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## Top Cardiologists Join College to Establish Center for Advanced Heart Failure Care

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Howard Eisen, M.D., and Shelley Hankins, M.D., have joined the College of Medicine to establish the Center for Advanced Heart Failure Care, located at Hahnemann University Hospital. The center has a physical space, but it will also encompass patients on the cardiology inpatient service, as well as any cardiac patient who is being followed by the practice group.

Dr. Eisen, Chief of the Division of Cardiology and Vischer Professor of Medicine, has cared for nearly 1,000 heart transplant patients since 1985, making him one of the most experienced transplant cardiologists in the world, and among the top 10 in the nation. With the center, he plans to begin protocols to improve the clinical care of heart failure and heart transplant patients. "We will also be implementing noninvasive procedures to diagnose transplant rejection and participating in trials to improve immunosuppression in transplant patients," he says.

The cardiologist's tool kit has changed dramatically in the past 25 years, Dr. Eisen notes, with the advent of clot-dissolving medicines, angioplasty, new drugs for heart failure, defibrillators to treat arrhythmias and the re-emergence of heart transplant surgery. Transplants were first performed in the 1960s but largely disappeared because physicians didn't know how to take care of the patient afterwards and most of them died. Then as the next generation of immunosuppressants began to come out in the early 1980s, transplantation was revived. On the tip of the iceberg in 2005: still better immunosuppression, new ventricular assist devices (implantable pumps), and replacement of some cumbersome and invasive tests by blood tests using molecular diagnostics.



Howard Eisen, M.D.

Led by Dr. Hankins, an Associate Professor in the College of Medicine, the practice will also expand the role of ventricular assist devices to improve heart function. (See sidebar.)

Dr. Eisen says he and Dr. Hankins are also interested in setting up therapy centers to provide the latest treatment for atrial fibrillation, a disease that is becoming more and more common. (The higher incidence can be attributed in part to the aging of the population, he says, but younger people are getting it too, and it's not clear why.)

All this will be possible, he notes, because of the quality of the team he found when he arrived at Drexel. "We have the opportunity here to build on a very strong tradition of cardiac care," Dr. Eisen says, "bringing the center into a position of national leadership in diagnostic approaches and therapies."

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Shelley Hankins, M.D.

As Director of the Mechanical Assistance Destination Program, Shelley Hankins, M.D., will be developing a protocol using ventricular assist devices in patients who are not candidates for transplant surgery. The traditional role of VADs has been to sustain patients who are awaiting transplant – as a means to an end – but in this case, the VAD will stay in place – thus "destination" therapy.

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for Academic Campuses

## Outstanding Educational Opportunities Are Provided by Our Clinical Sites

Because Drexel University College of Medicine does not own or manage a hospital, we rely extensively on our clinical academic campuses to meet the educational mission of the College. A little more than six months ago, I was appointed Senior Associate Dean for Academic Campuses. In the interim I have visited many of our clinical sites, meeting the faculty who educate our

medical students, the administrative staff who support our educational programs, and the students who are rotating at these sites.

*It is time to move our vision to the next level.*

Throughout our history, our clinical sites have always provided outstanding educational opportunities for our medical students, setting the stage for our multicampus model. Although many of our medical students rotate at sites in the Delaware Valley, we offer both geographic and specialty opportunities from Pittsburgh and the Lehigh Valley to central New Jersey and the Jersey Shore. It is time to move our vision to the next level, and further integrate these campuses into the other missions of the College.

Part of our strategy is to develop clinical research programs in conjunction with our academic campuses. As part of the integrated research network at Drexel University College of Medicine, these connections will permit increased enrollment of patients from Pennsylvania and New Jersey into clinical trials, further advancing the research mission of the College of Medicine and increasing our patients' therapeutic options.

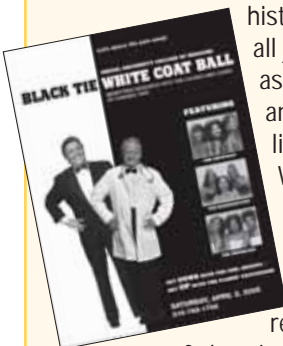
That brings us to our clinical mission, where our objective is to evaluate clinical opportunities across the campuses and work in conjunction with our academic partners to best utilize their clinical expertise and provide high-quality patient care through systems for performance improvement and reduction of medical errors.

