D.D.S., the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership's Director Lynn Yeakel, and Chair of Pediatrics Daniel Schidlow, M.D.

## Medical Toxicology...continued

"Our division serves as an increasingly valuable resource for the College, for Drexel University and for health care practitioners at the regional, national and international levels. We provide over 1,200 bedside consultations annually in five key areas of medical toxicology: clinical, occupational, environmental, forensic and reproductive.

"We serve as consultants to the Philadelphia Poison Control Center, which covers 80 hospitals in the Delaware Valley, and with increasing frequency, we provide training sessions and consultation on bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction to health care providers throughout the region. [See "The New Frontier in Medical Toxicology," page 1.]

As researchers, the toxicologists collaborate on projects with other sectors across the University, such as Environmental Engineering or the School of Public Health. The division has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, abstracts and book chapters.

Dr. Greenberg describes medical toxicologists as "a hybrid of clinician and detective. We work closely with all EDs in the Tenet system on complicated cases – for example, to uncover a medication or exposure that could be causing a patient's medical problem."

Among the many medical mysteries he has helped to unravel, Dr. Greenberg recalls one unusual case involving a man who was brought to the hospital unconscious and seizing. "We discovered that the patient was a bullet scavenger at an indoor firing range who collected lead salvage by the ton on a weekly basis. He was suffering from lead intoxication."

"Our cases range from the mundane of evaluating driving under the influence situations to assessing unusual biological weapons and chemical threats," Dr. Greenberg says. "We must be prepared to handle anything at any time."

Contact: 1-800-24-TOXIC

## Bioterrorism and WMD...continued

"Preparedness in center city Philadelphia has increased substantially with the recent opening of the new Emergency Department at Hahnemann," notes Dr. Greenberg. "A brand new, state-of-the-art decontamination unit is just one of the many tools in our arsenal." Currently, Dr. Greenberg and his colleagues are conducting a study of the potential effects of a chemical agent release in a center city environment.

Dr. Greenberg also has worked with the Navy's Office of Homeland Security and the Department of State to conduct terrorism threat assessments and training at 40 military bases around the country and various U.S. embassies around the world.

He and his colleagues provide training sessions and consultation on weapons of mass destruction. Recently, he completed a three-part series on chemical terrorism for Lankenau Hospital.

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## Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society New Members

We are pleased to announce that the following seniors have been elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Election to the National Honor Medical Society is on the basis of academic scholarship, leadership and professionalism.

### Student Inductees – Class of 2005 Delta-Zeta Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha

Skip Alderson	Anthony Koppula
Arka Banerjee	Ruth Lamm
Wendy Bernatavicius	Anne Lesburg
Reena Bhatt	Ian Logan
Anna Bortnick	Jonathan Lowy
Adam Braganza	Amy Rodd Mackenzie
Kerry Caperell	Jake Marais
Thomas Cha	Marc McCleary
Renee Davis	Mollie McGinley
Tina Degnan	Ariadne Mueller
Kara Dixon	Miriam Nagle
Bridget Dyer	Edward O'Neill
David Ehrlich	Priya Palagummi
Natalie Evans	Jamie Polito
Allison Ferris	Meredith Profeta
Ann Giaccone	Teresa Romano
Becky Gordon	Heath Saltzman
Kristen Halm	Laurel Schwartz
Sang-Woo Han	Alisa Seo
Sarah Kane	Vishwas Singh
Brad Kocher	Kelly Tierney

### Call for Nominations

**Attention all AOA Members of Hahnemann and Woman's Medical College/Medical College of Pennsylvania and Drexel University College of Medicine, Delta-Zeta Chapter:**

The Delta-Zeta Chapter of AOA will be meeting to choose candidates for election to AOA. The following are the categories of candidates who will be considered.

- The chapter may elect to membership 3 graduate trainees (residents and fellows) after their first year of training based on continued achievement and promise.
- Alumnae/i, who after 10 years or more following graduation have distinguished themselves in their professional careers and are judged on the basis of achievement to be qualified, may be elected to membership. No more than 2 alum members per year may be elected.
- The chapter may elect to membership 2 members from the faculty of the College of Medicine who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers and are judged on the basis of achievement to be qualified. Such faculty members must hold an earned doctoral degree.