Finally, we began with education, and we will continue to develop the educational experiences we offer. We have already diversified these educational opportunities by providing rotations at a number of the campuses for the training and education of residents and subspecialty fellows. Integration of faculty, residents and staff across our campuses – often by means of information technology – will foster faculty development, continuing medical education, and outstanding educational programs at each site. Through these relationships, we will continue to enhance the clinical, research and educational missions of Drexel University College of Medicine, and serve as a model for the development of similar programs at other medical schools in the United States.

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## Jerry Blavat Headlines Black Tie Preview Party

Philadelphia's renowned music personality Jerry Blavat set the tone at the preview party for the Black Tie White Coat Ball. The "Geator with the Heater," as he is known, almost certainly originated the oldies format on radio. Greatest hits by the best of the Girl Groups played in the background as he gave a fascinating talk on the history of rock and roll. It was all just a taste of things to come, as the Shirelles, the Crystals and the Marvelettes will perform live April 2nd at the Black Tie White Coat Ball.



The ball, to be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, will benefit research into the causes and cures of chronic pain. Tickets are \$500 per person. For more information, call 215-762-1708.



Guests pose in a South Philly scene where you might find the guys singing doo-wop: (l-r) Drexel University President Constantine Papadakis and Eliana Papadakis; guest of honor Jerry Blavat; Norman Johanson, M.D., Orthopedics Chair at the College; and Mike Halter, CEO of Hahnemann University Hospital.

## College of Medicine Featured in PBS Documentary

When 2006 TV programming rolls out, Drexel University College of Medicine will be one of the stars. Dennis Novack, M.D., Professor of Medicine, and his first-year students will be among the faces you'll see in a two-hour documentary about innovation in medical education to air nationally on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). The documentary will place special emphasis on the way medical students are trained to communicate effectively with patients. The College was tapped for inclusion in the documentary because of its leadership and innovation in this area.

Over the past few months, Middlemarch Films, a highly regarded production company, has been capturing the work of Dr. Novack and a small group of first-year students as they learn about effective doctor-patient communications skills in the College's "Physician and Patient" course.

"This course is unique in many ways," says Dr. Novack, a charter member of the American Academy of Physicians and Patients. "We work primarily in small groups, and students learn the core skills of interviewing with standardized patients [lay people trained to portray patients with certain illnesses] and real patients in hospital wards."

### **Self-awareness.**

Dr. Novack notes that the College was one of the first medical schools in the nation to make a focus on self-awareness and self-care an integral part of communications skills training.

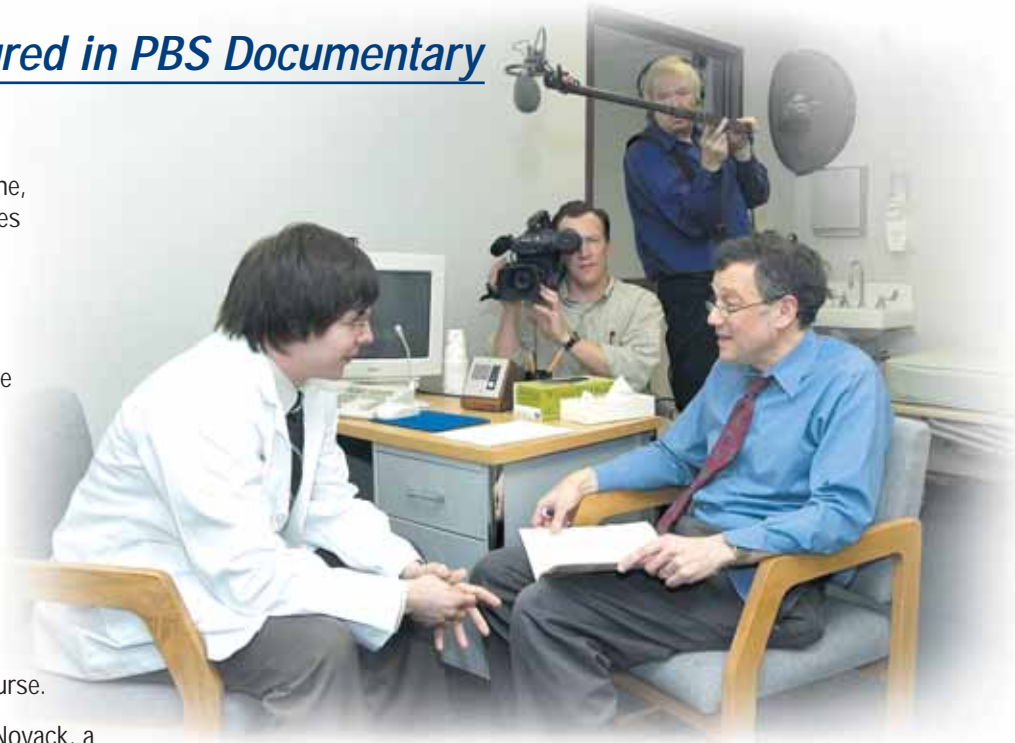
"Students need to be aware of their attitudes, biases and values to provide the best patient care," he emphasizes. "Some students, for example, have a bias against alcoholics. They don't understand the disease process, and their negative attitudes can get in the way of the care they provide. So we invite Alcoholics Anonymous members to share their stories with our small groups, and our students have the opportunity to interview them. We also send our students to AA meetings."

At the same time, students learn about the importance of self-care and creating balance in their lives. "They discover that they can't be fully present for their patients if they're not taking care of themselves," says Dr. Novack.

The documentary crew filmed students addressing the issue of self-care among themselves and with patients at Abington Memorial Hospital, one of the College's newest clinical education sites.

### **Ethics in practice.**

The crew also captured students at the Queen Lane campus as they learned to resolve ethical dilemmas in clinical practice, a unique



**On camera: Dennis Novack, M.D., right, gives feedback to Tom Davis, a first-year student, who has just completed a standardized patient interview for his "Physician and Patient" midterm.**

aspect of third-year education at the College. The course involves an innovative series of ethics cases developed by Dr. Novack and Janet Fleetwood, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Chief of the Medical Humanities Division, with a grant from the prestigious Culpepper Foundation.

***The College was one of the first medical schools to focus on self-awareness and self-care as part of communications skills training.***

"The students face a number of very challenging ethical dilemmas," explains Dr. Novack. "The documentary crew filmed a case involving a mother of two who discovers she's HIV positive. She asks the doctor not to tell her husband. But her husband, who is also the doctor's patient, is coming in the next day for an appointment. Medical organizations agree that there is a 'duty to warn' in a case like this. But some students believe that confidentiality is the prime directive and they won't violate that, no matter what. We talk to students about the law and ethics of the case and provide strategies and feedback.

"Training in doctor-patient communications has come a long way," Dr. Novack reflects. "When I went to medical school, no programs like this existed. They just took us to the wards in third year and said, 'Take a history.' The innovations we've made at Drexel enhance the medical education students receive and make them better physicians. We're delighted to have the opportunity to demonstrate that on national television."

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## '40s

**Lucille R. Fostvedt, M.D., WMC '40**, was presented the Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award by the Riverside County Medical Association. Dr. Fostvedt, who retired from active practice in 1993, was the first full-time female physician in the Coachella Valley in California.

## '50s

**Eileen Walkenstein, M.D., WMC '50**, Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology, presented a workshop on February 22 at Penn State Abington based on the theme of one of her books, *Fat Chance*.

## '70s

**David A. Celko, M.D., HU '75**, has been appointed to the Board of Directors at Canonsburg General Hospital in North Strabane, Pa. He is a pulmonary specialist and has been on staff at Canonsburg since 1983.

**Mark Fisherkeller, M.D., HU '75**, has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography. He is the Chief of Cardiology at Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Willimantic, Conn.

**Val P. Rossman, M.S., HU '76**, Creative Arts in Therapy, opened her 18th solo exhibition at the Rosenfeld Gallery in Old City in January, featuring 20 new pieces, including drawings and paintings. In addition to her work in her Philadelphia studio at 9th and Spring Garden Streets, she teaches at the Main Line Art Center.

## '80s

**George W. Sowerby, Jr., M.D., HU '81**, joined the Tri-County Human Services Center, Carbondale, Pa., as a Staff Psychologist in the Adult Psychiatry Department. He was the Chief Resident at Haverford State Hospital and the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute and is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

**Mary L. Alden, HU '85**, has been promoted to the rank of Command Chief Master Sgt. of the 514th Air Mobility Wing for the Air Force. She will be the first female command chief in the reserve wing's 55-year history.

**Loren D. Harter, M.D., HU '86**, has joined McLeod Medical Center–Dillon in South Carolina. He specializes in Family Medicine and also practices at the Latta Community Medical Center.