Submit all nominations to Marie Hartman via email at: [mhartman@drexelmed.edu](mailto:mhartman@drexelmed.edu). Please include with your nomination a brief description of the nominee's achievements. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 18, 2005; nominations will not be accepted after this date. In the case of faculty, curriculum vitae must be provided.

## Compliance Corner: The Next Phase of HIPAA Protection – Security



**Edward G. Longazel**  
Chief Compliance Officer

April 2005 renders the next phase of HIPAA implementation with a focus on electronic protected health information (E-PHI). All clinical faculty and staff will be required to complete updated web-based privacy and security training prior to April 20, 2005. The security phase addresses important safeguards in the protection afforded electronic stored/captured/transmitted protected health information.

Privacy education already on the web will be updated to include important security education. Additional information will focus on the requirements for safeguards in administrative, physical, and technical security services, and technical security mechanisms. Current network enhancements will assist in meeting the standards for the security of E-PHI across the College of Medicine and Drexel University Physicians®.

The regulations apply to internal Drexel Med transmission and maintenance of information as well as external transmission.

Questions? Call any time to ask a question, schedule training or request development of new training to address any important privacy, coding or documentation issues that arise.

Contact the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer at **215-762-2023**.

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## Bulletins:

### University-Wide Tsunami Relief Effort

A group of Drexel administrators, faculty and students are coordinating a University-wide fundraising campaign for the South Asia relief effort, with donations being channeled to UNICEF, the American Red Cross and CARE. Collection jars for the College of Medicine will be at the Center City Hahnemann Campus and at the Queen Lane campus (visit [www.drexel.edu/tsunami](http://www.drexel.edu/tsunami) for more information). Donations contributed through the jars will be divided equally among the three organizations. Personal checks may be sent to the attention of Ellen Posner, Director of Benefits, Drexel University, 3201 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Checks should be made payable to Drexel University with "UNICEF," "American Red Cross" or "CARE" written in the memo section. If you have any questions on sending a donation by check, contact Ellen at 215-895-2582 or [eposner@drexel.edu](mailto:eposner@drexel.edu).

### Mini-Medical School for the Public

Do you know an aspiring medical school or nursing student? Or someone who is just fascinated by medicine? Mini-Medical School is their chance for an inside look. This unique community education program meets one night a week for eight weeks. In each class, a Drexel University College of Medicine physician explores one of today's most important medical topics, from surgical techniques to new diagnostic tests. Sessions include Q&A discussion and a hands-on laboratory. The spring Mini-Medical School begins March 1. For more information, visit [www.drexel.edu/med/minimed](http://www.drexel.edu/med/minimed), or call 215-762-6800.

### Increase in Children at Risk for Obesity

In spite of all the alarms raised about obesity in children, the number of children at risk for obesity in the five-county Greater Philadelphia area has actually risen. A survey released in December by the nonprofit Philadelphia Health Management Corp. shows that 43 percent of children ages 2 to 17 are at risk for obesity, versus 38 percent in 2002, the last time the survey was taken. The data reported in the 2004 Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey were collected by telephone in the summer of 2004 from more than 10,000 households. More information about the survey is available online at [www.phmc.org/chdb](http://www.phmc.org/chdb).

## Calendar:

January	<i>Cervical Health Awareness Month</i> <i>Thyroid Awareness Month</i> <i>National Volunteer Blood Donor Month</i>
Jan 21	Winter Formal, Hilton City Avenue, 8:00 p.m. Contact Marie Hartman, 215-991-8219
February	<i>Heart Health Month</i> <i>Wise Health Consumer Month</i>
Feb 4	<i>National Wear Red Day 2005</i> <i>(Support for women's heart disease awareness)</i>
Feb 6-12	<i>National Burn Awareness Week</i>
Feb 11	Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert, College of Physicians, 7:00 p.m. Contact Marie Hartman, 215-991-8219
Feb 14	<i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>National Donor Day</i>
Feb 21	<i>President's Day</i>
Feb 21	Conversation about Women's Health, presented by Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, hosted by Project H.O.M.E. in Philadelphia. Contact Amber Mizerak, 215-842-7041
March	
Mar 1	Mini-Medical School, Spring Session. Classes are open to the public. For more information, contact 215-762-6800.
Mar 17	Match Day, Queen Lane. Contact Marie Hartman, 215-991-8219
April	
Apr 2	Black Tie White Coat Ball. Contact 215-762-1708.