**Scott H. Kozin, M.D., HU '86**, was named as one of *Main Line Today's* 150+ Great Docs for Kids, in the category of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. He practices at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

**Mark A. Frattali, M.D., HU '89**, has been named Chief of Otolaryngology/ Head and Neck Surgery at Mercy Hospital, Scranton, Pa. He had previously worked at the Northeast Ear, Nose & Throat Center in Scranton.

## '90s

**Deslyn Mancini, M.D., MCP '93**, has joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Einstein Medical Center. She was most recently an instructor and practitioner at MCPHU.

**Swati Kulkarni, M.D., MCP '95**, has joined the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., as a surgeon in the Breast and Soft Tissue Surgery Department. She will work in the Cancer Prevention and Epidemiology and Clinical Genetics groups.

**Reginald K. Mason, M.D., MCP '95**, has joined Riverside Tappahannock Hospital and Riverside Tappahannock Surgical Associates. He is a general surgeon and most recently served as a general surgeon and division officer in the Navy at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Christopher J. Vallorosi, M.D., HU '95**, has been named as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He currently practices at Urology Associates of Dover in Delaware.

**David P. Hutz, M.D., MCPHU '98**, has joined Geisinger Medical Group–Dallas in Dallas, Pa., where he will specialize in internal medicine.

**Christopher J. Motto, M.D., HU '98**, has passed the board exams for the American Board of Surgery. He is a general surgery physician at Central Susquehanna Surgical Specialists and a staff member at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa.

**Brigham R. Temple, M.D., MCPHU '99**, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Medical, Eye, & Dental International Care Organization, Inc. (M.E.D.I.C.O.), an independent nonprofit humanitarian organization based in Georgetown, Texas.

## In Memoriam

### '30s

Eva Fidelia Gilbert, M.D., WMC '36  
Theodore R. Sadock, M.D., HU '38  
Lillian Paula Seitsive, M.D., WMC '31  
Lucille E. Tucker-Greene, M.D., WMC '33

### '40s

Herbert R. Billman, M.D., HU '47  
Irene C. Hayes, R.N., HU '42  
Hyman A. Hershman, M.D., HU '49  
John W. Holland, M.D., HU '47  
Warren Lindau, M.D., HU '45  
Daniel J. McCarron, M.D., HU '42

Edwin J. Powell, M.D., HU '45  
Melvin J. Powell, M.D., HU '43  
Miriam C. Reed, M.D., WMC '48  
Walter F. Stull, Jr., M.D., HU '41  
Nicholas P. Teresi, M.D., HU '41  
Charles O. Tyler, M.D., HU '42

### '50s

Cyril S. Arvanitis, M.D., HU '53  
Leonard E. Berk, M.D., HU '56  
Carolyn S. Gandy, R.N., WMC '59  
William B. Jewell, M.D., HU '52  
Sherman A. Karpen, M.D., HU '53  
Samuel Markarian, M.D., HU '55  
Jacqueline Mastervich, R.N., HU '52

David Franklin Palmer, M.D., HU '55  
Shirley Laney Rubert, M.D., WMC '52  
Nayda E. Saris, M.D., HU '50

### '60s

Walter J. Kaczmarczyk, Ph.D., HU '66  
Charles S. Lipton, M.D., HU '64  
Frances K. Patterson, M.D., WMC '62  
Martin J. Roache, M.D., HU '62

### '70s

Thomas V. Moser, M.D., MCP '78  
Johnyne Jo Supulski, M.D., MCP '74

### '90s

Warren S. Hoffman, MGP, HU '94

### MARCH 2005

Mar 2 **Faculty Development Workshop – Department of Medicine**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Hahnemann Campus, 245 N. 15th Street, Phila., Pa.  
Contact: Terry DiBenedetto – 215-762-8872

### 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

Apr 29–  
May 1 **3-D Hands-On Workshop**  
Marriott Marina del Rey, Marina del Rey, Calif.  
Contact: Anthony Seaman – 215-762-3589

### MAY 2005

May 4 **Hospital Infections**  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Hahnemann Campus, 245 N. 15th Street, Phila., Pa.  
Contact: Cynthia Christos – 215-762-8695

### JUNE 2005

June 1–5 **Internal Medicine Board Review Course**  
Marriott Courtyard, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Contact: Cynthia Christos – 215-762-8695

## Presentations & Publications

**Luther W. Brady, M.D.**, Hylda Cohn/American Cancer Society Professor of Clinical Oncology and Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, delivered the Fourth Annual Carlos A. Perez Lectureship at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis on January 14, 2005. Dr. Brady's lecture was entitled "Illusions and Facts in Oncology."

### Upcoming:

**Donna Jones**, Director, Clinical Research Group, and **William Hirschhorn**, Director, Graduate Research Education and Policy for Professional Studies Programs, will participate in a panel entitled "Investigator's Perspective – Learn How Investigators View the IIS Process" during the Center for Business Intelligence Conference – "Maximize Investigator Initiated Studies" – to be held March 21-22, 2005 in Philadelphia, Pa.

### 2004 Report

Alumnae/i who would like a copy of the College of Medicine's 2004 Report, can request one from the Office of Institutional Advancement, at **1-866-DREXMED (1-866-373-9633)**, [medical.alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:medical.alumni@drexel.edu), or 3141 Chestnut Street, Suite 310, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

## In Memoriam

**Cyril Arvanitis, M.D., HMC '53**, a former Assistant Dean at Hahnemann Medical College and Emeritus Professor of Surgery, passed away on December 20, 2004. His home was in Rumson, N.J.



Dr. Arvanitis

Dr. Arvanitis was associated with Monmouth Memorial Hospital, now Monmouth Medical Center, throughout his 38-year career. He became Program Director in Surgery starting in 1967 and department Chairman in 1978, serving in those capacities until his retirement from the chairmanship in 1992. In 1979 he was named Professor of Surgery at Hahnemann Medical College. He also served as Assistant Dean at HMC and acting director of Medical Education at Monmouth.

Dr. Arvanitis was instrumental in forging the relationship between Monmouth and the College of Medicine, and continued to be very supportive of that relationship after he retired.

**Amedeo (Mede) Bondi, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus**, and the first full-time Dean of the Graduate School at Hahnemann University, passed away January 28 at his home in Abington, Pa. He was 92.

Dr. Bondi was Chairman of the Department of Microbiology from 1947 to 1983, and during his tenure taught virtually every Hahnemann medical student as well as his graduate students.



(l-r) **John Bondi, M.D., HMC '68**, **Dr. Amedeo Bondi**, and **Edward Bondi, M.D., HMC '74**.

"He was very devoted to teaching," says one of Dr. Bondi's children, Edward Bondi, M.D., HMC '74, noting that he and his brother John, M.D., HMC '68, also passed through that classroom.

A distinguished scientist, Dr. Bondi made several significant contributions.

He pioneered the disk test to determine susceptibility of pathogens to antibiotics, discovered the production of penicillinase by bacteria, laying the foundation for penicillinase-resistant penicillins, and contributed to improved vaccines for typhoid, brucellosis and whooping cough. Dr. Bondi received the Becton-Dickinson Award in Clinical Microbiology in 1980.

In 1990, colleagues, past students and friends created an endowment in honor of Dr. Bondi to provide annual awards to graduate students: one to a continuing student and one to a graduating Ph.D.

The Bondi family has asked that those who want to make a memorial contribution consider giving to the endowment. Donations designated for the Amedeo Bondi Fund may be made to Drexel University College of Medicine, 3141 Chestnut Street, Room 225, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

## Travel Healthy, Travel Safe

Planning a trip overseas? Before you leave the country, check in with the Travel Health Center of Drexel University College of Medicine for immunizations and health advice tailored to your itinerary. Located at 219 N. Broad Street, the center provides up-to-date information on health conditions and the proper precautions for any destination worldwide.

Center physicians Mashiul H. Chowdhury, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Matthew E. Levison, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Public Health, are infectious disease specialists. Peter Pitsakis, Clinical Research, manages the practice. The center offers immunizations against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, meningococcus, polio, MMR, rabies and Japanese encephalitis, and is an official Yellow Fever Vaccination Center. The TravelHealth Center also provides advice for malaria and altitude sickness prevention. **Contact: 215-762-3489**



Peter Pitsakis, Clinical Research, confers with Mashiul Chowdhury, M.D., infectious disease expert and Director of the TravelHealth Center.

## College Supports 48th Annual Philadelphia Heart Ball



American Heart Association boosters attending the 2005 Philadelphia Heart Ball on February 12 included (l-r) Eliana Papadakis and Drexel University President Constantine Papadakis, and College of Medicine physicians Katie Behan and Katherine Sherif. This was the 48th year for the event, which raises money not only for cardiovascular research but also for community education programs in the Philadelphia area.

## Life and Times of a "Big Dean"

*Decanus Maximus* – Big Dean – by Joseph Di Palma, M.D., takes its name from a painting the author did two years into his deanship at Hahnemann Medical College. This was the "chimerical figure" he conceived that had the proper "body organs and mental equipment to function as a medical school dean."

Dr. Di Palma's fascinating autobiographical work is also a personal history of the institution where he served as Dean from 1967 to 1982. Order from a bookstore or online from Amazon or Xlibris.com.



## Highest Accreditation Level Awarded to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program

The College of Medicine's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Division has received the highest possible rating for its six-year M.D.-OMFS certificate program.

Under the leadership of Michael Bianchi, DDS, Division Chief, and Nabil A. Abaza, DMD, Ph.D., Residency Program Director, the division earned an "approval without reporting requirements" from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Other key clinical faculty are Thomas Nordone, DMD, Andrew Kanter, DMD, and Ronen Gold, DDS.

In addition to the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures, including skin or bone grafts and dental implants, the faculty practice offers particular expertise in the reconstruction of malformed faces caused by growth disturbances such as cleft lip and palate, and in the care of both pediatric and adult craniofacial trauma patients.



Dr. Bianchi



Dr. Abaza



Dr. Nordone

The division is a center for tertiary care including management of head and neck pathology and extensive odontogenic cysts and tumors. Medical and surgical management of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction is another specialty area.

The division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery recently moved to a new outpatient facility at 207 N. Broad Street, where outpatient procedures under local or general anesthesia can be performed.

**Contact: 215-561-0562**

## 650 Attend Pediatric AIDS Benefit



First-year student Kevin Schulz belts out "New York, New York" at the Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert, February 11. More than 60 student and faculty performers entertained at the event, which drew an audience of 650 and, to date, has raised close to \$25,000. Donations can still be made – please e-mail [PABC@drexel.edu](mailto:PABC@drexel.edu) for information.



The concert committee included (front row l-r) Jeffrey Stewart, Michael Pasirstein, Brianne Klimovich, Cristina Muresanu; (back row l-r) Justin Hoover, Scott Feitell, Athanasios Melisiotis, and Gabrielle Pollack.

## ELAM's Successful Leadership Program Exported to Israel

On January 21, representatives of ELAM (Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine), the College of Medicine, and Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem met to sign a historic affiliation agreement with the goal of creating a multinational program to advance women in academic medicine.

The new program, to be developed and operated by Hadassah College, will be modeled after ELAM's successful national program, now in its 10th year, and targeted to women who are medical and health professions faculty from countries bordering the Mediterranean.

The affiliation agreement will encompass faculty exchanges, curricular sharing, and joint seminars, conferences and research between the institutions. "We are excited to be part of this ambitious initiative," says Rosalyn Richman, Co-Director of ELAM, "and to know that our experiences and learning will be used to help prepare women leaders in other countries."



(l-r) Dr. Nava Ben-Zvi, President of Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem; Dr. Lois Cohen, NIH; Rosalyn Richman and Dr. Page Morahan, Co-Directors of ELAM; Dr. Walter Cohen, Chancellor Emeritus at the College of Medicine.

## Compliance Corner: HIPAA Security Training Required by March 31



Edward G. Longazel  
Chief Compliance Officer

HIPAA Security Training must be completed by all members of the College of Medicine community by March 31, 2005. Training is designed and directed to the role of each individual in the College, and directions for completion of specific required training will be e-mailed to each person.

- Basic Science faculty and staff should have received an informative e-mail detailing HIPAA security guidelines. This fulfills their training requirement unless their work is oriented to human subject research.
- Human subject research-oriented non-clinical staff will complete Web-based training located at the following link: [www.research.drexel.edu](http://www.research.drexel.edu) (click on "HIPAA & Med. Research Training" in the menu in the left margin)
- Clinical faculty, clinical practices staff and administration, and medical students will complete web-based training located at the following link: <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/hipaa>
- Other College of Medicine staff and administrators will complete the web-based training located at: <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/hipaa>

Course completion and certification will be tracked electronically by the training website. The original Privacy training module has been updated with HIPAA Security training, and completion of both modules will be required to maintain certification for those with access to electronic protected health information, or E-PHI.

Because this training is mandatory, Clinical Department Chairs, and the Dean, Vice Deans, and Senior Vice President of Health Sciences will be provided a list of Clinical faculty, staff and students who have not completed the training by Friday April 1, 2005, for consideration of appropriate remedial action.

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## Bulletins:

### Kate Hurd-Meade Lecture March 15

The 55th annual Kate Hurd-Meade Lecture, created by Dr. Hurd-Meade (WMC 1888) to celebrate and sustain the history of women in medicine, will take place March 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Drexel University's Westphal Picture Gallery, Main Building, 32nd and Chestnut Streets. Ruth Schwartz Cowan, M.D., Professor of the History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak on "Bad Genes; Good People: Gendered Perspectives on the History of Genetic Screening." The lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. For additional information, contact [Meghan.Burnett@drexelmed.edu](mailto:Meghan.Burnett@drexelmed.edu) or 215-842-6013.

### Half of U.S. Bankruptcies Caused by Medical Bills

A study published in the journal *Health Affairs* surveyed 1,771 personal bankruptcy filers and reported that about half of them cited medical causes. This indicates, they say, that between 1.9 million and 2.2 million Americans (the filer and dependents) were bankrupted by medical costs. In-depth interviews with 931 of those surveyed were used to analyze further hardships, including lack of access to medical care during the period of bankruptcy (<http://content.healthaffairs.org>).

### Three a Day Keep the Doctor Away?

One in six Americans takes three or more prescription drugs, according to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which conducted household interviews about usage in the preceding month. Even more striking, almost half of Americans age 65 and over reported taking three or more prescription drugs during the month before the survey. (Data are for 1999-2000.) See the special feature on drugs in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report *Health, United States 2004* online at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm> for more information.

### CPR by Health Professionals Often Inadequate

A study of in-hospital cardiac arrest reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* notes that the quality of cardiopulmonary resuscitation performed by well-trained health professionals was inconsistent at best and generally did not meet American Heart Association guidelines. Compressions were often too shallow or infrequent, while, on the other hand, air was breathed into the lungs too often. These results suggest the need for monitoring and feedback, the authors say.

## Calendar:

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| March   | <i>American Red Cross Month</i><br><i>National Kidney Month</i><br><i>National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month</i><br><i>National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month</i>   |
| Mar 17  | Match Day, noon, reception immediately following, Queen Lane Campus.<br>Contact Marie Hartman <b>215-991-8219</b>  |
| April   | <i>National Autism Awareness Month</i><br><i>National Donate Life Month</i><br><i>Cancer Control Month</i>   |
| Apr 2   | Black Tie White Coat Ball, benefiting chronic pain research, Philadelphia Marriott.<br>Contact Ellen Plower <b>215-762-1708</b>  |
| Apr 4   | Senior Day Program, Queen Lane Campus. Contact Marie Hartman <b>215-991-8219</b>   |
| Apr 6   | Golden Apple/Stethoscope Ceremony, Queen Lane Campus.<br>Contact Marie Hartman <b>215-991-8219</b>   |
| Apr 6-9 | International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation<br>25th Anniversary Meeting and Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia Marriott.<br>Visit <a href="http://www.ishlt.org">www.ishlt.org</a>                                       |
| Apr 21  | Symposium on Chromosome Stability in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, Mandell Theater, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Franklin Institute and Drexel University Office of the Provost. Contact Jane Clifford <b>215-762-4446</b> |
| Apr 26  | Drexel University Research Day, Daskalakis Athletic Center, 33rd and Market Streets.<br>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.research.drexel.edu">www.research.drexel.edu</a>   |
| Apr 30  | Hepatitis B Foundation Crystal Ball, Occasions at Union Square, New Hope, Pa.<br>Contact: Peggy at <b>215-489-4900</b>   |
| May     | <i>Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month</i><br><i>Mental Health Month</i>  |
| May 17  | Senior Class Formal, Horticultural Center, 7:00 p.m. - midnight  |
| May 18  | Alumni Association Induction Luncheon & Graduation Awards Program, 11:30 a.m., Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. Contact Marie Hartman <b>215-991-8219</b>  |
| May 19  | Commencement Celebration with family and friends, Queen Lane Campus.<br>5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Marie Hartman <b>215-991-8219</b>  |
| May 20  | Commencement, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9:30 a.m.<br>Contact <b>215-762-GRAD</b>  |